



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am
Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Please call the Rectory to register your child.
Baptism Preparation Classes are held the 1st Sunday of each month @12:30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:45pm-3:45pm or by appointment or by request after Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married at Saint Mary's should make an appointment to meet with the priest in person, at least one year prior to the wedding date and prior to booking a venue/vendor.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays - 9:30am-noon

Fatima Prayer Cells

Tuesdays following 9:00am Mass
Thursdays - 3:30pm-4:30pm

Holy Souls Prayer Group

Fridays - 3:00pm-4:00pm

Change of Address: Make sure to stay connected! Send any changes to your address or telephone number to the Rectory or email
lbubencik@stmarysfoxboro.org.

St. Mary's Prayer Line

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining our Prayer Line please email Laurie at lbubencik@stmarysfoxboro.org or call the Rectory.

Catholic Daughters

Meetings are the third Sunday of each month after the 11am Mass.

Knights of Columbus

Meetings are the first Friday of each month at 6:30pm.

Low Gluten Hosts

Please speak to one of the ushers or the celebrant before Mass if you would like to receive a low gluten host.



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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.

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4:00 James J. Anderson 5th Anniversary

†**SUNDAY, July 17**

7:00 Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish
9:00 Emily and Anthony Giardino
11:00 Barbara Koutrakis 1st Anniversary

†**MONDAY, July 18**

9:00 Bernard Higgins Birthday Rem.

†**TUESDAY, July 19**

9:00 Jaime Abellana

†**WEDNESDAY, July 20**

9:00 Richard and Patricia Noonan Remembrance

†**SATURDAY, July 23**

9:00 Bruce Canna
4:00 The McKay and Cairnes Families

†**SUNDAY, July 24**

7:00 All living and deceased grandparents of our parish families.
9:00 Catherine Zalinski
11:00 Loretta Cossette 8th Anniversary

Please remember in your prayers the ill and infirmed of the parish and all our beloved deceased, including our Mass Intentions Guild.



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **James J. Anderson.**

If you would like to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the Sanctuary Candle in their memory, please call the Rectory at 508-543-7726. A \$30 good will offering is suggested.

SECOND COLLECTION

next week (July 23) for:
Propagation of the Faith

See last page for more information.



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"We learned the fourth commandment:
'Honor thy father and thy mother.'"

Please remember in your prayers
our newly baptized Catholic!

Aiden James Finnell



If you have a child entering
Grade 1 in the fall, please call the Rectory to register him/her for Religious Education.



Please remember in your prayers the following men and women serving in our military:

William Albano, Louise Balduf, Graham P. Johnston, Daniel Sheehan, Shane McAuley. Also Sean Davey, Corporal Eric Thomas, Cpt. Joseph A. Colantoni, Sgt. James R. Jarvis III, US Army 1st Lt. Brian Johns & Master Sgt. Chris Butler. Also Staff Sgts. Andrew & Arielle Grato, Sgt. Eric Seiden, Army Airborne. Also Frank Fleming, Matthew Goode, USAF Major David Gonzalez, USMC Ryan Davis, Lt. Colonel Kevin Michael Ryan, Major Lindsey Ryan, William Lopatka, Pvt. 1st Class Elizabeth V. McCarthy-Tang.

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If you have a family member, friend or loved one serving in the military please call the Rectory 508-543-7726.

Christmas Fair Update



We are currently seeking donations to be used for the Silent Auction.

Please consider supporting our *local* restaurants and retail stores by purchasing a gift card to be auctioned off at the Fair. We also accept any **new** merchandise as well as tickets to sporting events or services from you or local businesses.

If you own your own business, our event website offers a chance to donate something from your business and advertise your business at the same time. Last year our website got over 8,800 page views during the week long Silent Auction.

If you have a vacation home, we can work with you to create a vacation experience for a lucky Parishioner. We would greatly appreciate any donation you can make. The success of this year's Silent Auction depends on generous donations from Parishioners and local businesses.

Gift cards and merchandise can be dropped off at the Church Rectory (83 Central Street) or email one of the co-chairs to arrange a pick-up. For more information, please contact any of the Silent Auction co-chairs, Laura Howe - laura.a.howe.lh@gmail.com, Dana Fossella - dmfossella@comcast.net, Tina Belanger tbelanger@earthlink.net, Kelly Blair kablair68@gmail.com, or Michelle Gardner mgbgbgbg@comcast.net.

Our Homemade Treasures table is looking for **donated** handmade items. If you make handmade items for your friends and family, please consider making a few extra to help support the Christmas Fair. If you would like to **donate** your handmade treasures, please contact Donna Slater at mds15@comcast.net

We are now collecting **new household items and gently used jewelry and religious items** (please no mailers received from religious organizations or calendars) for our Fair. Please note we can only accept new household items and new small appliances in their original box. Please consider regifting household items that you have bought or received but never used to help support our Christmas Fair. There is a box near the door of the Murphy room labeled "Christmas Fair Donations" to drop off these items. Please contact Lucy Sabin at lmcsabin@gmail.com for household items and Laura Keefe at butter1215fly@aol.com for jewelry if you have any questions.



