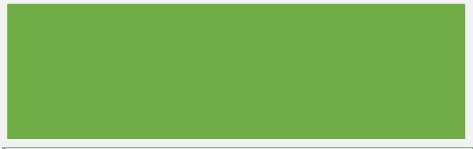




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**MAKING YOUR
CHILD MISS
MASS?** 

THE SUNDAY SPORTS DILEMMA THE PRACTICE YOUNG ATHLETES REALLY NEED? WORSHIP.

By Megan Hill. This article first appeared in the June 2017 issue of Christianity Today.
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A few weeks ago, our son's baseball team played its last inning, and his coach walked to the bleachers. He wanted to nominate our son for the all-star team. It's a thrill for any boy who loves the game like ours does: a chance for a summer's worth of at-bats, dugout chatter, travel to other towns, and improved skills.

This was the first time our family had to confront the issue of Sunday sports, but, with three athletic children, it won't be the last. Pastors say children's sports have become the biggest challenge to church attendance for American families.

The idea that Chariots of Fire runner Eric Liddell made it all the way to the 1924 Olympic Games before being asked to compete on a Sunday seems almost quaint. Today, the littlest T-ball player is routinely expected to show up on Sunday, and the demands only escalate as children get older.

The Association of Religion Data Archives recently reported that some churches have responded to the loss of families by adding alternative service times on Saturday, so church members can attend both sports and worship. Additionally, many churches have increased their offerings of sports-related activities, hoping to appeal to families who prioritize athletic involvement. *Continue reading this article at:*

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2013/june/sunday-sports-dilemma-church-practice.html>

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KINDERGARTEN RELIGIOUS ED ~

The children in St. Mary's Kindergarten Religious Education Classes started off their year learning about St. Francis as part of our Session on Creation. Fortunately, it was a beautiful day so some classes could go outside and listen to parts of "The Canticle of the Sun" alongside the statue of St. Francis.

Kindergartners learned that St. Francis thought of nature as his family. Families take care of each other, so we have a responsibility to take care of the earth. Look for children's drawings on this topic hanging outside Father Haley Hall!

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love." - St. Francis of Assisi





OCT. 16: SUNG VESPERS

Wednesday, October 16, 7 - 7:30 PM. Join our talented Youth Choir for a 30-minute meditative service on select Wednesdays this year. Solemn Sung Vespers, which is also known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours. This ancient prayer of the Church gives thanks to God before the end of the day through the singing of psalms, intercessions, and prayers. Come experience peace and tranquility at day's end in the beauty of sung prayer!



OCT. 19 & 20: BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN

October 19 & 20 at all Masses. Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! A Pregnancy Help Client Testimonial: *"When I got pregnant I felt lonely, desperate, and confused. I found myself pregnant with no husband, no family, no money, no house and maybe no job. It was like being in a dark hole. I heard about Pregnancy Help, and they gave me the emotional and material support to get out of the confusion, to put aside all the obstacles that I thought I had and begin to take care of myself and my baby. I do not have words big enough to match the work they do."* Learn more at www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

OCT. 27: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 27 at 1:15 PM. All are invited to bring their pets to the Lower Church as we celebrate the Church's Rite of the Blessing of Animals. Each pet will receive an individual blessing as we ask God's protection for our animal friends and remember that all living things are precious to Him. This blessing takes place in October as St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is this month, and he had a special love of the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.





56 CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT!

2,000 years ago, on the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' Disciples with the sound of wind and the form of fire. The Holy Spirit transformed that group of frightened, unsure individuals, into fearless witnesses of Jesus Christ. On Saturday, September 28, that same Holy Spirit descended upon 56 young adults of St. Mary's Parish through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Two Masses were celebrated by Bishop Robert Reed, who spoke to our young people about his love for the Catholic faith and the difference it makes in his life. Having been Confirmed, these 56 are now fully initiated in the Catholic Church. In requesting Confirmation, they have made a beautiful decision to commit themselves to live as Catholics - worshipping at

Mass on Sundays, praying daily and making life choices in harmony with the moral teachings of the faith. They are now officially Christ's witnesses to the world. May they be the very face of love!





