



## Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America  
St. Mary's Parish \* February, 2021

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
(Currently online).

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St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 is meeting outdoors and online during the Pandemic. If interested in joining Troop 14, contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for Boys 11-17 years old.

**SCOUTING DURING A PANDEMIC:** Conforming to the Governor's "Stay-at-Home Advisory" resulting in no overnight campouts, Troop 14 held "Day" activities over the past two months. On December 6, 2020, a dozen Scouts and leaders, along with a handful of 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos, ventured to Callahan State Park in Framingham. After hiking various trails around the park, the Scouts cooked diner consisting of chicken, rice and meatballs in between a couple of good ol' winter snowball fights.



On January 17, 17 Scouts and leaders headed to Medfield State Hospital for their next winter adventure. Hiking 6.4 miles along the Charles River and through the grounds of the State Hospital, they ended their day with a campfire, cooking chicken parmesan and attempting to roast chestnuts over an open fire.

**TROOP 14 HAS TWO NEW EAGLE SCOUTS:** Congratulations go out to Troop 14's Trevor Fleischman and Brendan Climer, both of whom have completed all requirements and passed their Eagle Board of Reviews to earn Scouting's highest rank. Trevor's Board was on January 20, and Brendan's Board was on January 28. Congratulations Trevor and Brendan on this major life achievement!

**SCOUT SUNDAY:** Annually, during the first week of February, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its founding 111 years ago. In the mid-1940's, Scout Sunday was added to the celebration to remind the Scouts of the 12<sup>th</sup> Point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent" and the promise to do their "Duty to God."

Normally, Troop 14 hosts a Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's on Scout Sunday, but this year it was cancelled by the pandemic. We look forward to its return in 2022! For the same reason, this year's Scout Sunday Mass was moved from 9:30 AM to the 11:30 AM Livestreamed Mass, allowing those Scouts not able to attend in person to participate virtually instead. Scouts served the Mass, offered two Scripture Readings, and provided the "Scout Is Reverent." Banner. During the Mass, Fr. Mark offered a blessing of all the Scouts and their Leaders, (below).

This year, Scout Sunday also featured a new chasuble recently donated to the Parish. The vestment is off white, with panels of "Black Watch Tartan," in honor of St. Mary's Troop 14, who have worn this tartan since the 1960's. Click this link to learn more about how this tradition began: <https://stmarysholliston.com/wp-content/uploads/TROOP-14-Black-Watch-Tartan.pdf>.

The World Boy Scouting Emblem is embroidered in gold on the front of the chasuble. This emblem is rich in symbolism. The fleur-de-lis was chosen by Lord Baden-Powell as the main symbol for Scouting. He reasoned that the fleur-de-lis was commonly used as the symbol for north on maps, and a Boy Scout was to show the way in doing his duty and helping others. The three plumes of the fleur-de-lis are symbols for Service to Others, Duty to God, and Obedience to the Scout Law. These three principles form the Scout Promise which is made by new Scouts as they join the movement.

The Scouting fleur-de-lis includes two five-pointed stars, which symbolize knowledge and truth. A "bond" tying the three plumes together symbolizes the family of Scouting. The Scouting Emblem includes a rope which encircles the fleur-de-lis and is tied in a reef knot at the bottom. The rope is there to symbolize the family of the World Scouting Movement and the knot symbolizes the strength of the unity of all Boy Scouts throughout the world.

#### **SCOUT SUNDAY PRAYER OF BLESSING:**

**Almighty God,  
Bless these young men who have committed  
themselves to the pursuit of Scouting.**

**Allow their minds to be broadened,  
their hopes to be raised,  
and their futures to be filled with promise.**

**As they learn more about You and Your ways,  
may they be inspired to reach out in service  
to all in need – becoming true disciples in our  
world today.**

**May all their efforts guide each of them  
to know you, to love you, and to serve you -  
now and throughout their lives.**

**We ask this blessing through Jesus Christ,  
Our Risen Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

