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### **THE 2018 BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS – SARAH DEVOE!**

At the May 20 Mass for the Graduating Class of 2018, the Blessed Mother Scholarship was awarded to Miss Sarah DeVoe. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a graduating high school senior *"in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family."*

St. Mary's is blessed by many teens who enrich our common parish life. In giving this scholarship to one of them, it is the intention of St. Mary's to honor all of their contributions.

Graduating from Holliston High School, Sarah has participated in the St. Mary's Mission Trips 3 times. She was a member of both our Middle School and High School Youth Groups from 6th Grade through the present. She has been an altar server for 9 years, A Vacation Bible School Leader for 3 years, and a Religious Ed. Teaching aid for 3 years.

Sarah will be studying at Villanova University in the College of Arts and Sciences on the science track. May God bless her and all our St. Mary's Graduates. Well done!

***More articles and photos of our parish celebration for the Class of 2018 are found on pages 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 of this Newsletter.***

# St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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## Parish Clergy

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The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
Rev. James Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
Deacon John Barry, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon



## WELCOME ALWIN!

**This summer St. Mary's welcomes Seminarian Alwin Chinnappan for nine weeks of ministry among us. We asked Alwin to tell us a little about himself.**

Dear Friends, I am Alwin Joseph Chinnappan from India, studying for the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. In September of 2017, I began the first year of my theology studies at St. John's Seminary, Boston. If it is God's will, I will be ordained in 2021 and will serve for the Archdiocese of Boston for five to ten years. Then I will go back to my home diocese in India to serve there.

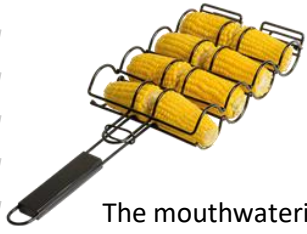
**What are some of the factors that led to your decision to enter the seminary and discern the question of a vocation to the priesthood?** I would say the faith which I received from my parents and their exemplary pious Catholic practices are the key factors that led me to enter the seminary. I first entered the seminary for my diocese of Kumbakonam in 2008 when I was fifteen years old. I have now been in the seminary, both in India and in the USA, for ten years. When I was a child, I served as an altar boy in my parish. I also was very intrigued by and participated in the Marian devotional movement. These are all factors in my life that brought me close to Jesus and enabled me to taste His unfathomable love.

**Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary?** My pastor, Fr. Cyril, is my mentor and one of the key influences in helping me to answer the divine call. My home parish consists of 12 substations which are located in the remote rural areas in some parts of the parish. Fr. Cyril has to cross a massive river in his bare feet, in the dark of night so that in all of the crucial times, without any hesitation, he would be able to reach the people of God. Obviously, his dedication, zeal, commitment and willingness to serve the people of God induced me to enter the seminary.

**What do you like most about being a seminarian?** The fraternal relationship of my classmates is my ever-cherished moment as a seminarian. Seminary is the place where one may find the future Church. I am so happy to be a part of this future Church; along with the students, the entire seminary is the place to learn the heavenly wisdom and truths. So, I am constantly thanking God for the precious gift of my vocation. I am sure that He will make me as His instrument to bring forth the Good News to every nook and corner of this world.

**What are some of your hobbies or pastimes?** I am always delighted to spend time with my friends and love to meet new people and to learn about new cultures as well. I also like to read insightful books in my free time. Cricket and Basketball are my favorite sports. I enjoy watching horror films and I am also a big fan of WWE.





# ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPRING BARBECUE!



The mouthwatering smell of barbecue filled Father Haley Hall as Tennessee's Restaurant fired up the grill for St. Mary's Annual Spring Barbecue, held Saturday, May 12. Parishioners of all ages gathered for fellowship and a feast of barbecued chicken, pulled pork, beans, garden salad, corn bread, and more. Homemade desserts were provided by parishioners, and live musical entertainment came courtesy of "The Merrimack Valley Bluegrass Band." This talented Bluegrass Band had the children dancing around in no time. Thank you to all who made this night so memorable, especially the Knights of Columbus who sponsored it and their families who helped!







## 69 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS!

On two consecutive weekends this May, three classes totaling sixty-nine students made their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's. Holy Communion is the second of the three Catholic sacraments of initiation, the others being Baptism and Confirmation.

