

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH

46 Myrtle Street, Melrose, MA 02176

Parish Website: www.stmarysmelrose.org

Facebook Page: [saintmaryoftheannunciationparishmelrose](https://www.facebook.com/saintmaryoftheannunciationparishmelrose)

Parish Office: 781-665-0152

Fax: 781-665-2750

Hours: 9:00am—4:00pm, Monday—Friday

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Shawn Allen
Pastor

Rev. Charles Hughes
In Residence

Rev. John Janko, SDB
Weekend Assistant

Ms. Marge Keohane
Operations Manager
marjk50@comcast.net

Mr. Christopher Beza
Principal, St. Mary's School
781-665-5037
mr.beza@stmaryschoolmelrose.org

Mrs. Paula Lowell
Music Director
Plowell88@gmail.com

Mrs. Karen Tarmey
Coordinator of Religious Education
SMPMelroseCRE@gmail.com

Mrs. Lisa Hudson
Parish & Religious Education Admin Asst
Lisahudson21@comcast.net

Mrs. Jaelyn Meehan
Confirmation Coordinator
stmaryyouthformation@gmail.com



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, Adoration is not being celebrated at this time.

ROSARY FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Rosary is not being held at this time.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule your Baptism or for more information, please call Lisa Hudson at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

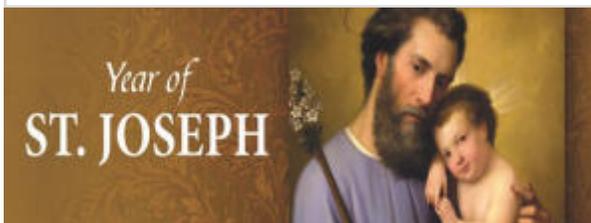
Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to begin the preparation process and to confirm a date and time for your wedding. This process should begin at least six months in advance of the desired date.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

4 Myrtle Street, Melrose, MA 02176

School Website:
www.stmaryschoolmelrose.org

School Office: 781-665-5037



MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of the Annunciation is a Roman Catholic Christian Community centered around the Eucharist, welcoming all, while growing through faith and stewardship.

Saint Mary Parish, Melrose, MA

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S!

If you are visiting and looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to our Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish Community. We hope that you find the worship and liturgy uplifting and an encouragement to your faith. We invite you to participate in the life of our parish. Whatever your age or walk of life, we want this parish to be your spiritual home. We are a community centered on excellent liturgy, helping people of all ages grow in relationship with Jesus, and welcoming all. Please introduce yourself to Fr Shawn, our Pastor. We want to know you and serve you.



4:00 pm	Saturday, May 1 Richard Doyle
7:30 am	Sunday, May 2 Arthur & Patricia O'Neill
9:30 am	Donald David Daley, Jr
11:30 am	Marjorie Tortolano
9:00 am	Friday, May 7 Jennifer McCann Black
4:00 pm	Saturday, May 8 Antonio D'Angelo & Domenico & Maria DelGreco
7:30 am	Sunday, May 9 All the Masses on Mother's Day
9:30 am	are Offered for the Living and Deceased
11:30 am	Mothers of Saint Mary Parish



Please pray for those who are ill especially for

Ellie Pistorino
Patricia DeGaravilla
Katherine Connolly
Joseph O'Connor
Rita M Tsika

Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Phil & Claire Ranieri

Please pray for our recently deceased loved ones especially for Lillian Galante

SCHEDULED PRESIDERS

Saturday, May 1

4:00 pm Fr Shawn

Sunday, May 2

7:30 am Fr Hughes
9:30 am Fr Shawn
11:30 am Fr Janko

Saturday, May 8

4:00 pm Fr Hughes

Sunday, May 9

7:30 am Fr Shawn
9:30 am Fr Janko
11:30 am Fr Shawn

TEXT TO GIVE!! GIVING MADE EVEN EASIER!

We are excited to offer another option to donate to Saint Mary's. After receiving input from you, our parishioners, we have added the option to donate to Saint Mary's with a simple text.

