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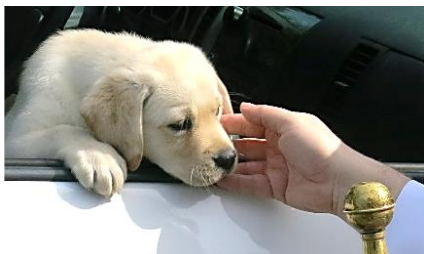
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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2020

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New Christmas Mass Schedule

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- 40 New Families Welcomed
- 150th Anniversary News
- 2020 Grand Annual Kick Off
- K. of C. & WINGS
- Troop 14, Boy Scouts
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- Blessing of the Animals
- Much, much more!



16th Annual Blessing of the Animals!

Because of the Pandemic it was a Drive Through Version, but cats, dogs, ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, and even some Siamese Fighting Fish made the trip to be blessed on Sunday, October 11. Through the open car windows Fr. Mark blessed each animal by name with holy water, saying, *"Through the intercession of good St. Francis may God bless you with health of body and mind. May you always know that you are loved!"* A masked and gloved Altar Server passed out St. Francis Prayer Cards to each vehicle after the pets were blessed. The Blessing of Animals takes place in October because this month we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who had a special love for all the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.



St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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

WELCOME DEACON RON!

On Saturday, October 3, St. Mary's Parishioner Ron Dowding was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. The ordination was celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston and was the culmination of five years of prayer and study. Ron was "vested" by our own Deacon John Barry. On the following day, St. Mary's welcomed Ron as her new Deacon at an 11:30 Sunday Morning Mass of Thanksgiving. Ron delivered his first sermon, and Fr. Mark presented him with two gifts from the Parish – a Master Key to the buildings, and a Print depicting the call of the first seven deacons in Acts Chapter 6.

Ron grew up in Southwick, Massachusetts in the foothills of the beautiful Berkshires. He is the third of four sons of John and Dorothy Dowding.

Ron is a graduate of Northeastern University (B.S. in Business Administration and Certificate in Professional Writing). He also holds a Certificate in Software Engineering from Harvard University. Ron is employed as a software project manager, and is currently pursuing a Master's in Ministry from St. John's Seminary.

Ron married his wife, Jeanne, in 1987 and in 1991 they moved to Holliston. They have two sons – Andrew and Christopher. For the past 15 years, Jeanne has been a math teacher at the middle school in Holliston. Ron and Jeanne have been active in several ministries at St. Mary's for many years. Ron is a founding member of the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council and Jeanne was a founding member (secretary) of the WINGS ministry at St. Mary's.

We congratulate Ron and his family on this joyous occasion and pray that his new ministry will be a rich source of blessing for them and for our parish!





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

In these strange and deeply frustrating days of Pandemic, I offer you this verse of Scripture to hold in your hearts. Romans 12:12, "*Be joyful in hope, be patient in trial, be constant in prayer.*" We are joyful in hope because the Pandemic cannot last forever. We also know that Christ has already won final victory over any evil that may touch our lives. We are patient in this trial because we know that God is with us every day of it. We are constant in our prayer because it is the means by which we access the grace that keeps hope alive and helps us to face the current trials with patience and a sacrificial spirit – putting the needs of others first in new and unexpected ways.

Many have now returned to the Holy Mass each week, many others must watch and pray along virtually for health reasons. Still others have started to lose their connection to Christ and the community of believers, making prayer all the more urgent in their lives. So many of the ways we used to come together, support each other, and be strengthened as a community are no longer available to us. But no matter what happens, prayer remains the lifeline that ties us to one another and to God.

May He keep you and yours physically healthy and spiritually safe.



TENTATIVE 2020 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Because of the Pandemic seating limits, we will need more Masses this year to accommodate our people at Christmas. The need to fully disinfect worship spaces between Masses also requires changes to our usual schedule. In light of Pandemic Christmas challenges, Cardinal O'Malley has given a one day dispensation allowing Vigil Masses to begin as early as 3 PM on December 24 this year. Therefore - *provided that we can recruit enough greeters and cleaners for safety* - St. Mary's tentative Mass Schedule for Christmas 2020 is as follows:



Thursday, December 24, 2020: 3 PM Masses in both the Church & Hall, 5 PM Masses in both the Church & Hall, 7:30 PM Mass in the Church, 11 PM "Midnight" Mass in the Church.

Friday, December 25, 2020: 9:30 AM Mass in the Church, 11:30 AM Mass in the Church.

* All Masses will require Advance Mass Sign Ups. Only in this way can we make certain that there is a place for all.

FOUR ADULTS RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH!

