

St. Mary's Parish



Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(*C.L.O.W. Sept. – May*)
11:30 AM Choir Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from 9:30 -
10:30 AM and as announced.

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

Today we are invited into one of the most transformative practices of our faith: Holy Hospitality. In this weekend's readings, we encounter the truth that when we open our doors to the "other," we are doing far more than performing an act of social kindness. In fact, when we welcome the stranger, the prophet, or the neighbor in need, we are welcoming Christ Himself!

In our first reading, the woman of Shunem recognizes the holiness of Elisha and prepares a room for him, acknowledging that his presence carries the grace of God. This act of selfless hospitality becomes a conduit for new life and blessing within her own home.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that receiving a prophet or a righteous person in the name of the Lord earns us a share in their reward. He teaches us that even the smallest offering, like a "cup of cold water," given with a heart of love, is never overlooked by the Father.

The challenge of hospitality often meets the painful reality of our broken world. This week, many of us are holding in prayer the news regarding the Supreme Court's decision, which allows for the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for our brothers and sisters from Haiti and Syria. These are people who fled war and disaster to find safety and refuge in our Land.

As a community of faith, we are reminded that the biblical mandate to "welcome the stranger" does not depend on shifting legal statuses or political policies. Regardless of the complexities of the law, the moral imperative to see the dignity of the human person, the face of Christ in the vulnerable, the displaced, and the fearful, remains an unchanging cornerstone of our call as disciples.

In these moments of uncertainty for so many families, our parish must be a place where the love of God is not just spoken, but practiced through our prayers, our advocacy for justice, and our unwavering support for those who find their place in our community threatened.

Hospitality is sometimes mistaken for merely having an organized home or a welcoming social personality. But Holy Hospitality is something deeper. It is the spiritual discipline of seeing the image of God in the faces of those we meet. It is the willingness to make "room" in our lives, in our schedules, our judgments, and our hearts, for someone else to exist, to be heard, and to be valued.

St. Benedict famously wrote in his Rule, "Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'" This week, I invite you to consider where God is calling you to show this kind of radical, holy hospitality. Is it in the neighbor who is facing the fear of displacement? Is it in the newcomer in our pews whom we haven't yet greeted? Or perhaps it is in the quiet spaces of your own heart, where God is asking for an "open door" to enter and transform your struggles.

When we create space for others, we find that we have actually created more space for God. Let us be a parish known above all for the warmth of our welcome, recognizing that in every human encounter, we are truly in the presence of the Lord.

God bless you.



Rev. Mark J. Coiro

SAVE THOSE SACRED HEART SIGNS!

Thank you to all who helped promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. We hope that the Sacred Heart Novena will bring many graces to you and those

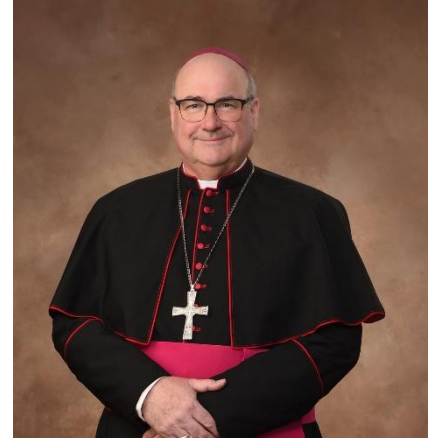
you love. A special thank you to all who put up Sacred Heart Lawn Signs.



When June ends this Tuesday, please **save and store them for next year!** It was such a joy to see Our Lord's Image, with the symbol of His fiery and universal love, all through our town and beyond. Our signs made it as far as Canton!

June 26, 2026

This week, two significant events occurred where Archbishop Henning issued public statements. The texts are provided below.



VENEZUELA STATEMENT

Today, our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela following yesterday's devastating earthquakes. We especially hold close our Venezuelan brothers and sisters here in Boston who may be anxiously awaiting news of family and friends back home.

May all affected by the earthquake's aftermath find comfort in knowing that the local Church stands with them in prayer and solidarity. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time.



SUPREME COURT DECISION REGARDING Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program

Haitian Catholics are an important part of the family of the Archdiocese of Boston. Many of them benefit from Temporary Protected Status, a program established by Congress to give refuge to those who are fleeing natural disasters or violence.

The Administration has decided to terminate that protected status for more than 6,100 Syrians and more than 300,000 Haitians in the United States despite the ongoing instability and dangerous conditions facing many in their home countries. Here in the Boston region, Haitian immigrants have made lives, raised families, and have taken critical roles in health care and in other industries.

