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49 CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT!

On Saturday, October 7,
the Holy Spirit of God
descended upon 49 young
adults of St. Mary's Parish
through the Sacrament of
Confirmation. Photos



Bishop Robert Reed
presided at two
celebrations and spoke to
our young people about the
Holy Spirit as *"a gift that
can forever change your
lives!"* He encouraged
them to connect with the
local parish wherever life
takes them, a *"place
usually just around the
corner"* that will always
give them a spiritual home.

In embracing Confirmation,
our teens are becoming
more a part of the Living
Body of Christ, the Church.
Through daily prayer,
Sunday worship, and a life
lived in the Lord, they will
be Christ's own witnesses
to the world.

Come Holy Spirit and
enlighten the hearts of Your
faithful.

Amen!



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Mission: "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known!"

Be Sealed With The Holy Spirit!

Shown below, parishioners Ethan Savage and Anna Gebski were among the forty-nine teens Confirmed by Bishop Reed at St. Mary's on October 7, 2023. Their names, including Confirmation names, are listed below. It is customary for those being Confirmed to take a new name to mark the significance of this moment of full initiation to the faith. The saint chosen should be someone whose life and witness inspires the young person. Hopefully, the newly Confirmed will now develop a prayer relationship with their saint, asking that holy man or woman to pray and intercede for them from heaven. A wide variety of saints were chosen as our teens searched for the one most meaningful to them.



Daniel 'Thomas Aquinas' Baribeau
Lila 'Maria Goretti' Bausch
Julia 'Monica' Beard
Chrysander 'Clement' Beauvais
Abigail 'Valentine' Belger
Ty 'Andrew' Bosselman
Matthew 'Christopher' Bozyczko
Benjamin 'Francis' Bulmer
Daniel 'Sebastian' Burke
Joseph 'Vincent Ferrer' Burroughs
Michael 'Peter' Butler
Lauren 'Valentine' Capela
Dylan 'Dunstan' Cole
Veronica 'Antionietta Meo' Daly
Kellen 'Thomas More' Dietz
Declyn 'Dymphna' Dumas

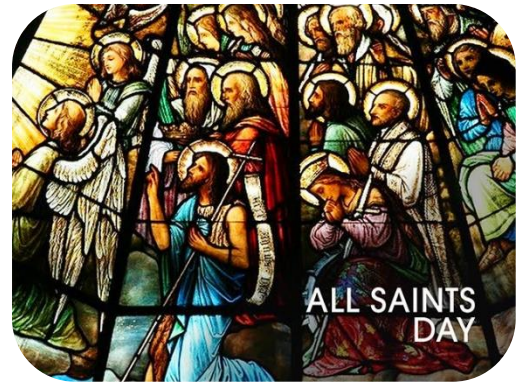
Jayda 'Cecilia' Estrella
Hugh 'Benedict' Fitzgerald
Ryan 'Patrick' Flynn
Ryan 'Patrick' Foley
Anna 'Catherine' Gebski
Cara 'Veronica' Grant
Christina 'Deborah' Harrahy
James 'Maximilian Kolbe' Hein
Jacalyn 'Anne' Judd
Erin 'Julia' Kampersal
Brent 'Augustine' Kiley
Grace 'Cecilia' Kilpelainen
Nikolas 'Sebastian' Kilpelainen
Matthew 'Vincent de Paul' Kipp
Magdalena 'Alena' Kuchman
Paige 'Gianna Beretta Molla' Kuchman

Sarah 'Joan of Arc' Kuchman
Evan 'Anthony' Kuharich
Ava 'Elizabeth' Lombardi
Owen 'Nicholas' Malvey
William 'Mary Magdalene' McDonald
Michaela 'Elizabeth' McGovern
Andrew 'Eligius' McWilliams
Gianna 'Gianna Beretta Molla' Meisner
Anthony 'Mercurius' Nunes
Lucia 'Anne' Perkins
Rex 'Augustine' Philemy
Thomas 'Blaise' Rutter
Ethan 'Simeon Stylites' Savage
Megan 'Gianna Beretta Molla' Simpson
Vanessa 'Francesca' Thompson
Shayna 'Gemma Galgani' Wilcox
Elizabeth 'Cecilia' Winchenbach

November

Wednesday, November 1, Feast of All Saints,

A Holy Day of Obligation: Today the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints – honoring and asking the prayerful intercession of all the Holy Men, Women, and Children who have gone ahead of us in faith and now live in the light of God’s presence. Some of the saints have been “declared” by the Church and their names are known to us. Most, however, are known only to God, and this day we both commemorate their holy lives and remember our own calling to become saints – holy witnesses of Christ’s love to the world. A Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints will be celebrated at three Wednesday Masses:
9 AM, 5:30 PM & 7 PM.



