

A photograph of a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling broadly and looking upwards. She is holding a young child in her arms. The child is covering their eyes with their hands, suggesting a playful or shy reaction. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a brick wall.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOVE

**When Jesus saw
that he answered with
understanding, he said to
him, "You are not far from
the kingdom of God."**

- Mk 12:34ab

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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

The first Thursday of each Month from 6:30-7:30pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 am.

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.

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 of the Annunciation 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.

MASS Intentions

4:00 pm **Saturday, October 30**
William Joseph Kelleher

7:30 am **Sunday, October 31**
Millie Petrillo
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
11:30 am Gladys Muse

9:00 am **Monday, November 1**
Feast of All Saints

9:00 am **Monday, November 2**
Feast of All Souls

9:00 am **Friday, November 5**
Joseph Sousa

4:00 pm **Saturday, November 6**
Joseph H Allen

7:30 am **Sunday, November 7**
Mary Shea Richmond

ALL SAINTS' DAY

On **Monday, November 1st**, we celebrate **All Saints' Day**. Because this year the feast day falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation, although we encourage everyone to attend.

All Saints Day is a very old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local Church authorities instituted a common feast day to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. Eventually, it became a day to honor all saints who, by their witness of the Christian life, have inspired us since the beginning of history. Their holy examples carry us forward to greater virtue, perfection and union with God by serving others.

ALL SOULS' DAY

On **Tuesday, November 2nd** we celebrate the **Feast of All Souls**. This feast, while not a holy day of obligation, encourages us to commemorate and pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially our family, friends and loved ones. All are invited to attend **Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd at 9 am in the upper church** as we celebrate the Feast of All Souls.

Synod on Synodality

Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the **Synod on Synodality**. The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

That process will begin here in Boston now with asking as many people as possible to take a simple survey. The link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9> **Please complete this survey.**

This survey is the first step. Other upcoming steps will be:

- * An opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, on Saturday, November 27, at 4:30PM. The Mass will be broadcast on CatholicTV, as well being a live event.
- * Discussions in the Presbyteral Council, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils, using a set of questions which will be distributed soon.
- * Focus groups in various ministries, religious communities, and demographic populations across the Archdiocese.
- * Five regional sessions that will be open to the public.
- * The collection of all of the feedback, and its compilation into a ten-page document which will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in April of 2022.
- * A closing liturgy at the Cathedral in late April of 2022.

In this process, we hope to be able to make some contribution to the global conversation on synodality. More importantly, we hope to improve the synodality of various local institutions here in the Archdiocese, as well as of the Archdiocese itself.

Prayer Requests



Please pray for those who are ill:

Ellie Pistorino
Patricia DeGaravilla
Katherine Connolly
Stephen Patrick Donahue
Madeleine Boucher

Please pray for our recently deceased loved ones especially for
Richard J Auger

SCHEDULED PRESIDERS

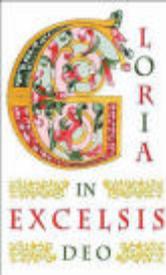
Saturday, October 30
4:00 pm Fr Hughes

Saturday, November 6
4:00 pm Fr Shawn

Sunday, October 31
7:30 am Fr Janko
9:30 am Fr Shawn
11:30 am Fr Shawn

Sunday, November 7
7:30 am Fr Hughes
9:30 am Fr Shawn
11:30 am Fr Janko

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

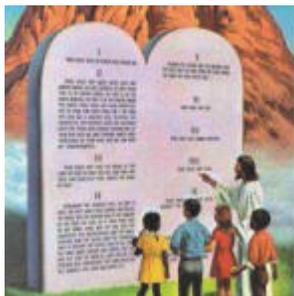
For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

"Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."



Responsorial Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**



Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:

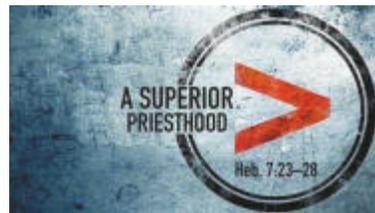
The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.



Gospel Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



For everyone's safety, if a young person needs to go downstairs to use the bathroom, please make sure they are accompanied by an adult. Thank you.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

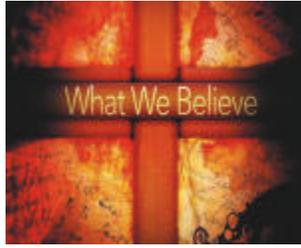
Please take a moment to view the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet reports for the 2021 fiscal year. They can be found on our website, stmarysmelrose.org under the **Parish tab**. Thank you.



