

St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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Mission ~ "To Know Christ and to make Him Known."

KEEPING THE FAITH!

Every Sunday during the Pandemic, St. Mary's 11:30 AM Mass has been livestreamed on Facebook and Holliston Cable Access. To help their children feel more "part of the Mass" they see on the screen, parents Jim and Paola Bouzan bought their children a Mass Play Set.

Shown below, Nate Bouzan (age 5), celebrates right along with Fr. Mark, while his sister Gianna (age 3), assists.

This is just one of the many ways parents have found to keep their children connected to Sunday Mass and the Church during these difficult days when we need our faith more than ever. Well done!





From the Pastor's Desk

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

In these recent days of unrest following the shocking killing of George Floyd, I have found myself reflecting on a core tenant of the Catholic Religion. The belief that every human life is sacred and precious – from the moment of conception in the womb, to the moment of natural death. This holds true regardless of age, race, gender, health, religion, nationality, or even criminal activity. There is no state of life or choice a person can make, that lessens their value as a human being. Their value is *innate*, stemming from the fact that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God, imbued with the breath of God, their life belonging to God alone.

The Church's opposition to abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment all flow from this belief. As does our social advocacy for the poor, sick, weak, and vulnerable in our midst. Racism is a sin in that it "dehumanizes." It denies the fundamental dignity that all human beings share, the dignity that was raised to a new height by the Incarnation of Jesus as a human being. Racism suggests an inferiority of one race to another, with the "lesser" race being subject to different treatment and possessing fewer rights. This is contrary to Jesus' great commandment to "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" Our Lord loved unconditionally, as shown by His interactions with the woman caught in adultery, the Samaritan woman, the Gerasene Demoniac, the Roman Centurion whose servant He cured, and many others who did not share His religion, nationality, race or way of life.

In this time of national protest and reflection, let us as Catholics turn back to and affirm the great truth that all human life has value – without exception. Let us strive to live and legislate in ways that recognize the innate worth of every human being. Let us pray the Lord's Prayer, conscious that the words "Our Father," link us to every other human person on the planet, including those least like us in lifestyle or appearance. Let us recognize that the death of George Floyd is just one instance of the great evil of racism that afflicts our land – a nation founded on the principle that "*all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*" Let us remember that it is beyond our ability to grant the gift of life to whomsoever we choose. And that we should therefore never dare to take away that which God alone can bestow.

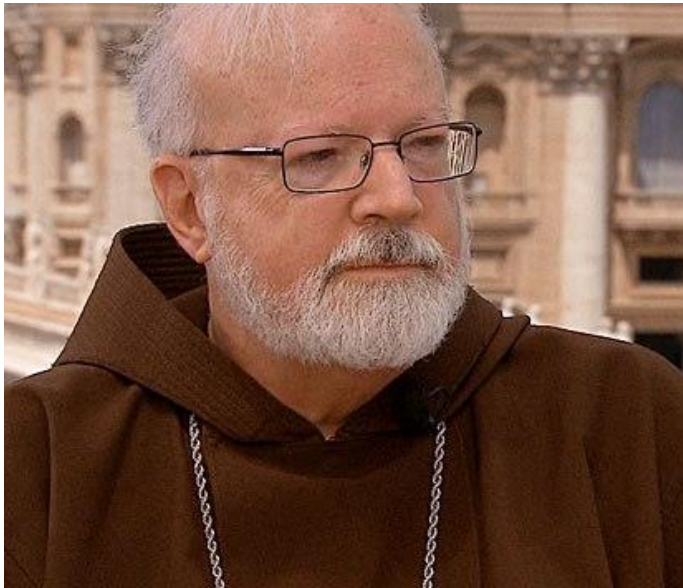
God bless you.



STAYING CONNECTED:

With Mass still suspended at the time, members of St. Mary's Daily Mass Family gathered in the church parking lot to visit social distance style on Thursday, May 14. Present were Sandy Willette, Betsy Walker, Margaret Miley, Ann Tomacelli, Denise Trinique, Maryanne Palladino, Pat Koval and Alyce Martin.

Jeanne Miley was in the car.



**CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY LETTER
TO THE PARISHIONERS
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**

JUNE 5, 2020

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

For four hundred and one years this land, which would become the United States of America, has had to deal with the evil and moral cancer that is racism.

When the word racism is invoked it is often identified in personal terms: someone whose attitudes, convictions and actions target a group of other individuals because of color. This is a valid but only partial meaning of the term. From such people as Fredrick Douglas and Harriet Tubman, to contemporary leaders, thinkers and activists, African Americans have tried consistently to expand the general understanding of racism. In word and deed, they have pointed to the reality of systemic and structural racism.

Racism and slavery find a common nexus in this country, the denial of the humanity and dignity of other persons. As a nation we abolished slavery legally, but we have not dealt with its enduring legacy. If we reject slavery then we must reject and denounce the dehumanizing attitudes that foster discrimination, inequality and violence. Racism can be explicit, but it also can be unrecognized and unacknowledged. Yet, all of its manifestations are deadly and corrosive to civil society. Like COVID-19, racism can infect any person, without regard to region, religion, race or ethnicity. It is highly contagious, easily transmitted to others, and too often unseen and disguised in those seemingly healthy. Racism is a social and spiritual disease that kills people.

The murder of George Floyd, an African American citizen, at the hands of four rogue police officers was tragically all too familiar to the African American community. During our lifetimes there has been the reality of the Negro Travelers Green Book, identifying locations where African Americans stop and stay in our country with less likelihood of being attacked. We have seen the Ku Klux Klan's brutal lynchings of innocent black people. And we have now again witnessed heinous violence perpetrated by some who were entrusted with the duty to protect. George Floyd's death makes clear that racist premises and attitudes, often implicit, are woven through basic structures—political, legal, economic, cultural and religious—in the United States.

The earliest days of my priesthood were lived in Washington, D.C. on 16th St. in the heart of the city. I was there the night Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. The city was set ablaze with 700 fires, tanks lined the streets around the White House and soldiers with bayonets stood on every corner. The killing of Dr. King sparked despair and rage throughout the African American community in the United States. Since then there have been important and meaningful advances of civil rights and the election of an African American President. But to know that fifty years later four police officers would see themselves entitled to murder a black man with impunity makes clear how far we must yet go to achieve racial equality.

In the weeks following Dr. King's assassination in 1968, during the time of the Poor People's March on Washington, I joined the individuals and families at Resurrection City at the Lincoln Memorial. Off duty police officers hurled tear gas at our encampment and shouted vile profanities at us. I did not then, and we do not now judge all police officers on the basis of the reprehensible, criminal acts of those few who betray their brothers and sisters in uniform. The vast majority of police officers, very notably in Boston through the leadership of Commissioner Gross, serve as heroic, selfless first responders who take seriously their mission and face danger to protect others.

The antidote to the poison of racism is community and solidarity. The protests in response to George Floyd's murder, in my view, have been predominantly peaceful and focused on the urgent need to address racism as a systemic, cultural, and legal reality. Some violent protesters and out of town infiltrators, few in number but by intention disproportionately visible, had interest in neither justice nor its achievement. As Governor Baker stated, they should be legally punished and should not be able to tarnish the greater significance of the peaceful marches and demonstrations we have witnessed.

We recognize that the Catholic Church in the United States must contend with our historical complicity in slavery and our need for racial healing. However, an important part of the legacy of the Catholic faith is our social teaching. The Catholic Church is a community of people of all colors, nationalities and ethnicities. Catholic moral teaching is based on the fact that all people – without regard to race, religion, ethnicity or nationality – are created in the image of God. This teaching rejects any form of racism, personal or systemic. Our faith calls us to leadership in breaking down barriers and standing against injustice. To violate human dignity is to dishonor the presence of Christ in each person.

Going forward, the reality of racism in our society and the moral imperative of racial equality and justice must be incorporated in our schools, our teaching and our preaching. We must uphold the commitments to equal dignity and human rights in all institutions of our society, in politics, law, economy, education. Catholic teaching on social justice measures the way a society acts fairly or not. Our work will not be done until African American men, women and children are treated equally in every aspect of life in the United States.