Thursday, November 2, All Souls Mass:

Catholics believe that our prayers assist souls that died in a state of grace through purgatory – a journey of purification that allows a soul to enter God’s eternal presence in a state of perfect innocence, able to receive fully the light and glory of God. At St. Mary’s, a special candlelight All Souls Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 2 at 7 PM.** Those buried from the parish over the past year will have their names read and a candle lit in their memory. The candlelight Mass is open to everyone who would like to pray for their own departed loved ones. The full Adult Choir will be ministering.

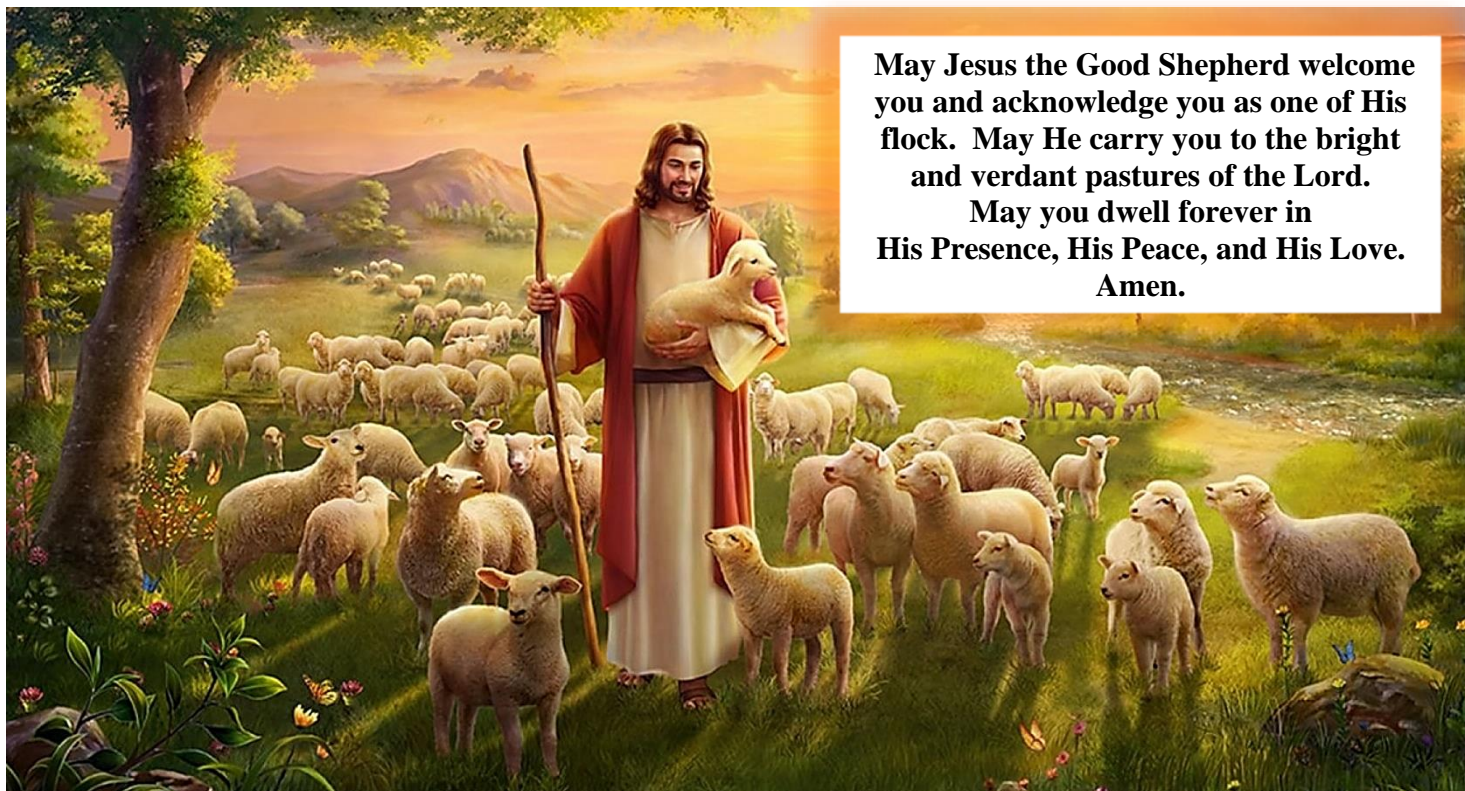


Saturday, November 18, Parish Pasta Night:

