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THE SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION  
FOR CATHOLICS RETURNED ON  
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**ST. MARY'S LIVESTREAM MASS  
WILL NOW CONCLUDE ONE  
YEAR LATER – SUNDAY, JUNE  
19, 2022.**

IT IS TIME (AND PAST TIME) TO  
WORSHIP TOGETHER IN PERSON  
AGAIN. WELCOME HOME TO MASS!





# St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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## Andrew Schiller, Eagle ~

The highest award from the Boy Scouts of America - the rank of Eagle Scout - was presented on Saturday, April 30 to St. Mary's Parishioner Andrew Peter Schiller. The Court of Honor Ceremony was held in Father Haley Hall at St. Mary's Parish. At the ceremony, Andrew was also presented with Commendations from the Massachusetts Governor, His Holiness Pope Francis, Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., and other notables.

It is estimated since the inception of the Eagle Scout award in 1912, only 2 percent of eligible Scouts have earned Scouting's highest rank. An Eagle Scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges and organized a leadership service project that benefits his church, community, or school.

For his Eagle Project, Schiller led a crew that built ten 24 x 36 wooden sandwich boards for Holliston Community Farms. The sandwich boards are used to advertise and direct traffic for the Holliston Farmer's Market which runs from June through September at Blair Square.

Bobby Blair was the sponsor. Schiller's efforts included designing the project, securing permission from the proper agencies, supplying materials, and recruiting fellow Scouts to help with the project. Schiller ensured that the boards are lightweight for carrying, durable and reusable.

Schiller joined Holliston's Cub Scout Pack 47 at age seven and later earned Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. A member of Troop 73 since 2014, he has served in the leadership positions of Troop Librarian and Troop Historian. Schiller attended several summer Scout camps at Camp Squanto in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and later served as a Camp Counselor for four summers. He plans to serve as a Counselor this summer as well.

He participated in a two week hike into the wilderness at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico during the summer of 2021 with 10 other Scouts from around New England. Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scout's premier High Adventure base.

A senior at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Schiller has been active in various sporting teams, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, History Honor Society and Faith Peer Leaders. A member of St. Mary's Parish, Holliston, Schiller has served as an Altar Server since 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He earned the Ad Altare Dei (To the Altar of God) religious emblem as a Boy Scout at St. Mary's Parish in 2021. Schiller plans to attend the University of Dayton in the fall, majoring in Chemistry. All of us at St. Mary's wish him the very best!





# THE SPIRIT OF GIVING IS ALIVE AND WELL AT ST. MARY'S!

**SISTER PARISH SCHOOL DRIVE:** This spring the people of St. Mary's donated requested school supplies for the Patriarchate School at our Sister Parish in Palestine. The children of Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour, will receive 165 books, 23 DVD's, 2 back packs, 90 sets of colored pencils, 17 packs of regular pencils, and a variety of miscellaneous items to help them in the classroom. Thank you good people of St. Mary's for your generosity!



## SOLES FOR SOULS SHOE DRIVE:

This May St. Mary's Parishioner Ava Tobin organized a collection of new and gently used shoes. These will make their way to developing countries to be used by those in need. Every pair makes a difference by helping people in poverty and protecting the environment by keeping used shoes out of landfills. As shown in this photo with Ava, a total of 95 pairs of shoes were collected!







## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Good People of St. Mary's,

Recently, the news has been full of reports on the infant baby formula shortage. Desperate parents have been frantically trying to find enough formula to assure the nourishment and good development of their babies. It is difficult to imagine their stress as they struggle to satisfy the most basic physical needs of their little ones.

Less obvious, but just as real, are the spiritual needs of children and of us all. Every one of us has an inborn hunger for God. Our souls crave the peace and purpose that only He can give. And we know this to be true. Because no matter how much we accomplish in this life – no matter how much we make, or how great our position, or popularity – it is never enough to really satisfy us.

It was God Himself Who fashioned us from the dust of the earth. He breathed into each of us a living soul. And no matter how hard we try to satisfy ourselves with the things of this world – our souls are never fooled. They hunger always for unity with the God who made them.

Some people spend their whole lives moving from one possession to another, one relationship to another, trying to answer the inborn longing of their souls. Groping blindly, and unconsciously, and unsuccessfully for the only thing that can truly satisfy them. The love of God.

St. Augustine put it so well when he said, *"Lord, my soul is always restless, until it rests in Thee."*

One of the great tragedies and challenges of the pandemic is that for a time many were cut off from sources of spiritual nourishment – especially worship and the Holy Eucharist. Then once churches reopened, some were kept away by fear or necessary caution born of health concerns. Virtual participation in the Sunday livestreamed Mass helped somewhat but was a poor substitute for gathering together in Jesus' Name and actually receiving His Holy Communion.