The killing of George Floyd is painful evidence of what is and has been at stake for African Americans - the failure of society in too many ways to protect their lives and the lives of their children. As Catholics we are taught to nurture protect life from its inception to its natural end and at every moment in-between. The demonstrations and protests of these days have been calls for justice and heart wrenching expressions of deep emotional pain from which we cannot turn away. They call us to affirm the inestimable value of every person's life. They call us to redouble our commitment to foster respect and justice for all people. They call us to uphold and defend the truth that Black Lives Matter.

With the assurance of my continued prayers,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM, Cap.
Archbishop of Boston

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seán, OFM Cap". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A Special Mass in Our Lady's Month of May



Each Spring, St. Mary's 5th Graders mark May with a beautiful Living Rosary and Crowning of Mary Ceremony. The Pandemic closures prevented this, so this year Mrs. Crespi invited one girl to represent the whole 5th Grade Class. Carefully garbed in mask and gloves, Susannah attended St. Mary's Sunday, May 10 Live-streamed Mass with her mother. Very appropriately, it was Mother's Day. <https://bit.ly/2yXhgSb>. Following a blessing of all mothers by Fr. Mark, Susannah was invited to crown the statue of Mary. The traditional hymn, "On This Day O Beautiful Mother," was sung in the background. By this crowning we honor Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother whom He gave us from the Cross. May she continue to inspire and intercede for us all!

A Special Mass in Our Lady's Month of May



In addition to being Mother's Day, May 10, 2020 was supposed to be the date of Cardinal Sean O'Malley's visit to St. Mary's to celebrate with us the 150th Anniversary of our parish. Although the Cardinal's Mass here had to be postponed due to the Pandemic, Fr. Rocco Puopolo s.x. was still present to concelebrate.

Representing the Xaverian Fathers at the Fatima Shrine, Fr. Rocco presented a lovely, hand painted Icon of the Virgin and Child to St. Mary's. Fr. Rocco spoke about the 73-year relationship between Shrine and Parish, a collaboration that has formed and enriched both communities. Full Mass at: <https://bit.ly/2yXhgSb>. He also presented a plaque to accompany the Icon, inscribed with these words:

The Xaverian Community at the Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima congratulates the Parish Family at St. Mary's in Holliston on their 150th Anniversary. Seventy-three years ago, you welcomed our first confreres to Holliston as they established our community here in 1947. We became part of this family of faith, sharing with you our world church while you keep us grounded in the local church.

Mary, the first missionary, continues to inspire us and helps us direct all peoples to her Son. May 10, 2020

Our Pastor Fr. Mark thanked Fr. Rocco for the Icon and expressed gratitude for the gift of the Xaverian Fathers who have been a true blessing to St. Mary's for so many years.



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 2020 took place at 11:30 AM on Sunday, May 17 – the 6th Sunday of Easter. You may watch the Mass here: <https://bit.ly/2XtvpA1>. The Pandemic prevented the whole Class of 2020 from worshipping in person, but they were well represented by the following classmates.

Shown above from left to right: Nick Calabrese offered the First Scripture Reading, Owen Radcliffe led the Responsorial Psalm, Ethan Falcao offered the Second Scripture Reading, and Ainsley MacLachlan led the Prayers of the Faithful. As always, it was beautiful to see students from different towns and schools all united by their shared parish and Catholic faith.

Via live-stream on Facebook and local cable, Fr. Mark spoke to the graduates about prayerfully invoking the Holy Spirit to help them find the right direction in life. *"If you can discover and live the course that God has planned out for you,"* he said, *"then you will be happier, healthier and more of a blessing to others than you could possibly be doing something else."* Student Class Speaker Isabelle Larche addressed her Class at the start of Mass, thanking St. Mary's for the difference our parish has made in the lives of the Class of 2020, and encouraging them to persevere in their faith during times of adversity. (Full text on the next page).



Although the Pandemic made the traditional group photo impossible this year, we are happy to provide individual photos of all St. Mary's Graduates of the Class of 2020, and their plans for the fall, on the following pages. We are so very proud of these fine young men and women, and we ask God to bring to completion the good work He has begun in them. Congratulations!

2020 BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

A highlight of the Mass for Graduates was the presentation of the Blessed Mother Scholarship. This \$2,000 award is given in recognition of "exceptional service to St. Mary's Parish. This year's winner was Mary Devoe! *Photo Left.*

Mary is a regular participant in our Parish Mission Trips, including twice as a Peer Leader. She was a continuous member of both our Middle School and High School Youth Groups from 6th Grade up through the present. She has been an Altar Server for 9 years, and a Religious Ed. Teaching Aide for 2 years. She has been a Vacation Bible School Crew Leader and Volunteer for 4 years. Mary worships faithfully at Mass each Sunday, and by her generous spirit, faith, work ethic, and Christian conduct, has won the respect of all of us here at St. Mary's.

Mary will be studying Engineering and Medicine at the University of Notre Dame this fall. Well done!

2020 Class Address By Isabelle Larche



I would like to start by thanking St. Mary's and all of the people who have been a big part of my life here. To Father Mark, all of the CCD teachers and coordinators, Jake Thiringer, and all of the mission trip leaders. Thank you for making St. Mary's a second home for many of us teens and helping us become a "church family." Today's Mass is in celebration of the Class of 2020. As we head off, everything will be changing. Some of us will leave for college or the military or the workforce. Our paths will be so different, yet the one thing that remains the same is our faith. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that the world may not accept Him as He is not seen nor known, but that He will not leave us orphans. Rather He will come to us as an advocate to be with us always. Therefore, we must call upon our faith during times of change and challenge and lean on Him when we are uncertain or scared.

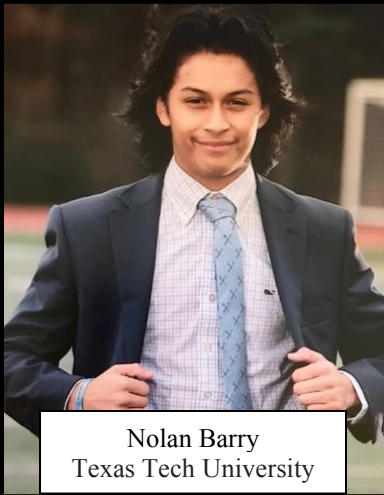
We have profoundly witnessed how things can change in an instant. We left school on a typical Thursday and never returned. None of us could have guessed that our high school experience would end so abruptly. However, the legacy of the Class of 2020 will not be defined as the class that "missed out". Rather we need to stake our legacy with resilience, courage and fortitude. We will not be victims, but vigilantes. We will not be martyrs but missionaries. We will not be agnostics, but advocates. Although there have been some unfortunate events this Spring, God will follow each of us on our future paths. It is our job to recognize His presence.

One of the gifts I received through St Mary's is being provided the opportunity to witness the presence of God working through others on the mission trips. When we feel our cross is heavy, I am reminded of the physical and emotional devastation in the poorest regions of our country. I was able to see firsthand how impactful our inexperienced and frankly unskilled group could have on a community. We arrived not knowing how to build a fence, hammer a nail, or even provide emotional support. Over the course of a week of hard work, lack of sleep, and blazing heat, we were not only able to help others, but help each other as well. Through the hands of God, we left them with a new fence and broke down any fences between us.

A big component of the mission trip is what we call the Rock Ceremony. On this day, each of us receives a rock which represents a burden of ours that needs reconciliation - whether that be a friendship, a situation, or an internal struggle. We carry this rock with us throughout the work-day as a continuous reminder of what we are having a hard time letting go. Later that day, we congregate in the chapel to reflect on what our rocks mean to us and we are given the opportunity to go to reconciliation and let go of our rock along with our burden. This ceremony has been a momentous part of our trip. So last year when the camp where we were staying informed us that we would not be able to continue this coveted tradition, many of us were devastated. Rather than letting this ruin our trip, we came together and did everything we could to have our ceremony. After advocating for what we were so passionate about, we were finally able to convince the camp staff to let us hold our Rock Ceremony.