Come join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live music and great company at this year's Pasta Dinner on **Saturday, November 18 from 6 to 8 PM.** The menu will include rigatoni with red sauce, rigatoni with broccoli and chicken, rigatoni with butter, meatballs, salad, rolls and soda, water, juice and Italian pastries. Families with children of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for immediate family (parents and children). Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the

weekends of November 4 & 5 and November 11 and 12, and at the R.E. Office starting November 4. *There are no tickets at the door on Nov. 9.* Mangia!

November 23, Thanksgiving Day Mass: Begin your family’s Thanksgiving this year by feasting on the Holy Eucharist at God’s table. Join your fellow parishioners at a special **Thursday, Nov. 23, 9 AM Mass,** at which together we will thank God for all His many blessings. Bring an item of food that will grace your family Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed at Mass and then take home – connecting your table to the Table of God. As always, this Thanksgiving Day morning Mass will be followed by a pastry reception in Father Haley Hall.



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.

Helen Graham
Richard Trinke
George Travers
Patricia Hern
Mary Nolan
Salvatore Meli
Joseph Minihan, Jr.
Paul DePhillips
Patrick Kelly
Patricia Lange
Kathleen Bruce
Mary Mark
Linda Turcotte
Mary Jensen
Suzanne Brackett
Linda Flannery
Rose Carchio
Jean Rousseau
Elvira Haberski

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 a Candlelight All Souls Mass,

Thursday, 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.

Rosalie Sheldon
Frances Gould
John Cocchiarella
Ginette Beatrice
Susan Warren
Christine LaRose
John Hyland, Sr.
William Kelly
Therese Stewart
Marie Nichols
Morris Clemons III
Mary Soares
Gene DeCamp
Melanie Vertuca
Gary Sencio
Phyllis Ladas
Mona Bray
Mary Lou Ferriero
Joan Quinones
Jennifer Davila



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

October is "Respect Life Month," and yet as I write this on October 18 the Holy Land is wracked by violence. Thousands of innocents have died, first at the hands of Hamas, then at the hands of the Israeli military. I thank everyone who joined in our parish's Rosary and Holy Hour for Peace in Israel and Palestine. And I encourage all to continue to pray and advocate for peace.

True peace means more than a temporary cessation of violence. It must be a peace that allows both Israelis and Palestinians to live unmolested - with equal rights, security, and justice for displaced persons and refugees. The current conflict is a continuation of one that has been raging now for fifty years, since the occupation of the West Bank, including Gaza and East Jerusalem. It is time and past time for the world to seek justice and a lasting solution for all.

Terrorist attacks and indiscriminate retaliation against civilians only fuel the hatreds and distrust that have so long afflicted the very Land where Jesus lived, taught, died, and rose to offer hope to all the human family. In His Name we are called to work towards a true reconciliation of hearts.

Let us pray for the safe return of the Israeli hostages.
Let us pray for the safety of innocent civilians in Gaza.
Let us mourn the lives already lost on both sides and ask God's consolation upon the grieving. Let us pray for the injured, and make every effort to assure water, food, and medical care for all who are suffering.

Let us pray for the day when our common humanity and the value of every human life will be recognized and respected without discrimination. Let us pray for Jesus' Easter gift of Peace.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

NATIVITY PAGEANT:

Each year children from St. Mary's (in Grades 1-4) perform a Nativity Pageant during the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. The play is easy to learn, and all children can participate. Sign-up forms are available outside the Religious Education Office and will also be emailed to families with children registered for religious education. All forms are due by November 17.