The deadly sin of sloth is sometimes defined as *"disdain for the spiritual because of the physical effort involved."* And sadly for some, the pandemic has caused them to just get used to not attending Mass. This is a loss to the family of believers, but also inevitably leads to a malnourishment of the soul.

It is almost a full year now since on June 20, 2021 the Sunday Mass Obligation returned for Catholics. It is

above all an obligation to one's own spiritual health. In a world that every day bombards us with dark and ugly news, we need on Sunday to hear something very different. We need the Gospel – the Good News of our salvation. The Good News of God's love for us. The Good News of a nobler and better way of life that we as Christian people are called to live.

Just as babies need good and proper food to grow and thrive, so we need the Eucharist – the gift of Jesus' own Body and Blood. We need the heavenly sustenance that nourishes and strengthens the love of God in our lives. We need the Living Bread that fortifies our souls against temptation and despair. As Jesus said, *"Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."* Jn 6:53

Like parents doing whatever it takes to find formula for their infants, many parents have done whatever it takes to find sustenance in the Lord. They prayed together at home as a family with live streamed Masses. Once Mass was safe again, they returned with proper precautions. They brought their children back to God's House even before returning them to the classrooms and playing fields. They recognized that to allow their little ones to be cut off from the sacramental sources of grace could cause a stunting of the spirit.

It goes without saying that as always, those who are sick or homebound are excused from the Sunday Mass obligation. For them the Archdiocese provides many opportunities for virtual Mass participation, <http://www.catholicstv.org/masses>.

But for the rest of us, it is time to take our place again in person at the Table of the Lord. The baby formula shortage is one caused by problems of logistics and manufacture. But the graces of Word and Sacrament are flowing in abundance for us each Sunday. If only we have the wisdom to receive them for ourselves, and for the little ones entrusted to us by God.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

### WEEKDAY MASS LOCATION CHANGE ~

This July, the old church sanctuary lighting system will be removed, and the new system installed. Because the new lights will not be in the same locations, some significant carpentry work is required for the wiring to be installed. Staging will also have to be erected. For this reason, all weekday Masses and Funerals between July 5 and July 15 will be celebrated in Father Haley Hall. Thank you.



# This is My Body

By Jane Lebak, St. Mary's Parishioner

When my youngest baby was a week old, we took him to his first Mass. Newborns aren't known for excellent timing, so he got hungry during the Consecration. I slipped the baby around in the baby sling, and the moment I latched him on, the priest said, "*This is my body, which will be given up for you.*"

There are very few times in the average human's life when we can expect to say "*this is my body*" to

another human being. One of them would be a mother with her baby: first, a mother giving her body over for the purpose of gestation, and later on for nursing. We don't really need a uterus or breasts for ourselves. Instead, the mother is giving from her physical self solely for the benefit of someone else.

And for the rest of the Mass, right through Communion, I was struck by the way Jesus had said those words to us with the concern of a mother feeding her baby. After Jesus said those words, the next day, He said "*this is my body*" in one more way, and literally gave His body over and was killed. "*This is my body, given for you.*"

Jesus said in John 6 that if we didn't take and eat, there would be no life in us, and He was fully prepared to let His disciples walk away. Clearly it was important to Him that we let that vulnerability happen, that giving, that feeding. This is my body: my milk, my blood, my life. All of them, and at the same time, none of them. God as our parent and our beholder and our rescuer.

After Communion, I found myself crying. I couldn't have said why because there was too much. It was a little thing, no word in the sentence more than four letters long, and yet it was everything, every important relationship we ever wanted but contained fully in none of them.

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**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** "*Just as mothers nourish their children with the milk of their bodies, so the Mother of God nourishes us from her body through Holy Communion as Jesus Christ took His Body and Blood from her.*" - St. Theophane

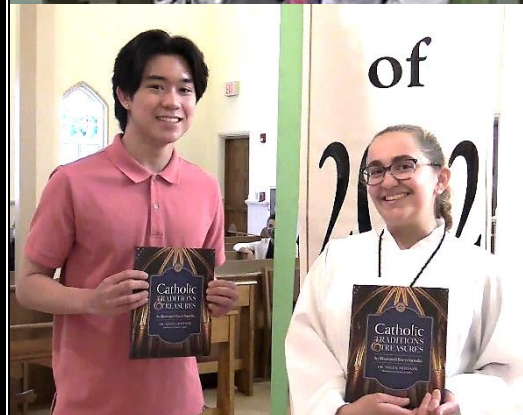
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**WISDOM FROM THE SCRIPTURES:** "*Like newborn babies you should crave - thirst for, earnestly desire- the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow unto salvation; Since you have [already] tasted the goodness and kindness of the Lord.*" I Peter 2:2-3

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**WISDOM FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** "*Do this in memory of me.*" The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father. From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command ... It was above all on "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread." From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life. Articles 1341 - 1344





## 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 2022 took place at 11:30 AM on Sunday, May 15 – the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. A photo of our participating parish graduates with the names of the colleges they plan to attend is provided in this Newsletter.

