

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Carpenter Street
Foxboro, MA 02035



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	7:00am/9:00am/11:00am
Daily	9:00am
	No daily Mass on Mondays
Reconciliation	Saturdays 2:45–3:45pm; or by appointment; or request after Mass
Holy Days	9:00am; 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration	Fridays 9:30 – noon Saturdays 7:00–8:00pm
Fatima Prayer Cell	Monday 4:00–5:00pm Tuesdays following the 9:00am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please stop by for silent prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as we open ourselves up to God. During this time, the priest does not touch the Eucharist with bare hands. The priest uses a humeral veil or a piece of cloth that covers his shoulders and into which he places his hands before touching the Eucharist.

Fatima Prayer Cell

This is a small group of people that get together for prayer. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Fatima Prayer Cells are in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance to save sinners.

Ministries of St. Mary's Parish

Please call the Rectory with any question regarding our Ministries. We would love to hear from you.

MINISTRY OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION

This two-session Program is held in the Murphy Room at St. Mary's. Facilitated by a team of married couples from the parish, engaged couples spend some focused time spiritually preparing for their upcoming marriages with a range of activities in a combination of private, small group, and large group settings.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION GROUP

We are a group who meet year round every Wednesday after the 9 a.m. Mass. The group originally began in the early 70's in the kitchen area but with more participants soon expanded to the Murphy Room in the lower church. We gather together as we have a common denominator; we care for each other and the wider church community. In addition to our regular prayer and discussion of "hot topics" of the day, we may help rectory staff, or Christmas Fair personnel in stuffing envelopes, collating paperwork, etc. Also, if there is a request to prepare some baked goods after a Sunday morning Mass such as a church picnic; ecumenical concert; or Religious Education class; we all pitch in to help. Sometimes there is even a need for cleaning the brass altar candlesticks! Most of all, we are members of St. Mary's parish family who gather together to share our faith. All are welcome to join us whenever the spirit moves you. No registration required.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The mission of this Ministry is to bring the Eucharist to the sick, incapacitated or homebound parishioners of our parish at least once a week, and to offer them a kind heart and a listening ear for those who need it.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR COMMITTEE

The Christmas Fair Committee is responsible for organizing all aspects of the Christmas Fair held on a Saturday and Sunday in early November. The Christmas Fair consists of Raffles, Theme Baskets, Handmade Crafts, Baked Goods, Silent Auction items, Children's Games and Shopping area, Religious items and Jewelry as well as lunch for sale.

Committee meetings begin in mid-summer and meet monthly at the Church until October when the meetings are more frequent as the Fair date approaches. Parishioners who are not available to attend meetings can also participate by making crafts at home at home, advertising, soliciting local businesses or baking for the event. All parishioners are welcome to participate!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Also known as Eucharistic Ministers, describes Confirmed individuals who assist in the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass. The term "extraordinary" simply refers to the fact that these individuals are not ordained to ministry, as are bishops, priests, and deacons, but they have made themselves available to this calling to serve their fellow parishioners. Ministers are also available to deliver the Eucharist to homebound, hospitalized, or infirmed persons.

The parish provides spiritual, theological and practical preparation to fulfill this role with knowledge and reverence. The training may include appropriate attire, demeanor and most especially the proper handling of the consecrated bread.

Assignments to serve at Mass are scheduled two months in advance, e-mailed to all ministers, posted on the parish web site, and in the sacristy.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was established to collect monies to be used to award financial scholarships to members of St. Mary's parish.

Funds are provided through an annual collection at St. Mary's Church as well as memorial donations. In the spring, a website with an application form is set up for candidates to download and return to the rectory at a specified date. Forms are also provided at the doors of the church.

During the summer, the committee meets a few times to read all applications (names having been removed) and choose the winners. Usually two winners are each awarded \$2000 in the form of a check made out to the person, not the school.

To be eligible for this award the applicant must have completed at least one year of studies at the college level, must be a member of St. Mary's parish, and must complete all the requirements indicated on the application.

CANTORS

The cantor provides encouragement and example for others to join in singing at Mass. The cantor is responsible for announcing the hymns, as well as encouraging and leading the assembly in the singing of hymns, the Responsorial Psalm, the Alleluia, and the Mass parts. Cantors lead the assembly in song at weekend liturgies, weddings, and funerals. The cantor's task is to invite participation and assist the people in praying together in song.

