



Meet Him In Ashes ~ Wednesday, February 17



6:45 AM Liturgy 4:00 PM Liturgy
9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Liturgy

Pre-Sign Up at <https://stmarysholliston.com/>.

Advance Sign-Ups end at 9:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16.

9:00 AM Mass Live-streamed to Facebook and Holliston Cable Access.

Meet Him For An Hour ~ Sunday, February 21

Lenten Holy Hour from 2:00-3:00 PM in St. Mary's Church. Deacon Ron Dowding will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for one hour of Eucharistic Adoration. During this time of prayer, he will offer "A Lenten Reflection for the Year of the Eucharist." Lent is the time for repentance, for spiritual renewal, for forgiveness, and for strengthening our relationship with Jesus. The Lenten Retreat will be live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston>. Parishioners who attend in person will follow all the Sunday Mass pandemic safety procedures.

Meet Him Tuesday Evenings ~

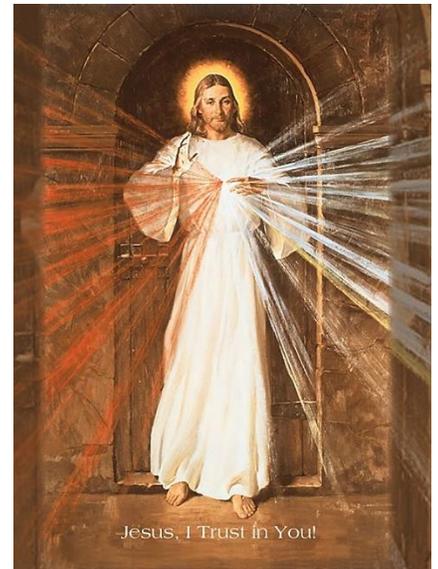
Evening Prayer, part of the Church's official daily prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, will be offered virtually for Lent on Tuesdays, February 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 7:00 PM. This beautiful prayer consists of psalms, hymns, and intercessions. It is easy to learn. Join us and find peace at day's end. You can participate in the prayer via the Music at St. Mary's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston>.

Meet Him in His Divine Mercy ~

During the Season of Lent, Parishioner Mitch Liro and Deacon Ron Dowding invite you to a series of weekly meetings to learn about and explore The Divine Mercy. The program is open to anyone. Each meeting will consist of viewing brief, professionally produced videos, short discussions, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We will meet in the comfort of our own homes via ZOOM on Wednesday evenings for 60-90 minutes. Meetings will be at 6:30 PM on February 24, and March 3, 17, 24, and 31. For additional information or to signup, contact Mitch Liro at 508-429-6098 (mjlsjl67@gmail.com) or contact Deacon Ron at 508-429-3961 (ronald.dowding@verizon.net).

"Sacred scripture is the greatest story ever told; and the story of The Divine Mercy is the Second Greatest Story Ever Told." - Rev. Michael Gately