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 Maria *'Quiteria'* Dunnirvine
 Jack *'Patrick'* Elliott
 Sophia *'Maximilian Kolbe'* Engel
 Norah *'Maria Goretti'* Fay
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 Natalie *'Brigid of Ireland'* Frey
 Jack *'Patrick'* Garvey
 Shelby *'Mary'* Gimblett
 Lilly *'Cecilia'* Halchuck
 Ryan *'Anthony of Padua'* Katz

Kelty *'Alice of Schaerbeek'* Kober
 Andrew *'Thomas Aquinas'* Kovacs
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 Maxwell *'Mark'* Penn
 Nicolas *'Vincent de Paul'* Quatromoni
 Daniel *'Patrick'* Quinn
 Theodore *'Christopher'* Ratcliffe
 Michael *'Cosmas'* Ringie
 Allison *'Dymphna'* Robbins
 Christian *'Bonaventure'* Schneeloch
 Anna *'Genesius of Rome'* Sheehan
 Isabella *'Genevieve'* Shook
 Jenna *'Katharine Drexel'* Shutt
 Ryan *'Francis of Assisi'* Stanwood
 Haley *'Brigid of Ireland'* Stickney
 Juliana *'Faith of Conques'* Troland
 Peter *'Peter'* Vrees
 Mary Katherine *'Elizabeth Ann Seton'*
 Ward
 Elizabeth *'Theresa of Lisieux'* Werner
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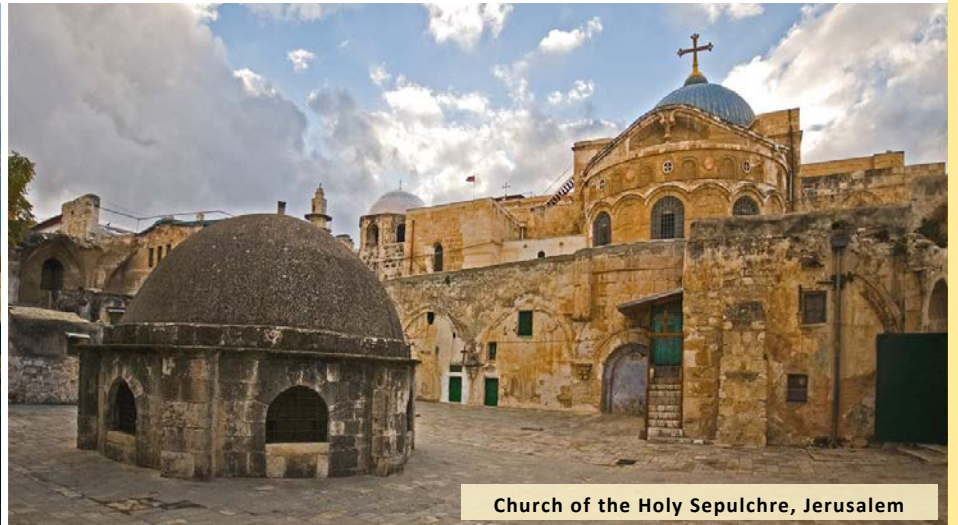


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Church of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Church of All Nations, Jerusalem



Dead Sea

SAMPLE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1, Fri, Mar 06: Depart for the Holy Land

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

Day 2, Sat, Mar 07: Arrive in Tel Aviv and continue to Tiberias

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel in Tiberias in time to check-in. Enjoy dinner at the hotel before retiring for the evening.

