

SAINT MARY PARISH

Established 1850
Randolph, MA 02368



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33



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Randolph, MA

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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here!! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

Join us on Facebook!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a vibrant faith community committed to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition. As a Eucharistic people, we seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ through the ministries of Word, Worship, Community, and Service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we devote ourselves to the Catechetical Ministry of Youth and Young Adults and to ongoing Adult Faith Formation. We seek to continue the mission of the Church by extending hospitality and outreach to all the People of God.



Saturday, July 31, 2021

4:00pm *Mass of Thanksgiving for
Edith Prophete*

Sunday, August 1, 2021

10:00am *Mass of Thanksgiving & Healing for
Marvin Forbes*

Saturday, August 7, 2021

4:00pm *Captain T. Dustin Alward*

Sunday, August 8, 2021

10:00am *Beatrice Gordon*

**OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH YOU CAN
MEMORIALIZE
DECEASED LOVED ONES**

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one, you can do so by calling the Parish Center and scheduling one of the following.

Sanctuary Candle	\$10 a week donation
Weekday Mass	\$10 donation
Weekend Mass	\$25 donation

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for one week in the Church.

Weekday Masses are—9am on Wed. & 9am on Thurs.

Weekend Masses are—4pm Sat. & 8am & 10am on Sunday

EMAILS

Periodically, the parish sends out email updates about “everything St. Mary’s.” If you are not receiving these emails, send an email to stmary@stmaryrandolph.org to be included in these group updates. If you would like to fully register for the parish, please contact Judy Concannon at 781 963 -4141.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be offered in the church hall on Saturdays from 2:45 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. If this time is not good, please call Fr. Phil and schedule an appointment.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

With the re-opening of Masses, we are in need of altar servers, young men and women of high school age and younger who would like to be altar servers at Mass. If you are interested, please speak to one of the parish staff.



The Church bulletin that is published weekly is one of the primary sources of our parish to let you know what is happening each week.

The bulletin is paid for by those who advertise in the bulletin. I invite you to make use of their services and if you wish to invite others to place ads as well in the bulletin. I believe that it pays to advertise in the bulletin.



FR. PHIL

Reflections of the 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus is the Bread of life and he came to give us heavenly bread. This is the food that only Jesus can give us. He gives life to the world. Jesus tells us to work for the bread that leads to eternal life. In the course of salvation history God has offered his people opportunities to get closer to Him such as the desert experiences and some of the miracles. Many times reading and reflecting on God's Word and saying our prayers can also bring us closer to God. These experiences help people to believe deeply and trust completely. Last Sunday we learned of Jesus feeding the five thousand people in the wilderness. We saw one of many examples of how Jesus cares for His people. How have hungers been satisfied when people turned to Jesus? What do we look to God for? Jesus is the bread that satisfies all hunger. We know that material things by themselves do not satisfy our hungers. We are responsible for our own lives and our hungers but Jesus really wishes to help us be the very best we can be. Our hearts and our spirits can get hungry and tired at times, many times and our faith can be challenged at times. We also have spiritual hungers and hungers of the heart which Jesus can help us to deal with. Jesus shows in today's gospel that he appreciates the physical need that people have to eat. He fed the five thousand people. Jesus wishes to bring us to a total transformation. Like the story of the Good Samaritan for instance, when all of the others walked by the Good Samaritan was the only one concerned that if he did not take care of the injured person who would?

Jesus wishes us to notice others and their needs as He did. Jesus the Bread of life wishes us to show such concern to others. Showing concern and having feelings for others is very much connected with our hungers, if we think about this. We know that we need other people and we do not wish to be a nobody. We hunger for a feeling of importance and of acceptance. We hunger for motivation. We hunger for relationships. We hunger for faith, hope, love and eternal life. We hunger for the hand of God in our lives each day. Who are the people in our lives who are so special to us and who are we special to? Do we ever tell them? Jesus is the Bread of life.