The Pandemic prevented them from receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, but they persevered and finally on Saturday, September 19, our four R.C.I.A. Candidates had their moment. With designation from the Regional Bishop, our Pastor Fr. Mark Coiro celebrated two Baptisms, four First Communions, and four Confirmations at the 7:30 PM Vigil Mass. Shown below with their Sponsors from left to right are Matthew Kallas, Yucchabelle Cote, Samantha Flynn, and Katherine Sanders. Please say a prayer for these newly Initiated Members of the Faith. Welcome!





60 Confirmed In The Spirit!

On Saturday, September 26, fifty-nine teens and one adult were Confirmed at St. Mary's Parish. In order to accommodate as many family members as possible with pandemic seating restrictions, the Sacrament was administered at three different celebrations. We are most grateful to Bishop Robert Reed for accommodating this request, and for taking time for quick "mask-less pics" outdoors afterwards. We pray that now empowered by the Spirit's Sevenfold Gifts, these young men and women will discover God's love and plan for their lives in new ways. May they truly become His witnesses in the world today. And may the Church to which they have now been fully initiated forever be their spiritual home. Amen.





May Jesus the Good Shepherd welcome you and acknowledge you as one of His flock. May He carry you to the bright and verdant pastures of the Lord. May you dwell forever in His Presence, His Peace, and His Love. Amen.

John Hand
Donna LaRosa
Judith McGrath
Annette Cassidy
Jakob Keller
Mary Miley
Barbara Dow
Peter Markunas
Helen Medwid
William Archambault
Frederick Shoff
Doris McGrath
Maureen Burns
Peter Sullivan
Doris O'Neil
Mary Messina
Margaret Palmer
Ileana Bachman
Stephen Rothrock
Anthony Loscocco
Louise Whitehouse

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

The individuals listed here were honored with Christian burial from St. Mary's since the Feast of All Souls last year. They will be commemorated in a special way at an All Souls Mass,

Monday, November 2 at 7 PM

A candle will be lit in each one's memory as their name is read. They and all our beloved dead will be kept in prayer throughout the month of November, according to Catholic custom.

All are invited to take part in the All Souls Mass to pray for the repose of their own departed loved ones.

Daniel Connors
Eileen Harrington
Joan Lanoue
Roger Castelli
John McColgan
June Murphy
Matthew Franchitto
Maureen Ferguson
William Dooling
Adam Parmenter
Mark Yockey
Sgt. Brandon Wieldan
Ruth Rudek
Dorothy Tierney
Robert Williams
Richard Sawash
Jose Luis
Nicholas Anselmo
Carol Carr
James Hilliard

St. Mary's Warmly Welcomes 40 New Families to Our Parish!

The Minucci Family – David, Bridget and Theodore

The Walkowicz Family – Nathan and Melissa

The Berardi Family – Seana

The Trabocco Family – Tod, Stephanie, Elizabeth,
Angelina and Nicholas

The Supple-Miller Family – Suzanne

The Bushee Family – Maryalis

The Hayes Family – Ronald and Patricia

The Noble Family – Paul and Anne

The Fraser Family – Katie

The Elliott Family – Todd, Anna, Erica, Morgan and Haley

The Antonioli Family – Matthew, Caroline and Charlotte

The Estevam Family – Marco, Samantha and Leonardo

The Beaudoin Family – Brian, Leah, Bennett and Patrick

The Cogan Family – David, Michaela, Colton and Harlow

The Troutman Family – Ramsay, Catherine and Caroline

The Grace Family – Charles, Sofia and Lilliana

The Snyder Family – Parker, Katarzyna and Tristan

The Dennison Family – Christopher, Kristin, Cole and Eli

The Price Family – Nathan and Katherine

The King Family – Christopher, Deirdre and Lennon

The Ambrose Family – Brian, Ann-Marie, Jacob and Lyla

The Barresi Family – Joseph, Heather, Joseph, Sophia
and Addison

The Buonaccorsi Family – Ernest, Renee, Jacob, Samantha
and Alexandra

The Childs Family – Richard, Tracy, Riley and Matthew

The Clark Family – Christopher, Megan, Robb, Elle and Will



The Dalton Family – Sean, Denise, Jack,
Willem and Sydney

The Fagan Family – Chip

The Ellis Family – Derek, Lauren, Sean and
Madison

The Giallonardo Family – William, Carrie,
Chloe and Emmy

The Grady Family – John, Katie, Emma,
Nolan and Nora

The Harding Family – Bryan, Danielle,
Nicholas, Olivia, Grace and Isla

The Hodgens Family – Matthew, Lindsey,
Grace and Madelyn

The McDermott Family – William, Tara,
Maeve, Bridget and Colleen

The O'Brien Family – Richard, Lisa, Daniel
and Kailee

The Oldford Family – Stephen, Marie,
Sophia and Anthony

The Parlon Family – James, Jessica,
Matthew and Brooke

The Thomas Family – Michael, Sheila,
Brady and Quinn

The Wilde Family – Cory, Meagan,
Matthew, Maeve, Max and Marcus

The Williamson Family – Tim, Nancy,
Mather, Lily and Jack

The Wood Family – Jamie, Maria, Emma,
Noah and Bennett



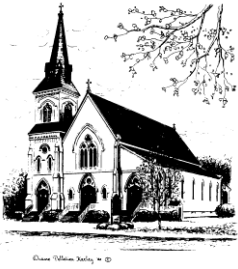


2020 Grand Annual ~ Photos of St. Mary's Church Walls and Ceilings.

Most of the church interior has not been painted since 1994. Some walls are badly soot stained. On others the paint has so worn away that you can actually see the wooden framing behind the plaster.