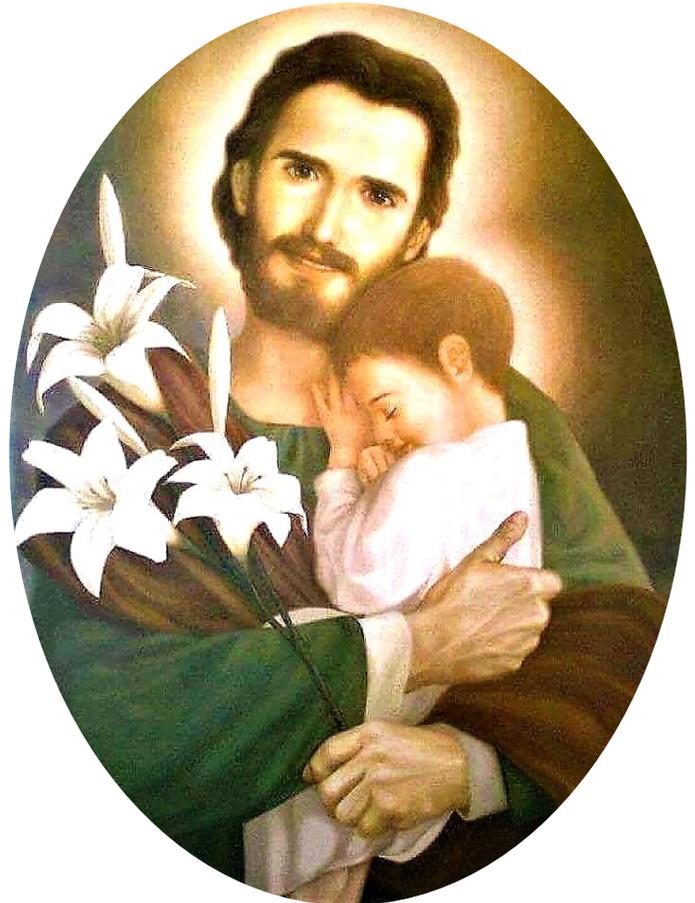


*Meet Him With
Saint Joseph ~
Wednesday,
February 24, 7:00 PM*

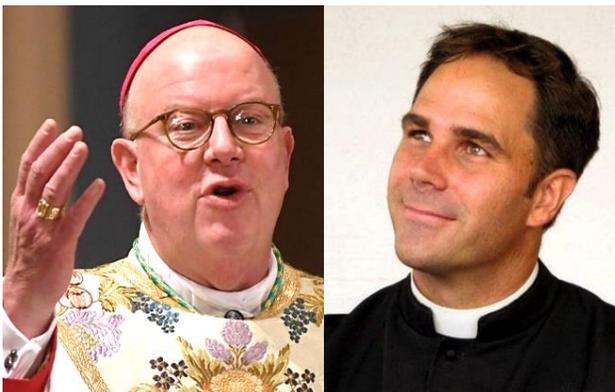
Virtual Lenten Retreat Evening. Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of St. Joseph, marking the 150th anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and will conclude on December 8, 2021. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. He is also invoked as the patron saint of workers, fathers, and a happy death.

Why is St. Joseph such a popular patron, such an important figure for Catholics of all times and places? What do we really know about him? What does he have to teach us about what it means to follow Christ and experience the fulfillment that comes from spiritual maturity?

Join us as we journey through this Lenten Season with Saint Joseph and hear from these engaging speakers.



St. Joseph
Guardian of the Redeemer

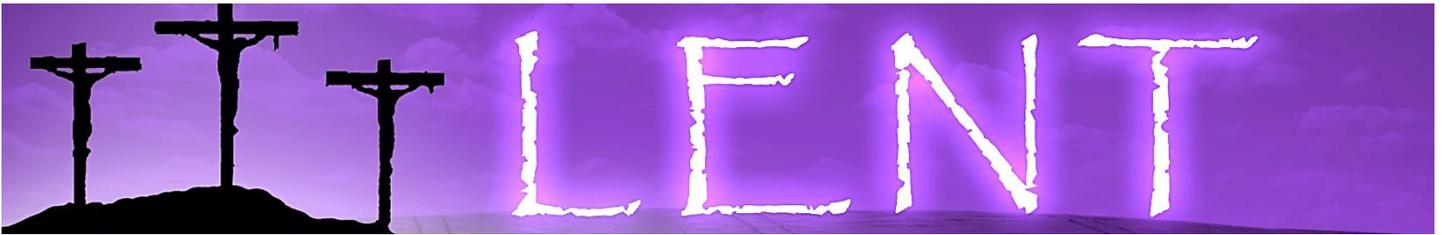


Bishop William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield, MA
A reflection on the spirituality of St. Joseph.

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Priest, Author, Consecration to
St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our
Spiritual Father. Fr. Calloway will
bring to life the wonders, the power,
and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph,
Universal Patron of the Church.