Day 3, Sun, Mar 08: Caesarea - Stella Maris - Nazareth - Tiberias - Cana

Theme: The Annunciation

Depart Tel Aviv to Caesarea Maritima, one of the three largest ports in the Roman world, next to Alexandria and Piraeus "Athens", which were built by Herod the Great between 21 B.C. and 9 B.C. It was in Caesarea where St. Peter baptized the first gentile convert Cornelius, and where St. Paul gave his defense of the church. From here, we will see the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, view the Hippodrome, and the harbor from where St. Paul sailed on his journeys. Continue north to Haifa, located on Mt Carmel, where we will visit the Carmelite Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and pray at the cave which Elijah the prophet took refuge. Continue on to Nazareth for lunch, and then visit the Church of the Annunciation. Visit the museum and archaeological garden where we can see the remains of Nazareth at time of Christ, as well as St. Joseph's workshop – which is now known as St. Joseph's Church. Within the Church of the Annunciation, you will make our way down to the Grotto to see the remains of the house of the Blessed Mother, and where the Angel of the Lord announced the good news to Mary. Celebrate Mass in this Church, and then continue on to Cana. It was here that Jesus performed His first miracle, changing water into wine. During your visit at the Wedding Church, married couples will have the chance to take part in the ceremony and renew their wedding vows. From there, we continue on to Tiberias, located on Sea of Galilee, for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Mon, Mar 09: Tiberias: Sea of Galilee

Theme: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee

Today begin this day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a boat ride on the beautiful and scenic Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:1). Upon docking the boat, you will have the opportunity to view the remains of a boat that dates back to the time of Jesus. Following the Sea of Galilee, we continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus proclaimed His great Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49). Near the Mount, is Tabgha, one of Jesus' miracle sites. At Tabgha, Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 people from five loaves of bread and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Also, in Tabgha is St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:9). Continue to visit the birthplace of Mary Magdalene in Magdala. During the time of Jesus, this village was a prosperous fishing village that exported fish and garum (a fish sauce reduction; popular in Roman cooking). Your day concludes at Capernaum, the launching place of Jesus' ministry. In Capernaum, see the Synagogue where Jesus taught (Mark 1:21-29) and gave His sermon on the Bread of Life. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Tue, Mar 10: Jordan River - Mt. Tabor – Jericho – Jordan River - Jerusalem

Theme: The Transfiguration

After breakfast, we will drive to the site of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor (Matthew 17:1-50). At this site, you will have some time to reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Transfiguration. Continue south to the Jordan Valley to the oldest inhabited city in the world, Jericho (Joshua 6:12-25). In Jericho, you view the exact location, the Mount of Temptation, of where the Devil tempted Jesus during his forty-day fast (Luke 4:1). Following the visit to this mountain, continue to Jesus' baptismal site on the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). After some time at the Jordan River, we will transfer to Jerusalem to check-in to your hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Wed, Mar 11: Jerusalem: Temple Model - Ein Karem - Bethlehem

Theme: The Visitation and Nativity

This morning, enjoy breakfast before we start our day in Jerusalem, which houses the temple to which Jesus was Presented (Luke 2:22). Visit a model of the Second Temple as it was in the time of Jesus. Following this visit, we will take a short drive to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. It is known that there are two churches in Ein Karem, both representing the two homes of Zechariah and Elizabeth. The first is in a valley where the birth of St. John the Baptist is commemorated (Luke 1:39-80) in the Church of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The second is on a hill where Elizabeth spent five months in seclusion (Luke 1:24) at the Church of the Visitation. You will have a chance to visit both of these churches and have the opportunity to pray the Mystery of the Rosary as you walk up the hill to the Church of the Visitation. In the afternoon, transfer to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In Bethlehem, you will have the opportunity to view the Shepherd's Fields (Luke 2:8). In the caves of these fields, you are still able to see the soot marks of fires that shepherds lit to

keep warm. The tour concludes at the Manger Square which stands in front of the Church of the Nativity. As you enter the Church, you will proceed down to the Grotto of the Nativity which marks the spot of Our Savior's birth (Matthew 2:1-18). Beneath the altar, there is a silver star and a Latin inscription that states: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). Following Mass in this Sacred space, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7, Thu, Mar 12: Bethany - Dead Sea

Theme: Early Years in Jerusalem & the Wilderness

Following breakfast at your hotel, we will travel down the Jordan Valley to Qumran. Qumran is made up of 2,000 year old ruins from the days of the Second Temple and also the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written and discovered (Ezekiel 47:8-10). These writings have helped further the understanding of Jewish background in Christianity. Time and weather permitting, you will have the opportunity to take a float in the Dead Sea, the lowest and saltiest spot on Earth. Continue as you travel through the Judean wilderness, the site where Jesus spent His 40 days of fasting. The day of touring culminates with a transfer to Bethany. Bethany is the site where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead which foreshadows His own Resurrection (John 11:38-44). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8, Fri, Mar 13: Jerusalem: Mt. Of Olives - Gethsemane - Mt. Zion (Upper Room) - Western Wall