The church ceiling has developed numerous cracks that are spreading and will become more costly to repair as time goes on.

As part of the repairs, the church ceiling fans will be removed. These do not actually affect the airflow in the church and are an eyesore that collect black dirt we cannot reach to clean away.



Saint Mary's Parish

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November, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

150 years ago this month, on November 29, 1870, St. Mary's was canonically established as a Parish. Those 150 years represent countless 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.

For the past 60 years, one of the things that has helped keep St. Mary's strong is the Grand Annual – a once a year special collection that goes entirely toward parish operating costs. In combination with the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual allows St. Mary's to pay her bills and maintain her four buildings, three of which are well over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2020 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is **Veteran's Day Weekend - November 7 & 8**. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as the previous four years.

The bulk of this year's Grand Annual, \$79,650.00, is needed to cover the complete painting and plaster repairs of Saint Mary's Church interior. (Due to scaffolding costs, both other bids were over \$100,000). Our church has not been painted inside since the completion of the renovation twenty-six years ago. Walls have been stained by soot and in some places the paint is so worn away that you can actually see the wooden framework inside the plaster.

The church ceiling is of particular concern, as it has developed numerous cracks that are spreading and will become more costly to repair as time goes on. As part of the repairs, the church ceiling fans will be removed. These do not actually affect the airflow in the church and are an eyesore that collect black dirt we cannot reach to clean away.


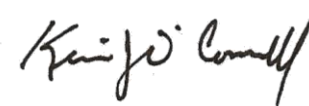
The painting company we have contracted with, ARTECH Church Restoration, will begin the church interior repairs and painting on Monday, November 16. The work will all be completed by Friday, December 18, just in time for our Christmas Celebrations. While weekday Masses will move to Fr. Haley Hall for those five weeks, the project will be arranged to allow us use of the church for all weekend Masses.

Normally, about \$85,000 of the \$150,000 Grand Annual is designated toward Staff Salaries and regular parish bills. However, because of the expense of painting and repairing the church interior, that will not be possible this year. It is therefore critical that, going forward, the parish offertory need of \$15,000 a week be consistently achieved. For this reason, please consider switching to Automatic Giving through your bank, or the "WeShare" Online Giving option. WeShare information is provided here: <https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org>

Since successfully paying off the last of her \$1.2 million loan debts in the fall of 2010, St. Mary's has been able to pay her bills and remains debt free. Your generous support of St. Mary's 2020 Grand Annual will assure that the hard-won financial health of our parish continues. We realize that these current economic times are difficult for many. But if we all do what we can according to our means, then the 2020 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity, as together we build towards the next 150 years of Catholic faith in Holliston.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

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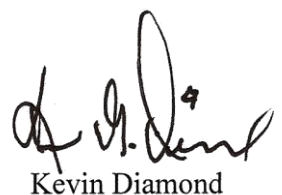
Kevin O'Connell



Dianne McDermott Roy



Ron Piper



Kevin Diamond

2020 Grand Annual Breakdown:

\$79,650.00 - Church ceiling plaster repairs and the first painting of St. Mary's Church interior in twenty-six years. Every single surface will be repaired and repainted, from ceilings to baseboards. **Happy 150th Birthday St. Mary's!**

\$70,350.00 - Staff Salaries. The eight men and women of St. Mary's Staff are hardworking, dedicated individuals. This portion of the Grand Annual will go toward their salaries.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2020 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary's Finance Council in this mailing.

Pray about it and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

If possible, please return the weekend of November 7 & 8 the gold Grand Annual envelope you will soon receive. It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot at that same address.

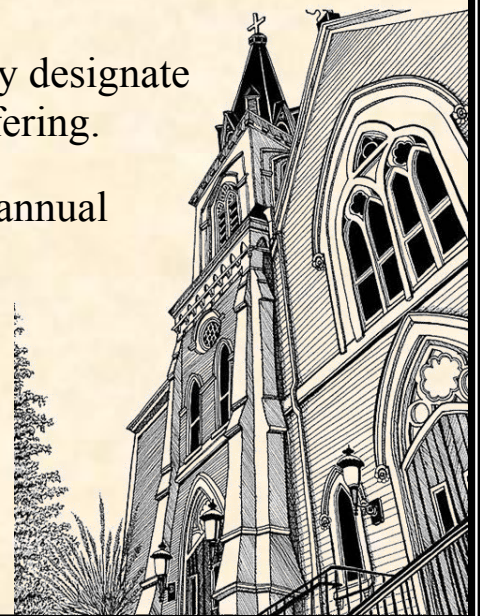
It is important that the special gold envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" be used.