Due to the pandemic, we have not passed the collection baskets since March of last year. The financial stability over these past twelve months has depended on all of you who donate online, in the baskets at each Mass, by mail or drop off your contributions at the rectory. Despite the wonderful support you have shown, our Offertory is down about 35%. As we look to the future and an end to this pandemic, we are counting on those who have been unable to attend Mass to help the parish return to a stable financial base.

Donating online by setting up scheduled recurring monthly gifts to the parish is a critical source of income. Without this, our financial situation would be a serious concern. Online giving also provides stability for our parish as we know we can count on this income each month. We currently have about 130 online givers, but with a parish of over 1200 families, we are hoping to double that base.

We are now adding the option to "text to give" in 3 easy steps.

1. **Scan the QR code for the Giving Screen OR Text the word "Donate" to: 7816536654**



2. **Enter Info:** The "giving" screen will come up where you will enter your donation amount (OFFERTORY is the fund most commonly used for our regular day-to-day expenses, but you can donate to any of the funds listed.) You will need to enter your personal information, name, address, etc. as well as your payment method. You can make your donation a one-time gift or set up

a recurring monthly donation. Payment may be made through your bank or credit card. Donating through your bank allows your gift to go a little further because the fees are lower than credit card but choose whichever works best for you.

3. **Hit SUBMIT.** That's it! You will receive an email acknowledging your donation.

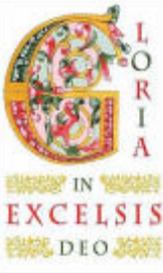
Be sure to save the number...7816536654 in your contacts for future use.

REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Effective May 8th/9th, we will no longer require pre-registration and check-in to attend the weekend Masses. We will continue to follow all the personal protection protocols by wearing a mask over your nose and mouth, sanitizing your hands either before or when you enter the church and sitting at least 6 feet apart from others. Families may sit together in a pew without social distancing. Sanitization of the pews and other contact areas will continue.

We are hopeful as the Covid virus cases continue to drop in our state, but we must remain vigilant in continuing the precautions advised by the CDC. Please spread the word to your family and friends that returning to Mass is very safe and we look forward to welcoming them back. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fifth Sunday of the Easter



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at

the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.

He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.

And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace.

It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations
shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.



Second Reading First John 3:18-24



Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



As your Easter season continues through May, **come join EWTN** in helping you celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost Sunday and much more!

EWTN is available through TV, Radio, Internet and Mobile Devices. Go to ewtn.com for more information and a schedule of programs. EWTN can be found on the following channels: COMCAST Channel 56, 238; VERIZON Channel 285; DISH Channel 261; DIRECT TV Channel 370



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
Thursday, May 13

Mass will be celebrated
at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

May 2, 2021

THE CREED

I believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation,
 he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
 and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE



Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at our own parish.

Saint Mary's Parish is assessed a target goal by the Archdiocese of Boston, based on our parish income over the past three years. We **must reach** our assessment of **\$46,000** from donor gifts or the parish **is required to pay the shortfall**. Last year we had a shortfall of slightly under \$4,000. As of today, we are looking at a shortfall of \$15,500, which would have a strong impact on this year's budget, especially as income is down about 35%. Every donation matters, regardless of the amount. If every family could contribute as their means allows, we could easily reach our assessment target.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support us!

SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Make your New Year's Eve special by having your Marriage Blessed in the presence of God

If you are married, but not in the Catholic Church, you are invited to a
Marriage Validation Ceremony
 Officiated by Bishop Mark O'Connell
 Friday, December 31 at 6:00 PM
 Saint Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., North Reading

Celebrate the sanctity of marriage by ending 2021 in this wonderful way, and together look forward to the blessings of 2022.

During the wedding ceremony, each couple will say their vows separately before Bishop O'Connell and their two witnesses.

To get more information about how to register, please contact the Regional Bishop's Office at 978-531-1013 or northregion@rcab.org. There is no cost to the couple.

Since 2018 over 20 couples have participated in this joyous event.



6-Week Virtual Grief Support Group Wednesday Evenings, May 5 through June 9 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm from Saint Patrick Parish via Zoom

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Connecting with others who share a similar experience of mourning during the uncertainty of this time can bring comfort and peace. Please join our Grief Support Group to connect with others *virtually* on Wednesday evenings, May 5, 12, 19, 26, and June 2 & 9. Together, we will explore the grieving process and consider the spiritual elements of grief and healing grounded in Christian hope.