BABY SHOWER: On Wednesday, October 18, some of St. Mary's Second Graders helped move items from the parish's annual "Baby Shower for the Unborn." Hundreds of beautiful new baby items were donated at Masses the weekend before by the good people of St. Mary's. These will directly assist women in crisis pregnancies through the "Pregnancy Help" Program of our Archdiocese. Learn more at: www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

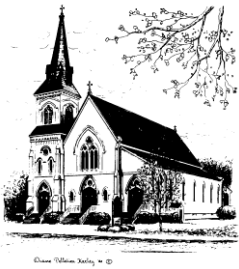


GRADE 3 MINISTRY

FAIR: On Monday November 13 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall all Grade 3 classes scheduled on Sunday and during the week are to attend our Annual Kids Ministry Fair as part of the Grade 3 curriculum. Fr. Mark, Deacon John Barry, the Music Ministry, Altar Server Ministry, Sacristan, Najat Whalen and an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister will share what they do to serve St. Mary's Parish community. Parents are most welcome to attend.

GRADE 4 TOUR OF THE CHURCH:

On Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 PM all Grade 4 Sunday and weekday classes will attend the Grade 4 Tour of the church. The students will learn about the sacred areas of the church where we come to worship each weekend. Our new music director will treat the students to a tour of the inner workings of our beautiful pipe organ.



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

November, 2023

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For the past 63 years, St. Mary's, Holliston has relied on 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 staff and maintain her four buildings, three of which are over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2023 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is Veteran's Day Weekend - November 11 & 12. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Grand Annuals, which despite the pandemic were all achieved.

The single largest facilities items covered by this year's Grand Annual are the renovation of the Sister Ricci House downstairs bathroom, and upcoming repairs to the church boiler pumps. The bathroom was severely deteriorated, and with Sister Ricci House receiving more and more use by various groups the repair was overdue. Both church boiler pumps have recently developed serious leaks and must be repaired or replaced. Here is a complete Grand Annual breakdown:

\$12,840	Sister Ricci House Bathroom Repairs
\$5,100	Painting inside of Sister Ricci House (1st & 2nd Floor)
\$7,000	New Flooring for Choir Loft and Elevator
\$4,609	Emergency Roof and Siding Repairs from storm damage
\$2,347	Carpeting of Music and Youth Ministry Offices
\$8,408	Crack sealing and Sealcoating of the main Parking Lot
\$3,000	Parking lot repairs
\$6,200	Exterior Church Repairs
\$3,815	Electrical Repairs - Outside Light Poles and Father Haley Hall
\$6,200	Lower Church Emergency Exit Stairwell Repairs
\$9,000	Church Windows Exterior Woodwork Repairs
\$3,000	Sacristy Repairs
\$10,000	Boiler Pumps in Church

The remaining Grand Annual amount is applied to staff salaries (\$68,481).

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 2023 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 2023 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity. And thank you for the many ways you personally help to build up our beautiful parish family.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kim Latifi

Kevin O'Connell

Kevin Diamond

Dianne McDermott Roy

Ron Pipe



PHOTOS OF A FEW OF THE 2023 GRAND ANNUAL ITEMS

- A – Sister Ricci House First Floor Bathroom**
- B – Lower Church Emergency Exit Stairwell - Ceiling, Wall, and Floor Damage**
- C – Sacristy Counter**
- D – Shingle and Siding Damage from storm**
- E – Choir loft Floor**
- F – Exterior Church Windows**

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2023 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 your enclosed gold Grand Annual envelope the weekend of November 11 & 12, or as soon as possible thereafter. It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot at that same address. You may also place it in the offertory basket at Mass.

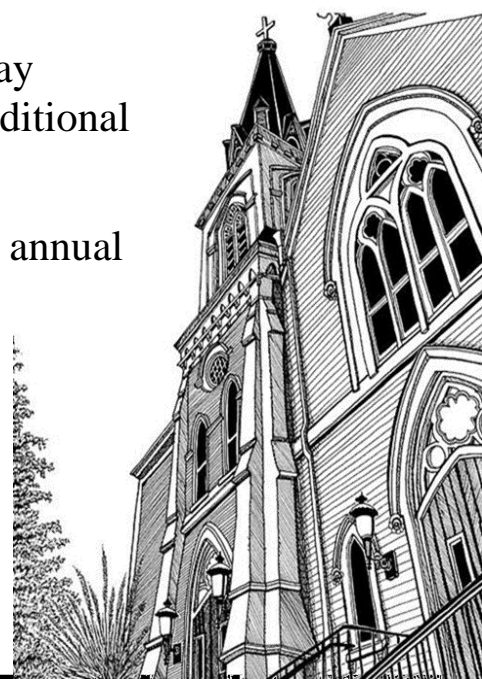
It is important that the special gold envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" be used.

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."***

DT 167:17



Knights of Columbus



St. Mary's Council #14224 November, 2023

"In Service to One, In Service to All."