For those using Automatic Giving or WeShare, you may designate your Grand Annual support as a separate, additional offering.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

***"Every person shall give as he is able,
according to the blessing of the LORD
your God which He has given you."***

Deuteronomy 16:17



2020 Royal School of Church Music Promotion Ceremony

On September 20 at the 9:30 AM Mass, members of the children's choir received their RSCM ribbons and medals, and probationers (choristers in training) received their cottas - the white vestment worn on top of the robes. This year's promotion ceremony looked different than last year's, with masks and social distancing, but each chorister was still presented with a ribbon and acknowledged by the parish.

This year we were immensely proud to present the following children with awards:

Cottas & White Ribbon: Will O'Brien and Noah Payne.

Dark-blue Ribbon: Paget O'Brien and Autumn Smith. **Not pictured:** Jack Baribeau, Caroline Coughlin, Arianna Lantz, Amelia MacEvoy, Anni Stevens, and Lucy Stevens.



St. Mary's Religious Education Program Resumes Live Classes for Grades 8, 9 & 10

Following a summer where many of our Parish and Youth Ministry events had to be cancelled, we are thrilled that our live Religious Education Classes for our older grades have resumed! This year for grades 8, 9 and 10 we are offering options for both (socially distanced) in person classes, and live online classes (using the video conferencing software, Zoom). This way students can receive their faith formation entirely in person, entirely online, or through a combination of the two.



Pictured: A 10th Grade Confirmation Prep Class learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The students in the top two pictures dressed up as the gifts of Wisdom and Fortitude, respectively.

We are incredibly thankful for our parish staff, volunteer catechists, and students who have been very flexible and understanding of these new procedures. During the first few class sessions the students have been excited to learn and are appreciative that their Faith Formation sessions have resumed during this time where a lot of the activities they look forward to have not happened this year.



Celebrating 150 years!

1870-2020



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER PARISH: St. Mary's March 2020 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was scheduled to include a visit and Mass with Fr. Issa at our new Sister Parish - Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour. St. Mary's parishioners donated over 200 new English language books, educational DVD's, and colored pencil sets for the pilgrims to carry with them for the children of the Patriarchate School in Beit Sahour. When queried, the Pastor Father Issa had indicated that these items would be most useful – especially the books as the schoolchildren spend one hour per day in English reading.

Unfortunately, the pilgrimage was postponed due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, so the gifts had to be shipped over instead (minus the colored pencils which created import problems). Two boxes were sent by Federal Express in mid-September, and on October 1 we received word that the first box of items, though battered, had arrived safely in Beit Sahour!



Shown left, Fr. Issa, the Beit Sahour Principal, and two teachers pose with the first items sent from Holliston to Palestine - 57 English Books and 16 Educational DVD's.

The school also sent the people of St. Mary's a thank you video message, which you may view here:

<https://rb.gy/cfqfkg>

The second box of books arrived in Jerusalem on October 2 and will be brought to Beit Sahour soon.

Another exciting development was the recent establishment of the "HOLLISTON – HOLY LAND FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP." This annual scholarship will pay 100% of the costs for one boy and one girl to attend the Beit Sahour Patriarchate School each year. Deserving recipients will be chosen by Fr. Issa and Our Lady's Parish. The scholarship will be funded by a special once a year collection at St. Mary's, this year the weekend of January 10, 2021. The cost per student is just \$1,100 each, so the collection need only raise \$2,200 to forever change the lives of two Catholic students in the Holy Land, opening doors and brighter futures for them both.

WHAT IS NEXT? Our Lady's in Beit Sahour charts a Boy Scouts of Palestine Troop, just as St. Mary's, Holliston charts a Boy Scouts of America Troop. The Troop adult leaders have begun communicating and hope to find ways for the two Troops to connect and learn what Scouting is like in a different land and culture. We know this will be eye-opening and broadening for both groups of Scouts! Image right – Symbol of the BSP, with Arabic for "Be Prepared."



1870-2020 Celebrating 150 years!



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

REV. RICHARD J. QUINLAN: In honor of St. Mary's founding in November 1870, the following chapter about Fr. Richard Quinlan, St. Mary's founding pastor, is included. It is taken from the upcoming St. Mary's Anniversary Book.