Theme: Palm Sunday and the Agony in the Garden

After breakfast, we will make our way to the Mount of Olives where you will be able to take in the beautiful, panoramic view of Jerusalem. Historically, the Mount of Olives was a mandatory transit point for Jesus during many iconic moments. Visit the Pater Noster Shrine where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster) (Luke 11:1-4). You will have the opportunity to stop at Dominus Flevit which is a Church that commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). Continue on to Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Jesus brought His disciples here to pray the night before He was crucified (Luke 22:29-53). The Garden still contains trees with roots that date back to the time of Jesus. Your next stop, the Church of All Nations, built over the "Rock of Agony". This is where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest. Throughout this time, you are invited to remain in prayer and to reflect on Christ's agony that He experienced. You will have the opportunity to visit the Western Wall, which is the last remnant of the Jewish Temple after it was destroyed in 70 A.D. Continue with a visit to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was examined and eventually imprisoned before the Council in Jerusalem. It also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ (John 18:15-18), Peter's repentance, and Jesus' forgiveness of Peter. You will also visit the Upper Room on Mt. Zion. The Upper Room is where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30) and where Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Death and Resurrection (Mark 16:14). In addition, visit the nearby Benedictine Church of the Dormition. Tradition tells us that this Church is where Mary, the Mother of Jesus, "fell asleep." At the end of this prayerful day, return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9, Sat , Mar 14: Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulchre

Theme: The Way of the Cross, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection

This morning you will have a very early wake-up to begin the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) at the Antonia Fortress. This is the spot where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate (John 18:28-19:16). Following His condemnation, He was taken (on the Road to Calvary) to His place of Crucifixion. Reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as you travel through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Luke 23:26-33). This sacred destination is the site of Calvary (Jesus' crucifixion place) and His tomb (Luke 23: 50-55). Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Following Mass, we will return to the hotel to enjoy breakfast. We will continue our day with a visit to the Church of St. Anne's, the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents (Anne and Joachim); and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man (John 5:1-9). This afternoon, enjoy a revisit to the Old City. Following this visit return to the hotel to enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 10, Sun, Mar 15: Return Flights Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for return flights home.

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ANNUAL TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS



St. Mary's youths between 4th – 12th Grades are needed to serve at the Lord's altar at Holy Mass. Altar Servers prepare the sanctuary for Mass and assist during the celebration of Mass. They also occasionally serve at Weddings and other special celebrations in the life of the Church. Altar Servers are usually scheduled for two Masses in a five-week period.

**ALL INTERESTED BOYS & GIRLS ARE INVITED
TO A MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20,
FROM 7 – 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

Any parish youth in 4th Grade through 12th Grade interested in becoming an Altar Server should attend this meeting with a parent and their family calendar. We will plan the training schedule together according to the kids' activity schedules. This ministry is a beautiful way to support the worship life at St. Mary's and to serve God. Email Patty Baribeau that you are coming at: st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com, or just show up!

Why did I become an Altar Server? Here's what some Servers said!

"It's more interesting to have a job at Mass instead of sitting in the pew."

"I thought it was cool to know the names of everything and how to set up the Church."

"My family wasn't getting to Mass very much before. I thought my becoming an Altar Server would help us, and it did!"

"I wanted to do something for 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 16, as fifty-one St. Mary's MSYG 6th and 7th Graders and five adult leaders packed eight rafts for a day of Class I-III whitewater adventure on the Deerfield River in Western MA. The 8th Grade MSYG members had rafted the Kennebec River in June, and now these younger members had their chance for whitewater adventure. 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. Was it fun? These pictures say it all!