After years of watching their mothers and fathers receive Holy Communion, these young people were finally able to take their place at God's table. Having been received into the Eucharistic Fellowship, these boys and girls will now be fortified by God's grace each week as they receive Jesus' Body and Blood – the spiritual food by which He strengthens His love and presence in our lives.

*"We will never be closer to God in this life than when we receive the Body of His Son in Holy Communion,"* Fr. Mark told the 2nd Graders.

Because the First Communions took place on Saturdays, the children made their Second Holy Communions the very next day on Sunday, where they were called forward and applauded by the whole St. Mary's Parish Family.

Welcome!







# St. Mary's 2018 Memorial Day Weekend Offertory came up **\$ 2,978.00 short.** Please make the switch to **Automatic Giving** to get us through the Summer.



The St. Mary's Finance Council asks all parishioners to please consider making the switch to Automatic Giving. This is by far the most convenient way for you to give, and **the most helpful form of giving for your parish.** Why?

- 1) Your bank sends your weekly parish support, in the amount you dictate, year-round. You don't need to remember offertory envelopes or checkbooks when you come to Mass. As with Mass envelopes, you will receive an annual tax statement for your giving.
- 2) **Your parish is protected against long holiday weekends, summer vacations, severe weather and other times that you may physically be away but St. Mary's still must pay her bills. With Automatic Giving, you don't have to remember to make up missed offertory.**
- 3) It's easy and your bank does it for free! Please see below to learn how.

## How to Set Up Your Summer Automatic Parish Giving:



- 1) Login to your online banking service (you will first need to be enrolled for this with your bank)
- 2) Go to "Add Payee" or similar function and enter/select:  
Payee Name: St. Mary's Parish  
Payee Address: 8 Church Street, Holliston, MA 01746  
Phone: 508-429-4427  
Account: none (since there is no account number your bank will mail a check)
- 3) Go to "Set-up Recurring Bill Payment" or similar function and enter/select:  
Choose Payee: St. Mary's Parish  
Amount: \$ (reflects one's means and commitment)  
Payment Date: MM/DD/YYYY (payment will occur same day each month)  
Frequency: monthly (preferred)  
No. of Payments: 12 (or select "open ended" option, if available)  
Memo (Optional): offertory

You are now set-up; your bank will automatically mail your offertory to St. Mary's, as instructed. Thank you for your faithful stewardship of your parish!

# Cross Walk

By Cathy Stenquist

*The past few months have been amazing to say the least. I have taken Cross Walks with 8 wonderful people and met many more each week at Mass. Sincere thanks to: Jack, Najat and Joseph, Matt, Kathleen, Ted, James and Marie, who started out as strangers and have become friends in Christ. I am definitely feeling more connected to my fellow parishioners and inspired by them. Each experience has been more than I could have hoped for and their faith stories have truly touched my heart. In the coming months, I would like to switch it up a bit. In addition to more Cross Walks, I will be sharing some miracle stories that have happened to me and reflections on different topics of faith.*

*Today, I am sharing a miracle story that happened to my father, Craig Monson, who had an interesting encounter with a stranger that had a surprising and beautiful twist. God often shows us in unexpected ways he is at work in our lives. I hope you will enjoy it and be inspired by this true story I first heard as a child. **Check back next Newsletter to see where our Cross Walk takes us.***

*Walking in His name, Cathy*



## Do Unto Others

When I was young, it was not unusual for my father, an insurance salesman, to be on the road for weeks at a time away from our family. On one of his trips through North Dakota, he found himself alone for hours on a cold snowy highway with nothing but flat farmland as far as the eye could see. It was desolate country where you could drive for miles and never see another person.

A few hundred yards up the road he spotted flashing headlights; someone had pulled over with car trouble. As he slowed down, pulling in behind the car, he noticed it was an older man having great difficulty changing his tire. "Do you need some help?" my father offered, "I can help you get that done." "I'd appreciate that," the man replied, "I've been working on this for a while without much success!"

In short time, my father had the tire changed and was closing the trunk after putting the tools away. "Thank you so much," the man said, pressing a \$20 bill into my father's palm, "Please take this for your trouble."