This reminds me of what is going on in our church right now. By definition, the word Catholic means 'universal', or 'all embracing'. This recently has been a bit of an irony, as we as Catholics have been restricted from gathering and worshipping all together, in order to prevent the spread of COVID 19. Instead of giving up, our Parish of St. Mary's has found a way to still bring us together for weekly Mass by livestreaming it through the media. In some odd way, this same situation which has forced us to be isolated in our homes - has also appeared to strengthen our individual families, something that we as a society have abandoned. Similarly, I find that attending weekly Mass from home means that our entire congregation is celebrating at once - instead of at different times and Masses. As an unintended consequence, this has only served to strengthen our relationship, which will be immediately evident the day we are able to reunite. I for one cannot wait until we are all back in our St. Mary's home. My siblings, while away at college, have taught me a similar lesson. Despite physical separation from our home, community, and congregation, they have held on to certain sacred core values by continuing to attend weekly Mass. They found that at first, they were alone but as time went on, people actually asked them if they could tag along. By acting as disciples, they found that people seek to belong and seek to continue traditions.

As it becomes more difficult to come together, as it will when we move on to the next phase of our lives, we will likely find a natural force pulling at our desire to reunite and embrace. As we, the Class of 2020, go on to the next chapter, we need to learn from these examples of advocating for ceremony and tradition by insisting upon keeping God in our lives. It may not be popular and it may not be convenient, but we must remind ourselves, as the gospel has done this week, that God does not leave us orphans, so we should allow Him to remain in us. On behalf of the class of 2020, thank you and God bless you!



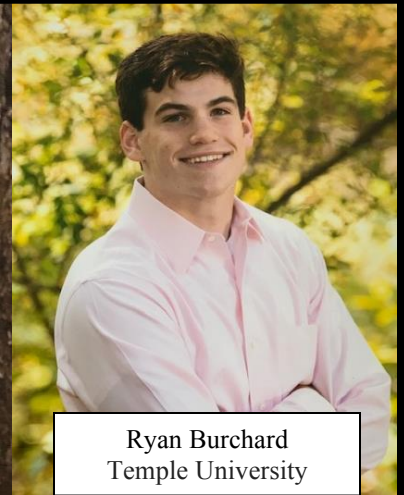
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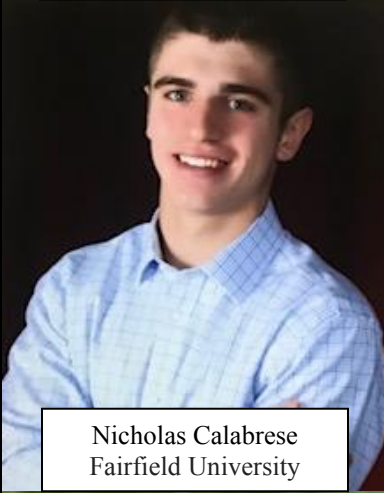
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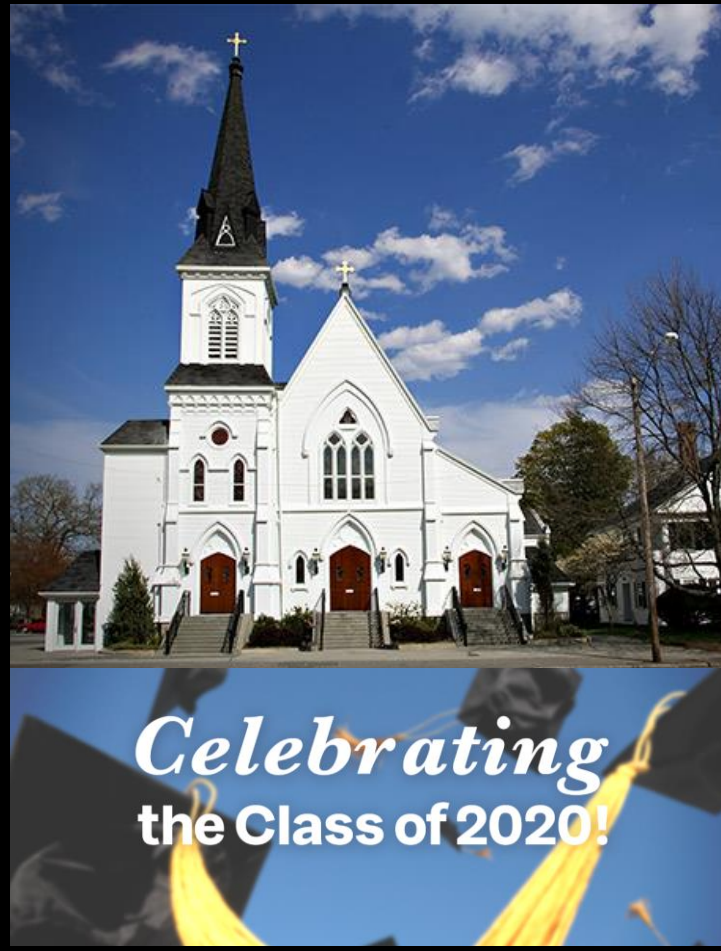
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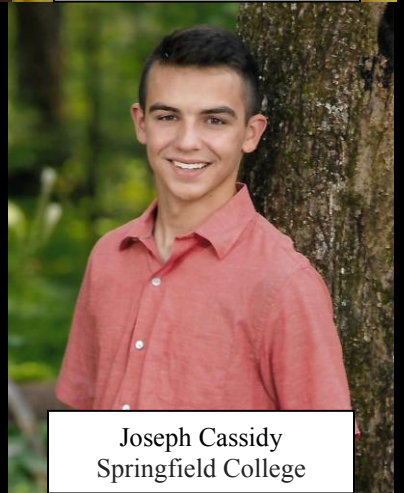
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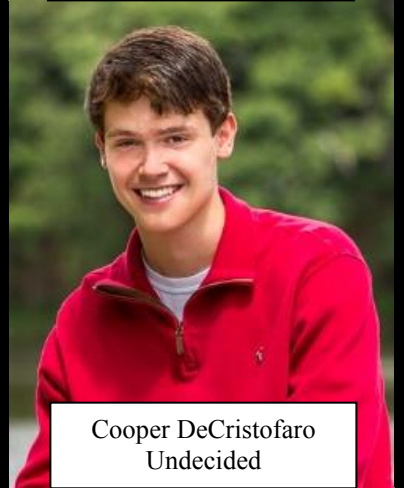
Celebrating
the Class of 2020!