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PARISH TRIP: To celebrate 16 years since the Council's charter, we organized a trip to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge on September 29. On a rainy Friday, 55 St. Mary parishioners spent the morning touring the Main Street of Stockbridge and a group lunch at the Red Lion Inn. After lunch, we were bused to Eden Hill, the Shrine's home. The afternoon was spent in prayerful worship including walking the magnificent life-size Stations of the Cross, Mass in the Chapel, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. After time in the Shrine Gift Shop, we boarded the bus for a rainy drive on the Mass Turnpike to Holliston. The Council organizers were Tom Brodo, Deacon Ron Dowding, and Mitch Liro.



Knights of Columbus

St. Mary's Council #14224 November, 2023

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE DRAWING ON OCTOBER 15: The Raffle Drawing was held in Father Haley Hall. First prize of \$1,000 was won by Mary Beth Paquette with the ticket sold by Knight Paul Fitzpatrick. Terry Masson, Karolina Farnese, Brit Burke, and Neil Denny were the second to fifth prize winners. The Council's annual raffle has now donated over \$300,000 to disabled veteran's charities, local food pantries, the Holliston Senior Center, Autism Research, and other very worthy non-profit organizations. Thanks for your past support and we pray you will participate next year.



K OF C COUNCIL #14224 RECEIVES STAR COUNCIL AWARD FOR 2023:

District Deputy John Litchfield presented the Star Council Award for 2023 to Grand Knight Al Scaramella at the October Council meeting. The Star Council Award is the HIGHEST distinction a Knights of Columbus Council can receive from the Supreme Council. The Star Council Award takes into consideration membership, insurance growth, and Council activities in six categories: Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2023: For membership information contact Grand Knight Albert Scaramella at 508-561-0584 OR ajscaramella@comcast.net OR you can now join ON-LINE by going to the Supreme K of C website kofc.org/joinus. Our Council respects members limited time but needs new members to share our faith journey as Catholic men.



MONTHLY ROSARY: The next Rosary will be Wednesday, November 15 in the church at 7:00 PM. Any and all persons are welcome to attend. As quoted in the March, 2017 Columbia magazine, "Knights need to be men of prayer."

Prayer

2023 FALL PROGRAM A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

women in
WINGS
God's spirit

About WINGS

WINGS is a ministry of encouragement and faith enrichment for women anywhere on their spiritual journey. Each week an inspiring speaker will help us to enrich our prayer life and expand our knowledge of our faith. **Free babysitting is provided!**

Our Current Program

We're halfway through our fall program and we would LOVE for you to join us for the remainder! *Meetings are on Wednesdays at 9:45 AM - 11 AM in Fr. Haley Hall and on Zoom.*



November 1 - Praying in New Ways: Finding the prayer that works for you – Sister Maureen Casey SND, Spiritual Director and Retreat Director.



November 8 - In the Darkest Times, Pray – Olivia Hastie, Master's Candidate, Harvard Divinity School.



November 15 - Praying in Silence – Matthew Vale, Professor, Boston College School of Theology & Ministry & St. Mary's Parishioner.

How to Join

Send us an email – that's it! Not quite ready to join? Drop in to a meeting or visit our website and Facebook for more details. Suggested dues are \$20/season but all are welcome to attend regardless of ability to pay.

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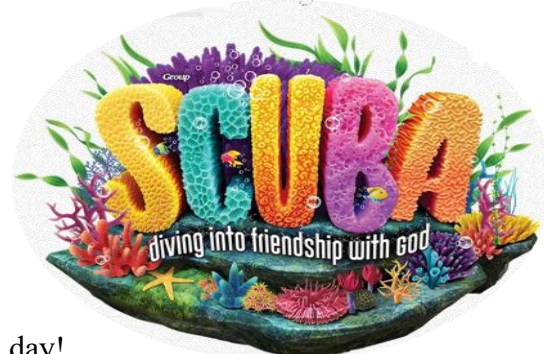
Another fabulous year of Saint Mary's VBS took place from July 24-28 this summer! Each day involved a BLAST OFF of Prayer, Songs, and Fun with Mickey Way (thank you, Wyatt Kuchman!) Then, at all five station rotations, everyone SHINED A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE! From Galactic Snacks to All-Star games, teamwork, sharing and learning about God were paramount. The crafts created in Imagination Station were certainly out of this world! The true stories about children from around the world seen in KidVid helped us see how God's light shines EVERYWHERE! Best of all, acting out the Bible story together with Mrs. Najat Whalen at Stellar Bible Adventures made the Word of God come to life every single day. We also collected food all week long in our Mars Rover Vehicle! Then we launched all of those donations right over to our own Holliston Pantry Shelf.