"No, No, No." replied my father with a smile, as he offered the \$20 back, "It's not necessary." After a brief thoughtful pause, he added, "I tell you what, if you would like to do something to pay me back, the next time you see someone on the side of the road in trouble, stop and help them instead. The men shook on it and parted ways. Each of the cars pulled off the graveled shoulder and resumed their trip.

Fast-forward 2 years. My father was traveling this time in Iowa. He was headed to his next sales call at the end of a crazy day. The straight, dark, dusty road and vintage music on the car radio were his only companions. A loud noise rumbled from the rear of his car. It began to wobble and thump as he steered to the side of the road to see what the damage was. After seeing the flat black rubber, he opened the trunk to get what he needed to change the tire. Much to his dismay, he recognized that he didn't have a lug wrench and it was quite evident that he was going nowhere fast. To make matters worse, he hadn't seen a car in hours. Slamming the trunk closed, he leaned against the car, heaving a big sigh. He would surely be late to his next appointment. How was he going to get help on an isolated highway this time of night?

After quite some time passed, he spotted two small headlights coming toward him in the dark. At last! Some quick help and he would be on his way. He flagged his arms in the air as the car approached and the driver obliged, pulling over. "Thank goodness" he said to the driver as he walked toward him offering his hand, "I'm so glad to see you. I wasn't sure I was going to get any help this time of night. You don't happen to have a lug wrench, do you?"

"Let me see," the man replied going around back. He pulled a lug wrench out of his trunk and began to loosen the nuts on my father's tire. As the two worked together to repair the flat, my father reminisced, telling the man of the night 2 years ago when he himself had stopped to help someone in a similar circumstance. The man paused, turned his head up toward my father and with a smile said, "**I am that man.**"



## The Deadline to Register for St. Mary's Fall 2018 Religious Education Classes is Friday, June 15.

The deadline to register your child / children for R.E. Classes for next year is Friday, June 15. Remember – class time choices are on a first come first served basis. The Registration Form is available on the St. Mary's Parish Website, [stmarysholliston.com](http://stmarysholliston.com), under Register / Parish Forms. Forms should be returned to the R.E. Office, accompanied by payment or scholarship request. Please call 508-429-6076 with any questions. Remember, our program starts in Pre-K. God bless you!

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"In children we have a great charge given us. Let us bestow great care upon them, and anchor them to Christ. Form the soul of your child aright, and all the rest will be added hereafter."*

-St. John Chrysostom



## Where Are They Now?



Back in 2011, St. Mary's Parish established the Blessed Mother Scholarship. The intention of this annual award is to celebrate and support a graduating high school senior for their "exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family." Four years after the scholarship is given to a high school graduate, we like to check in and see where they are now. The 2014 Blessed Mother Scholarship recipient was Kelly McKenna ...



On May 13, 2018, Kelly graduated from Saint Michael's College in Vermont with a Degree in Psychology and a Minor in Spanish. She soon will be entering the workforce as a Mental Health Tech at a Behavioral Hospital. Some of Kelly's academic achievements at St. Michael's include membership in Psi Chi and Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society. Outside of academics, she volunteered with the club MOVE (Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts). Over spring break, she went on a service trip to Kentucky through the Christian Appalachian Project where she helped build and reconstruct homes for those in impoverished situations in Appalachian Kentucky. She also studied abroad in Quito, Ecuador where she volunteered at a not-for-profit school for struggling, low-income families. More recently, she volunteered at the UVM Medical Center through the program Art from the Heart where art supplies and activities are provided to adult and pediatric patients. Kelly writes:

*"I would like to personally thank the St. Mary's community for all that they have done and instilled in me. The values of service and faith have guided me these past four years and will continue to do so in the future as I embark on a new chapter in my life. I will always be grateful for the community surrounding St. Mary's and hope to bring the important values I learned into my future."* - Kelly McKenna





# St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders for Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun.



