

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

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 410—"Songs of Thankfulness"

READ: 788

OFF: 412—"When John Baptized" (@10:30)

COMM: 735—"I Received The Living"

REC: 409—"As with Gladness"

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St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Website: www.stmarystar.org

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Pre K through 8th Grade

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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 11 ~

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Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10

Acts 10:34-38 / Mk 1:7-11

Monday, January 12 ~

Heb 1:1-6 / Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13 ~

Heb 2:5-12 / Ps 8:2a,5-9 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14 ~

Heb 2:14-18 / Ps 105:1-4,6-9 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15 ~

Heb 3:7-14 / Ps 95:6-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 16 ~

Heb 4:1-5,11 / Ps 72:3,4bc,6c-8 / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17 ~

Heb 4:12-16 / Ps 19:8-10,15 / Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 18 ~

Sm 3:3b-10,19 / Ps 40:2,4,7-10 / Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

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, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

- 8:15 AM Family Mass
Coffee & Donuts Following
- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion-Rectory
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-6
St. Mary's School
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 10:30 AM RCIA

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 PM Religious Education—Gr. 1-6
St. Mary's School
- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

FRIDAY

- 9:00 AM Rosary Group—Rectory

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM ~ Sunday, January 11:
Jacqueline L. Ferrer

Wednesday, January 14:

Brother Joe Kane, CFX

Friday, January 16:

Patricia Lemon

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM ~ Sunday, January 18:
Joseph M. Fatello

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:

THOMAS SANTAMARIA and **EUNICE M. FANCY**
who recently passed away.

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$8,900.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,149.50

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
James & Mary Bucco

DURING THE WINTER MONTHS THE BACK-DOOR OF THE CHURCH LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WILL NOT BE UNLOCKED. WE ASK ALL PARISHIONERS TO REFRAIN FROM USING THIS ENTRANCE/EXIT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER

GRAND ANNUAL 2008

PLEDGED SO FAR: \$148,057.00

RECEIVED: \$134,793.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS: 488

Please help us make our goal. For those who have not yet contributed, Grand Annual Envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

Please consider contributing. St. Mary's depends upon your generosity.

ADORATION: We are in need of persons to spend an hour each week praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday —	7:30—8:30 10:30—11:30 11:30—12:30 4:30—5:30 5:30—6:30	Tuesday —	9:30-10:30 12:30—1:30 1:30—2:30 3:30—4:30	Wednesday —	1:30—2:30 3:30—4:30 4:30—5:30
Thursday —	10:30—11:30 2:30—3:30 3:30—4:30 4:30—5:30	Friday —	7:30—8:30 11:30—12:30 3:30—4:30 4:30—5:30 5:30—6:30		

NOTE:

THERE IS A BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED IN THE LOWER CHURCH ON THE FRONT LEFT HAND SIDE. IT CONTAINS INFORMATION AND UPDATES HELPFUL TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN DAILY ADORATION.

PARKING

ST. MARY’S RECENTLY RECEIVED A REQUEST THAT OUR PARISHIONERS NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE TWO GARAGE BAY DOORS FACING ESSEX STREET. CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RAISED THAT THESE CARS HINDER PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK ALL PARISHIONERS TO REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THIS AREA.

Children's Holy Hour

Thanks to so many families who helped with our first Holy Hour. Over 80 adults and kids enjoyed pizza, processed to the church, and prayed and sang in front of the monstrance and manger. The children also made dozens of cards for those who could use some uplifting notes from our children and extra pizza was brought to the River House. Thanks to the children who led our service in reading the prayers: Patrick Corcoran, Lauren and Justin Fortini, Mary Joens, Maddie Thomas, Philip Cross, Ashley Augulewicz, Megan Kelley, Dante Egizi and Brendan Crichton. Special thanks to Eileen Mulligan for accompanying our prayer with beautiful harp music. It was really a nice way to end Christmas Season.

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 978-922-8502.

Religious Educations News



The Safe Environment Program classes will take place starting January 28th for Wed classes & Feb. 1st for Sunday classes. They will run for three consecutive weeks.

PARENTS NEW to the Rel Ed program are asked to come review the material. Also **any** parents who have not had the opportunity or who wish to review the material again may do so on Sunday January 11th or Wednesday January 14th in the School Hall during the regularly scheduled class time.