Overall, during the week, everyone learned...

- When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!
- When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!
- When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!
- When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!
- When people need help, shine Jesus' light!

Guess what else we learned? There are so many amazing children and adults at St. Mary's Parish who Shine Jesus' Light every single day!

How blessed are we? Thank you to all of the adult and teen leaders, the participants and the St. Mary's staff who made this week among the best of the 16 YEARS! Get ready for year number 17 next summer, when we will be going SCUBA ~ DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD!





St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

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

DEERFIELD WHITEWATER RAFTING

The date was Friday, August 18, as St. Mary's MSYG 6th and 7th Graders and adult leaders embarked on a day of Class I-III whitewater adventure on the Deerfield River in Western MA. First they mastered such rapids as "Sideways Splash", "Freight Train" and "Pinball". Then it was time for "Zoar Gap" - at Class III the day's biggest rapid. This was followed by several miles of water bucket fights and swimming in the deeper spots. The trip ended with a cookout lunch and slideshow of the adventure. A great day!





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MSYG OCTOBER KICK OFF

Thank you everyone who made the October 1 Middle School Youth Group Kick Off such a success! Over 100 teens met new people, reflected on God's Word (in bracelet form), played a crazy game, and enjoyed delicious ice cream together.

BARRETT'S HAUNTED MANSION

On Friday, October 13, fifty-nine brave MSYG teens faced the horrors of Barrett's Haunted Mansion in Abington. Some even experienced the "Condemned" apocalyptic landscape also on offer. Next came pizza and then delicious ice cream at "Cream Ice Cream" a few doors down. Our first Youth Group Trip of the new School Year was definitely a hit. See you on November 5!

NEXT MSYG MEETING Sunday, November 5 6:30 - 8 PM

Come Enjoy ~ A Prayer Service for our Beloved Departed; A Giant Milk & Cookie Bar; Sign-Ups for the annual Cookie Walk (Dec. 9 & 10); Sign Ups for Paintball (Friday, Nov. 10); Sign Ups for Grade 7 BINGO at Timothy Daniel's Nursing Home (Friday, Nov. 17).





St. Mary's High School Youth Group

Teens Gather In Faith!

OCTOBER 15 KICK OFF: The teens of St. Mary's gathered for their first High School Youth Group Meeting of the Year on Sunday, October 15. They got to meet their new Youth Minister, Mr. Sean Jacobs, and also heard moving witness talks about last summer's Florida Mission Trip. The talks were delivered by students Jack Schellings and Danielle Shutt, as well as Deacon John Barry. Then Mr. Jacobs shared information about next summer's Mission Trip to Mississippi, July 21 - 28, 2024. *No less than 47 of the teens present signed up for next Summer's Mission!*



Next came a fun "getting to know you" icebreaker, then it was up to the church for a powerful prayer service for peace. Fr. Mark gave a brief talk about the terrible events unfolding in the Holy Land. A Scripture reading was led by Paget O'Brien, and the Peace Prayer of St. Francis by Evan Scaramella. One by one, all the teens helped extinguish candles representing the fires of war, hatred, discrimination, violence, and all other manner of sin. The putting out of each candles was accompanied by a prayer, and specific prayers were offered for peace in Israel and Palestine.

The night ended with a Pizza Party in Fr. Haley Hall, and sign ups for the November 20 Haunted Hayride Trip to McCrae's Country Creamery in Soth Hadley. Watch for hayride pictures in the December Newsletter, and don't miss the



**NEXT
TGIF
MEETING:**
Sunday,
November
19 from
7-8:30 PM
in Fr. Haley
Hall. Open
to all High
School
Students,
Grades 9-12.



St. Mary's High School Youth Group

Teens Gather In Faith!



A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE:

O God of life and love and peace,
We witness the violence and injustice
in your Holy Land
And our hearts break.

Our hearts break for the people of Israel—
For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas
For those who live with fear and insecurity
For those who suffer from the inter-generational
trauma of violence.

Our hearts break for Palestinians—
For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli military
For those being denied water, electricity and medical care
For those who are refugees, long displaced from their homes.