## RECENT MSYG EVENTS

### Thursday, May 17 – Prom Night:

Twenty-five MSYG 6<sup>th</sup> Graders spent this evening acting as escorts for the elderly at St. Patrick Manor's "Prom Night." They assisted the residents by getting them food and beverages, dancing with them to the live band, and just generally brightening the evening by their youthful joy and exuberance. As one resident put it, "*St. Mary's kids were the life of the party!*"

### Sunday, May 20 – End of Year Closing Ceremonies & Pot Luck Supper:

Two hundred eighty people packed Father Haley Hall as our MSYG members' parents joined their teens for this night of good food and friendship. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade families provided a huge variety of entrees and desserts, while the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders were the special guests. Fifty-seven 8<sup>th</sup> Graders were honored as they moved on from Middle School Youth Group to High School (photo bottom left). Each received a beautiful Daily Scripture & Prayer Book for Teens. Father Mark led the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents in a special blessing of all those going forth. Everyone enjoyed a video of all this year's Youth Group activities, and prizes were awarded to Middle School Youth Group members for exhibiting exceptional dedication to Youth Group and great generosity through their involvement in MSYG service. Thanks everyone for a great 10<sup>th</sup> year of MSYG!

## Good Luck 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!



## UPCOMING MSYG EVENTS

Sun. June 24 - Mon. June 25 ~  
Kennebec River Rafting, ME

Tues, July 31 ~  
Brownstone Quarry Park, CT

Fri., Aug. 17 ~  
Deerfield River Rafting. MA









## Fr. Mark's Homily, Graduation Mass, May 20, 2018

Recently our student speaker Matt O'Connell told me that he would be attending Reed College next fall. I have to admit that I tend to categorize colleges into two groups – St. Anselm College and NOT St. Anselm College.

So I had to look Matt's new school up, and this is what I learned: Reed College is an independent liberal arts college in southeast Portland in the U.S. state of Oregon. Founded in 1908, Reed is known for its academic rigor, mandatory freshman humanities program, senior thesis, and unusually high proportion of graduates who go

on to earn doctorates. In fact, Reed College is ranked fourth in the U.S. of all colleges for the percentage of its graduates who go on to earn a PhD. So – DOCTOR Matt O'Connell – has a nice ring to it doesn't it?

I also learned what the symbol and mascot for Reed College is ... do you know it Matt? That's right, it's the Griffin. The mythological creature with the body of a lion, and the wings and head of an Eagle. And I was struck by that, because the Griffin has actually been used as a Christian symbol since the Middle Ages. The Griffin combines the noblest creature of the air – the Eagle – with the noblest creature of the earth – the Lion – and so it came to represent JESUS – who combines God - of heaven, with humanity - of earth, in one person.

The Griffin was also believed capable of creating mighty winds, even storms, by the beating of its majestic wings. And in this also, the Christians saw an image for Jesus – Who on this very Feast of Pentecost, sent the Holy Spirit as a mighty, roaring wind, down upon His disciples. What I find so beautiful about all of this – is that the Christians looked at this creature, the Griffin, that had been around since very ancient times – and they saw ways that it reminded them of Jesus.

As you Graduates of the Class of 2018 go forth to college, or the workplace, or the military, I hope that you will do what those Christians did. LOOK FOR JESUS. Not just in the image of a mythological creature like the Griffin – but everywhere. In all the very real places and people you will soon experience. When you see kindness, and patience and mercy – recognize that those are the attributes of Jesus. Respect them in others and cultivate them in yourselves. As you experience new ideas, and cultures, and opportunities, and freedoms - ask yourself – where is Jesus in all of this? In that way you will be enriched and broadened, instead of compromised. When you are faced with a moral dilemma, look for Jesus and try to identify the choice that will make you more like Him – the choice that will lead you and others to Him.

When I was checking out the Reed College website, I saw a T Shirt for sale with a large Griffin printed on it. And it said, *"Always be yourself; Except when you can be a Griffin. Then always be a Griffin!"* Remembering that the Griffin is a symbol for Jesus, I thought of an even better T-Shirt. *"Always be yourself; Except when you can be Jesus. Then always be Jesus!"* Because it is when we try to be Jesus – that we actually discover our best and truest selves! The people that God has created and called us to be. The people we long to be in our hearts.