Be sure to check out the back of the Church for informational pamphlets. They are hanging by the Confessional and there are always some on the tables.

Please help yourself!

Weddings

Question: This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer: Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces. ©LPi

St. Bridget of Sweden | July 23 Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgetines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to *be* a Christian, and not just what it means to *do* Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Choose Life License Plate is available at your local registry of motor vehicles. To find the nearest registry, visit the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles – Branch Info Page.

Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled because her children are no more.

Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future." (Jeremiah 31:15-17)

**"COME TO THE WATERS OF
HEALING"**

POST-ABORTION RETREAT



The unique pain suffered by women after abortion often requires extensive spiritual and therapeutic support. As part of its post-abortion ministry, *Project Rachel* in the Archdiocese of Boston offers a specially-designed retreat for women seeking hope and healing from abortion called "Come to the Waters of Healing". The day offers a loving and confidential environment where participants can experience the love and mercy of God in a very personal way. More

Who would benefit from the retreat?

Any woman suffering grief and pain from her abortion experience could benefit from attending. She could be young and recently had an abortion, middle-aged, or even a senior citizen. The retreat is especially appropriate for those beginning their healing journey or for those who understand that God forgives, but have been unable to fully accept God's mercy and forgive themselves.

How do I know if it would be helpful to me? Listen to your heart and trust the prompting of the Holy Spirit. If you feel a sense of peace, it is likely that this is a good time for you to consider going on the retreat. You can contact Project Rachel anonymously to get more information to help with your discernment.

How is confidentiality ensured? The retreat location is never disclosed on public advertising. All participants agree to a confidentiality pledge — not to disclose the location or repeat any personal stories that are told during the day.

Is follow-up available? Yes. There is a monthly Living Well support group where anyone who has attended a retreat can come for follow-up and support. More information will be provided at the retreat.

What is the cost? There is no cost. The retreats are subsidized by the Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston. Participants are asked to contribute \$10 for the cost of lunch if they are able.

How can I register? Call Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 Or email help@projectrachelboston.com All inquiries are confidential.

<https://www.projectrachelboston.com/retreats>

Greetings to you all from the Archdiocese of

Nyeri, Kenya. We are grateful to the Propagation of the Faith Office of the Archdiocese of Boston who have invited us to be part of this year's missionary cooperative plan. We thank Fr. Kevin Hickey your pastor very much for his generosity and hospitality in letting us come to preach to you. Thanks to you people of God for your faith and for your willingness to support the work of missions. We all know that while the original work of the church is to preach the Gospel, we are also sent to feed the hungry and to heal the sick. It is for this reason that we come to you asking for your help in our work of evangelization and of fulfilling our Lord's command in the works of charity.

Fr. Gabriel Muteru will be speaking at all the masses next weekend regarding his missionary work.

Even though we have so much need in every area of our mission, we have identified a very urgent need that require urgent attention. While we are still fighting the effects of Covid-19 among our poor people, the one deplorable situation that cannot be ignored is that of mental health among many young people. This is caused by drug abuse and alcohol. The problem started before the pandemic but it is becoming a great challenge in our villages. Many young people have dropped out of school while most are no longer attending Church. Violence and suicide cases have risen due to this menace. We have felt the need to look for a solution by starting a rehabilitation center where those who are affected can be offered treatment and guidance. This work was started 2 years ago but has not advanced due to lack of resources. Money is required to put up structures for the rehabilitation center and to support its viability including accommodations, food, medicine and personnel. A vehicle is needed to transport health care workers and patients. More funds are required to buy educational materials and allowances for professionals even though the facility shall rely mostly on volunteers.

We plan to develop outreach projects to target young people in the villages. This will be done through Small Christian Community weekly meetings where seminars and workshops will be given to villagers. It will be done in collaboration with local leaders, village elders and business owners. It will also be aimed at discouraging those who are selling second generation alcohol mixed with addictive drugs which is the main contributor to the problems we are facing of alcoholism and drug addiction. Addiction to drugs and alcohol is frustrating the efforts in fighting HIV/AIDS. The same project will be incorporated to the long-standing project against HIV/ AIDS.

It is for this reason that we come to you asking that you help us with funds to accomplish this most urgent project. Our Archdiocese is always growing in population and among those who are evangelized. This has been the reason why Dioceses of Muranga (1983) and Nyahururu (2002) were split from the Archdiocese of Nyeri. Currently the catholic population of Nyeri is estimated to be one million. The growth and progress in the Archdiocese of Nyeri would not have been possible without the help of compassionate people like you, who answer to our call at the time of need. Thank you for your generosity toward our pressing need at this time.

May God bless you all.

Archbishop Anthony Muheria
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