For more information, please call Patrice Fitzpatrick, the Pastoral Associate at Saint Patrick Parish, Stoneham: 781-438-0200 to register by Sunday, May 2. You will need a computer, a tablet, or a smart phone that has a camera in order to participate in these virtual meetings. If you are not comfortable using this technology, our *Virtual* Grief Drop-In Meetings on the *second* Monday of each month offer phone-in attendance. Please call Patrice for more information. There is no charge for participating in these groups.

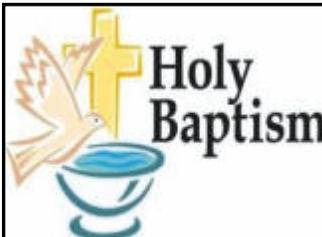
STAY TUNED FOR ON LINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION COMING IN JUNE!



Our Second Graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist this month.

Please keep the children, their families and their Catechist in your prayers as they complete their preparation.

First Eucharist will be held on Saturday, May 15 and May 22.



Join us in Welcoming the Newest Member of our Church

Olivia Lynn Verge

Saint Mary of the Annunciation School



Visit the St Mary's School Website
www.stmaryschoolmelrose.org
www.facebook.com/stmaryschoolmelrose

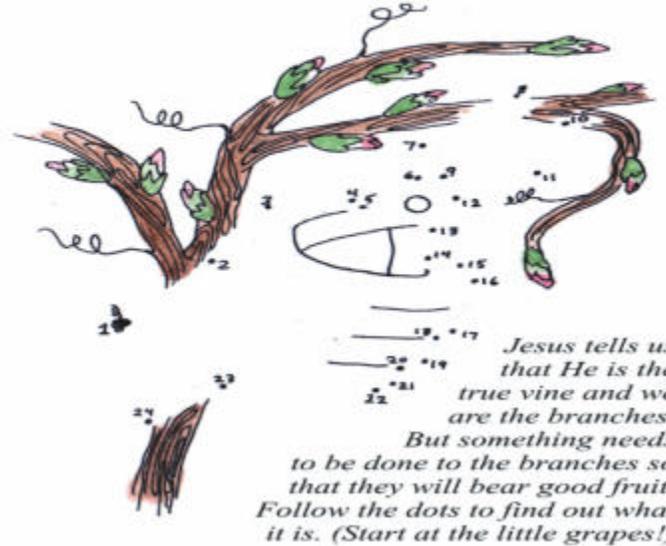
St. Mary of the Annunciation School is a Catholic community of learners living the way of Christ. We instill discipleship, integrity and academic excellence in a safe, caring environment. Our mission is to educate faith-filled leaders for the future.

- We are faith-based education and provide a strong foundation
 - We are a diverse and welcoming community
 - Our teachers are committed to the success of their students
- We provide an academically rigorous program with high expectations
 - We integrate technology in all that we do
 - We teach to the whole student through arts and humanities
 - The school environment is secure and protected

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 6—Progress Reports
 Friday, May 7—Early Dismissal
 Monday, May 10—Crowning of Mary—Grade 1
 MAP Testing Begins
 Thursday, May 13—Ascension Thursday
 Saturday, May 22—First Eucharist
 Monday, May 31—No School—Memorial Day
 Tuesday, Jun 8—Graduation

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2nd, 2021



SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!



Camp Marist

For the **BEST SUMMERS** of your Life!

AN OUTSTANDING OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE with a GREAT CATHOLIC TRADITION
 A Fun Place... A Safe Place... A Friendly Place
 Founded in 1949

Boys & Girls - Ages 6 to 16
 Great 2 week and 3 week sessions
 Friendships That Last A Lifetime

More than 40 Activities to choose from...

Horseback Riding + Water Skiing + Arts + Swimming
 Team Sports + Paddle Boarding + Sailing + Tennis
 Go Carts + Ropes Course + Hiking + Camping
 Martial Arts + Ceramics + Special Trips
 and much, much more!