In the words of Pope Francis, *"A believer learns to see himself through the faith he professes. The image of Christ is the mirror through which a believer discovers his true self. And just as Christ embraces all those who believe, making them His body, so the Christian who sees himself as a part of this body understands his essential relationship with Christ and his brothers and sisters in faith."*

Dear Graduates, you will soon be facing many new challenges – academic, social, and career – to name a few. But as long as you are true to yourself AS A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN – as a Member of Christ's Body the Church - then those challenges will strengthen you and temper you - instead of breaking you. As long as you invite Christ to be part of your life through daily prayer and Sunday Worship, you will be CONNECTED, *powerfully* connected, to the One Who is our Life, our hope and our salvation.

It's easy to get overwhelmed in life, and even to lose our way. But if you hold fast to your Christian identity then you will never lose yourself. Your true self. Because all that is noble and pure and best and beautiful in you – is from Jesus. Let Him live in you. BE A GRIFFIN! And may the wings of your faith carry you to glorious heights in this life - and one day, to the eternal life which is your inheritance as a son or daughter of God. May God bless you always. And congratulations Class of 2018!



## St. Mary's Annual Mass for Graduates

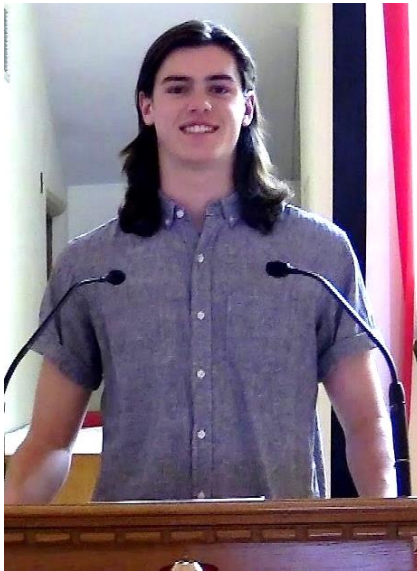
Each year St. Mary's sets aside one of her regular Sunday Masses to honor and pray for our parishioners graduating from High School. This year's Mass for the Class of 2018 took place at 11:30 AM on Sunday, May 20 – the Feast of Pentecost. A photo of our participating parish graduates with the names of the colleges they plan to attend is provided on the opposite page. Shown above from left to right, graduates from several different schools took on ministry roles at the celebration: Andrew Abucewicz (Xaverian Brothers High School) offered the First Scripture Reading, William Hein (Holliston High) offered the Second Scripture Reading, and Claire Reilly (Mount Saint Charles Academy) led the Prayers of the Faithful. Shown left, the Mass was cantored by graduates Lillian MacLean (Worcester Academy) and Olivia Hastie (The Montrose School). As always, it was beautiful to see students from different towns and schools all united by their shared parish and Catholic faith. In fact, St. Mary's had graduates from nine different high schools this year! Fr. Mark spoke to the graduates about looking for Jesus in all the new ideas, people and experiences coming their way (full homily page before last). Student Class Speaker Matt O'Connell (Holliston High), addressed the congregation at the start of Mass, thanking St. Mary's for the difference our parish has made in the lives of the Class of 2018, and reflecting on the Second Mass Reading (full talk next page). After Mass, a reception was enjoyed by friends and family in Father Haley Hall. Good luck Class of 2018. We are proud of you!



class of  
2018







## 2018 Class Speaker Matt O'Connell, Graduation Mass Speech, May 20, 2018

Hi everybody, my name is Matt O'Connell, and I am truly honored to speak today on behalf of the graduating class of 2018. Although we come from different towns, schools, and upbringings, we all share the fact that our involvement in the Catholic Church has been an ally in our development.

The second Mass reading today talks about the desires of the flesh versus the desires of the spirit. And at first, this sounded to me like deprivation. What do you mean all the instincts of my flesh are bad, and any virtue is from the Spirit? What do you mean deny my instincts? Why should I do that? That's what it sounds like at first, right? I think that's what religion in general seems like at first, from the outside. Why, in simplest terms, should I deny what I want? It sounds like deprivation, but there's something important about having the discipline to overcome certain desires of the flesh.