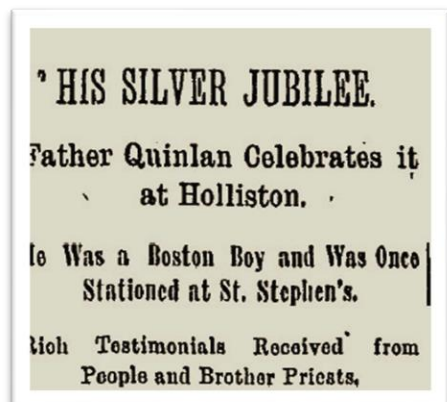
Rev. Richard Quinlan: Setting the bar high it's hard to imagine a priest more suited in temperament and ability for navigating the myriad obstacles of building a new parish than Fr. Richard Quinlan. Newspaper articles from his 25th anniversary celebration and his obituary are filled with praise for his quiet disposition, frank and kindly manner, readiness to respond to duty, tireless work for right and against wrong, and his great charity. His parishioners were very generous to him also, and more conservative non-Catholics in Holliston looked upon the lavish outpourings as rather overdone. He had chances for more prestigious appointments elsewhere, but declined them to stay with his new faith family.



Fr. Quinlan was born October 17, 1842, in Boston, the only child of Patrick and Mary Quinlan. He attended parochial schools in North Easton and Pawtucket, graduated from Holy Cross College in 1863 and from the Grand Seminary in Montreal where he was ordained. He gathered experience for administering a parish from his assignments at St. James in Haverhill and St. Stephen's in the North End before coming to Holliston as founding pastor of St. Mary's in 1870. What is more remarkable is that Fr. Quinlan was 28 years old when he began his journey with his new flock at St. Mary's.

Once in Holliston, he wasted no time building his parish (both literally and figuratively!) then consisting of the towns of Holliston, Medway and Bellingham. No doubt he was helped in his numerous travels between towns by his ownership of a horse (\$150) and carriage (\$100). He immediately immersed himself in Holliston community life; serving on the Holliston School Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Holliston Public Library. His account ledger records his salary as \$50.00 a month.

Fr. Quinlan did have several curates to help him during these busy building years. Sadlier's Catholic Directory lists Rev. John F. Cummins assisting in 1881 and 1883, and Rev. James Campbell assisting in 1885. An article in the February 10, 1885 edition of The Boston Globe states "Rev. Thomas Moylan of Bridgewater has arrived as assistant to Rev. R.J. Quinlan, pastor of St. Mary's Church." Rev. Alexander J. Hamilton, born and raised in Holliston, assisted Fr. Quinlan in 1905 and 1906.



In December 1891, Fr. Quinlan celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest. He was inherently modest but was persuaded by three of his former altar boys, now priests, to have a more lavish celebration. Festivities included a 9:00 AM Solemn High Mass celebrated by Fr. Quinlan, an elegant banquet at 1:00 PM for visiting priests, and a public gathering of the parish in the evening which included entertainment by the children. The entire church was handsomely decorated for the occasion. A generous purse was given to him in gratitude for his years of service.

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The proud tradition at St. Mary's for beautiful and inspiring music began with Fr. Quinlan. Early in his pastorate, he hired Etta (Julietta) Kennedy, professional organist, choir director, and graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, to develop a choir at St. Mary's. She not only started an adult choir, but also a children's choir as well. Etta and the choir provided the music at Fr. Quinlan's 25th anniversary celebration in 1891. She, and both choirs, also played a prominent role in providing music and dramatic plays at the early town wide celebrations and festivals held to benefit St. Mary's. Etta's brother, Thomas, was the first sexton at St. Mary's, and her father, Michael Kennedy was elected Selectman in 1869. Etta died on February 29, 1912 after serving at St. Mary's for 40 years. Ironically, Fr. Quinlan died one month later.

It is easy to forget that while we recognize and admire all his heroic efforts at St. Mary's, his parish responsibilities went beyond Holliston town borders. His early ledger pages were clearly separated into entries for Holliston and entries for Medway. Separate entries for Medway are listed from January 1871 through 1876 and contain the same types of records as his Holliston entries. It appears that at the same time Fr. Quinlan was building our church he was also building a church in Medway. He succeeded in erecting the basement and most of the superstructure of the new St. Joseph's, but there was such a large influx of Catholics that Medway was made a separate parish in May 1885. The new Pastor, Rev. Matthew Boylan, finished the construction.

During the last three years of his life Fr. Quinlan was in declining health and he was sent another curate, Fr. Francis McNeil, of Boston to help him with his many parish duties. This saintly and humble pastor went home to God, in the rectory, on March 25, 1912, after serving for 42 years, St. Mary's longest serving pastor. His eminence Cardinal O'Connor presided over his funeral Mass and the church was filled to capacity by parishioners and townspeople. Many were unable even to gain entry. About 100 priests were present, including eleven men who had served as altar boys to Fr. Quinlan and subsequently became priests. Schools and businesses were closed at the time of the funeral. Fr. Quinlan is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery along with his parents.