Shown above from left to right, graduates from several different schools took on ministry roles at the celebration: Liam Savage (Holliston High School), offered the First Scripture Reading; Amaia O'Brien (Montrose School), cantored the Responsorial Psalm; Kevin Rutowicz (Dexter Southfield School), offered the Second Scripture Reading; Norah Parmese (Holliston High School), joined Andrew Schiller (Catholic Memorial), in leading the Prayers of the Faithful; and Ian O'Connor (Xaverian), served as a Eucharistic Minister. Holliston High School Senior Altar Servers Thomas Liro, Marie Meisner, and Maeve Radcliffe served the Mass. As always, it was beautiful to see students from different schools all united by their shared parish and Catholic faith.

This year's Class Speaker was Robert Payne (Holliston High School), whose talk is included in this Newsletter. [Photo Left]. Fr. Mark spoke to the graduates about Jesus' commandment to love one another as He loved us. Father stressed that commandments have to do with our actions, not our emotions. But if we act and speak in a loving way, Jesus' own love starts to penetrate and come alive in our own hearts. He ended by encouraging the Class to stand out at college by the way they love the other people there – with patience, with mercy, and with faith born of prayer.

## Blessed Mother Scholarship

This scholarship is given each year 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, and in giving this scholarship, it is the intention of St. Mary's to honor all their contributions.

This year, for the first time, the Scholarship was presented to two graduating Seniors - Marie Meisner and Jared Sangil. [Photo Bottom Left]. Both have ministered as St. Mary's Altar Servers for eight years and have volunteered as Vacation Bible School leaders for four years. Both have enriched our Parish Family in countless ways by their goodness and generosity of spirit.

Marie will be attending the College of the Holy Cross to study English and Creative Writing. Jared will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to study Architectural Engineering. Congratulations!





#### Front Row Left to Right:

Maeve Radcliffe ~ Westfield State University  
 Marie Meisner ~ College of Holy Cross  
 Abby Glynn ~ Villanova University  
 Kayla Tomacelli ~ Quinnipiac University  
 Bridget Glynn ~ Villanova University  
 Ian O'Connor ~ Stonehill College  
 Nicholas Reffel ~ University of New England  
 Jack Littlejohn ~ University of Wisconsin  
 Kevin Rutowicz ~ University of Richmond  
 Kathleen Fitzgerald ~ Fairfield University  
 Jordyn Kuharich ~ Endicott College  
 Jillian Pacheco ~ University of New Hampshire  
 Madelyn Fitzpatrick ~ Framingham State University  
 Isabella Medeiros ~ Framingham State University  
 Amaia O'Brien ~ Fairfield University



#### Back Row Left to Right:

Thomas Liro ~ MassBay Community College  
 Ben Macleod ~ Saint Leo University  
 Liam Savage ~ Loyola University Maryland  
 Andrew Schiller ~ University of Dayton  
 Jared Sangil ~ Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
 Norah Parmese ~ University of Massachusetts  
 Kendall Marsden ~ Hofstra University  
 Julian Payne ~ Villanova University  
 Robert Payne ~ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Maxwell Payne ~ Bowdoin College  
 Kate Stanwood ~ University of Rhode Island  
 Aidan Malvey ~ Catholic University of America  
 Lauren Kampersal ~ Sacred Heart University





## 2022 Class Speaker Robert Payne, Graduation Mass Speech, May 15, 2022

Hello Everyone. I know a lot of you guys know me, but for those who don't - my name is Robert Payne. I am a senior, and soon to be graduate at Holliston High School. I know everyone's probably sick of hearing this but it's so great to see all of you in person today. First of all I'd like to thank a few people who played a pivotal role in helping our class reach this point. Our priest Father Mark. Our current youth minister Theresa Virzi, and also our former youth minister Jake Thiringer. I'd especially like to thank every parent or loved one who's volunteered to work as a CCD teacher, chaperone, or hall monitor. Volunteers are a crucial to religious education and the church couldn't function without you.

I am told that there are St. Mary's seniors graduating from seven different schools this year. So I'd like to congratulate the whole Graduating Class of 2022. For all our many accomplishments - and also for the way we have pushed through so many obstacles in order to get to where we are today. These last couple of years have been difficult to say the least.