THE ADULT CHOIR OF SAINT MARY'S FOXBORO

Saint Mary's Adult Choir meets for rehearsals in the choir loft in the church on Thursday evenings, September to June, from 7-8 PM. The Adult Choir, accompanied by the organist, provides music for the 11:00AM Sunday liturgy as well as occasional seasonal liturgies during Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas. The Adult Choir welcomes all who love to sing. No prior knowledge of note reading is required!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This ministry is open to children old enough to want to sing. The children rehearse each Sunday, from 10:00 - 11:00 am, and sing the last Sunday of the month, at the 9:00 am Mass. The children's choir sings in the front of the church and performs with a small instrumental ensemble. No audition is required to join this group.

YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

This ministry is open to young adults entering high school. The young adults rehearse each Sunday from 10:00 - 11:00 am, often working with the members of the Children's Choir. The young adults sing the third Sunday of each month. No audition is required to join this group.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD - LECTORS

Give human voice to the Word of God at Mass liturgies. There is no age requirement to become a proclaimer, however proclaimers must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition to this requirement, those who participate in this ministry should have strong verbal and communication skills, be comfortable reading in front of a large group of people, and possess the willingness to commit oneself to the time, effort and study required for intelligent and sensitive proclamation. Study manuals are provided by the parish.

SHARING SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday. Parishioners donate canned and non-perishable food items which are then divided between the Pine Street Inn and the Foxboro Food Pantry. Volunteers shop and prepare a hot meal which is taken by parish volunteers to the Women's Unit of Pine Street Inn on Sharing Sunday.

ALTAR SERVERS

Becoming an altar server is a great way for children to serve and participate in the Mass. Teams of 2 or 3 servers are scheduled to serve approximately monthly at the 4pm, 9am and 11am Masses on a rotating schedule. Training is held annually and any child currently in grade 3 or above is invited to join.

USHERS

Ushers are an integral part of our Mass. They welcome parishioners and visitors before each Mass and are available to answer questions. Ushers help in finding seats for parishioners, and take note of any parishioners that may need special assistance. Ushers remain at the back of the church and help any late-comers to minimize disruptions. Ushers also help with collections.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our purpose is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education and service activities within the parish. One of our objectives is to assess adequately the needs of the whole parish and its members, and to develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the common good of the parish. Another objective is to foster unity and a sense of community in the parish and to coordinate all parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interests of the parish. Lastly, our objectives include promoting programs and activities recommended by the Archbishop, Archdiocesan offices and agencies as well as the pastoral council itself.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Council is composed of members of the parish having a background in areas such as finance, accounting, managing properties, and budgeting. The responsibility of this council is to advise the Pastor on the temporal affairs of the parish. The council will review the parish's financial condition, including areas such as sources of income, expenditures, parish debt, savings, and possible investments. The council is required to compose an annual financial report to be distributed to the parishioners. The members on this committee work strictly in an advisory capacity to the pastor.

PRAYER LINE

The parish prayer line is made up of volunteers who agree to pray for anyone who asks for help. The prayer line works this way: anyone with a request for prayers may call to request prayers. They may also pass on any requests to any member of the group. Once a prayer request is received, a blind-copied email is sent out to all the members of the prayer line, asking them to pray for that particular person or intention.

Requests for prayers are very varied. Most are for someone who is ill, or for a family of a loved one who has passed away. However, we have prayed for individuals who are going through any difficult or stressful time, from unemployment, to divorce, addiction issues, and often the request will simply be for "..... who needs prayers". In the emails, prayer recipients' privacy is respected, and they are listed by first name only, or by initials, or by a brief description, such as "a young mother". If any updates are received, and it's very nice to hear that so many prayers have been answered, those updates are also emailed to the group.

Recognizing that prayers are so powerful, more participants are always welcome! If you are interested in joining the group or if you have an intention, please call the Rectory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of Christopher Columbus. We have developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to the ideals of Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism while promoting and defending Roman Catholic values. Our council, Foxboro/Sharon 6063, meets monthly, usually on the first Friday of each month. Some of our charity work involves collecting for the Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit handicapped children, a youth basketball free throw competition, running local blood drives and supporting St. Mary's Parish any way we can. We are always looking for any new member to join our fraternal service. A member must be at least 18 years of age.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Formed over 100 years ago and today numbers 66,000 dues-paying members in 1,150 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country, and in and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Kenya, and Peru. CDA donates to charities, administers scholarship programs and strives "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." The CDA motto is "Unity and Charity." Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the church and the Holy See. Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities. Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of "feminine genius" in today's world.