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

St. Mary's School wishes everyone a New Year of Peace and Joy!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – CELEBRATE SERVICE is the 2009 theme of Catholic Schools Week beginning on January 25th. Come and see the difference a Catholic education can make for your child. Please call 978 927-3259 for a personal tour by our Principal, Mr. Cushman, meet our terrific teachers, and ask about our curriculum featuring the latest in technology. Mark your calendars for **OPEN HOUSE** on **Tuesday, Jan. 27th 6:00-8:00 PM** and **Wednesday, Jan. 28th 9:00 AM -12:00**.

DID YOU KNOW? St. Mary Star of the Sea School is PreK thru Grade 8, and

- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Consistently scores above average in all subjects for Terra Nova testing
- Uses cutting-edge technology such as SMARTBOARDS in classrooms
- Provides extended after school care
- Offers Enrichment Program for students needing extra support
- Offers Enrichment Program for students who excel
- Incorporates Art and Music Programs in curriculum
- Foreign Language – Spanish begins in Kindergarten
- Cultural opportunities provided both as field trips and on campus
- Features *Culturama* student projects incorporating Science, History, Reading
- Sports: JV & V Basketball, Track Team, Pep Squad, Bowling
- Drama Club, Math Club, Band, Rosary Group & others
- Student Council, Peer Mediation, Yearbook Committee
- Constantly donates food items to Beverly Bootstraps
- Holds Dress-Down days and donates proceeds to various non-profits
- Adopts grandparents from Oceanview and other nursing homes
- Hosts Lenten Suppers and Pasta Dinners for community

Holy Hour For Life ~ An Hour of Prayer, with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

A Holy Hour for Life will be held on the Vigil of the National Day of Prayer and Penance. The entire Archdiocese will be involved in this Holy Hour, praying in solidarity with our thousands of pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. for the March For Life.

St. Mary's will host the Holy Hour for Life on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:30pm. It will be held simultaneously at parishes, college campuses, hospitals, and convents throughout the Archdiocese, and on the buses carrying our teens and seminarians to Washington, D.C.

We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The following day, January 22, marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the U.S. throughout all nine months of pregnancy. It is observed in all US dioceses as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

The Holy Hour is organized by Boston Deacons For Life in collaboration with the Office of Clergy Support and Ongoing Formation, and the ProLife Office.

For more information, contact Michael Joens at St. Mary's (978-921-1291) or John Burkly at the Pro-Life Office (508-651-1900).

January 11, 2008 ~ Baptism of the Lord

By Massimo Camisasca 04/11/2008

La luce e il silenzio (Light and Silence), a collection of mediations on the Eucharist by Fr. Massimo Camisasca, is now available from Rubinetto publishing house. Below are excerpts from an article appearing in Osservatore Romano which explore the main themes of the book.

Adoration

Adoration is first and foremost a dialogue. A dialogue that God wants to establish with each one of us through the humanity of Christ. Jesus yearns for a relationship with us and our love for Him arises as a free response to His strong desire. He is thirsting for our response, waiting, desiring it. For this reason, He has decided to remain present in the history of mankind through a means as unique as the Eucharist. Corresponding to our humanity is not a matter of indifference to Him. Even in His glory He continues to thirst for a relationship with each one of us.

Before all else, adoration is the fundamental path by which our humanity, so distracted and superficial, begins to enter into Christ's passion for us, for each one of us, for me. The Mystery has assumed a face. In this way He becomes familiar to us, yet none of His profundity is lost, none of His extraordinary mysteriousness. It is a gaze which comes from the depths of life and directs itself towards our existence, like a wave coming from the bottom of the ocean to leave a gift on the beach. In the Eucharist the profound abyss of the Mystery surfaces.

(The Eucharist)

The Eucharist is God's infinitely great mercy embodied in the infinitely small and ordinary bread and wine. A few years ago, on Holy Thursday, Fr. Giussani said: "God has come. He has come to stay with us forever, to stay with us every day until the end of the world." "He is here," Fr. Guissani said as well, "And so our life is different. Sense and sensibility have entered a new territory, they have stepped beyond the threshold of the Mystery." The Eucharist is not only a movement of the Mystery towards us. Through the change it brings about, the Eucharist sets the whole world in motion. It is the source of positive movement that carries people and things toward eternity. It is a wave of light that can pierce, warm, and burn even the most resistant. It is the greatest sign of the foolishness of Love: that folly which is shown forever, scandalously, on the Cross. God needs man. He—who is the origin of communication, dialogue, reciprocity, and mutual, free dependence—has decided to be three Persons in one God. His need for us comes from the same source as His gratuitous gift: from the absolute freedom that is His love. He needs us because He could not keep His essential communion constrained. He could not resist making us part of Him.

(Taken from Osservatore Romano, 10th January 2008)