2019-2020 MSYG Meetings ~

- Sunday, October 6: It was a blast! 177 Teens!!!*
- Sunday, November 3: 6:30-8 PM, Fr. Haley Hall
- Sunday, December 1: 6:30-8 PM, Fr. Haley Hall
- Sunday, January 26: 6:30-8:30 PM, Fr. Haley Hall
- Sunday, February 23: 6:30-8 PM, Fr. Haley Hall
- Sunday, March 15: 6:30-8 PM, Fr. Haley Hall
- Sunday, April 5: 6:30-8 PM, Fr. Haley Hall
- Sunday, May 17: 6:30-8:30 PM, Fr. Haley Hall



Open to any 6th, 7th or 8th Graders. Join us for a new year of Faith, Service, Friendship and Fun!



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Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America
St. Mary's Parish * October, 2019

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

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster
508.579.4357

Email: Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com
Website: www.Troop14Holliston.com

TROOP 14 ELECTIONS, PATROLS, ADVANCEMENT: Troop 14 had a great start to the Scouting year with a few new members joining, increasing the Troop membership to 40; youth leadership elections, with Nico Doyle being elected as Senior Patrol Leader; reorganizing the Troop into four patrols; kicking-off our fall fundraising activities; setting goals for advancement and recruiting; and planning a great year of campouts, service projects and other activities.

SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT (SEPTEMBER 14-15): Twenty-seven Scouts and leaders traveled to Yarmouth, MA to camp for the weekend at Greenough Scout Reservation. Throughout the weekend the Scouts focused on developing Scout skills, Dutch oven cooking, completing various advancement requirements and managed to spend some time exploring the Cape Cod shoreline. (Three Photos)

THANK YOU CHARLIE PARADIE: This past September, after nine years as Troop 14's Scoutmaster, Charlie Paradie stepped down as Scoutmaster. During his tenure, and with the various adult leader positions he has held over the past 25 years, he has witnessed many Eagle Court of Honors, experienced many amazing outdoor activities and campouts, challenging high adventure trips and satisfying service projects. Far outweighing all of those, what he says was most satisfying was getting to know the 100's of amazing young men and adult leaders who have been involved in the Troop, some of whom have become lifelong friends. Charlie plans to remain involved with the Troop and will be focus his attention working with the older Scouts as they advance toward attaining the Eagle Scout rank; and continue as the High Adventure Coordinator.

WELCOME CHRIS BARIBEAU: We are excited to announce Chris Baribeau as Troop14's next Scoutmaster. Chris has two sons in the Troop, with his third joining in a little over a year. Chris has been an Assistant Scoutmaster since joining the Troop and he has been heavily involved, attending most Troop meetings, campouts and activities. Not only does Chris set an excellent example of living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in his mannerism and actions, he is knowledgeable, compassionate, patient, and takes the time to listen, ask questions and make suggestions, all characteristics of a great Scoutmaster. We look forward to Chris's leadership and the direction he takes the Troop as we put forth the best program possible for our Scouts.

ST. MARY'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 14: The Troop meets weekly on Monday nights. If interested in joining Troop 14, come to any of our meetings. Boy Scouts is an ideal organization for boys 11-17 years old.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October – Mount Chocorua
Hike and Campout.

Monday, October 21 – Court of Honor.

November – Turkey Roast and Campout.

Saturday, November 9 – Food Drive.

St. Mary's EPIC

High School
Youth Ministry
Fall 2019 Calendar
**Faith, Friends, Food,
Fun, Service, & More**
\$5 Dues General Meetings

- Oct. 20 - Kickoff General Meeting 7:15 - 8:45 PM - FHH
- Oct. 26 - Zipline/ Ropes Course Trip 9:45 AM - 3:00 PM - Sat.
- Nov. 3 - Prayer + Planning Meeting 5 - 6 PM - Rooms 3+4
- Nov. 6 - Make Sleeping Mats for Homeless 7 - 8 PM - FHH - Wed.
- Nov. 10 - General Meeting 7:15 - 8:45 PM - FHH
- Nov. 17 - Indoor Mini Golf + Ice Cream Trip 5:30 - 9 PM
- Nov. 24 - General Meeting 7:15 - 8:45 PM - FHH
- Dec. 8 - General Meeting 7:15 - 8:45 PM - FHH
- Dec. 14 - X-mas Party - Doolittle Home 1:10 - 4:45 PM - Sat.