We're often confronted with these kinds of dilemmas. Our base human nature - our instincts - tell us one thing, but our intellect - our morality - tells us to do something else entirely. For instance, each month at our church, we have this great tradition of all sharing coffee, juice, and donuts together after the 9:30 Mass. I work here at St. Mary's on most weekends, so if I am lucky enough to be working the morning shift, we have it actually written in our schedule to grab "a" donut right before we clean up the church after Mass lets out. As you might imagine, with nobody else in the hall but a few volunteers and a co-worker with three tables of assorted donuts, the interpretation of "a" donut becomes a little liberal; they're all cut in half, so who really knows how many donuts that half a glazed stick plus half a regular donut adds up to.... Really, nothing's stopping you from taking literally arms full. The flesh wants you to have as many donuts as you want. But if we want everyone to be able to have donuts, there has to be a discipline that keeps us from stuffing ourselves at the expense of others.

That discipline is valuable in any way it's learned, and we can learn it from almost everywhere in our lives. I know I have learned valuable lessons from my experiences here at St. Mary's and, more generally, Catholic teachings. When we do something like go on a Mission Trip, giving up a week of the summer to sweat it out and help contribute to others far removed from your own reality in order to improve theirs, you're going against the grain of your flesh's desires. When you go to sports training and practices, you discipline yourself to push through your natural inclinations. When you fast, and give up something you enjoy for Lent, you train yourself away from human tendencies and psychological dependence. When you do something as simple as pick up trash off the street, you are contradicting instinct out of some recognition of what's right. And through things like this, often without realizing it, we grow to be better neighbors to each other, as we're able to do what's best for our fellow people, rather than our human inclination towards self-servitude.

If you can get behind the idea, for the sake of understanding the reading, that we are primordially self-serving and that through refinement of our Spirit we can become good, you're looking at a whole different picture. It's not about denial of basic needs, it's about transcendence of human vice and avarice. Religion enables the consciousness necessary for transcendence of these nagging and sinister impulses that we're all prone to as human beings. It is through strength of the Spirit and understanding of the flesh that one is able to truly conquer sin. It is through this transcendence that one can truly mimic Jesus, and be better able to serve his or her neighbor.

So ultimately, if it's a transcendence of human vice through divine grace that brings us here to begin with, what is it about college that makes young people turn away from church? Why would you not jump at the chance to, while investigating the intellectual side of human behavior, combat moral ineptitude on a theological front? I invite all of you to look into the religious programs at your school, be they faith, service, or socially driven, in order to continue the development of your own personal beliefs throughout college, outside of potentially harmful echo chambers of peers who, believing they know what our faith means, look to denounce its popularly assumed public stances on issues, accurate or not.

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I certainly speak for myself, and I believe I speak for the whole class when I say we wouldn't be the people we are without St. Mary's. Our time and experience here have shaped our worldview, for the better. We've learned lessons of basic morality not only through religious education and Mass, but also from the examples of so many of our wonderful fellow parishioners. Many of us have deepened our faith through our years here at St. Mary's through altar serving or choir ministries, or through participation in Mission Trips or by becoming religious educators ourselves. All of us graduates have St. Mary's-- this wonderful community of faith-- to thank for providing a safe haven for sharing and exploring our faith and preparing us for futures of meaning. Let's hope that all of us, as we leave Holliston and St. Mary's and head off to those futures, can find similar Catholic communities from which to seek support when we need it, and to which we can provide support when able. Thank you.

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## Graduation Mass Reception, May 20, 2018







## Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America  
St. Mary's Parish \* June, 2018

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Lower Church Hall  
Contact: Charlie Paradie, Scoutmaster  
617.697.8200

Email: [Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.Troop14Holliston.com](http://www.Troop14Holliston.com)

**Boston Harbor Island Campout** – On May 5 and 6, Troop 14 with 19 Scouts and Leaders boarded a Lobster boat and with an Off-Season Camping Permit in hand, set out to Lovells Island, one of the Boston Harbor Islands. Upon arriving, we unloaded our gear, food and water for the weekend and the boat left to return to the mainland. Being the only occupants on the island, the troop set out to establish camp and explore the 62-acres of beaches, dunes, woods and the remains of Fort Standish, an active military base established to protect Boston during the Civil War, WWI and WWII. One of the many highlights of the weekend was a campfire on the beach with the City of Boston (10 miles away) as the backdrop.