WAS PASTOR OF
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
FOR 42 YEARS

Rev. R. J. Quinlan Dies
at Holliston Today

WAS BELOVED BY ALL

R. J. Quinlan





Troop 14 Holliston

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

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

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster
508.579.4357

Email: Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com

Website: www.hollistonTroop14.com

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 is meeting outdoors during the Pandemic, Lower Church & Fr. Haley Hall soon. If interested in joining Troop 14, contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for Boys 11-17 years old.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November Campout at the Sportsman Association.
- Scouting for Food on Saturday November 7 and 14.

ST. MARY'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 14: The Troop is back in full swing with Monday evening outdoor meetings being held at Goodwill Park since September 14, and two campouts taking place in September. Over the past month, the Troop focused on youth leadership elections, with Ryan Lukowiak being elected the Senior Patrol Leader. The Troop reorganized itself into four patrols; set goals for advancement; and planned upcoming campouts and service projects. With temperatures dropping and earlier sunsets, the Troop will move to a mix of Virtual Meetings and Meetings at St. Mary's.



CAMPOUT (SEPTEMBER 11-13): Nineteen Scouts and leaders camped for the weekend at Nobscot Scout Reservation in Framingham. Throughout the weekend social distancing was maintained and everyone camped in their own tents. The weekend focused on developing Scout skills, a hike, campfire and a Scout's Own Prayer Service on Sunday morning. The Scouts also completed a service project clearing two campsites of fallen debris that had occurred over the past few months.

BACKPACKING TRIP (SEPTEMBER 26-27): Carrying all the gear they needed for the weekend in their backpacks, 20 Scouts and leaders participated in backpacking training at Rocky Woods Reservation in Medfield. For many of the younger Scouts, this was their first backpacking trip. After a 5-mile hike, the Troop set camp in a field next to a pond, cooked freeze-dried dinners on lightweight stoves and settled in around the campfire. The weekend training focused on developing backpacking and hiking skills, map and compass, learning how to use the Troop's backpacking stoves, water purification and other backpacking equipment. Sunday morning started with an early breakfast, a Scout's Own Prayer Service and a short hike out. (Photos)



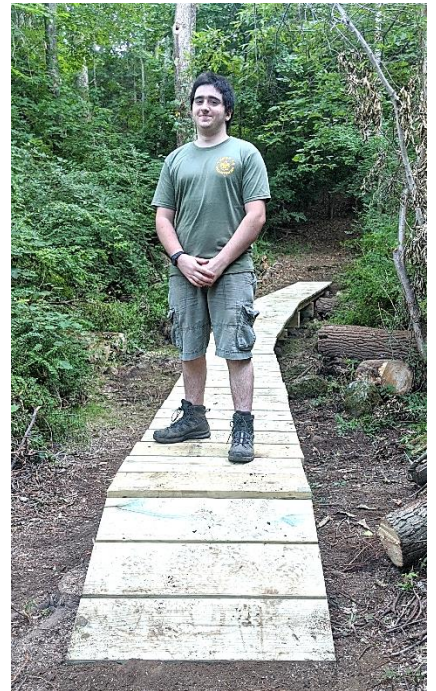
"Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

(Job 12:7-10)

FOUR EAGLE PROJECTS COMPLETED IN AUGUST: After four months of Eagle Projects being on hold, the town allowed Eagle Projects to proceed following certain COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures. Four Troop 14 senior Scouts scheduled and completed their Eagle Projects over three weeks in August including:



- Two picnic areas in quiet, scenic portions on the northern end of the Rail Trail – Nico Doyle.
- Building four guardrails at two cattle passes between Lowland St. and Rte. 16 on the Rail Trail – Brendan Irons.
- Clearing the trail and building a 60' boardwalk at the Brentwood Conservation Land – Griffin Ripley.
- Clearing the trail and building 144' of boardwalks at the Poitras Memorial Land Trail off Rte. 16/126 – Brandon Paradie.



Each of the four Scouts have now completed their Eagle requirements, submitted their Eagle Applications for approval and are awaiting their Board of Reviews.

SOME BOY SCOUT FUN FACTS:

The Boy Scouts was originally founded in England by General Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1907.

An American newspaperman named W.D. Boyce founded the Boy Scouts of America in the United States in 1910, after he was helped in England by a Boy Scout that gave him directions.

David Bowie's first musical performance took place at a Boy Scouts Camp in 1958.

Both Paul McCartney and John Lennon were Boy Scouts together.

Over half a billion men and women have Scouted.

The original Boy Scout annual fee was 25 cents.

85% of FBI agents have been Boy Scouts.

The oldest artifact that the organization holds is a Chinese compass that dates to 1500.

The Boy Scouts of America have a Lone Scouting program that allows children of citizens to join while they are abroad and takes in exchange students as well.

There are currently over 125 merit badges that a Scout can earn.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 OCTOBER, 2020

MONTHLY ROSARY:

The next Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 21.

