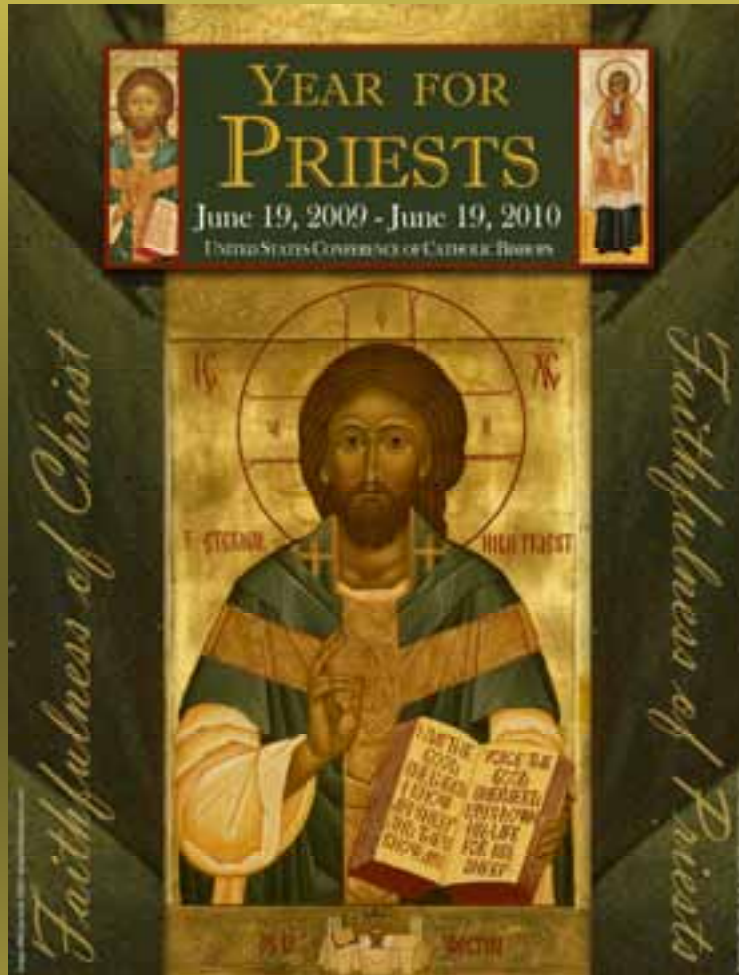


St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

The Year for Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 547— "Praise to The Lord"

READ: 875

COMM: 735— "I Received The Living God"

REC: 631— "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

Kwang Lee, Seminarian

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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 17 ~

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 18 ~

Sm 15:16-23 / Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19 ~

Sm 16:1-13 / Ps 89:20-22,27-28 / Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20 ~

Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 / Ps 144:1b,2,9-10 / Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21 ~

Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 / Ps 56:2-3,9-13 / Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 22 ~

Sm 24:3-21 / Ps 57:2-4,6,11 / Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23 ~

Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 /Ps 80:2-3,5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 24 ~

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 / Ps 19:8-10,15

Cor 12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4;4-1:14-21

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

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION:
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
Lower Church
- 9:20 AM RCIA
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 11:30 AM Baptisms

MONDAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
NO DAILY ADORATION

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:
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

DURING THE WINTER MONTHS THE BACKDOOR 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 COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

**WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$9,796.00**

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:
\$1,079.00**

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 18:

Sheila M. Neild
(LIVING)
Paul Clarizia
(LIVING)

Months Mind Mass

10:30 AM ~ Sunday, January 24:

Corinne M. Papa
Mary M. Dionne
Jo-Anne O'Neil

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.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Corinne Papa

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 978-302-5218.

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

Saturday, February 6 ~ Reconciling Science & Faith
Speaker: Mike Agular

Saturday, February 13 ~ Human Evil
Speaker: Bob Laporte

Saturday, February 20 ~ Consciousness and the Obedience of Faith
Speaker: Patrick Dello Russo

Increased Offertory Appeal
to be conducted at
Saint Mary Star Of The Sea Church

Our pastor, Father Barnes, will soon be addressing the entire parish regarding an Increased Offertory Program to be conducted in the up-coming weeks. This program has the support of both our Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils.