Even with the relaxed precautions, **bulletins and music booklets must be removed from the Church at the end of Mass. Please do not leave these bulletins in the pew or return them to the table.** We cannot reuse them so take them home and recycle them. **Thank you!**

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.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Every year in the month of October we launch our **GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL**. This appeal supplements our weekly offertory and enables us to keep up with ongoing maintenance of our buildings, which are all 50 to 100+ years old. This past fiscal year we managed to keep spending in line with expenses and ended the year with income being about \$1,600 more than expenses. While our Offertory was down last year, your generosity to the Grand Annual Appeal offset the deficit. Our parish goal is the same as last year, \$80,000.

Our parish Grand Annual Appeal is off to a good start! Thank you to those who have already made a donation. We have received **\$19,225 which is 24% of our goal of \$80,000**. The Grand Annual supplements our weekly Offertory and is vital in keeping the parish financially stable. We cannot meet expenses based on just the weekly Offertory. We are asking each parish family for a donation of \$350 if possible. We realize every family's financial circumstances are different and we are most grateful for any and every contribution, regardless the amount. Envelopes are available on the book rack in the upper church. You may also donate online on our website, **stmarysmelrose.org**. Thank you for your support and generosity.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of many volunteers. The following ministries are in need:

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Approximately 60 minute timeframe from set up, through the Sacrament and clean up about once per month.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers (Grade 4 and above), Adult Altar Servers (Funerals), Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

We are in need of assistants in MOST GRADES. Also, if you can't commit to teaching, we need occasional substitutes.

Please call if you can help out..

MUSIC MINISTRY

Youth Choir Grades 2-8 for 9:30 Mass
Adult Choir for 11:30 Mass

Please contact the Rectory at **781 665 0152** to volunteer or complete the **ONLINE FORM** on our website, **stmarysmelrose.org** or from the folder on the bookcase in the back of the Church. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

**Baby Bottle Campaign—
FINAL COLLECTION DAY**

Your full baby bottles were due back to the church last weekend, October 23rd/24th. If you decide to give a donation by check, please make the check out to Your Options Medical. Thank You!!

*****DUE TO VIRUS CONCERNS, PLEASE WIPE OFF YOUR BABY BOTTLE WITH A DISINFECTANT WIPE BEFORE PLACING IT IN THE COLLECTION BOX. *****



**ADORATION and MONTHLY
CONFESSION THIS THURSDAY**



The first Thursday of each month, an hour of Adoration and Reconciliation will be held in the upper church. Father Shawn will be available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us for as we gather in quiet prayer and foster a deeper spiritual union with our Lord.

Saint Mary Parish Faith Formation and School Information



Faith Formation

OUR NEXT CLASS IS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

Grades 1-8 classes are held in the Parish Center from
10:45—12:15

Confirmation 1 is held in the Lower Church Hall and
Confirmation 2 is held in the Parish Center.
Both classes are from 4:00—6:00pm

**2021-2022 class calendars are on the website
under the Faith Formation tab!**

Online Registration is closed. Please call Karen Tarmey,
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mation.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

We learned from Servant's Heart Food Pantry of additional items helpful for the homeless people they serve. They distribute travel size hygiene products; the

shampoo, lotion etc that you get in hotel rooms. If you have any of these items to donate, just send them in to our Faith Formation classes and we will collect and deliver them. **THANK YOU!**

Our **November Community Service Project** is making and delivering handmade Thanksgiving cards to individuals in Nursing Homes, Shelters, etc.

If you know someone who might love to receive a card, please call Karen Tarmey, Coordinator of Faith Formation at 781 590 4948

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, Nov 5—Early Release Day

Thursday, Nov 11—Veterans Day—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov 24—Early Release

Thursday, Nov 25—Thanksgiving Day—NO SCHOOL

Friday, Nov 26—Thanksgiving Recess—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Dec 1—Reports Cards

Friday, Dec 3—Early Release

Thursday, Dec 23—Christmas Vacation Begins

Friday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve—NO SCHOOL

Saturday, Dec 25—Christmas Day—NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY! Have you said a Rosary recently? Now is the Time!

MUSIC MINISTRY Welcomes singers and instrumentalists!

If you would like to learn more about music, and would like to sing or play an instrument at Mass, please join us!

Contact: Paula Lowell, Dir. of Music, 978-658-0161 Email: plowell88@gmail.com

Youth Choir (Grades 2-8)—The Youth Choir sings weekly at the Sunday 9:30am Mass.

Rehearsals: Fridays from 4:30—5:30pm in the Parish Center.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN



Grade 4 Students through High School

Want to Train to Become an Altar Server? Want to return to Altar Serving?
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