Endless Possibilities in Christ

Kickoff Meeting
Sunday, October 20

Father Haley Hall

7:15 – 8:45 PM - \$5 Dues

**Games, Faith, Activities,
Friends, Fun, Food, Make New
Friends, Small Groups**

2018 Kickoff Meeting Last Fall



**Pictures from
Mission Trip to
Gainesville, FL
Summer 2019**



Jake at Tree Top



Saturday, Oct. 26
EPIC Ropes Course/Zip Line Trip
Tree Top Adventures – Canton, MA
Meet at St. Mary's 9:45 AM
Return around 3 PM
Cost \$65 Cash or Check to St. Mary's

EPIC + Ropes Course Trip
Sign Ups at the Oct. 20 Meeting
Contact Youth Minister Jake Thiringer at
stmarysym1870@gmail.com with questions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

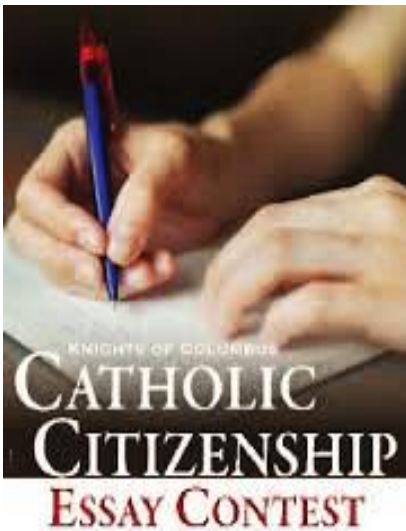
St. Mary's Council #14224 October, 2019

Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Anguish

11th ANNUAL CHARITY FUNDRAISER RAFFLE:

The raffle drawing took place at Celebrate Holliston at Goodwill Park on September 21. The Council presented donations to the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Holliston Senior Center, and Habitat for Humanity at the event. Donations now total \$210,000.

Beneficiaries of 11 years of our raffle include the above-mentioned organizations plus Veterans organizations and others. Co-chairmen were Tom Anguish, Al Scaramella, Bill Heuer, and Aaron Pyman. The Council thanks all St. Mary's parishioners who bought raffle tickets. \$1000 First prize winning ticket was purchased at Market Basket in Bellingham.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST:

The Council will conduct an essay contest for Catholics in Grades 8-12 this fall. The theme for 2019-2020 is "Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the Virtue of Charity". Contest entry forms are available from the Religious Education Office. Parental approval is required on the entry form. The typed 500 - 750 word essays will be due by November 8, 2019. Student winners will have the opportunity to compete state-wide and nationally. District Deputy Michael Kerrigan and Knight Mitchell Liro are contest leaders.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST:

The Council will also conduct a poster contest on "Keep Christ in Christmas" for elementary school boys

and girls in November. Instructions for entering your poster are available in the Religious Education Office. Posters are due for judging by December 2, 2019. Student winners will have the opportunity to compete state-wide and nationally.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2019:

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



Trusting God with all your Heart"

Closing Brunch – November 6, 2019



September 25 –Kathy Stebbins: *Learning from our Youth.* Kathy will share how her life's work as a Youth Minister influenced her faith and increased her trust in God. She will also share effective ways to help our youth grow in their relationship with God. Kathy is retired from the Archdiocese of Boston where she worked in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Prior to that, she and her husband served as Youth Ministers at their home parish. She currently works at Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine - it is the first new church built in the Archdiocese of Boston in over 60 years. She and her husband have five children and eleven grandchildren.



October 2 – Fr. Bill Brown, OMV: *Following the Signs.* Fr. Brown will share how to read the signs of daily life as a way to grow in trust. As a member of the order of Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Fr. Brown holds the title of Advancement Director for Mission & Apostolate. He has been the Director of the St. Joseph Retreat House, Provincial as well as the Vocation Director and Rector for the order. Fr. Bill's education includes a Masters of Divinity, Spirituality at St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA. His early training was in accounting and business management from Santa Clara University, CA.