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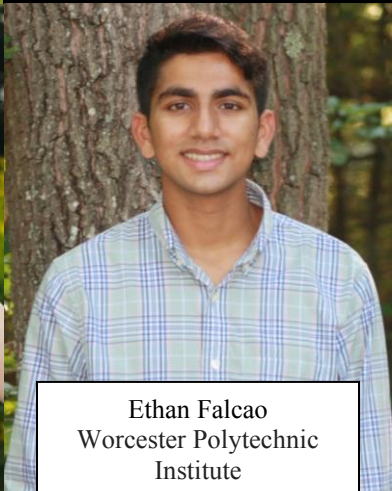
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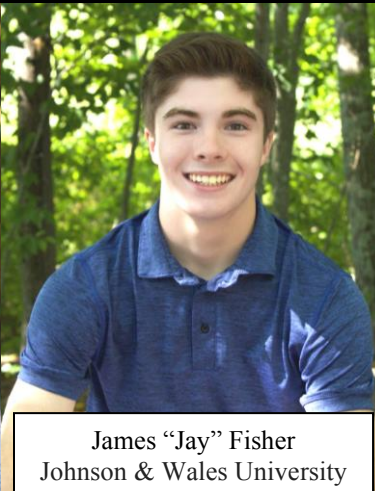
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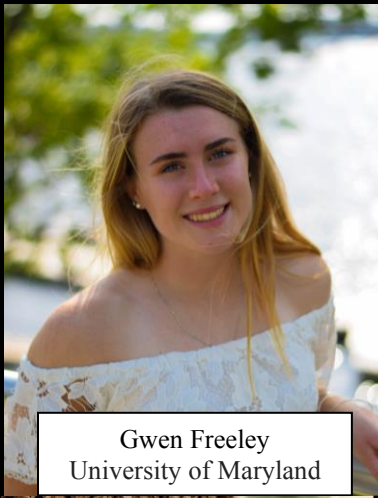
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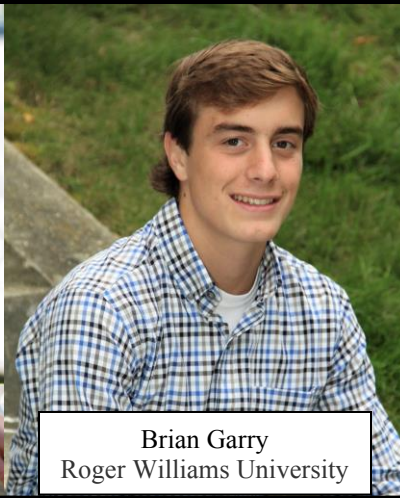
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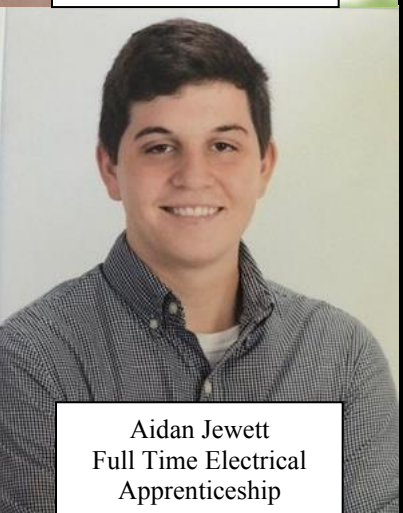
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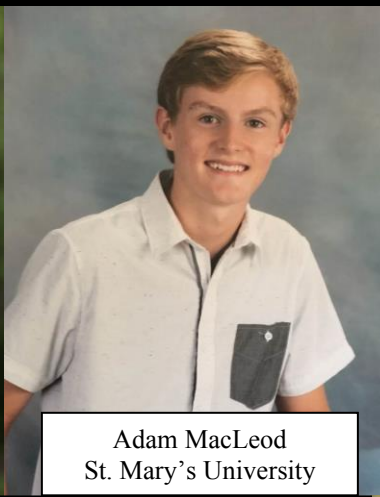
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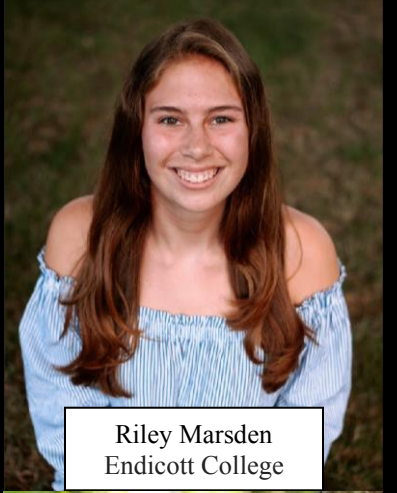
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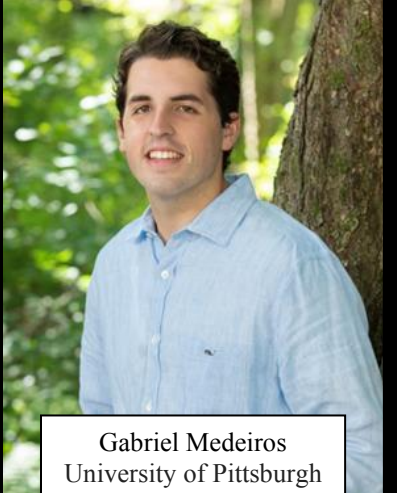
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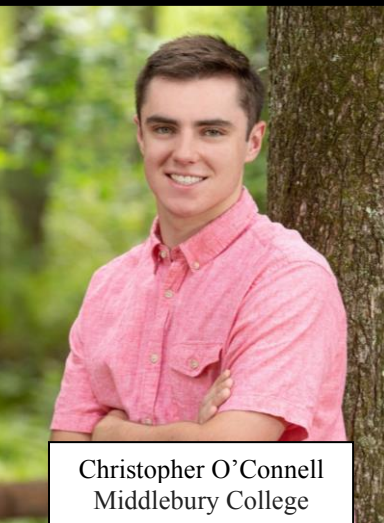
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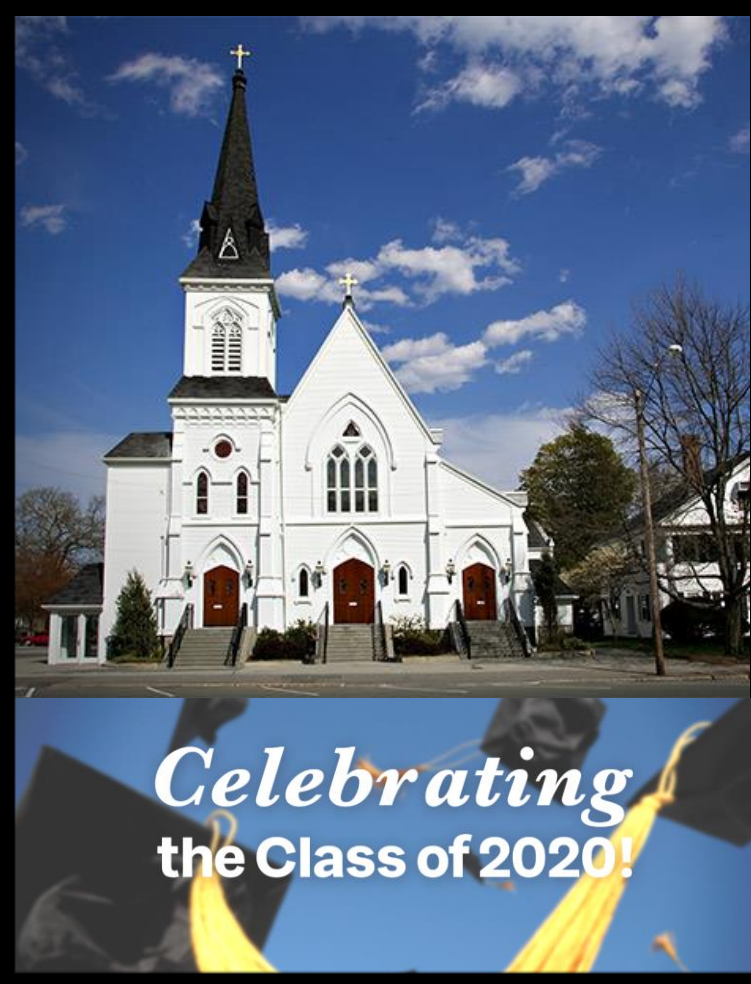
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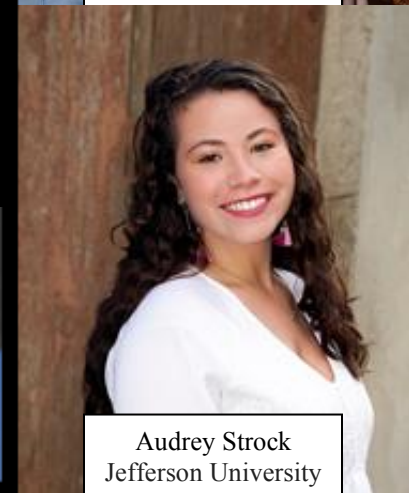
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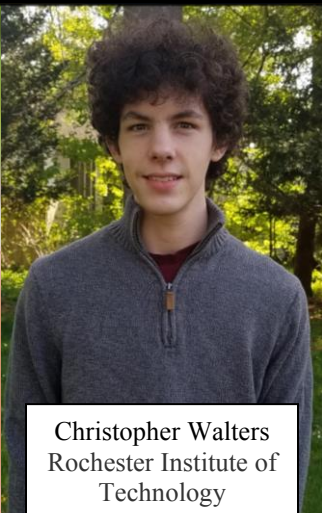
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1870-2020 Celebrating 150 years!