**12 New Scouts Join Troop 14** – Troop 14 welcomes twelve new scouts and two leaders into the troop this past month, significantly increasing the membership of the troop. The new scouts crossed-over into the Troop from Pack 2 Holliston, Pack 47 Holliston and Pack 5 Framingham. Welcome aboard!

**Memorial Day Parade** (photo below) – Over 75 Scouts and Leaders from the three Scout troops in town (including 30 from Troop 14) marched in the Holliston Memorial Day Parade on May 28 to remember and honor our fallen service men and women who fought for our freedoms in this great country of ours. (Photo Below)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual end of year scout Cookout and Court of Honor on June 11
- June ~ Cape Cod Bike trip and Campout at Nickerson State Park
- July ~ Summer Camp at Camp Squanto
- August High Adventure ~ Backpacking at Philmont, Cimarron NM

*If interested in joining or supporting Troop 14, come to any of our meetings on Monday nights. Boy Scouts is an ideal organization for boys 11-17 years old.*







## Four New Eagle Scouts from St. Mary's Troop 14!

*"I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself." Exodus 19:4*

The distinction of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a young man can earn in the Boy Scouts of America. It is in fact attained by only two percent of all Boy Scouts. To earn Eagle rank, a scout must first achieve the rank of "Life Scout" and then along with other requirements, plan, organize and execute a significant community service project. On May 26, 2018, four young men from St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 were elevated to Eagle Scout. Shown above from left to right they are Benjamin F. Cappello, Michael L. Bozyczko, Harrison K. Smith and Ryan F. Paradie. St. Mary's congratulates them all on this exceptional achievement. May God bring to completion the good work He has begun in them!



Michael's Eagle Scout Project was to construct a 50ft long by 2ft wide boardwalk over a muddy area of the trail that would be unsafe for hikers and bikers during the spring and after rainy conditions. This was done in the Adams Street Conservation land in Holliston. The boardwalk was designed to provide an easier way for hikers and bikers to go over the rocky path. There was also a stream that traversed through the middle of the path and the boardwalk bridges the stream when it is flowing.





Ben's Eagle project consisted of leading the troop half a mile into the Fairbanks Conservation Land with pressure-treated wood and a variety of tools to assemble boardwalks over two active streams. The project included clearing brush, rocks and branches where the boardwalks were to be built. A 32-foot boardwalk was then installed in one location, and two shorter boardwalks were installed about a quarter mile further down the trail. These boardwalks give trail users easier access to areas previously blocked by the water.



Ryan's Eagle project involved building three boardwalks, totaling 128ft long on a forgotten trail called the Swamp Trail. The Swamp Trail is located in the Fairbanks Conservation Land, about 1/4 mile from the trailhead at the end of Dunster Road. This trail tends to get very muddy during the spring and wet seasons. These boardwalks have since been heavily used by hikers and bikers, making the trail useable again.



Harrison's Eagle project consisted of leading a group of scouts and volunteers in clearing a portion of the Holliston Rail Trail north of Rte. 16. The project involved removing brush and widening the trail to allow for the town to later place a gravel and stone dust path shortly after completion of the project.

## ADULT FAITH RESOURCES

### JUNE 2018

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**“FAITH SPEAKING” VOLUMES:** This month’s featured book is *Journal of a Soul: The Autobiography of Pope John XXIII*. This book consists of the pope’s diary, which spanned over 60 years, and other writings, collected and published a year after his death in 1963. Pope John XXIII, the convenor of the Second Vatican Council and now a saint of the Church, was a man who constantly sought God’s help to increase his faith, devotion and spiritual nature; in this he gives us a great example. You can find this book in our parish library or order it from online booksellers.

**SEASON AND READINGS:** We celebrate Ordinary Time during the months of June and July. Ordinary Time has this name because its Sundays are numbered, not because they are plain and “ho-hum”. During these upcoming Sundays we will hear of healings and miracles that Jesus performed among the people. We will read that we are called to be courageous and that we are destined to be the children of God. With Isaiah the prophet and the apostles we will be sent out to bring God’s message to the world. This is no “ordinary” time. It is a time to reflect on Jesus’ power and place in our lives...and on our place in the world around us. You can go to <http://www.liturgy.slu.edu/> to prepare for the Sunday readings.



**CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT:** The Creation Care Team used its meetings in March and April to watch the 2006 movie *An Inconvenient Truth* and its 2017 follow up, *An Inconvenient Sequel*. Both films document the work former Vice President Al Gore has done to spread the message about climate change and its effects on our world. The first movie presented information about our environment and the impact of human choices on it. *An Inconvenient Truth* also contained a prediction about flooding affecting New York City as a result of rising sea levels and a storm surge, a prediction which, at the time, seemed far-fetched.

In the follow up, *An Inconvenient Sequel*, Mr. Gore discusses this segment alongside video from Superstorm Sandy in 2012 showing flooding in the NYC 9/11 Memorial, just as predicted. This second documentary follows Al Gore’s continued mission to spread the word about climate change as well as his work to train others to help. Inspired by its reading of Pope Francis’s 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*, St. Mary’s Creation Care Team is working to enhance our care for our common home. --Sharon Febo and Leo Racine

**CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, PART II:** The May 25, 2018 edition of *The Pilot*, the Archdiocesan newspaper, contained an article about the recent (May 23) release of a statement by Cardinal Sean O’Malley and over 500 other Massachusetts faith and science leaders about climate change. The statement begins: “Climate change is an ecological and moral emergency that impacts all other aspects of our shared lives and requires us to work together to protect our common home.” The full text of the Appeal for Climate Action can be found at <https://www.thebostonpilot.com/article.asp?ID=182406>.

**SAINTS:** June and July are packed with celebrations of the feast days of powerful patrons, or saints, as we also call them. In June we remember Sts. John the Baptist, Peter and Paul and Anthony of Padua. July finds us celebrating Sts. Mary Magdalene, Ann and Joachim and Benedict. There are many others, all of whom have a story to tell. Go to <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day/> for more!

**SACRAMENTS:** Our final focus for this series on sacraments is on the Church itself. The Second Vatican Council document on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, calls the Church a sacrament, “a sign and instrument, that is, of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race” (#1). Avery Cardinal Dulles, in his book *Models of the Church*, devotes a chapter to the nature of Church as Sacrament. He writes, that the Church is a sacrament because it signifies and brings to others Jesus’ redeeming grace (p. 60, 61). With Christ as our Head, we are the Church of God. What a joy and responsibility it is to radiate Christ to all the world! Let us live well this call to be a sacrament of God. --Leo Racine



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Give A Gift	Tony Alexander	429-5405
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Homebound Ministry	Marty Breinlinger	429-4427
Hospitality	Joanne Davenport	533-7948
Hospital Ministry	Henry Woods	429-1037
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*Mass Schedule*

Monday through Saturday:	9:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigils:	5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday, 12 Noon to 12:45 p.m. in the church or anytime 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.

*Marriage*

Please contact a priest at least six months in advance to allow for Pre-Marriage program and arrangements.

*Baptism*

Baptisms are celebrated the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m., please register by calling the rectory. Baptism Instruction must take place prior to the Baptism itself. Please contact the Rectory to register for Baptism Instruction. Please note that universal practice in the Catholic Church is that one man and one woman (other than the parents) serve as Godparents. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, Confirmed, regularly attending Sunday Mass, and otherwise living a life in harmony with the Catholic faith. They are to serve as Catholic role models for the child being baptized.

*RCIA*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an engaging program for individuals who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. The program is a gradual process paced at the needs of the individual. RCIA welcomes anyone who seeks to be baptized into the Catholic Church. Also, anyone baptized in Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic who would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church is invited to attend. In addition, RCIA welcomes individuals who are baptized Catholics and have never received First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation. If you or someone you may know is interested, please contact the rectory at 508-429-4427. Meeting times are set up as needed by each year's participant schedules. Welcome!

*C.L.O.W.*

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special celebration of the scriptures with readings from the Children's Lectionary. These readings are brought alive for the children using methods that include drama, props, and an interactive homily style. At St. Mary's, the C.L.O.W. is celebrated from mid-September through May every Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass.

On most of these Sundays, the parish children are invited to process down to the lower church following the Opening Prayer. The exception is on the First Sunday of each month, when the children remain upstairs at the 9:30 a.m. Mass for a special Children's homily with the priest and the main assembly.