Today we stand at a crossroads, all of us soon venturing in our separate directions. A class that has spent their whole lives in this small town for the most part, will soon be spread far and wide across the country, and across the world. It is reasonable to think about this and feel nervous, anxious, and afraid. I can confidently say that most of, if not all of the graduates this year, including me, have felt afraid when thinking about the future.

Change can be frightening - and we as graduates are preparing to experience one of the largest changes we will encounter in our whole lives. However, it is important to acknowledge that despite this massive change, despite the fact that we will be leaving our homes and starting our lives anew, we will all share one thing with each other in our journeys - our Catholic faith. No matter how far you travel, your faith will always be with you. And you will always be part of the family here at St. Mary's.

As you know, an important part of maintaining a close knit family is passing knowledge down to your younger family members. Whether that means helping them with homework, or showing them how to do something like changing a lightbulb, the lessons learned from family members are the foundation that a family is built upon. Over the last couple of years, I have had the opportunity to pass some of my knowledge down to the younger members of my Saint Mary's family as a CCD helper teacher.

My ability as a teacher was definitely limited. But I always enjoyed listening to what the kids had to say. I never knew how brutally skeptical a kindergartener could be until the day I tried explaining the seven days of creation. I was talking to one of the boys in my group, and I said, "*On the third day God created all the land, the seas, and the trees.*" To which he replied, "*Don't trees take longer than one day to grow?*" I was at a loss for words. Never did I think that being a helper CCD teacher would mean I'd engage in religious debates with kindergarteners.

However, we as Catholics can learn from the curiosity of these kindergarteners. Question everything, as questioning is the first step in all learning. But do it with an open heart. With the desire to understand your faith better. And to become a better son or daughter of God. Now I'm not saying to go home and question your parents and start an argument with them. Actually, we have to be willing to question first ourselves. To take an honest look at ourselves - our successes and our mistakes. And to ask the question, "*What could I have done differently?*" "*How can I improve myself?*"

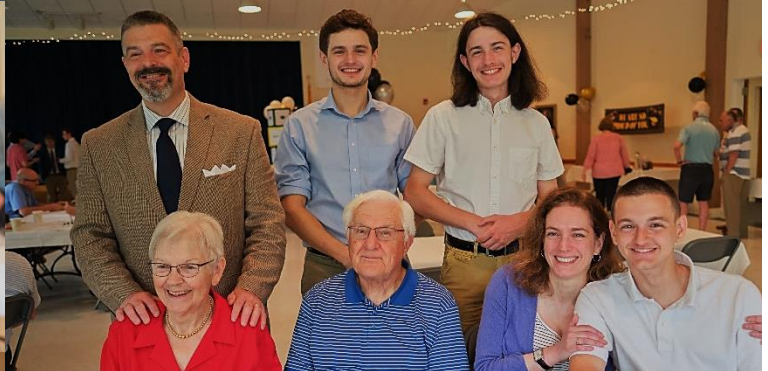
As Catholics, we have the amazing privilege of reconciling our past sins in Confession. In a way, graduation is very similar to Confession. We are given a second chance, a fresh start, a new life - a new opportunity to live life according to God's will. In today's reading from Revelations, there was one statement that heavily resonated with this message. "*He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away ... The one who sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.*"

The passing of the old order is what we as graduates are going through right now. High school is passing by, and although the next step may not involve wiping every tear from your eyes or removing all mourning from your life - it is a second chance, a rebirth, a new life. So do not waste this opportunity. Make the most of your second chance. Live righteously and with virtue. Live out your faith. And in the words of Psalm 71 - "*Go in the strength of the Lord God!*" Thank you.





## Graduation Mass Reception, May 15, 2022







## REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY **JUNE 17, 2022!**

The deadline to register your child / children for Religious Education Classes in Fall of 2022 is **Friday, June 17, 2022**. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis.

Be sure to get your preferred time and day by registering on time. (A late fee of \$50 per family will be added after June 17).

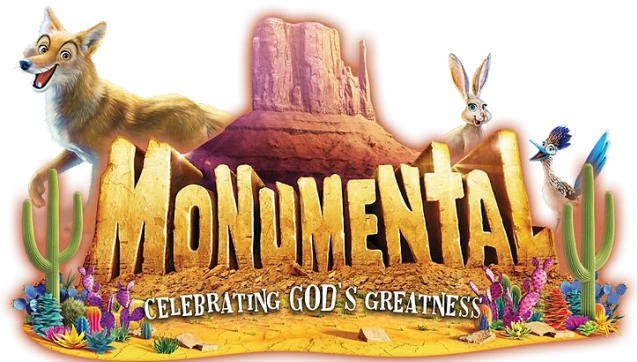
The Registration Form is available on the St. Mary's Website: [stmarysholliston.com](http://stmarysholliston.com), under Register / Parish Forms on the main page. Forms should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary's Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available.