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

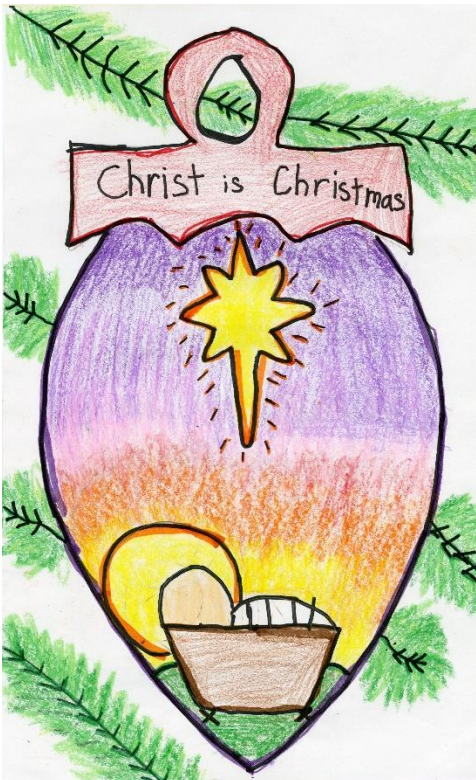


Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Anguish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TWELFTH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: On September 26, the Council held the Raffle Drawing on HCAT Cable TV. The Raffle winners are: \$1000 - Cathy Parker of W. Hartford, CT; \$500 - Elizabeth Moody of Holliston; \$250 - Emily Gardner of Holliston; \$150-Homes for Our Troops; and \$100 - Kevin Stewart of Holliston. The Council thanks all who purchased tickets despite the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. At the drawing, the Council donated checks for the following charities: Holliston Senior Center - \$3,500 and the Holliston Pantry Shelf - \$3,500. Donation checks were mailed to Habitat for Humanity, Homes for our Troops and I-PODS for Veterans. Over twelve years our charitable donations now amount to over \$230,000! The Raffle co-chairmen are Knights Tom Anguish, Bill Heuer, Aaron Pyman and Grand Knight Al Scaramella.

MONTHLY ROSARY AND COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD BY PHONE: Due to COVID -19, the Council recited the Rosary and held the business meeting by phone the past several months. In August and September, the Rosary and Council meetings were held outdoors in the St. Mary's parking lot.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY" CONTEST: The Supreme Council sponsors this international annual essay contest "...to give students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools." Eligibility is open to all Catholic students in public, private, or parochial schools in grades 8-12. **Theme information and entry forms will be in the Grades 8-12 Religious Education Office.** Judges from our Council and the Religious Education Directors will judge the 500-750 word essay and acknowledge all entrants. The winner for each grade will be entered in the State Council Contest. Council level awards will be presented to all winners. Essays must be completed by December 5, 2020. The contacts are D.R.E. Jake Thiringer and Council Knight Mitchell Liro.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST: The contest is open to all youth between the ages of 5-14. There are three age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10, and ages 11-14. The suggested poster size is 11x14 inches. Each poster must be submitted with an entry form by December 5, 2020. Council prizes for winners. Winners will enter State Council Contest. **Entry forms are available in the Grades K-7 Religious Education Office.** The contacts are D.R.E. Fran Crespi and Council Knight Mitchell Liro.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KNIGHT & DEACON RON DOWDING: The Council recognizes Knight Ron Dowding on the occasion of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate by Cardinal Sean on October 3. Deacon Ron is one of the Charter Members of Council 14224.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2020: 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 online by going to the Supreme K of C website kofc.org. Online membership allows you to obtain all K of C benefits including outstanding insurance plans and optional membership in our St. Mary's Council.

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God's spirit

Fall 2020 – Virtual Season

The Centrality of the Eucharist
Deepening Your Relationship with Christ

Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Members will automatically receive the Zoom Link through email.

Email: stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register if you are new to WINGS.



October 14: The Church as the *living* Body of Christ. *What does that look like in today's world?* Our speaker will elaborate on how the Church, as the *living* body of Christ, actively lives out the faith in the world through the practice of Catholic social teaching. (e.g., the Church provides huge amounts of aid to the poor and hungry throughout the world and addresses modern challenges like racism). As Catholics, we are called to be informed and active in our faith, standing up for justice and equality.

Speaker: Christa Mahoney, BA, Holy Cross College; Masters of Divinity, Boston College. Spiritual Director, Retreat Director, Former Catholic Chaplain at Holy Cross and Babson.



October 21: What does 'believing in Jesus' REAL presence in the Eucharist' really mean for Catholics? Fr. John will help us to understand the richness behind the essential Catholic teaching of Jesus' Real Presence in the bread and wine. Fr. John will provide a historical and theological background of this central doctrinal teaching in the Catholic Church. He will then share WHY it makes all the difference to us in our everyday lives. **Speaker: Fr. John Grieco**, BA, University of Dallas, Licentiate, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, PhD, Catholic University of America.