I respectfully ask that we urge the administration and Congress to prevent this disaster by providing a secure and lasting basis for these refugees. Please see the link below where you can learn more about this matter and consider raising your voice on behalf of the vulnerable.

Please visit the Catholic Charities website where additional information can be found,

<https://www.ccab.org/refugee-immigrant-services/immigrant-legal-services/>.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mrs. Lisa Dufault, High School Youth Minister
 Ms. Abigail Kelley-Lanser, Organist, Director of Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Jennifer Burgett, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Promoting the Gospel, \$2,555.00. Thank you!

LAST SUNDAY’S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,295.50
 WeShare: \$ 4,235.38
 Envelopes: \$ 7,051.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 14,581.88
 Weekly Need \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall \$ 418.12

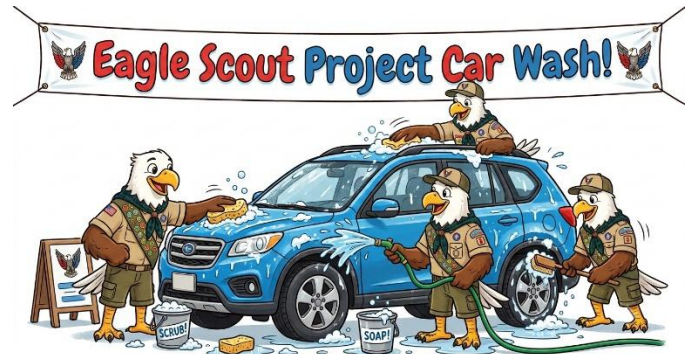
Each year, St. Mary’s faces the challenge of a summer offertory drop off when people are travelling. Please switch to WeShare or Automatic Giving **TODAY!** See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

Just as your mortgage, utility bills, etc., all still have to be paid when you are on vacation or otherwise away from home, so St. Mary’s expenses still remain when you are not able to worship at your own parish on a given weekend. That is why making up your “missed” weekly offertory support is so very important. Mass envelopes can help you keep track of this.

But an even better option is electronic giving. This allows you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation. It also protects your parish on long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year.

These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Even if you are at Mass in person again, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and/or envelopes with you.

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Please note that during the summer months of June, July, and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office off of the Parish Center Lobby. Have a safe, faith filled summer!



On Saturday, July 11, Boy Scout Troop 14 invites you to join us for an Eagle Project Car Wash Fundraiser from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM located in the church parking lot. All proceeds are going towards funding outdoor exercise stations for the community to enjoy located along the walking trails at the Hopkinton YMCA. This is the Eagle Project for St. Mary’s Troop 14 Scout Colin Hodgdon.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Tuesday, July 28 - Brownstone Quarry Adventure.
Friday, August 21 - Grade 6 Deerfield River Rafting.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

Our first Daily Mass and Donuts meeting is this **Wednesday, July 1 at 9 AM**. Hope to see you there. Check your email to RSVP and order a donut!



Our Next Mission Trip Mass is two weeks from today, **Sunday, July 12 at 11:30 AM**. Please make EVERY EFFORT to attend!

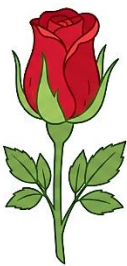
IMPORTANT: We ask that all Mission Trip participants attend our safety session on Monday, July 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Your three mission trip t-shirts will be handed out this night.



Scan the QR Code to follow along on our adventures which are filled with Faith, Fellowship and Fun. For more information about TGIF High School Youth Group, contact Lisa Dufault at tgif@stmarysholliston.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 27
5:00	David Bushee, 4 th Anv.
7:30	Cheryl Griffin, 3 rd Anv.
Sunday	June 28
7:30	Bill and Martha Kreinsen
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Robert Lee Barnes
Monday	June 29
9:00	Amy Tibbert
Tuesday	June 30
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	July 1
9:00	Vincent Mullen
Thursday	July 2
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	July 3
9:00	The People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour, Palestine
Saturday	July 4
5:00	Joseph Perkins, 1 st Anv.
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	July 5
7:30	JoAnne Boczanowski
9:30	Lois Hosmer
11:30	James Farrell, 9 th Anv.



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The Rose this week is sponsored by the Mongelli Family in memory of Mary Connolly. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Please call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427 to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life.

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: Food items needed at the Pantry: white vinegar (16 oz), juice boxes (apple, orange, fruit punch), canned regular coffee (11 oz), canned decaf coffee (11 oz), Chips Ahoy Cookies, Oreo Cookies and Ritz and/or saltine crackers (13.7 oz box). Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot doors right here at St. Mary's, or to the bins outside 73 Charles Street.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 2026-2027: Online Registrations for all grade levels will be open at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> starting

THIS WEDNESDAY July 1. Registration mail has been sent out. Check our class offerings, days, and times. Register and pay by locking in placement and your choice of classes before you depart for a restful summer and vacation.