Our goal through this program of support is to increase offertory contributions. Other parishes that have conducted similar programs have seen their weekly offertory collection increase. Each parish household will be receiving information regarding this program and will be asked to participate to the best of their ability.

We realize that some families or individuals are on fixed incomes or experiencing difficult financial times, but we will be counting on the many, who are able, to make a sacrifice and significantly increase their weekly offering.

More information will be forthcoming as the program is implemented. We appreciate the continued generosity and support of all our parishioners and look forward to strengthening our parish through this appeal.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The following are some excerpts from a conference given recently by, Msgr. Guido Marini, the Master of Ceremonies for Pope Benedict XVI. It concerns the Sacred Liturgy and is worth our consideration.

The orientation of liturgical prayer.

Over and above the changes which have characterized, during the course of time, the architecture of churches and the places where the liturgy takes place, one conviction has always remained clear within the Christian community, almost down to the present day. I am referring to praying facing east, a tradition which goes back to the origins of Christianity.

What is understood by "praying facing east"? It refers to the orientation of the praying heart towards Christ, from whom comes salvation, and to whom it is directed as in the beginning so at the end of history. The sun rises in the east, and the sun is a symbol of Christ, the light rising in the Orient. The messianic passage in the Benedictus canticle comes readily to mind: "Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the Orient from on high hath visited us"

Very reliable and recent studies have by now proven effectively that, in every age of its past, the Christian community has found the way to express even in the external and visible liturgical sign, this fundamental orientation for the life of faith. This is why we find churches built in such a way that the apse was turned to the east. When such an orientation of the sacred space was no longer possible, the Church had recourse to the Crucifix placed upon the altar, on which everyone could focus. In the same vein many apses were decorated with resplendent representations of the Lord. All were invited to contemplate these images during the celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy.

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Without recourse to a detailed historical analysis of the development of Christian art, we would like to reaffirm that prayer facing east, more specifically, facing the Lord, is a characteristic expression of the authentic spirit of the liturgy. It is according to this sense that we are invited to turn our hearts to the Lord during the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, as the introductory dialogue to the Preface well reminds us. *Sursum corda* "Lift up your hearts," exhorts the priest, and all respond: *Habemus ad Dominum* "We lift them up unto the Lord." Now if such an orientation must always be adopted interiorly by the entire Christian community when it gathers in prayer, it should be possible to find this orientation expressed externally by means of signs as well. The external sign, moreover, cannot but be true, in such a way that through it the correct spiritual attitude is rendered visible.

Hence the reason for the proposal made by the then Cardinal Ratzinger, and presently reaffirmed during the course of his pontificate, to place the Crucifix on the center of the altar, in order that all, during the celebration of the liturgy, may concretely face and look upon Lord, in such a way as to orient also their prayer and hearts. Let us listen to the words of his Holiness, Benedict XVI, directly, who in the preface to the first book of his Complete Works, dedicated to the liturgy, writes the following: "The idea that the priest and people should stare at one another during prayer was born only in modern Christianity, and is completely alien to the ancient Church. The priest and people most certainly do not pray one to the other, but to the one Lord. Therefore, they stare in the same direction during prayer: either towards the east as a cosmic symbol of the Lord who comes, or, where this is not possible, towards the image of Christ in the apse, towards a crucifix, or simply towards the heavens, as our Lord Himself did in his priestly prayer the night before His Passion (John 17.1) In the meantime the proposal made by me at the end of the chapter treating this question in my work 'The Spirit of the Liturgy' is fortunately becoming more and more common: rather than proceeding with further transformations, simply to place the crucifix at the center of the altar, which both priest and the faithful can face and be lead in this way towards the Lord, whom everyone addresses in prayer together." (trans. from the Italian.)

Let it not be said, moreover, that the image of our Lord crucified obstructs the sight of the faithful from that of the priest, for they are not to look to the celebrant at that point in the liturgy! They are to turn their gaze towards the Lord! In like manner, the presider of the celebration should also be able to turn towards the Lord. The crucifix does not obstruct our view; rather it expands our horizon to see the world of God; the crucifix brings us to meditate on the mystery; it introduces us to the heavens from where the only light capable of making sense of life on this earth comes. Our sight, in truth, would be blinded and obstructed were our eyes to remain fixed on those things that display only man and his works.