October 9 – Fr. Austin Fleming: *Trusting when things are difficult.* Fr. Fleming will share the importance of seeking a two-way relationship with God by turning away from the things of the world, which clutter our relationship with God. Fr. Fleming was the pastor of Holy Family parish in Concord for 25 years. A parish council member has said of Fr. Fleming, "The most important thing beyond what a gentle soul he is...What really stands out is his ability to engage everyone. He's funny in one moment and deeply sacred in the next. Everything about him is what we need in this world." Fr. Fleming is a musician, singer and a poet. He is the author of three small books.



October 16 – Susan Abbott: *God's Roadmap: Avoiding the Detours.* How can prayer lead us closer to God and trust Him more deeply? Susan will help us understand how to surrender our lives to God's capable hands. Susan is a longtime religious educator at both local and archdiocesan levels. In September 2018, she was part of a panel convened by Bishop Mark O'Connell, discussing the role of women in the Church. Susan holds a Masters of Education from the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College. She received a Bachelor of Arts (Russian) from Regis College, Weston. She is a widow, mother and grandmother.



October 23 - Christina Valenzuela: *Called to be Saints Together.* (cf 1 Cor 1:2) God has entrusted each of us, from the moment of existence, to the special care of some of His greatest friends. Christina will share how we can open ourselves to God's personal love by learning to pay attention to our unique team of Saintly intercessors and guides. Mrs. Christina Valenzuela, O.P., MTS is a wife and mother of four living children, plus two little saints. She holds a dual degree in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a Masters in Theological Studies from Harvard. She is a life-professed member of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic and after over a decade of parish and campus ministry, is now self-employed as a Natural Family Planning instructor and catechetical speaker. You can visit her website: www.summamomma.com



October 30 – Mary Pat McCauley: *Who's got your back?* Mary Pat will help us understand the gift of the Trinity with a particular focus on the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Mary Pat recently completed a Master's Program in Theological Studies at Boston College's School of Theology in Ministry. She returned to Boston in 2000 to care for her mother. Before her return, she had worked for over twenty years as a management consultant in the healthcare telecommunications and financial services industries launching business plans for mobility services, Internet and online customer experience. Mary Pat is currently supporting several adult programs in the South Region of the Archdiocese of Boston.

A Cross Walk With Kay McGilvray

By Cathy Stenquist

St. Mary's upcoming 150th anniversary got me thinking of the long history of our parish and how deeply St. Mary's has been a precious part of so many family memories and experiences. The McGilvray family has been one such family. Recently, I was delighted to sit down for a chat with a true matriarch of our parish, Kay McGilvray.



Kay McGilvray

"I was one of five children," Kay began, "me, twin girls, a boy and another girl. My mother's sisters, who were French, had moved to Boston, so we always went to the French Church on Main Street in Waltham."

"From the time I was a child, I had uncles who were like surrogate fathers to us. They stepped up to the plate when my father could not. It wasn't bad... we didn't have any money, but we had people who loved and cared for us. And God was always there. If you don't know anything else, what you know is normal for you."

"In school, I was always interested in medicine and couldn't get enough Biology and Chemistry," She said with a laugh. "When I graduated from nursing school, about age 21 or so, I wanted to work in the OR. I had just finished my training when an opportunity came up to be the head nurse in charge of the OB/GYN Operating Room at Boston City Hospital. I took it. It was sink or swim, but I was able to develop my leadership skills there."

"My husband Reece and I both grew up in Waltham. He was the eldest of ten kids, 6ft tall and 120 pounds. He tried to enlist 3X in the service, but they would not take him as he was too slight."

Kay enjoyed telling me how one day Reece walked across the street from his home and got a job with Raytheon, which later became Honeywell. He worked there for 40 years.

Kay continued, "We were introduced at a party one night and that was the beginning of it. We got married and had 4 children in rapid succession- Reece III, Kathy, David and Mark. I was a stay-at-home mom till the youngest was in school." "I bet you loved being a mom," I said. "Some days!" She said with a wink and a smile. "It hasn't been boring!"