We especially pray—
That weapons of war be laid down
That walls of separation be dismantled
That prisoners be released
That demonizing of “the other” cease
That political leaders seek the good of all people in Palestine and Israel.

O God, whose heart breaks for the world,
May your justice dwell in the land
May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields
May the effect of righteousness be quietness
and trust forever
May the effect of justice be peace—enduring
peace.

Amen.

TGIF:

November 19, 2023
December 10, 2023
January 28, 2024
February 25, 2024
March 10, 2024
April 21, 2024
May 12, 2024





Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America
St. Mary's Parish * November, 2023

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

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster
508-579-4357

Email: Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com

If interested in joining Troop 14, contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for boys in sixth grade or above.

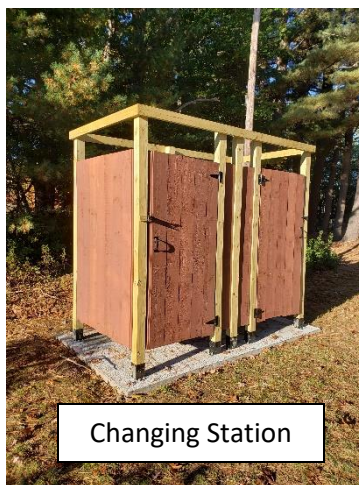
The Troop meets weekly during the school year, Mondays from 7 - 8:30 PM in the Lower Church.

NOBSCOT CAMPOUT: Troop 14 kicked off the new Scouting year with their annual September campout at the Nobscot Scout Reservation located on the Framingham and Sudbury town line. Nineteen Scouts participated in the weekend activities that included hiking up to Tippling Rock, one of the highest points in Eastern Massachusetts, practicing orienteering, and service work at the Pequot camp site. This was the first campout for some of the new Scouts who enjoyed the Dutch-oven Cobbler among other meals prepared by the Troop. On the second night, a group of older Scouts and Leaders took a night hike to Tippling Rock to see lights from the Boston Skyline.

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECTS: Over the past few months, three Troop 14 Scouts: Ben Goyette, Colby Magoon, and Danny Baribeau have completed components of their Eagle Scout requirement by organizing, leading, and managing an extensive service project. You can see Ben's Pergola design at the Frist Baptist Church on High Street, Colby's Changing Stalls at Pleasure Point on Lake Winthrop, and Danny's Raised Garden beds at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Xaverian Missionaries. Many Scouts, Leaders and Parents assisted with these projects, which was greatly appreciated. Congrats to Ben, Colby, and Danny on their progress towards Eagle rank.



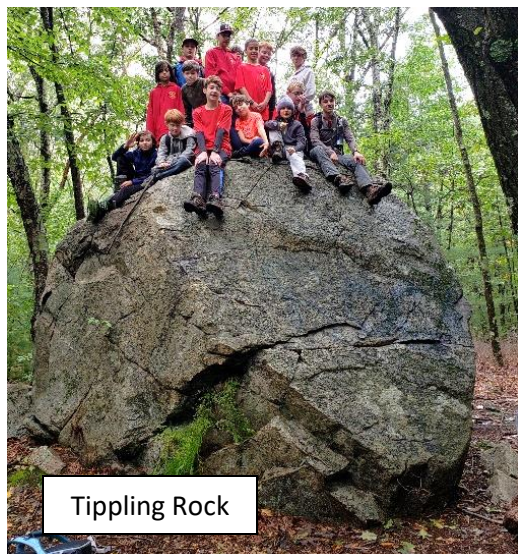
Pergola



Changing Station



Garden Beds



Tippling Rock



Nobscot



MASS JAM: Mass Jam is a multi-council camporee for Scouts from Massachusetts and neighboring states that occurs every five years. Mass Jam 2023 occurred on October 7 – 9 at The Barnstable Fair Grounds in Mashpee, MA and included upwards of 3,000 Scouts. Thirty-one Troop 14 Scouts and Leaders participated in fun exhibits and challenging activities that included rock climbing, games, troop competitions, movies, and fellowship. Scouts built an impressive gateway to the campsite entrance that exhibited proficiency with the use of lashings and creativity with a homemade doorbell. Troop 14 Scouts embraced the spirit of the weekend by winning awards for the overall campsite organization and the entrance gateway. With diverse religious backgrounds represented at camp, multiple services were held for Scouts to worship throughout the weekend.