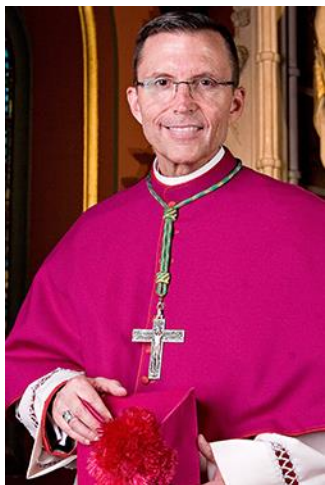


ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1870 to 2020. Those 150 years represent untold moments of ministry and grace that have blessed generations of Catholics in Holliston and the surrounding communities. We give thanks to God for this beautiful family of faith and ask Him to watch over and guide us into the future. There will be many special events to mark this Anniversary, including a new History of St. Mary's Book, the commissioning of an original St. Mary's Hymn, and Children's Activities. Additionally:

Cardinal's Visit: We will alert the parish as soon as he is able to commit to a new date. The Cardinal is looking forward to helping us celebrate our 150th Anniversary and will definitely make it to Holliston at some point in the near future.

Anniversary Concert: Our Anniversary Concert, "Sing of Mary," has been postponed. Music has played an important role in the history of St. Mary's, and this concert will be rescheduled, not cancelled.



On Saturday, October 10 - Sunday, October 11:

St. Mary's parishioners are invited to take part in a Retreat at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA. <https://miramarretreat.org/wp/>

Saturday, November 14: This is the date of St. Mary's 150th Anniversary Gala in the Regency Ballroom, DoubleTree Inn, Milford. There will be dinner, dancing, a silent auction and a Keynote Address by His Excellency, Robert P. Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and President of Boston Catholic Television. (Photo Left). Join us!

March 12 - 21, 2021: Due to the Pandemic, the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land has been rescheduled from March 2020 to these new dates. Anyone interested in "adding on" should contact Cara Camden at 206 Tours, cara@206tours.com. The items already collected for our sister parish, Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour, will be shipped over. The prayer intentions collected at Mass were faithfully prayed each day of Lent by the pilgrims to whom they were entrusted.

Latest News from Our Sister Parish in Palestine, Our Lady's, Beit Sahour:

Tue 5/26/2020 5:26 AM

Dear fr. Mark,

Dear brothers and sisters in St Mary Parish

I would like to inform you that our situation becomes better than before, since the last case of Anwar Ayyad, we do not have any new case in Bethlehem's area. Yesterday, the government announced that life would return to normal, even if not the full form. I hope that you are doing well and the situation is good.

fr. Issa hijazeen

St. Mary's Anniversary Video Series: The Video Series has been on hiatus since Masses and Parish activities have been suspended. Currently, the Parish Buildings video is finished while the Parish Life video is in progress. The entire series will be shown in Fall 2020. Thank you to the parishioners who have donated photos to be used in the video series. I am still working on the Parish Life Video and, of course, the new St. Mary's history book. If you have something to share, either a photo or a story, and can do so via email, please contact Betty Febo, (508) 429-7190 or betty.febo@gmail.com.



1870-2020 Celebrating 150 years!



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Did You Know? This June *Newsletter* continues a series of 'Did You Know' articles with tantalizing tidbits from the research that's been done for the new history of St. Mary's book. A different story will appear in each Monthly Newsletter during 2020.

Did You Know? Last month's *Newsletter* featured a sample page from Fr. Quinlan's ledger book of Parish accounts. However, he also kept a book of announcements that he wanted to remember to say at Masses. Thanks to Shirley Chipman, daughter of long-time parishioners Ed and Kay Hamlet, St. Mary's owns these books from Fr. Richard Quinlan, St. Mary's first pastor. Shirley found them in an antique shop, bought them and donated them to St. Mary's. To the right is a sample page from the Mass announcements for September 29, 1895. Fr. Quinlan's book of Mass announcements covers February 1892 to November 1898. It contains the same variety of announcements that are read now from the pulpit after Communion or published in the Weekly *Bulletin* or Monthly *Newsletter*. The announcements range from Banns of Marriage listings, prayers for "recovery or happy death" of various parishioners, funeral Mass notices, times when Mass would be said and confessions heard, upcoming Holy Days of Obligation, fasting guidelines, extra Diocesan and Mission collections, notices of choir rehearsals and parish group and fair committee meetings, Sunday School times, times for children's Confirmation and First Communion instruction and rehearsal, reminders of Church Debt collections, and services such as Distribution of Ashes, Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the saying of the Rosary daily during October.

XVIIth Sunday after Pent ^{Sept 29 1895}
Next Sunday first Sunday of month
Communion Sunday for Sodality,
Feast of the Holy Rosary.
Friday first Friday of month - Sacred Heart
Devotions of the Rosary during the
month of October starts at 7:30 o'clock
every morning at which the Rosary and
Salve of the Blessed Virgin will be
said with special prayer to St. Joseph.
Next Sunday meeting church debt
collectors
Pew Rent much behind this
quarter

Only occasionally, would there be mild admonitions: "Blessing and Distribution of Palms before Mass – Do not leave about", "Pew Rent – those who do not pay for seats – no claim – many wanting – give seats", "Attendance at morning Mass very slim – ought to be a great many more", "Send some flowers for the Blessed Virgin altar", and "No vespers this afternoon nor until announced in the future, Small attendance".

It's interesting to see differences in ecclesiastical language between the end of the nineteenth century and now. In his book, Fr. Quinlan labels the Sundays before the start of Lent as Septuagesima Sunday (ninth Sunday before Easter and the third before Lent), Sexagesima Sunday (eighth Sunday before Easter and second Sunday before Lent), and Quinquagesima Sunday (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday).

Fr. Quinlan also mentions and encourages adherence to "Ember Days" - three days set apart for fasting, abstinence, and prayer during each of the four liturgical seasons of the year. Since the revision of the Roman calendar in 1969, Ember Days are to be observed at the discretion of the National Conference of Bishops. There are many announcements of Requiem High Masses said for parishioners who had just died. A High Mass would be one in which most Mass prayers were sung. Of course it would have been said/sung in Latin, as were all the Masses at that time.

Even though current parishioners and our ancestor parishioners are separated by time, we all celebrate/celebrated our Catholic faith in the same way – participating in Masses and liturgies and supporting our Parish through prayer, time and money. Fr. Quinlan would be proud of our continued desire to grow St. Mary's as a vibrant and active Archdiocesan Parish.



REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY JUNE 15, 2020 ~

The deadline to register your child/children for Religious Education Classes in the Fall of 2020 is Monday, June 15, 2020. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis. Be sure to get your preferred time and day by registering on time.

The Registration Form is now available on the St. Mary's Website: stmarysholliston.com, under Register/Parish Forms on the main page. Forms should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary's Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available.

Open to families with children entering Pre-K through Grade 10. Registrations have been mailed to current students. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at 508-429-6076 or at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Welcome!

Christ is Our Life

Jesus Christ commissioned His Apostles to go out and bring the Good News. What is this Good News? God entered the world He created to save us from the darkness and slavery of sin into the Light of Truth. Through Jesus Christ we have been shown the Truth, the Light and the Way. So many souls do not know and understand God's love and mercy - a God Who wants to pour out His generosity of grace upon us. It is our duty as the Body of Christ to continue to evangelize and live our faith with joy despite our trials, crosses and sorrows. Christ brings hope and through faith we believe, trust and depend on Him. He has given us the path and we need to follow and bring other souls with us on this wonderful journey to know, love and serve our Savior and one another. It is essential to continue to study Sacred Scripture, pray every day and live in God's will. Listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within and ask for His guidance every day. Jesus promised to send another Person to be with us (the Holy Spirit) and that He Himself would be with us until the end of time.



NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD ~ OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS SEEKING KNOWLEDGE AND HELP FOR REMOTE CLASSROOM LEARNING:

In light of the Coronavirus that is challenging our faith communities to minister to the faithful and provide continuous spiritual guidance and enlightenment to everyone - we are asking those who have knowledge of using remote classroom learning to assist our Religious Education Program in preparing for our classes in September. At this time we do not know if social distancing will still be enforced in the public schools when they open in August and if the children have to continue remote classroom learning from home.

There may be a hybrid model where some children attend class one week and then remotely from home the following week. This model may have to be used in the Religious Education Program in the Fall. It is important to be prepared and continue to serve all the families at St. Mary's Parish with excellent faith formation for the children, youth and families.

Please continue to send in the registrations for your children. If you can assist us in any way in this endeavor please call the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 or by sending an Email to: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you.



St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

Open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders for Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!