Register by clicking this link: www.sjs.edu/lentenretreat.
or by scanning right:



Meet Him In His Miracles ~

Father Haley Hall:

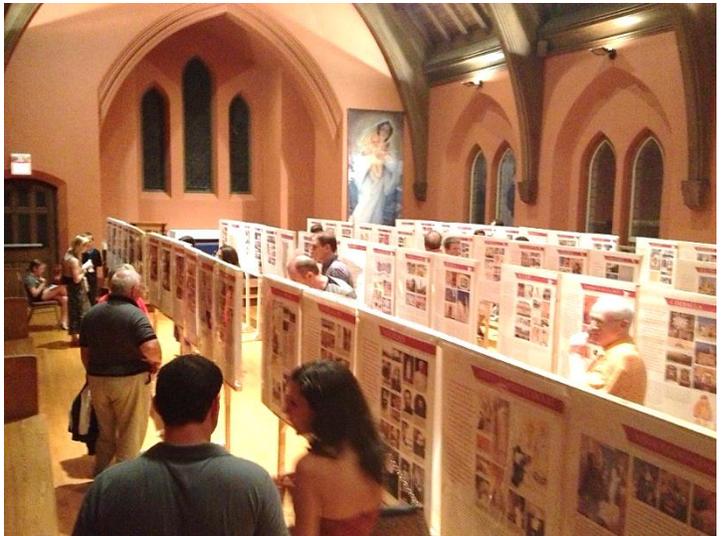
Friday, February 26, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 27, 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

This Lent, St. Mary's Parish, Holliston, will host The International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.

Designed by Carlo Acutis from Italy, the exhibit is intended to spread awareness of the Eucharistic miracles around the world. Since the actual relics and miracles cannot travel, the exhibit consists of Vatican-approved text and photographs and is arranged like an art exhibit.



What is a Eucharistic miracle? Catholics believe that the consecrated host used in Holy Communion is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. A Eucharistic miracle is any miracle that involves the Eucharist but in many of the miracles documented, they have happened during times of great doubt. Sometimes a consecrated host will bleed and drops of blood will fall on the chalice, the linens or on the floor. The Eucharist will bleed and sometimes the face of Jesus will be seen.

The exhibit displays around forty of the miracles from many countries around the world. Text is offered in English and Spanish, with a portion in Vietnamese and some for children. The exhibit will include the miracles of Lanciano, Italy, and Santarem, Portugal. These two miracles are considered by many to be the most important miracles involving the Eucharist.

For those who might desire to see scientific facts, the exhibit presents those supporting the miracles so that they can see that God is present in and with His creation at all times. The consecrated wine or precious blood has many times over the centuries turned into actual blood, which remains alive. Scientific evidence and testing support the fact that the blood from the miracles is living blood and the flesh is actual heart tissue from a suffering, dying man.

Normal human blood dies after fifteen minutes but the blood of the miracles is found to be living after hundreds of years. Interestingly, the blood from the Eucharistic miracles and from the Shroud of Turin, as well as from religious statues that bleed all over the world, has been found to all be of the same AB type blood. The miracles have been investigated by scientists and doctors from all over the world who admit that science can only take them so far, leaving them unable to explain the rest of the miracle, perhaps something to be left to faith alone.

We hope with the exhibit that we can increase people's understanding of and faith in the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, Jesus is still with us in a powerful way, offering much-needed joy and stability in a confusing and chaotic world. All are welcome, full pandemic protocols apply.



Meet Him For Forty Hours ~

Sunday, March 14 - Tuesday, March 16

Forty Hours Devotion: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities. Please pray for an end to the worldwide pandemic, and for all those harmed by it.



Sunday, March 14

11:30 AM Opening Mass

Tuesday, March 16

9:00 AM Closing Mass with
Benediction

Normally the church is open to the public throughout the Forty Hours. Regretfully, Pandemic safety regulations make that impossible this year. So only the three persons signed-up for each hour may enter. Sign-Up for a specific hour at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> starting February 27.

Meet Him With Cardinal O'Malley ~

Weeknights March 22-26 at 7:00 PM

Join our Archbishop, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, for a five evening Virtual Lenten Retreat the week before Palm Sunday. The event will be broadcast on Boston Catholic Television.

You may watch online at: <https://www.catholicTV.org/>.

Cable television option include:

Comcast Channel 268, Verizon Channel 296, and RCN Channel 85.

You may enjoy last Lent's Retreat with His Eminence at: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/virtual-retreat-cardinal-sean>.