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](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). Welcome!

**Photo Above:** A beautiful part of St. Mary's Religious Education Program is the Annual May Crowning of Mary. On May 2, children and families from grade levels 3, 4 and 5 gathered to pray a Living Rosary, then Chelsea Dufault crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother.

## GET READY FOR "MONUMENTAL ~ CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS!" ST. MARY'S 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, COMING JULY 25-29, 2022!

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. MONUMENTAL is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Teamwork-building games, cool Bible songs, tasty treats and creative crafts are some of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Each day kids meet new Bible Buddies to remind them of God's love; and create crafts to bring home the memories.



**VBS Registration is now open** to those entering kindergarten through Grade 6. Registration is limited to 100 children. All forms are online at [stmarysholliston.com](http://stmarysholliston.com), under Registration, Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School. We provide child care for children under age 5 whose parents are volunteering the entire week at VBS. Teen volunteers must be in Grade 7 or above. <https://stmarysholliston.com/vacation-bible-school/>.

Contact Patty Baribeau at [stmarysvbsholliston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysvbsholliston@gmail.com) with any questions/concerns/interest, especially if you are interested in helping with planning this week of Fun, Faith and Friends!





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 JUNE 2022

Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella  
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Brodo

## SATURDAY, MAY 14, ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE:

The Council thanks all St. Mary's parishioners who participated as well as Green Team Junk Removal for assisting in the Electronics Recycling event held in the St. Mary's parking lot on Saturday, May 14. Over fifteen brothers helped unload cars and fill the Green Team truck with recyclable electronics that end up being salvaged for precious metals and safe environmental disposal. Funds raised will be used to help the Council with their efforts to assist others in need.

## K of C COUNCIL #14224 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE:

The Council is selling chances for our annual Charity Raffle. Your vital support has enabled the Council to donate over \$250,000 so far to charities including the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Veteran's organizations, Habitat for Humanity, Holliston Senior Center, and others. Please continue to support our raffle in our efforts to aid those needing food or aid. Tickets will again be \$5 each or a book of five tickets for \$20. Prizes are from \$1,000 to \$100. Buy a ticket by emailing [stanguish@hotmail.com](mailto:stanguish@hotmail.com). Thank you!

## MONTHLY ROSARY:

The next Rosary will be  
**Wednesday, June 15 in the church  
at 7:00 PM. All parishioners are  
warmly invited to attend.**



*"If you desire peace in your hearts,  
in your homes, and in your country,  
assemble each evening to recite the  
Rosary. Let not even one day pass  
without saying it, no matter how  
burdened you may be with many  
cares and labors." - Pope Pius XI*



**NEW FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHT - ANTHONY POLISE:** Congratulations to Sir Knight Anthony Polise upon his exemplification to the Fourth Degree - Patriotism, this past April. The Knights of Columbus, founded by Father McGivney on March 29, 1882, was originally chartered by the State of Connecticut as the "Knights of Columbus of New Haven." Its purpose was to provide mutual aid and assistance to its members and their families. In 1889, a legislative amendment to the charter authorized the present name "Knights of Columbus."

Originally the Order had only three degrees, exemplifying the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. As the membership grew, the scope and purpose of the organization increased and became more diversified. Complying with the wishes of the membership, the Supreme Board of Directors approved the Fourth Degree in 1900 and on February 22<sup>nd</sup> of that year (George Washington's Birthday) the first Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held in New York City.

Membership in the Patriotic Degree of the Order has flourished over the years. As of May 1, 2022, there were 327,415 Fourth Degree Knights. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. Its motto is Patriotism - a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion. While the Fourth Degree is the highest and the Honorary Degree of the Order, a member must maintain his Council membership in good standing in order to retain his Fourth Degree membership.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2022:** 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](mailto:ajscaramella@comcast.net) OR you can now join ON-LINE by going to the Supreme K of C website <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>. 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.



# St. Mary's EPIC

High School Youth Ministry

## WHAT AN EPIC YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

This year, High School Youth Group has had a blast with many different events! Starting with the Minute To Win It Kick-Off, Christmas party, Yankee Swap, Caroling Battle, Weird Searches Game Night, Chipotle Night, Battle Of The Sexes (well done, ladies!), Photo Scavenger Hunt, Bowling, BBQ & more!

*Wondering what next year will look like?*

Next year's High School Youth Group will be jam-packed with fun, service, social events & more!