Kay's graduation photo 1952

In 1960, Kay and Reece were living with his parents in Waltham when they decided it was time to move. They found a house on Wilkins Road in Holliston that was under construction and showed some interest to the builder. With \$10 down, the builder held the house for them, and fifty-nine years later Kaye still lives there with her son Mark. Holliston was much smaller when they came - around 6,000 people - but very soon after the population doubled to 12,000.

Taking a stroll down the corridor, Kay spied the time line of pastors. "Tell me about St. Mary's," I asked, "what was it like when you came?" Pointing her finger upward, she said, "Fr. O'Brien was the pastor then. He was a genius and took over things." Walking along she was amazed that she had worshipped under six pastors in her 59 years here in Holliston.

"We joined around the time they began having Saturday Masses," she added. "The Religious Ed. center and library had not been built yet. Reece was on the building committee. He organized everything. He was a mover and a shaker helping Fr. Haley get things done. Anything he wanted done he would ask Reece. Reece was a very bright, wonderful and holy man, who died way too soon."

Kay went on to tell me how Reece started the St. Mary's newsletter. "He thought it would be a way to unify people. He would go to the various church groups and say 'I need something for the newsletter.' It was a wonderful opportunity to know who was who in your church and what they were doing."



Kay with her grandchildren

"Did you teach Religious Ed.?" I asked. "I taught CCD forever! I preferred teaching older kids, but they needed 3rd grade teachers so that's what I did. We had 15 teachers for hundreds of kids. We had classes at teacher's homes until they built the Parish Center. After the center was built, everyone chipped in and helped out. We would meet in the parking lot and say ok, you kids go with her, and you kids come with me. I became the 3rd grade coordinator. I am a nurse, not a teacher. I never really wanted to be teacher, but there was a need so I stepped in. One year, I was short a teacher so Reece helped out and did a great job."

***"Come as far as you can . . .
I'll meet you there."***

The title of a song that Reece composed, which is also inscribed on the McGilvray gravestone in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Thirty years ago, Kay's beloved Reece died. Then 16 years after, she lost her precious daughter Kathi McCumber to colon cancer. Kay's son Mark shared, "We lost Kathi in 2005. She fought the cancer for four years and finally said she had had enough. She said she would be here for Thanksgiving and Christmas and then go home... and sure enough, she passed on January 9. She was amazing, even planning her own funeral."

Ann Chiango, a fellow parishioner shared, "The loss of Kathi was a horrible one for Kay, especially after losing her cherished husband Reece. Two huge

losses were a lot. But Kay never felt sorry for herself. It wasn't just a 'stiff upper lip' thing... She genuinely accepted what ever happened in her life. But the core strength came from her love of, and deep faith in Jesus."

"I'm so sorry for your loss, Kay," I offered, "that must have been so difficult." "Kathi was okay with it," Kay added, "which made it easier for everyone else. She was at peace with her situation." "She was strong like her mother," I acknowledged. Kay sat back and smiled.



Kathy McCumber

"Volunteering came natural to Kay," Ann continued, "She always has had a heart of gold. Where there was a need, Kay would meet it. Family was always central to her, and the church was her extended family. When you think of family values like love, loyalty, encouragement and giving your best, Reece and Kay did their best to flow these same qualities to their church in everything they did."

"Kay has always been a very powerful person who never hesitated to speak up. Kay's mantra was, 'I have a voice and I will use it!' Kay said often to Ann that she promised Father Haley she would be a thorn in his side - not in a mean way, but in her efforts to make things better at St. Mary's"

"It's been an interesting life with a couple of hitches along the way," Kay said, "I have overcome illness, loss and family struggles. I had viral encephalitis once. I pulled through because I guess God had other plans for me! Life is funny," Kay concluded, "when you think back... I chose to look at the positives. Things could have been so different. I guess you can make of it what you want or need to at the time. For me the church was always there."

God bless you Kay. Thank you for all you have shared at St. Mary's. We are the better for it.

Till next time... Walking in His name, Cathy