

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

The Year for Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 618— "O Christ, The Great Foundation"

READ: 787

COMM: 412— "When John Baptized by Jordan's River"

REC: 410— "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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Kwang Lee, Seminarian

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St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Website: www.stmarystar.org
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Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

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Baptism

Celebration on the Third Sunday of the Month
Baptismal Catechesis Required for First Time Parents ~~ Third Monday of the Month at Rectory

Marriage

Engaged couples are advised to call the Rectory at least six months prior to their wedding date.
Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is required.

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday 7:00 AM (Except Thursday's)
Saturday 4:00 PM ~~ Sunday / 8:15 AM / 10:30 AM / 5:00 PM

Holy Day Masses

See Parish Calendar for Mass Times

Confessions

Saturday ~~ 2:30 PM ~~ 3:15 PM Lower Church, or by Appointment

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 10 ~

The Baptism Of The Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Ps 29:1-4,9-10 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk
3:15-16,21-22

Monday, January 11 ~

Sm 1:1-8 / Ps 116:12-19 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12 ~

Sm 1:9-20 / Sm 2:1,4-8 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 ~

Sm 3:1-10,19-20 / Ps 40:2,5,7-10 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14 ~

Sm 4:1-11 / Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15 ~

Sm 8:4-7,10-22a / Ps 89:16-19 / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16 ~

Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 / Ps 21:2-7 / Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17 ~

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 / Ps 96:1-3,7-10 / Jn 2:1-11

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
- 9:20 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-8
St. Mary's School
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Donuts—Lower Church

MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Confirmation Class
St. Mary's School

TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 PM Religious Education—Grds.1-6
St. Mary's School

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church
- 2:30 PM Confessions—Lower Church

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION:
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

On this Sunday we are celebrating the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Gospel passage that the liturgy offers for our reflection speaks of Jesus, who, hidden in the crowd, goes into the river Jordan to be baptized by John. As he comes out of the water, the heavens are opened, the Spirit of God appears in the form of a dove and a voice resounds from on high: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Mt 3:17).

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$6,729.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,079.00

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass

10:30 AM ~ Sunday, January 10:

Rosina Rossi

Monday, January 11:

Sandra Warteman

Tuesday, January 12:

Catherine R. Amore

Friday, January 15:

Brother Joe Kane

Saturday, January 16:

Angelo DiPaolo

PRAYERS

Kindly remember in your prayers the intentions in our PARISH PRAYER BOOK, the deceased members of our parish, all who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Special prayers are requested for:

MARY DIONNE, JO-ANNE O'NEIL, JAMES MARCUCCI, SABINA AUGULEWICZ and EDWARD SMITH who recently passed away.

LEGION OF MARY

Is a world-wide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to the Church to aid her in performing spiritual works in the parish. This is done by placing themselves under the banner of Mary so that with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives as well as spread a deeper devotion to her among others.

The Legion of Mary meets at St. Mary's Rectory, Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us today, following the 8:15AM Mass for coffee and donuts in the Lower Church

SATURDAY MORNING ~ MEN'S GROUP

St. Mary's Men's Group meets at 8:00 AM Saturday mornings in the Lower Church. Coffee and refreshments are provided, with talks on selected topics by members. Any questions or topic ideas please call: Ferde Rombola at 978-985-3206.

- Saturday, January 9 ~ Cursillo
Speaker: Bill Rosser
- Saturday, January 16 ~ St. Louis de Montfort
Speaker: Rob Aufiero
- Saturday, January 23 ~ Prayer and Song
Speaker: Kirk Kvistad
- Saturday, January 30: Aslan's Kingdom
Speaker: Bill Stevenson

HELP!!

TWICE IN THE PAST MONTH WE HAVE HAD WEEKEND SNOWSTORMS. THIS HAS HAD A SUBSTANTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US TO MAKE UP FOR THOSE LOST CONTRIBUTIONS. WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.

PARISH PAY

MANY THANKS TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE USING OUR AUTOMATED GIVING PROGRAM.

PLEASE CONSIDER USING THIS EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH. THIS PROGRAM IS ONE WAY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH AUTOMATED MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING TO SIGN UP AND THE PROGRAM IS OPTIONAL. YOU CAN ENROLL BY SIGNING UP DIRECTLY AT THE PARISH-PAY WEBSITE AT: www.parishpay.com, OR BY CALLING THE PARISHPAY TOLL FREE NUMBER: **1-866-727-4141**.



DAILY ADORATION

“ Can you spend one hour with me?” We are once again looking for volunteers for our Daily Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration hours are from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Please see the daily posting in the lower church for times available or e-mail: stmarysadoration@yahoo.com and indicate the days and times that you are available.

2009 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

GRAND ANNUAL GOAL:
\$150,000.00

GRAND ANNUAL PLEDGED:
\$155,969.00

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTED:
\$139,035.00

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS:
463

Please help us reach our goals; please make your contribution today. For those who need them, Grand Annual envelopes are in the back of the church.

St Mary's depends on *your* generosity.

WHAT ARE THEY SINGING IN LATIN BEFORE COMMUNION????????

AGNUS DEI

They are singing the Lamb of God in Latin.

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi;
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi;
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem.**

Page 353 in the hymnal.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS ~ "A Spirited, Faith-filled Community"

CALENDAR WINNERS – Congratulations to our December calendar winners!