For more information, contact us at
 603-539-4552
office@campmarist.org
www.campmarist.org

Camp Marist
 For the BEST summer of your life!
 OSMPEE LAKE, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Our business is built on: **Dedication, Communication, Determination, & Trust** while embodying the ability to cater and adapt to all of my client's Real Estate needs.

22 Corey Street 3rd Floor • Melrose Ma 02176

leemangately.com

781-307-1243 | Jill.leeman@compass.com

FREE ESTIMATES



FULLY INSURED

TOTAL TREE CARE

REMOVAL • LOT CLEARING • FIREWOOD
STUMP GRINDING • COMPETITIVE RATES
AERIAL BUCKET & CRANE SERVICE

Robert Moses 781-245-2826



Landscape • Masonry • Drainage
Irrigation • Snow Removal
Landscape Lighting
Patio/Walks

781-662-0883

19 West Foster St., Melrose

www.lcmplus.com

Joe Guarino



**WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES**



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

THE FITCH HOME

781.665.0521



Comfortable Retirement Living in
Melrose on the Shores of Ell Pond.
Just the right size community at reasonable prices.

Visit our website: www.fitchhome.org

**ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS
HERE**

*Your Community
is Looking!*



**ACCESS
ORTHOPEDICS**

721 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Call today to schedule an appointment!

781-620-0198

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin
emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



U.P.C.
GUTTER CLEANING

Over 25 Years
in Business

Call Bernardo at:
1.888.324.1295
upcgutters@gmail.com

WAYSTACK & KIRBY
Attorneys at Law

25 Myrtle Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
Tel. 781-665-1136

F. Peter Waystack, Esq. • Martina M. Kirby, Esq.
Real Estate • Estate Planning • Wills, Trusts
Powers of Attorney Administration of Estates
Elder Law Planning • Personal Taxation

NICK LENTO
REALTOR® | CPA
Top 5% of Sales Associates Globally
Nick.Lento@NEMoves.com
617-755-5804
Lifelong Melrose Resident
Local Presence Backed by
the Largest Global Network




HOME • BUSINESS • AUTO

THE TARPEY
INSURANCE GROUP

YOUR INSURANCE SPECIALISTS

(781) 665-1034

109 West Foster Street, Melrose

Nelson Pan, DDS
Debra Hong Pan, DMD, MS, LLC
Family and Cosmetic Dentistry



- ORTHODONTICS
- PERIODONTICS
- ENDODONTICS

985 MAIN STREET
MELROSE MA, 02176
(781) 665-5190

Visit us at www.pandentalcare.com



GATELY FUNERAL HOME
ESTABLISHED 1889
CREMATION SERVICES & IRREVOCABLE FUNERAL TRUSTS AVAILABLE
THE OLDEST FAMILY RUN BUSINESS IN MELROSE
79 West Foster St., Melrose • 781-665-1949
www.gatelyfh.com





We Service All Import and Domestic Cars & Trucks
Brakes • Tires • Engine and Transmissions Repair
Heating & Cooling Service
Electrical Service • Diesel Repair • Hybrid Repair



Certified Automotive Solutions
Not Just Car Care, Customer Care.



286 Lebanon Street,
Melrose, MA 02176
781-662-4847

17 Upham Street,
Melrose, MA 02176
781-590-4207

CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS - auto repair services you can count on!

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Judy McNee** to place an ad today!
jmcnee@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6451**

DEPOT
221 North Ave., Wakefield, MA 01880
Your One Stop Service Shop
781-245-9764
AC Service • Tune Ups • Brakes
Oil Changes • Check Engine Light Diagnostics
Mufflers & Exhausts • Struts & Shocks
Factory Maintenance Schedules

The Leonard Co.
CLEANING CONTRACTOR FOR PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT COMPANIES
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL
Complete clean-outs of attics, basements, garages,
Power washing driveways, walkways, graffiti removal,
Residential window & screen cleaning
617-512-7849
www.theleonardco.com
Peabody, MA • fondinib@aol.com

Too Sick for Mass?
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered
right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com



Honoring Memories, Celebrating Lives




809 Main Street • Melrose
(781) 665-1900
RobinsonFuneralHome.com