PANDEMIC UPDATE: Due to the need for social distancing even after the Stay at Home Advisory ends, the June 25-26 Kennebec River Whitewater Adventure is cancelled. Refunds have been sent to the Rafters. We are working on a way to put the traditional End of Year Slideshow online for Youth Group Members and their families to enjoy. The August 14 Deerfield Rafting Trip is a GO at this time. Let us pray that things will be much better by summer's end!



Endless Possibilities in Christ 2020 Mission Trip Cancelled

We regret to announce that the 2020 St. Mary's EPIC Mission Trip to Gulfport Mississippi has been cancelled due to the current health crisis.

Our 69 registered EPIC teens and adult leaders are incredibly heartbroken and disappointed by this news. However, given our group size, the St. Mary's Mission Trip planning team and the R & R Retreat Mission staff did not see a way to safely manage travel to Mississippi, and maintain social distance and safety on work sites and at the camp where we would have stayed. This would have put the health of our participants and those we would have served at risk.

We are in the process of refunding the payments already made by registered teens and their families.

We are hoping that we will be able to include our current graduating seniors in the 2021 Mission Trip, even though they may not be able to attend our EPIC Meetings throughout the coming school year.

Thanks to all of our members for a great year of EPIC! Below are pictures of some of our earlier EPIC Events.





Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America
St. Mary's Parish * June, 2020

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Lower Church Hall (Suspended)

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster
508.579.4357

Email: Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 meets weekly on Monday nights in the Lower Church. If interested in joining Troop 14, just contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for boys 11-17 years old.

UPCOMING TROOP EVENT: End of Year Virtual Court of Honor on Monday, June 22; Scouts presented with Awards and Badges earned over the past five months.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 14 CONTINUES WITH WEEKLY MEETINGS AND FINDING WAYS TO SAFELY CARRY ON WITH THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM: Troop 14 is continuing to safely deliver the Scouting Program to its Scouts through weekly meetings (via the internet), advancement, skills, leadership, Service Projects and getting outdoors through camping and hiking. Here are a few activities we did in May.

VIRTUAL TROOP MEETINGS: For three months now we have been holding weekly virtual meetings with 80% to 90% of the Scouts attending, including four new Scouts that recently joined. This past month many Scouts finished the Public Health Merit Badge and have started working on the Electricity Merit Badge, where they are learning about electrical emergencies, how to conduct a home electrical inspection, and building a couple simple electrical projects. The Scouts also had their yearly planning meeting where they identified various campouts and activities for the upcoming year. Of course during the meetings, there was time for some fun and games.

VIRTUAL CAMPOUTS: COVID-19 is not going to stop Troop 14 from Camping!! On May 2 and again on May 16, the Scouts and leaders of Troop 14 packed their gear and headed to the vast wilderness of their own back yards to camp. The campouts started with a 15-minute late afternoon virtual Zoom check-in where expectations and instructions were given. Then the Scouts set out (individually) to set up their tents, and cook dinner outdoors, either for themselves or for their families. The Troop regrouped that evening, again virtually on Zoom for an hour to judge each other's meals and do activities around their own campfires. Throughout the campout Scouts shared photos on a Private Group Troop 14 Face Book page. The campout ended the next morning with another 15-minute virtual Zoom meeting to judge breakfast and close the campout. **Photos Left. View Slideshow at:** <https://bit.ly/3dxQVca>

SERVICE PROJECT: Danny B., a Patrol Leader in Troop 14 wanted to find a way to lift the spirits and thank all the heroes who are working tirelessly to help others in need during this Pandemic. Danny recruited seven of his fellow Scouts to work on a Service Project called "Cards for Frontline Workers." Together they made 29 handmade cards and sent them to various organizations including Timothy Daniels House, Holliston Pantry Shelf, MetroWest Hospital, Wingate Sudbury and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. What a great way to thank those Frontline heroes. Click the following link to see a slideshow of this creative and meaningful project: https://media.Trooptrack.com/uploads/My_Video_1.mp4

HIKING CHALLENGE: As written in last month's Newsletter, Scoutmaster Chris Baribeau challenged the Troop to get outside and hike! The challenge started in mid-March and will go until mid-June. The Scouts, hiking with their families and following social distancing guidelines, are continuing to log in their miles. As of May 22, the Scouts and leaders have logged a total of 811 miles. Luke B. remains far in the lead with 130.9 miles. Can they break the 1,000-mile barrier? Will anyone come close to Luke? Check in next month and see the results!





A PIECE OF TROOP 14 HISTORY, WEARERS OF THE BLACK WATCH TARTAN NECKERCHIEF: A few years after the First Charter was granted by the Boy Scouts of America to St. Mary's Church in 1965, Troop 14 adopted a custom neckerchief pattern called "The Black Watch Tartan." The 1972 Summer Camp photo **shown above**, documents the neckerchief being proudly worn by Troop 14 Scouts. Our Troop still wears it today!

As the story is told, back in the late 1960's, Scotty McGuinness, a long time Resolute Summer Camp staff member befriended St. Mary's Troop 14. At the end of that Summer, Scotty provided a bolt of his Clan's (family's) tartan to Troop 14, granting them permission to use the material for their neckerchiefs. This was a great honor, and as you will see on the next page, connected our Troop to a venerable tradition.

The Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, founded on July 1, 1881, is an Infantry Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. The Black Watch is the most senior Highland Regiment in Scotland. **Photo Top Right.** The Black Watch Tartan is worn by the Scottish Infantry to honor the brave and loyal villagers who lived by many of the points of the Scout Law that we live by today. To the best of our knowledge, Troop 14 Holliston is the only Boy Scout Troop that wears the Black Watch Tartan.

One of the responsibilities of the Black Watch Regiment in modern times is to guard Edinburgh Castle in Scotland. This site is sacred as it contains the Chapel and Tomb of St. Margaret of Scotland. **Photos Center Right.**

Margaret was born into royalty in Hungary around 1045 AD. Her father was Edward Atheling, heir to the English throne, and her mother was Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her family returned to England when she was 10 years old, but the Norman Conquest forced them into exile. By this time, her father had died, and her mother fled with the children. They boarded a ship which crashed onto the coast of Scotland, where they remained.

In 1070, at the age of 25, Margaret married the king of Scotland, Malcolm Canmore. As queen, Margaret's faith had a strong influence on her husband's reign. She softened his temper and led him to practice virtue. She dignified the court, providing an example of purity and reverence that led others to follow in her path. She and the king prayed together and fed the hungry, offering a powerful witness of faith to the people they served.

In addition to being a model wife and mother, Margaret worked tirelessly to bring justice and relief to the poor of Scotland. She also built churches and encouraged practices of religious devotion. In her private life, she exhibited great prayerfulness and piety. Her influence was seen not only in her husband's life, but throughout all of Scotland.

Margaret died in 1093, just four days after her husband and one of her sons were killed in battle. She was canonized in 1250 by Pope Innocent IV and named Patron of Scotland in 1673. So beloved is the memory of St. Margaret in Scotland, that she is revered there by people of all faiths.

Like St. George, Patron Saint of the Boy Scouts of America, St. Margaret has the appellation "Dragon Slayer" – the only female saint to bear this title. It recalls her fearless battles against the evils of poverty, ignorance, and injustice on behalf of her people.

St. Mary's Church, Holliston, contains a beautiful stained-glass window of St. Margaret of Scotland.

Photo Bottom Right.



St. Mary's RSCM Goes Virtual!

The Music Program at St. Mary's is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America, and because of this, both Children and Youth choirs participate in the RSCM's "Voices for Life" Program. This means that children and youth receive training in different areas for their musical development.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic however, St. Mary's RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) classes have gone entirely online. Choristers have continued to learn about music theory, develop their aural skills, and learn about the liturgy using online resources which include Zoom, YouTube, WheelDecide.com and musictheory.net.

A key facet of the program are the colored ribbons, which represent a specific level of proficiency according to the standards of the Royal School of Church Music. There are five levels of proficiency: White, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Red and Yellow. Although we are not able to meet in person, nine choristers are still on track to earn a ribbon at the end of this year.

Also pictured in each photo is Olivia Hastie, a former youth choir member who earned her Yellow ribbon, the highest ribbon level possible to earn. Olivia is a Junior at Holy Cross College, from which she has received a grant to intern at St. Mary's this summer. By assisting on the Zoom calls, Olivia is also helping to fulfill the Archdiocesan safety requirement of having two adults present on any online activity.