Please notice that in the Lord's Prayer there is a petition for Our Father to give us our daily bread. Jesus challenges us to work for food that endures. Jesus invites us to believe in Him and to come to Him through the Eucharist where the food and the person are one. Jesus is trying to move the crowd at Capernaum from merely the human experience to understand the element of the divine in their lives.

We receive and consume the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the Bread from heaven so that the mystery of life may draw us to eternal life. The bread that God offers us is the abiding presence of Jesus among us, always ready and willing to lead us to eternal life. The bread of life gives us the presence of God.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who each day do something to show how special our relationship to God is and thanks to all who help to build up and support St. Mary Parish in the many ways that you do and the example you set for others.

WELCOME BACK

As we move through the summer and toward fall, our Parish Council has put together an awesome committee to plan some exciting events as we **WELCOME BACK** more and more parishioners. One upcoming event will take place at the Masses on the weekend of August 21 & 22. During Mass, all of our students returning to school no matter the age will be asked to come forward for a special blessing. Our September *main event* will take place the weekend of September 11 & 12 at all the Masses. We will be asking families to put a memory on our Remembrance Wall of people we lost, hardships suffered and lessons we learned both good and bad during the hardest parts of the pandemic. Our committee members are planning a special altar cloth that all parishioners can sign and see on the altar. We plan to have a special collation after all the Masses. Stayed tuned for more information!

DEFIBRILLATORS

In March, with the help of Marie Louise Greenidge, our staff applied for a grant through the Catholic Health Foundation. We recently received this notification in a letter, “On behalf of Boston’s Archbishop Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, OFM Cap and the Board of Directors of the Catholic Health Foundation of Greater Boston Inc (“Catholic Health Foundation”), we are pleased to enclose a check in the amount of \$3,000 as support for St. Mary Parish project, “Defibrillators for the Church and School.” In the coming weeks you will notice these new defibrillators. Our thanks to Marie Louise for her expertise and to the Catholic Health Foundation.

RCIA

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but never practiced their faith? Our parish is happy to welcome those interested and to assist them in their journey. Classes will begin in September and will be held weekly. For more information, please call our Religious Education Office at 781 961-5009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Our teachers for Religious Education will be meeting this Tuesday evening to continue discussions for formalizing our plans for classes this coming school year. The Archdiocese has granted permission for in-person classes with further guidelines to follow soon. We are waiting for these guidelines before finalizing plans. This past year, these amazing teachers accepted the challenge of the pandemic and graciously adapted to teaching faith formation on Zoom! With the help of parents, we had just over 100 students on Zoom. So many of our students, parents and teachers have expressed a hope that we would return to in-person classes. We ask all our Religious Education parents to watch their email for a brief survey on how you would best be served for the faith formation of your students.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are a baptized Catholic, age 18 or older, have received First Holy Communion and wish to complete your initiation into the **Catholic faith**, the **Adult Confirmation** process is the right one for you. For more information, please call our Religious Education Office at 781 961-5009.

PARISH SUPPORT

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Offertory: \$ 3,335.00

Outreach: \$ 119.00

**SECOND COLLECTIONS
MONTH OF AUGUST**
8/1/2021 Building & Maintenance
8/6/2021 Monthly Energy

**St. Mary
Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday Mass: 8:00am & 10:00am

**St. Mary
Weekday Masses**

Wednesday—9:00am
Thursday—9:00am

ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Men & Women in Service to our Country

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- William Williams*
- Christopher Jackson*
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- William Boggan Murphy*
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- Christian John Cotton*
- Liam Brady*

Prayer For the Safety of our Military

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in
 you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.
 Protect these military men and women
 as they discharge their duties.
 Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep
 them safe from all evil and harm.
 May the power of your love enable them to return
 home in safety, that with all who love them,
 they may ever praise you for your loving care.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is celebrated the
 First and Third Sundays
 of each Month at 12:30pm.
 Please call
 Parish Office to schedule.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please speak to a priest or deacon at least
 six months prior to celebration.

Sacrament of the Sick

By Request

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoons from 2:45pm—3:30pm
 In the Church Hall
 or
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 on Saturday

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