Want to help with behind the scenes planning and organizing Youth Group events for you and your friends? *Theresa is accepting more Teen Leaders for next year. You must be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2022-2023 school year! Just email her at [stmarysYM1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysYM1870@gmail.com)!*

Thank you to all the teens who helped this year especially our seniors:

*Adriana Bureau, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bella Meideros, Lia Moran, and Kate Stanwood!*

**We are so proud of you,  
and will miss you!**



*Stay tuned for more High School Youth Group updates and events for next year!*





# HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP



COMING UP

Please pray for our teens  
& chaperones as they  
head out to serve in  
Mississippi this June!

*June 26-July 2, 2022*

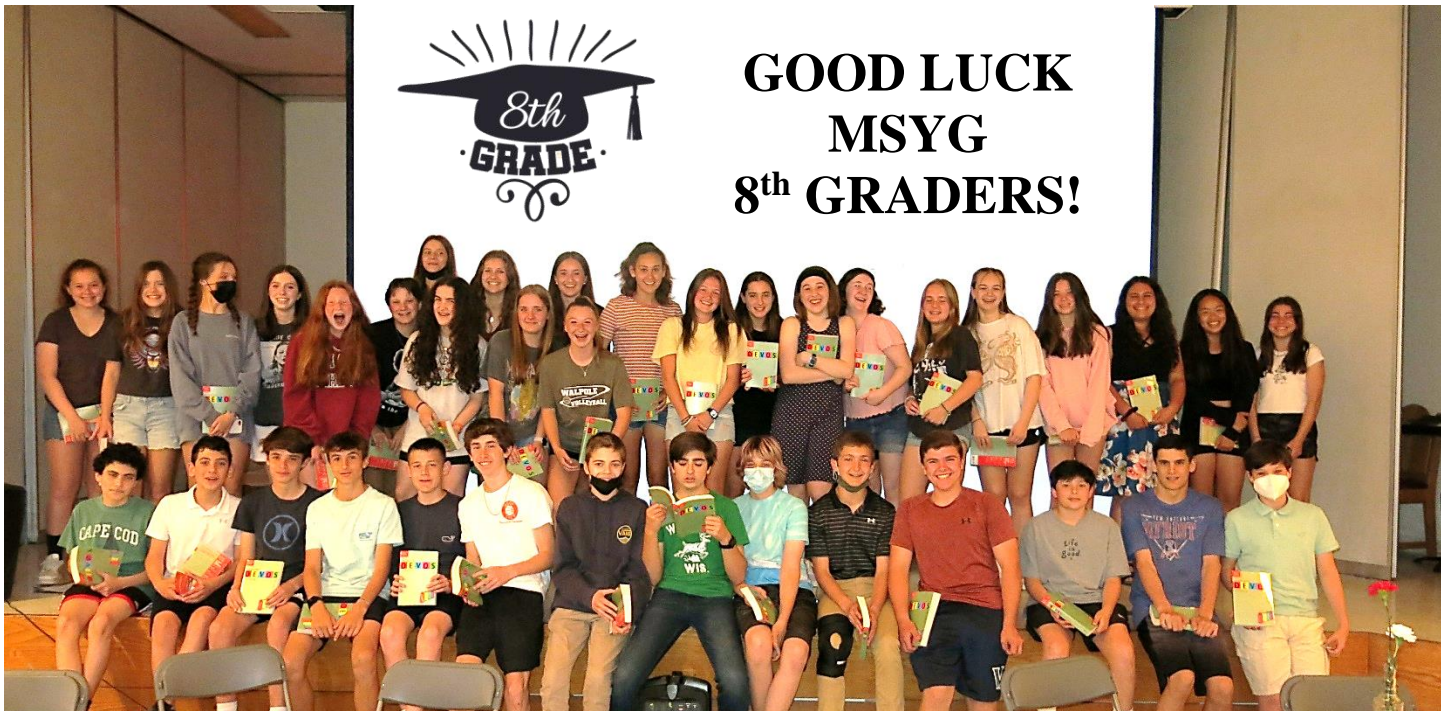






# St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

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



## **MSYG END OF YEAR CLOSING CEREMONY & POTLUCK SUPPER**

Over 200 Middle School Youth Group Teens, moms and dads filled Fr. Haley Hall on May 15 for the Annual Potluck Supper and End of Year Ceremonies. The night began with grace and a delicious meal provided by the families. Next came a Prayer Service, with the Opening Prayer led by Paul McGrath and Scripture read by Susannah Butler. Fr. Mark offered a brief reflection on John 6:3-13, in which Andrew brings the boy with a few loaves and fishes to Jesus and a great miracle occurs. When we bring the gifts of our young people to the Lord, He blesses and magnifies them in all ways!