This is a difficult time for everyone, including vocalists, who know that it will be an extended period of time before regulations are lifted allowing the return of choirs. But everyone involved in the Virtual RSCM Program has maintained a positive attitude and has been consistently enthusiastic, appreciating what we are able to do now, and looking forward to the time when we are able to sing together in person again.



WINGS

Members find

HOPE

during the Corona Pandemic...

"Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday during the midst of this pandemic plateau was remarkable. Christ's Mercy is there for us, all we have to do is to ask for it."
- WINGS member

"I like to view the Daily TV Mass from the Loretto Abbey in Toronto. On Sundays we join the 11:30 Mass and feel connected with Father Mark and our parish family."
- M. Eagan

"I find **HOPE** in people. It is extraordinary to realize that there are good people out in the general public who are willing to go out of their way to help others."
- WINGS Member

"Two things give me **hope**: I believe in Jesus as my Savior, so my trials offered up in this life will lead me to a place with Him in my next forever life. I find hope in the virtual live Sunday Masses and Fr. Mark's inspiring sermons that always ground my virus pandemic anxiety in Jesus' instructive and comforting words." - B.Febo

"My faith and a strong belief that our world is meant to be in a much better place - give me **HOPE** during this pandemic. I trust in our brilliant scientists to discover a cure and our spiritual leaders to guide us in our uncertainties. We will prevail through our fears and sorrows and, by the grace of God, restore peace and harmony to our wonderful world."
- L. Palmer

women in
WINGS
God's spirit

WINGS will resume its meetings during Fall 2020. For more information on our ministry, contact betty.febo@gmail.com

Visit our FB page 
www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston/

"I try to bolster and deepen my **HOPE** throughout this challenging time by re-reading snippets that have helped me withstand other trials. Daily, I embrace reflections I find online that resonate with my soul. I've turned to many of my books, which are full of spirit-stretchers. Each essay, poem or page calls me to reflection. I use Julian of Norwich's words as a mantra: "*Sin is inevitable, but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.*" I am aware that God won't explain HOW things will be made well, but I accept His invitation to trust 24/7 in Him." - A. Chiango

"I find **hope** during daily walks in the woods near my home. In the quiet of the deserted paths and towering trees, I hear God whisper that *all will be well*. I listen to the rosary on my Air pods and contemplate God's beauty and goodness all around me. Praying the rosary helps me to gain strength from our Blessed Mother who never ran away from pain and uncertainty."
- J. Schiller

"but those who **HOPE** in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
- Isaiah 40:31



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 June, 2020

Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Anguish

MONTHLY ROSARY:

The next Rosary will be Wednesday, June 17.

This Rosary will be a group phone conference at 7:00 PM. Phone details will be sent to all Knights.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 12TH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: We've donated over \$210,000 in the past eleven years, **but this year is especially important** because the pandemic has really hurt many charities. We're trying our best to help support them. Council Knights are now selling raffle tickets. One raffle ticket is \$5 or five tickets for \$20, and we have five prizes from \$100 to \$1000. **Ask a Knight you know for tickets. Due to the current pandemic, Knights will follow all social distancing rules and Knights will happily deliver or mail your tickets.**

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">12th Annual Charity Raffle</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Knights of Columbus Council 14224 St. Mary's of Holliston</p> <p style="margin: 0;">First Prize \$1000</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Second Prize \$500 Third Prize \$250</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Fourth Prize \$150 Fifth Prize \$100</p> <p style="margin: 0;">DRAWING: September 26, 2020</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Proceeds Benefit</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Holliston Senior Center, Holliston Pantry Shelf, Veterans Charities Habitat for Humanity, Local Food Pantries & Other Charitable Donations</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For Official Rules see hollistoncares.com</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Ticket price \$5.00 Winner need not be present to win</p>					

You may purchase tickets by sending your **check payable to KofC #14224, name, address, and phone number to TOM ANGUISH, 542 WINTER STREET, HOLLISTON, MA 01746.** We'll fill out your tickets and send your portion back to you. Live sales at local stores have been put on hold. New schedules will be announced once the state of emergency has been lifted. We're donating to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and food pantries in other local towns, the Holliston Senior Center, local Habitat for Humanity projects, Homes for our Troops and other veteran's charities. The Drawing is scheduled to take place at Celebrate Holliston on September 26. Raffle co-chairmen are Knights Tom Anguish, Bill Heuer, Aaron Pyman and Grand Knight Al Scaramella.



REST IN PEACE KNIGHT ANTHONY P. LOSCOCCO: The Council mourns the loss of Knight Anthony Loscocco. "Tony" had joined the Knights of Columbus in 1950 and joined our Council in 2007 as a charter member. He was also a long time and beloved member of St. Mary's Adult Choir. The Council extends sympathies to his family. **Photo Left.**

MONTHLY ROSARY AND COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY PHONE: The Council recited the Rosary by phone on May 20 led by Knight Don Marden. The monthly Council meeting was also held after the Rosary. The slate of officers for Fiscal 2020 was announced as well as the invitation to any 3rd Degree Knights to become an officer. The group conference call was arranged by Knight Anthony DeStefano.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2020: All good St. Mary's men eighteen and older are invited to join our Council. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's lay organization in the world. Our Council respects members' limited time but needs new members to share our faith journey as Catholic men. For membership information contact Grand Knight Albert Scaramella at 508-561-0584 OR ajscaramella@comcast.net OR you can now join ON-LINE by going to the Supreme K of C website kofc.org. On-line membership allows you to obtain all K of C benefits including outstanding insurance plans and optional membership in our St. Mary's Council.

Cross Walk:

Finding Serenity in Sacrificial Love

By Cathy Stenquist

*“Lord, Grant me the serenity,
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.”*

With mask and sanitizer in hand, I settled into the car, preparing to take on what unfortunately had begun to feel like a risky task...grocery shopping. The morning had begun quite ordinarily; cranking the kitchen window open to the sound of the bird's morning songs, savoring a hot cup of tea, and hearing the keyboard tapping as my husband began another day working from home.

Soon though, browsing on my cell phone, the ordinary took on a sad haze as the news came across my feed; a mother entering hospice care and the heart wrenching journal entries of a grieving daughter, a panicked text regarding yet another crisis in my mother's care, and my sister feeling overwhelmed with work issues. My heart felt heavy trying to understand what I could and could not do. The serenity prayer was quickly becoming my daily mantra.

“This shopping trip is just what I need,” I thought. I turned the key and headed down Gorwin Drive. Rays of sun filtering through the clouds and lighting up the woods helped to slow my breathing.

As I turned the corner, ahead of me I saw a form in the middle of the road. Slowly inching closer, a small female duck was calmly, stoically walking to the other side of the street. Normally a car approaching would flush a duck in a panic into flight, so I began to wonder if she was injured. I slowed to a stop and waited, hoping any oncoming car would see my hazard lights. She continued to waddle ever so slowly to get to the other side, literally with blinders on, oblivious to my large white car.

A few seconds later the focus of her task was revealed. Hidden by her mother, one very tiny, vulnerable baby duck could not keep up the pace and appeared behind her. I sat there watching this mother take her time, without fear for her own life to get her baby to the other side. Unlike the bronze statues at Boston Common, where a whole trail of ducklings are being led, here was just one. The mama had gone back for just one.

Looking to my left, after a few more steps, the brush welcomed and hid the young family and seeing no others, I resumed my trip. The rest of the way to the store, I could not stop thinking about the mama duck.

A few days later I was talking to my therapist about my challenges in trying to help my ill mother many states away, and not being able to see and hug my grandchildren during this pandemic.

“You are a doer, Cathy, you have a very reflexive, active type of love. If someone needs a meal, or an errand or anything, you jump to it. It is frustrating for you to not be able to ‘do’. What you are being called to do, in this situation, is ‘sacrificial love’. Sacrificial love is very hard. It requires sacrifice on your part for the good of another.”

The experience of the mother and baby duck, and this notion of sacrificial love began simmering in my heart. I wanted to know more.