October 28: The Eucharist Transforms Us. Our speaker will share examples of Catholic Saints who have impacted the world for good thanks to the hours they spent with the Eucharistic Lord at Mass and Adoration each day. She will then share how WE can be better prepared to love and serve one another by receiving Christ in the Eucharist regularly. She will challenge WINGS members to live/act as the *living* Body of Christ. **Speaker: Fran Crespi**, BS, Northwestern University, MA Theology/Ministry, St. John's Seminary. Director of Religious Education, St. Mary's in Holliston.



November 4: How is the Eucharist OUR Bread of Life? Reflecting on John 6, our speaker will explore what Jesus told us in His own words: "***whoever eats this bread will live forever.***" In addition, he will consider other "Eucharistic" passages from the Old and New Testament where God desires to *feed us*, which will help us understand how to live a Eucharistic life today. **Speaker: Fr. Michael Zimmerman**, ordained in 2017, now Assistant Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Boston and adjunct Scripture Professor at St. John's Seminary in Brighton.



November 18: LIVE Teaching Mass at 10:30 AM: Jesus is the Word made Flesh. The Church teaches that Jesus has the power to transform reality. The night before He died Jesus said "***this is my body...this is my blood.***" During any Mass, at the consecration, the priest is speaking in persona Christi - he speaks with the full authority of Christ thus he has the power to change bread into the body of Jesus. During this private WINGS Mass, Fr. Mark will explain the significance behind what we say and do during each Mass. **Celebrant: Fr. Mark Coiro**, BA Theology, St. Anselm College, Master of Divinity, Systematic Theology, St. John's Seminary. Pastor of St. Mary's in Holliston.

ADULT FAITH RESOURCES

NOVEMBER 2020

got faith?



“FAITH SPEAKING” VOLUMES: *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown is this month’s recommended book. In this book, Ms. Brown tells her story of growing up as a Christian Black woman, inviting her readers to “to be more curious about it’s [racial injustice] origins than we are worried about our comfort” (p. 117). Particularly moving is her telling of why her parents named her Austin, her recounting of her experiences in the world of work and her writing about “standing in the shadow of hope” (title of the final chapter). *I’m Still Here* is available from online booksellers.

SUNDAY READINGS: We begin this month of November with our celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and end with our commemoration of the First Sunday of Advent (November 29). In between these two Sundays are the two final Sundays of Ordinary Time (November 8 and 15) and our remembrance of the Solemnity of Christ the King (November 22). The Solemnity of All Saints, a feast which is always celebrated on November 1, features as its Gospel, Matthew’s rendering of the Beatitudes (“Blessed are they...”). The next two Sundays offer parables intended to help us to be prepared for the coming of God’s kingdom. The Solemnity of Christ the King this year reminds us, through the Gospel reading of Matthew 25: 31-46, of the importance of caring for our brothers and sisters, who are Christ in this world. And finally, on November 28, the First Sunday of Advent, we begin our reading from the Gospel of Mark and are reminded to “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come” (Mark 13: 33). To prepare for the Sunday readings, go to <http://www.liturgy.slu.edu/>.

“JUST” WONDERING: The Archdiocesan Social Justice Convocation will be held virtually on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The theme of this year’s convocation is *Racial Justice: What Can We Do?* You can get more information about and register for the convocation at <http://bit.ly/SJconvocation>. Attending this convocation can be a great way to learn more about what we, as Catholics, believe are our responsibilities to create a more just society.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: Here’s advance notice for a compelling and socially relevant program that will be offered virtually early next year, 2021. It is the *JustFaith* 8-week program called Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege; you can find more information about *JustFaith* and its programs at <https://justfaith.org/>. The Faith and Racial Equity program will be facilitated by Michelle Cuff and Leo Racine on Sunday evenings, beginning on January 31 and ending on March 28. The program “awakens small groups to the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms, and hidden biases that empower some and oppress others” (program website). Come deepen your faith and expand your knowledge in a small group setting. Watch for more details. You can also contact Leo Racine at 508-429-7476 or leoaracine@msn.com for information.

THANKSGIVING: This year, Thanksgiving is celebrated on November 26. At the Franciscan Media collection of all things Thanksgiving, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/thanksgiving>, you will find prayers of thanksgiving, read stories about giving thanks and send e-cards to commemorate the holiday.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST: Cardinal Seán has designated this year, June 2020 to June 2021 as the Year of the Eucharist in our Archdiocese; he hopes that Catholics will “gain a better understanding of the Eucharist” and “renew and strengthen [their] faith and [their] closeness to the Lord” (Cardinal Seán’s letter announcing the Year of the Eucharist). Here’s a link to the US Bishops’ Q&A on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist: <http://bit.ly/USCCBTheRealPresence>.

---Leo Racine