Girls and young women ages 6-18 can join the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Young college women can become members of Campus Courts at some universities. We are always looking for new members!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious education is available to all of the children in our parish from first grade through ninth grade. St. Mary's Religious Education program strives to bring God's Word and the principals of being a good Christian in today's world to our young people. The program begins with grade 1 being taught at home by the parents with a program supplied and supervised by our Religious Ed Coordinator. Grades 2-8 meet after school weekly, Monday through Wednesday, during the school year. Second graders receive the sacrament of Penance in the fall and the sacrament of First Holy Communion in the spring. Your child must complete our first and second grade curriculum in order to be prepared to receive First Penance and First Communion. Ninth grade classes meet monthly and conclude with the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Like Grade 2, students must have completed the previous grades 3-9 to receive Confirmation. Home programs are available for all grades with the exception of our sacramental years, grade two and grade nine. Please call the Religious Education Office to register your child.

LIFETEEN

St. Mary's LIFE TEEN is open to everyone in grades 9-12. Our goal is to strengthen our faith and spread the love of Christ through community service and social activities.

We typically meet twice a month, each meeting lasts approximately an hour and a half. One meeting is dedicated to a community service project and the other meeting is a social activity. We typically meet on Thursday evenings, but some community service projects require us to meet at other days and times. We are on Instagram and Twitter @stmaryslt17.

General Information

Low Gluten Hosts

We are happy to supply low gluten hosts to anyone who joins us for Liturgy. Please speak to one of the ushers or the celebrant before Mass.

Trouble Walking?

We are happy to bring the host to the seat of anyone who has trouble walking. Please speak to an usher or the celebrant before Mass.

New Parishioners

Please call our rectory to let us know you are new to the Parish. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mass Cards

We are happy to provide a Mass Card to anyone who has lost a loved one. Mass Cards are used to show the family of the deceased that a Mass will be said in memory of their loved one. Each loved one will be added to our Benefactors Society (see below). Please call the Rectory with the name of the Deceased.

Benefactors Society

If you request a Mass Card from the Rectory, we will include the name of your loved one in our Benefactors Society. The Benefactors Society members are prayed for regularly during our weekend Masses.

A Mass for a Loved One

We can schedule a remembrance or an anniversary Mass for a loved one. Please call the rectory to schedule a Mass.

Sanctuary Candle

We offer the lighting of the Sanctuary Candle for a week, from Saturday to Sunday. The Sanctuary Candle can be lit in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners are part of our Grade 9 Confirmation Program. We ask for a parishioner to pray for one of our young students while he/she prepares for his/her Confirmation. The program starts in September and the student is confirmed around April. The students participate in a retreat in March and we ask that each prayer partner write a small note or card of encouragement to their student. Please call the rectory for more information.

Baptism – Baptisms are performed the second Sunday of the month at **12:30**. Baptism Preparation Classes are held the 1st Sunday of each month at **12:30pm**. Please call the Rectory to register your child.

First Communion

First Communions take place in late April or early May. This is part of our second grade Religious Education program.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place Saturdays at **2:45-3:45pm** and by appointment. Please feel free to ask a priest after a Mass.

Confirmation

Confirmations take place in May and are part of our Grade 9 Confirmation Program.

Marriage – Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance by appointment with a priest. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Vocation – Vocations are a special calling and a truly wonderful commitment.. If you have questions about vocations, or feel you may be called for God’s work, please call the Rectory and ask to speak with a Priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, going to surgery or of an advanced age is invited to request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after any Mass. Fr. Matt is happy to come to anyone’s home if that is more convenient. Please call the rectory to schedule a visit.

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Any adult who is interested in becoming Catholic, or any Catholic who has not received Communion or Confirmation, is welcome to participate in our RCIA program. This series of classes and directed readings results in the reception of all of the Sacraments of Initiation and reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please feel free to talk to Fr. Matt after Mass or call the Rectory for more information

St. Mary’s Mission Statement

Saint Mary’s Church is a Roman Catholic community of faith established in **1859** in Foxborough, Massachusetts within the Archdiocese of Boston. We are a parish committed to worshipping together, to publicly living, teaching and sharing our faith, and to working at becoming a community with a shared responsibility for meeting the challenge of being a Roman Catholic in a modern world.