In this way one can come to understand why it is still possible today to celebrate the holy Mass upon the old altars, when the particular architectural and artistic features of our churches would advise it. Also in this, the Holy Father gives us an example when he celebrates the holy Eucharist at the ancient altar of the Sistine Chapel on the feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

In our time, the expression "celebrating facing the people" has entered our common vocabulary. If one's intention in using this expression is to describe the location of the priest, who, due to the fact that today he often finds himself facing the congregation because of the placement of the altar, in this case such an expression is acceptable. Yet such an expression would be categorically unacceptable the moment it comes to express a theological proposition. Theologically speaking, the holy Mass, as a matter of fact, is always addressed to God through Christ our Lord, and it would be a grievous error to imagine that the principal orientation of the sacrificial action is the community. Such an orientation, therefore, of turning towards the Lord must animate the interior participation of each individual during the liturgy. It is likewise equally important that this orientation be quite visible in the liturgical sign as well.

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

JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS – Congratulations!

Giuseppe Vaccaro, Jr.	\$500	Kristen Drewenski	\$25	Sandra Silva	\$25
Frank Mullen	25	Dave & Jenn Speidel	25	Sheila Risoldi	25
Paula Sharkey	100	Hilda M. Barter	25	Pauline Berube	25
Hannah Silvestri	25	Dhipati Chanda	25	David Kurkul	50
Scott McKenzie	25	Stan Schroter	25	Miranda Gooding	25
Diamond Keegan	25	Jaidip & Sara Chanda	25	Cathy Baptista	25
Mrs. Richard Landers	25	Eamon Hogan	50	Amy Totman	25
Patrick Oats	25	Veronica Evey	100	Roz Martin	25
Sr. Marian Galvin	25	Ted & Rebecca Lane	25	John Murray	25
Gerard Boyle	50	Peter Cronan	25	Linda Weaver	25
				John Sciola	50

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE – is January 31 – Feb. 5.

St. Mary's School will hold **Open House** on **Tuesday, Feb 2nd 6:30 – 8 PM** and on **Wednesday, Feb. 3rd 9 – 11:30 AM**. Come and see the difference a Catholic education can make for your child. View our **Culturama** displays presented by our 7 & 8th graders, meet our terrific teachers, and ask about our curriculum featuring the latest in technology.

SPOTLIGHT ON GRADES 5 & 6 – St. Mary's School is awaiting kits from the **Museum of Science** for 5th & 6th graders to participate in an ocean submersibles unit. The students already have taken a pre-test regarding what they know about engineering and submersibles. The museum will collect the demographics and post test learning assessments from the students as part of their "Engineering is Elementary" program.

In Literature, the 5th graders are reading "*Where the Red Fern Grows*", working on plot, theme, similes, and comprehension. They will watch both versions of the movie and write an essay comparing and contrasting the different medias. In Social Studies, grade 5 is currently studying explorers of the 1400s and each student will research and write a report about an explorer, along with creating a Power Point Presentation. Grade 6 is studying the seven sacraments in Religion class, paying close attention to the signs and symbols of the sacraments along with the ties of these symbols to readings in the Bible. In Literature, they are reading about injustices in the world as they relate to humanity, while working on figurative language and personal writing. In Social Studies, 6th grade continues to create a Memory Map by learning several mnemonic devices for geographic locations...for example to remember the order of the Great Lakes from west to east, try Sally Made Henry Eat Oreos. They are also studying the geography of Europe and planning a Mediterranean Fair.

SAVE THE DATE - On **Sunday, March 21**, at 4:00, St. Mary's School and Parish will hold its **8th Annual Legacy Gala** at Danversport Yacht Club. We are currently seeking nominations for our honorees – do you know someone who is a church, school, or community leader deserving of this award? Or someone who quietly supports our mission, yet deserving of recognition? Please fill out the form below and return by January 31st to: St. Mary's School, Development Office, 13 Chapman St, Beverly.

Name of Nominee _____ Address: _____

Please provide a brief statement of why you feel this person should be considered:

Name & Address of Person Nominating: _____