Next, awards of Dunkin Donut gift cards were given to teens who exhibited exceptional commitment and generous service as part of the Youth Group this year. They were: Nora McElligott, Isaiah Lewis, Sadie Foster, Henry Hayes, Tea Stucci, Luke Roberto, and Kevin Whynot. Mrs. Sue Cote and Mrs. Amy Hunter were also presented with beautiful flower bouquets in recognition of their work organizing the MSYG paperwork and meeting snacks respectively.

Finally, all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Members present were called forward by name and presented with a Daily Devos Book, a gift to help enhance their daily prayer life. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders then posed for a group photo (above), and received this blessing from Fr. Mark and their parents:

*Heavenly Father, we ask your grace upon these young people, as they go forth to High School.  
Bless them with wisdom, to make right choices. Bless them with courage, to stand up for what is right.  
Bless them with openness, to learn - and to grow into the people you created them and call them to be.  
Keep them safe from all danger; and preserve them as Your faithful followers – true witnesses of Your love in the world.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

The night ended with a movie of all this past year's events. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made it possible!

## **SUMMER CALENDAR**

**Sunday, June 26 - Monday, June 27:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Kennebec River Rafting Trip.

**Friday, August 5:** Brownstone Quarry.

**Friday, August 19:** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Deerfield Whitewater Rafting Trip.







## Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America  
St. Mary's Parish \* June, 2022

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster  
508.579.4357

Email: [Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.hollistonTroop14.com](http://www.hollistonTroop14.com)

If interested in joining Troop 14, contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for Boys 11-17 years old.

The Troop is back in full swing with weekly Monday Night Meetings from 7 - 8:30 PM in St. Mary's Lower Church Hall. Join us!

### Upcoming Events:

- June Bike Trip at Martha's Vineyard.
- End of the year Court of Honor and Cookout on June 13.
- Summer Camp in July.
- High Adventure Backpacking in August.

**DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION CAMPOUT:** On March 18 & 19, Troop 14 with 13 Scouts and Leaders set out to Killingworth, CT. Upon arriving, the Scouts used maps and compasses and backpacked four miles through Forster Pond State Forest to their Cabin at Deer Lake Scout Reservation. After lunch, the Scouts hiked around the reservation and found "Fat Man's Squeeze" where they explored the natural rock formation with its cliffs, caves and splits in the rock to crawl through and climb. Back to the cabin for dinner, a campfire and a hike out the next morning.



**ROCK CLIMBING:** One of Troop 14 favorite traditions is BACK! Indoor Rock Climbing - on March 26 & 27 Troop 14 spent a night at Rock Spot in South Boston, where 30 Scouts and five leaders rock climbed late into the night, slept for a few hours on the



padded floors and then woke to do some early morning climbing before the facility opened. Five 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos joined us and climbed with the Troop that evening. Scouts could be found all over the 11,000 sf gym either climbing the bouldering terrain, using

the top rope climbs, or just hanging out with friends. This popular Troop event encourages team building as well as challenging and testing your skills and abilities.

**MOUNT GREYLOCK CAMPOUT:** Troop 14, with 10 Scouts and 4 leaders took their daypacks and hiked the steep six mile Bellow Pike Trail to the summit of Mount Greylock on April 30. At 3,491 feet, it is the highest point in Massachusetts. Being a clear day, the Troop experienced views from the summit as far as 90 miles away. Later at the campsite that afternoon, they looked back up at the mountain they just climbed and reflected on the day's experiences.





**NEW SCOUTS JOIN TROOP 14:** Over the past month, 8 Webelo Scouts joined Troop 14. Troop 14 Scouts and leaders were present as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos crossed over from Holliston Cub Scout Pack 2 and Pack 47 and officially became Boy Scouts. Welcome aboard!

**TREE TOP ADVENTURES & CAMPOUT AT THE NE BASE CAMP ON BLUE HILLS RESERVATION:** For the second year, on Saturday May 21, Troop 14 with 20 Scouts and leaders took on the challenge of high ropes obstacle course at Tree Top Adventures in Canton, MA. With its 27 Zip-lines and 10 Trails, the Scouts progressed through the various trails reaching platforms high in the trees by traversing across rolling logs, bridges, ladders, tight ropes and zip-line obstacles. They were able to



challenge themselves on four levels of difficulty, some taking on the Black Diamond Expert Trail high up in the trees. The Troop camped that night at nearby NE Base Camp on Blue Hills Reservation. (Photo) After breakfast and a prayer service, they hiked four miles with temps in the upper 90's reaching the 35-foot stone Elliot Observation Tower on top of Great Blue Hill with its 270° view of Boston, Boston Harbor and the surrounding towns.