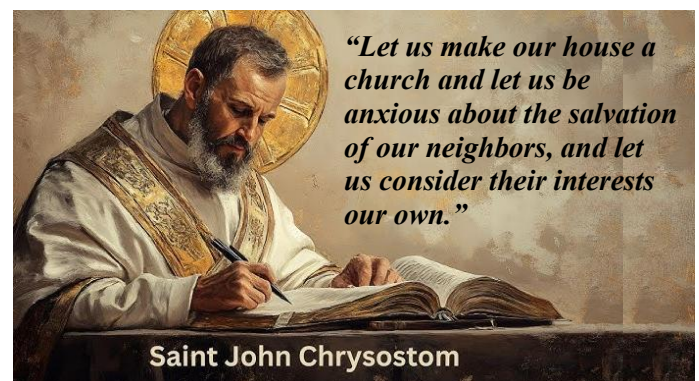
TRAVELING? Check out www.masstimes.org to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America. God never takes a vacation from us; let us make time on vacation for God.



OCIA is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. OCIA is much more than a study program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. OCIA begins in September and concludes around the feast of Pentecost (usually mid-May). For further information, please feel free to contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory office at 508-429-4427.

OCIA is an opportunity for:

- Those who have not been baptized.
- Those who may be searching.
- Those who have never been baptized as Christians.
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith.
- Those who were baptized in the Catholic Faith but did not receive First Communion, and/or Confirmation.
- Those Catholics who have been away from the faith and are now looking to return into communion with the Church.
- Those who have been baptized but want to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Anyone who wants to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.



"Let us make our house a church and let us be anxious about the salvation of our neighbors, and let us consider their interests our own."

Saint John Chrysostom

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NOTE: Since there will be two sessions for Catechesis of the

Good Shepherd offered in the Fall, all current families who register **by the deadline** can be guaranteed to have their choice of the session they want for their child.

TITHING OUR TIME, GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Please pray as to how you can help St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program become vibrant and joyful for our young children and teens. Your love for Christ can inspire the hearts and minds of the young to see Jesus as their best friend. Our noisy world blocks out God's voice and truth to distract the human heart from the peace and joy Christ brings to the soul. Help our young know and navigate to the truth and live according to God's will to find their peace and unity. Spread the Good News of the Gospel! Catechists (teachers) and assistants will be needed for all grade levels in the fall. Stop by our Religious Education Office and inquire how you can be trained to teach a class, monitor a session on a Sunday morning or weekday afternoon or evening. Registrations go live on July 1 on our website. Take the opportunity to sign up to volunteer in many of the ministries offered here at St. Mary's Parish.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT TRAINING: CGS is a Montessori Program where adult and high school teen assistants assist the Catechist Leader. Assistants are present to **observe the children** as they discover God's love for them while listening to Sacred Scripture and participating in concrete activities working with their hands. Children from ages 3 - 6 find their quiet space in our Atrium where prayer and slow reverent gestures fill their hearts and minds about the life and teachings of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the parable of the Good Shepherd. Trained assistants are necessary for CGS to thrive. If you are interested in being trained, contact the **Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076** or religiouseddre@stmarysholliston.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN, JULY 20 - 24, 2026

Use the QR Code or click:

<https://forms.gle/DfxUbFgn41QtqM7V7>



HURRY! ONLY SIX CHILDREN'S SPOTS

AVAILABLE! Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 6.

Volunteer Teens needed entering Grade 7 and up.

FOUR MORE ADULTS NEEDED AS VBS VOLUNTEERS.



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS: Your trash is our treasure! The VBS team is looking for the following items as donations to build our VBS Rainforest displays: Brown packing paper (Amazon or similar), cereal boxes, artificial plants/branches/flowers/bamboo, extra-large cardboard boxes, paper towel tubes, pipe cleaners, large/roll green paper/posterboard, colorful tissue paper, broken handheld umbrellas, rainforest-themed stuffed animals. Have something else you think we can use? Email us at vbs@stmarysholliston.org. Bring donations to the parish center lobby anytime in June. *Thank you.*

LAPSED YEARS OF FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

If your child has missed several years of religious education, it is never too late to prepare them for a lifelong relationship with God. Our Catholic faith, founded by Jesus Christ, provides a good moral foundation based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please contact us if your child needs to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism or First Communion at 508-429-6076 or religiouseddre@stmarysholliston.org.