Donna Michaud	\$ 25	Ryan Collins	\$ 25
Sandra LeClair	25	Mariecarole Lojko	50
Sheila Dragon	25	Carol Prata	25
Patricia Carnevale	25	Sr. Rita Kelsey Caritas Christi	25
Patricia Duncan	25	David Brook	25
David Barter	50	Carol Alexander	25
Jason Clark	25	Erik Lautz	1,000
Ann Swartz	100	Margarita Calvo	25
Ronald Nolin	25	Ashley Augulewicz	50
Anna Marengi	25	Jean Kostrubanic	25
Bob Moffett	25	Connie Linscott	25
Christian Nolin	25	Joao Carvalho	25
Jacque Kurkul	50	Mary Connolly	25
Shirley Abbott	25	Fr. Michael Brzezowski	25
Denis Garriepy	25	Teresa Shomphe	25
Stan Schroter	25		

You may purchase your lucky calendar from the St. Mary's School office for \$20 and have 365 chances to win! Call 978 927-3259. Thanks for your support.

Looking for an Exceptional Educational Experience for Your Child?

What does St. Mary Star of the Sea School offer?

Rigorous instructional environment

Moral / Spiritual development

Family-like community

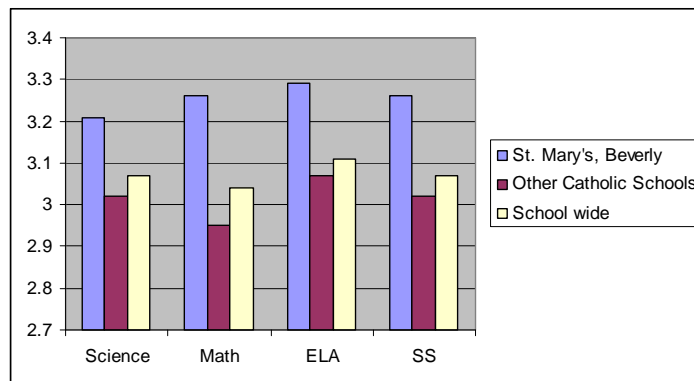
Leader in technology

Robotics

Robust Science curriculum

Superior scores in National testing

St. Mary's students' performance compared to both public and private school students at St. John's Prep



*Source: St. John's Preparatory School
Danvers MA

Call our school for a private tour.

St. Mary Star of the Sea School is a Pre-K – 8 school.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

With today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas Season concludes and we will once again enter into Ordinary Time. Before we conclude the Christmas Season, I wish to express a lot of gratitude.

On New Year's Day, we only had one Mass. Several parishioners commented how great it was to all be together at one Mass and to see folks they normally don't get to see. I agree. It was really beautiful to look out and see all of us together.

Last weekend, there was a snowstorm. I know that storm conditions may have made it impossible for some folks—especially the elderly—to attend Mass. I, however, was really touched to see how many folks came to the Five on Sunday evening. I'm sure there was for some a slight temptation to say, "Well, I've shoveled all day and I'm tired." The church was almost filled to capacity. The effort that so many of you made to be here for Mass was a great sign to me of God's presence in our midst. I was particularly touched by the presence of some whose physical limitations and sufferings certainly would have excused them from the Sunday obligation. It made me really proud last weekend to be your pastor.

At the Five last Sunday, some folks from parishes without a Sunday afternoon Mass visited us. One gentleman came up to me and said, "Father, this church is absolutely beautiful." While we certainly are the recipients of a beautiful structure, we must also recognize and express our gratitude to those who worked so hard to prepare and decorate the church at Christmas. The church looked beautiful. Many parishioners offered a helping hand—cleaning, polishing, planning, decorating, running errands—and your efforts are sincerely appreciated. I also thank all of those who generously contributed to the Christmas Flower Collection and those who donated our beautiful Nativity. Thank You.

The parish staff did a great job preparing for Christmas. There are a million details to attend to in preparation for Christmas. If I were responsible for those details, we'd be in a heap of trouble. So thank you to those who attend to the details.

While I always acknowledge how blessed we are to have such beautiful music for our liturgies, Advent and Christmas were particularly beautiful this year because of the quality of our music. One person said to me that she likes to sit in the back of church and watch all the people turn around and look up to the choir loft in amazement. Sacred Music is not about sentimentality or entertainment. It is about Divine Worship and lifting our hearts and minds to the contemplation of the Glory of God. I extend my gratitude to Mr. Frederick MacArthur, the cantors, musicians, and to our dedicated choir for assisting us in entering into true worship.

To all of those lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and servers who came to my assistance—and maybe attended a Mass they weren't planning on attending—thank you for your generosity.

I was able to hear the confessions of all of our St. Mary's School children during Advent and some of our Religious Education children. I am grateful to all of those who are responsible for their instruction. During the past ten years, there has been a marked improvement in the quality of the children's preparation for that sacrament.

On a very personal note, I thank the many of you who sent cards and personal gifts to me. Some of you—intentionally or not—did not include a tag or a signature, so please know that I am grateful for every gift that I received. Also, in the frenzy of activity around the rectory during the days leading up to Christmas, sometimes food items were put away quickly—either to refrigerate them or to keep them out of reach from my dog! So, if you dropped off food and I haven't thanked you personally...that is why. Please let this count as my thank you.

It is a very happy thing for me to be able to say that this was my tenth Christmas here in this parish and they just keep getting better. Hearing your confessions, worshipping with you at Mass, spending time with your families, and deepening our friendship in Christ undoubtedly makes me the happiest pastor in this archdiocese.

So, one last time...thank you and Merry Christmas.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