**ANOTHER SCOUT MEETING OR A BIKE RIDE?** On Monday, May 23, Troop 14 Scouts got their bikes, helmets, and water bottles and chose "A Bike Ride." To prepare for their annual Bike trip in June (this year in Martha's Vineyard) the Scouts hit the Holliston Rail Trail and biked 10 miles from Holliston to Milford and back building endurance, practicing safe biking skills and having a blast doing it.

**TROOP 14'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT:** Congratulations go out to Andrew McWilliams who completed all the requirements and passed his Eagle Board of Review on May 26, achieving Scouting's highest rank. For his Eagle Project Andrew build two racks at Pleasure Point to store canoes and kayaks. Andrew is Troop 14's 83<sup>rd</sup> Eagle Scout since the Troop was first chartered to St. Mary's Parish, 57 years ago. The McWilliams are the 1<sup>st</sup> family to have two generations of Eagle Scouts from Troop 14, Andrew's Uncle, Erik McWilliams was the 31<sup>st</sup> Eagle Scout in 1995.

**GIVING BACK:** As busy as Troop 14 was this spring, they managed to find time to do two services projects for those who support Troop 14:

- Holliston Sportsman's Association – April 23, 17 Scouts and Leaders did a spring cleanup of the grounds.
- St. Mary's Parish – May 15, nine Scouts and leaders helped set up Father Haley Hall for a huge End of Year Middle School Youth Group Dinner later that night.





# ADULT FAITH RESOURCES

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**“FAITH SPEAKING” VOLUMES:** This month’s book recommendation is Daniel P. Horan, OFM’s 2021 book, *A White Catholic’s Guide to Racism and Privilege*. Fr. Horan, a white Catholic priest, wrote this book “to help guide white people to discover those things [structural racism and white privilege/supremacy] we were socialized to not see, to dismiss, to excuse, to qualify, to rationalize or to reject outright” (p. xvi). Blending information from theologians, the teachings of the Catholic church and other social observers/activists with stories of his own personal experiences, Fr. Horan reminds us that we need to be humble and risk vulnerability and even discomfort as we work to recognize the part we may unwittingly play in maintaining systems that benefit white people while oppressing people of color. In the last two chapters of this book, Fr. Horan writes of several concrete steps we can take to begin this work. He notes the need for all of us to develop a spirit of ongoing conversion (*metanoia*) and a strong grounding in a life of prayer; he says that “it is important to remember that we never do the work of God alone, but always as part of and within the broader community of the faithful” (p. 155). This book is in the parish library and is available from online booksellers.

**SEASON AND READINGS:** This month, we return to the Season of Ordinary Time. The Solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) mark the first Sundays of this season. June 26, the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, kicks off the numbered, or ordinal, Sundays. It was before Lent that we last experienced Ordinary Time, with its continuous reading of the gospel of Luke. On June 26, in the Old Testament reading from the First Book of Kings, we hear that Elisha immediately left everything in order to follow Elijah...an admonition that Jesus himself gives in the Gospel which is proclaimed on that day. In July, you may recognize the Gospels which include the parable of the Good Samaritan (July 10), the story of the sisters Martha and Mary (July 17) and Jesus’ gift of the Our Father to his apostles (July 24). Ordinary Time gives us the opportunity to hear about and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Jesus; it’s like a retreat, spread over many weeks. Enjoy it! As always, you can prepare for the Sunday readings at <https://liturgy.slu.edu/>.

**MISSION:** Deacon Ron’s homily on May 21, 2022 focused on faith and mission and the ways in which they energize each other. Here are additional resources to reference when considering your role in the church’s mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. First, take a look at these few pages of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, <https://bit.ly/Evangelizationideas>, for some encouragement about spreading the good news, a task also known as evangelizing. Pope Francis’ writings often remind us of our call to evangelize; here’s a link to *The Joy of the Gospel*, his 2013 exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today’s world: <https://bit.ly/PopeFrancisEG>. Check out paragraph 9 which reminds us that “goodness always tends to spread”. Finally, see our own parish website for concrete ideas about how you can live out the missionary spirit of our Church (<https://bit.ly/MissionarySpirit>).

**FATHER’S DAY:** Father’s Day is celebrated this year on Sunday, June 19. You can find prayers for fathers on the Jesuit resources page of the Xavier University website, <https://bit.ly/FDPrayers>.

**YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST:** The Archdiocesan Year of the Eucharist ends this month, with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Cardinal Seán has invited us to use this time to recognize and reflect on the true gift of Jesus’ real presence that the Eucharist is for each of us. And what is this gift’s effect on our lives today? Pope Francis reminds us that just as Jesus shares himself with us in the Eucharist, we are to give ourselves to others in service. For Pope Francis’ June 2021 reflection on the gift of the Eucharist, go to <https://bit.ly/PFEucharist>. - Leo Racine