In the book, **“The Path to Holiness: Becoming a Living Sacrifice of Love”** by John Paul Thomas, he writes: *“How comfortable are you with the idea of sacrifice? For many, this word evokes both concern and admiration. When we see someone acting in a sacrificial way, going to great lengths to give of themselves for the good of others, we are easily inspired. However, when we are put into a position to act sacrificially toward another, especially when this involves some form of personal suffering, there is often hesitancy and uneasiness experienced in making the choice. Sacrifice is noble and easily understood to be of great value. However, it's much easier to admire sacrifice from a distance than it is to actually participate in the sacrifice itself. Too often, all we see is the suffering that is involved.”*

John Paul Thomas's tie into the sacrifice of the cross really struck a chord with me. He goes on: *“The sacrifices of martyrs as well as all sacrifices we make in our daily lives have value only because they are able to participate in the one and perfect Sacrifice of the Cross of Christ. His is the greatest sacrifice ever known in this world. He was the Innocent Lamb who suffered willingly for sinners. He was the Martyr of all martyrs. He suffered greatly but did not hesitate in embracing His suffering in a sacrificial way. The effects of His freely embraced Sacrifice of Love was the salvation of the world. Thus, His Sacrifice bore the greatest amount of good fruit.”*

In the Catholic Dictionary, it defines Agape Love as – *“The most distinctively Christian form of love. Used by Christ to describe the love among the persons of the Trinity, it is also the love he commanded his followers to have for one another (John 13:34-35). It is totally selfless love, which seeks not one’s own advantage but only to benefit or share with another.*”

As expounded on by Jesus, agape is a form of love which is both unconditional and voluntary; that is, it is non-discriminating with no pre-conditions and is something that one decides to do.”

In trying to make sense of all this, I have come to understand the lesson here might be very simple:

We are all called to have that ‘Agape’ kind of love and simply help walk with each other to get safely to the other side;

the other side of loss,
the other side of grief,
the other side of addiction,
the other side of fear,
the other side of unexpected news,
the other side of major changes in our lives,
and so much more.



Or it may be about transitioning to the other side of joyful events too, like a new baby, a new house, a new job. It takes courage, compassion, and yes... sacrifice to walk alongside someone.

How am I dealing with this sacrificial love I am called to give?

1. I’m trying to understand. I’m not going to lie, there is a degree of suffering here. Not running up to my grandchildren and loving them goes against the very core of who I truly am. It is difficult, it is frustrating, it is sacrificial. But I know for now, it is the gift I can give.

2. I am trying to see what there is to be grateful for. This pandemic has had some VERY difficult challenges, but if I look closely, there have been some blessings and amazing acts of courage too:
I have heard the laughter of children out my window, running through the sprinkler,
I’ve seen families walking together and talking and sharing,
I’ve seen the creativity of so many in reaching out to help others,
I have been soothed by musicians performing zoom concerts on line,

I have learned from the generous sharing of free webinars by so many to keep us inspired,
I have been in awe of a nurse on the front lines, who selflessly sent her children to live with their dad for safety sake,
I have marveled at my elderly 90-year-old friends, who are courageously keeping up their spirits and sharing their stories with me in window visits.
I think twice before I add something to my shopping cart and am learning the meaning of want vs. need.
I am savoring the time I have with my husband, our walks and our little conversations during the week.

3. I am doing what I can.

I call or facetime those who I have not spoken to in a while, just to listen and see if they are doing ok. I am wearing my mask. I attend my granddaughter’s music class virtually. Yes, I am the Grammy dancing with the teddy bear ;)

4. I virtually attend Mass each week and call to make sure my mom can ‘attend’ with me from Birmingham. I love this bit of normalcy in my week and the way the readings and experience centers me. I know that the sacrificial love that I am called to give right now, as hard as it is... pales in comparison to the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. And somehow this perspective allows me to have strength to carry my own crosses a bit easier. As my grandmother always said, *“This too shall pass.”*

5. I pray each night for all those whose cross is so much heavier than mine and for the discernment and clarity, like the mama duck, to see where I can help someone cross to the other side of whatever they are dealing with. After all, we are all on this journey together.

I wanted to mention that **May was National Mental Health Awareness Month.** Taking care of ourselves mind body and spirit is essential. As a wise person said to me once, “Self-care is not optional!” I mentioned in this article that I have had a therapist, a member of my good health team for a while now. I believe it is important to eliminate the stigma of reaching out to get help when needed. If you or anyone you know of is struggling, here are resources for info and support.

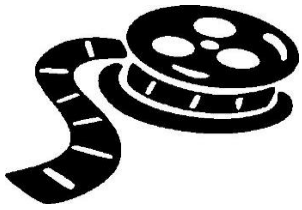
God bless you! Walking in His name, Cathy

Massachusetts Emergency/Crisis Services
Call 1 (877) 382-1609 - available 24/7,
365 days a year, or visit:
<https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

ADULT FAITH RESOURCES

JUNE 2020

got faith?



“IN FAITH’S SIGHT”: This month, we are highlighting movies to watch, adult movies and movies for families. First, there’s *The Way*, a Paulist Production starring Martin Sheen as a stubborn US doctor who is walking Europe’s Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) trying to come to a resolution of his relationship with his now deceased only son, who died while walking the Camino by himself.

It’s available for rent on Amazon Prime and is in the Minuteman Interlibrary Loan program. Next, there is *Romero*, another Paulist Production, starring Raul Julia. It is a movie about St. Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of El Salvador who was assassinated in 1980. It is available for free on Amazon Prime and it is also in the Interlibrary Loan system. Both *The Way* and *Romero* are wonderful movies with adult themes. For families, we have the Veggie Tales series. These are endearing short cartoons (about 30 minutes) which feature talking vegetables and stories that illustrate Christian morals. You can find them on YouTube. A couple to look for about King David are *King George and the Ducky* (<https://bit.ly/2TtK6As>) and *Dave and the Giant Pickle* (<https://bit.ly/3cOV0IN>). Enjoy!

SUNDAY READINGS: June begins the liturgical year’s second round of “Sundays in Ordinary Time”. Trinity Sunday (June 7) and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 14) start the month and then we return to the numbered (Ordinal) Sundays, which go from Twelve (June 21) all the way to Thirty-three (November 15). A couple of the second readings in June may be ones which you recognize. On June 7, the reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians contains the words which closely mirror the Trinitarian greeting we often hear at the beginning of Mass: “The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ...” And on June 28, we have a repeat of the Easter Vigil New Testament reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans; we are reminded that we are baptized into Christ’s death and raised to new life with him. Three of the gospel readings in July contain Jesus’ parables; the first two are about seeds (July 12 and 19) and the third (July 26) is about pearls. See what all of these readings mean in your life this year; you won’t hear them again on Sundays in this order until the next Liturgical Year A, which is 2022-2023. If you’d like to prepare for the Sunday readings, go to <http://www.liturgy.slu.edu/>.

SAINTS: The months of June and July give us the lives of some interesting saints to ponder. How about St. Aloysius Gonzaga, who is remembered on June 21? He died at a very young age (22) and is considered the patron saint of Catholic youth. Then there are Sts. Peter and Paul, whose feast day is June 29. These two icons of our faith were very human as well and give us reason to have faith in God’s work in us. July 14 is the feast day of St. Kateri Tekawitha, the first indigenous American to be canonized; she became a Catholic at the age of 19 and died at the young age of 24. St. Mary Magdalene, the “apostle to the apostles” is remembered on July 22. She was a woman out of whom Jesus cast seven demons (Luke 8:2); she subsequently followed Jesus and was one of the witnesses to his crucifixion. You can read about each of these saints and many others at the Franciscan Media Saint of the Day site (<https://bit.ly/2dcFuYF>) or at Catholic Online (<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>).

“JUST” WONDERING: The Catholic Church certainly extends beyond the boundaries of our parish here in Holliston. We see this in our relationship with our “sister parish”, Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Beit Sahour, just outside of Bethlehem. We also see the Church’s universality through the work of the Catholic Extension and Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Extension (<https://www.catholicextension.org/>), a Papal Society, works within our own country, assisting mission parishes and dioceses. Catholic Relief Services (<https://www.crs.org/>), founded by the US Bishops, works with the poor around the world. Both agencies have websites with much information and inspiration!

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