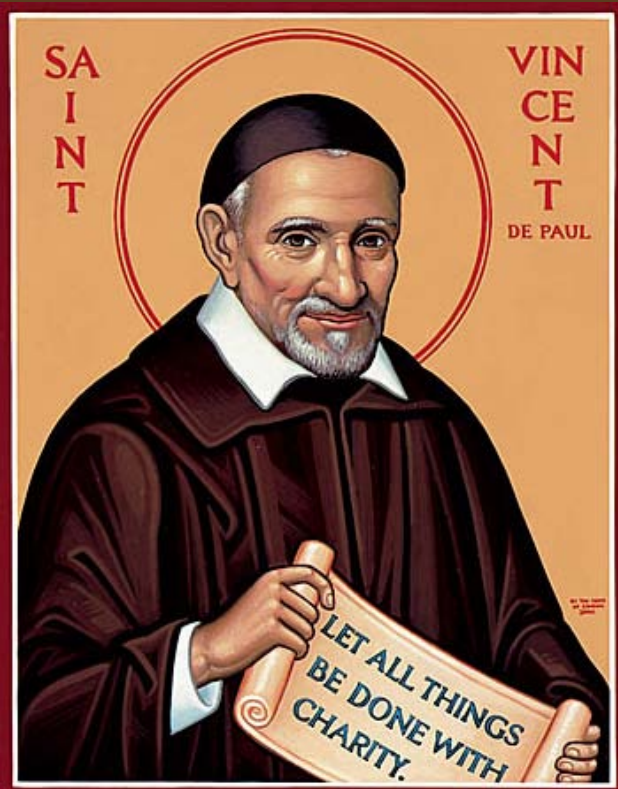


St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 618—"O Christ The Great Foundation"

READ: 886

COMM: 735—"I Received The Living"

REC: 750—"Your Hands, O Lord"

"The poor are hungry not only for food, they are hungry to be recognized as human beings. They are hungry for dignity and to be treated as we are treated. They are hungry for our love."

-Mother Teresa

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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, February 15 ~

Lv 13:1-2,44-46 / Ps 32:1-2,5,11 / Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

Monday, February 16 ~

Gn 4:1-15,25 / Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17 ~

Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 / Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18 ~

Gn 8:6-13,20-22 / Ps 116:12-15,18-19 / Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 19 ~

Gn 9:1-13 / Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29 / Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 20 ~

Gn 11:1-9 / Ps 33:10-15 / Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 21 ~

Heb 11:1-7 / Ps 145:2-5,10-11 / Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 22 ~

Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 / Ps 41:2-5,13-14

2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mk 2:1-12



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS *Important Dates:*

CONFIRMATION RETREAT - FEBRUARY 28 —12:00PM—5:00PM

FIRST RECONCILIATION - MARCH 7—10:30AM

SECOND GRADE WORKSHOP - APRIL 4—9:30AM—12:00PM

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

9:15 AM Bible Discussion-Lower Church

9:15 AM RCIA

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

11:30 AM Baptisms

5:00 PM Chant Mass

MONDAY

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

NO DAILY ADORATION

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

7:00 PM Baptismal Catechesis

WEDNESDAY

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Rosary Group—Rectory

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION:

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 16:

Angelina Papa

Tuesday, February 17:

Frederick Silva

Wednesday, February 18:

John A. Casali

Joseph Casali

Maria & Antonio Casali

Saturday, February 21:

Matilda Theriault

Mary Breton

Sunday, February 22:

10:30AM Months Mind Mass

Mary O'Brien

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:

LOUIS P. WALOR who recently passed away.

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$8,709.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,149.50

Sanctuary Light Donated

in Memory of:

Matilda Theriault

Mary Breton

MEN NEEDED:

TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE DAILY ADORATION AT ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

MEN OF THE PARISH ARE FORMING THE KNIGHTS OF DAILY ADORATION AND DEVOTION (K-DADS).

IF YOU CAN SPARE AT LEAST ONE HOUR A WEEK— IF YOU HAVE PEOPLE SKILLS—

IF YOU HAVE WONDERED HOW TO SERVE THE PARISH, OR HOW TO SERVE OUR LORD—

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AT AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN THE LOWER CHURCH ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 8 AM, HOSTED BY THE ST. MARY'S MEN'S GROUP.

FREDERICK OZANAM ~ THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Frederick was born in the city of Lyon to what would become a very large family in the year 1813, to very proud parents Jean and Marie Ozanam. The family would grow to encompass 14 children, which was not unusual for those times.

His father was a professional, so the family was not poor though they were not of the aristocracy either. But Frederick was blessed with a curious mind and longed to learn new things and be able to discuss these with his family and friends. He longed to study literature and the arts, but his father wished for him to study law, and though Jean was a doctor by trade, he wanted his son to expand the family's connections in the wider community.

Frederick was an obedient son, so he did as his father wished, and studied law at the Sorbonne. These were difficult years for Frederick as he searched for some meaning in his life, and to ask questions about life and Faith, he had struggled in his teens to define what exactly Faith meant to the ordinary man in the street.

It was at a discussion group that Frederick found himself challenged by the very questions he had been asking deep within his own heart. When a fellow student asked Frederick what exactly Faith meant especially as there was so much poverty, and while many discussed the appalling conditions of the poor, was it all just mere talk and little action. Frederick after this discussion decided to take a friend and go and visit the poor, to find out for himself who was helping the needy and destitute.

What Frederick saw compelled him to take action, as he visited the poor in their homes, hospitals and prisons, Frederick's soul was on fire with a longing to offer common sense help to these impoverished people.

It was when he was about 20 years old that he met an amazing Religious, Sister Rosalie Rendu, who belonged to 'The Daughters of Charity', founded by Saints Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marrillac. This humble nun was to provide the need and the knowledge to help the poor as Frederick wished to do, with common sense and a spirit of self reliance that the underprivileged so needed. For Frederick did not wish to merely apply band aids to a gaping wound, but, to help the people raise themselves above their humble births through education and trades. This would allow them the dignity to become self reliant and to support themselves and their families.

It was a grand scheme but Frederick, Sister Rosalie and many of their friends and supporters were more than ready to meet them. And with true zeal they set about their purpose of helping the poor become self sufficient, whilst at the same time, befriending them, in a spirit of mutual respect. So was the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

But love also came into Frederick's life in the form of the lovely Amelie Soulacroix, whom he married in 1841. Upon marrying he returned to the academic life as a lecturer of great standing, and his students loved him and were often challenged by his way of thinking.

Whilst teaching at the Sorbonne, and also helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which had grown to approx 25 conferences, this was to take up much of Frederick's spare time. But true joy was to come into Frederick's life with the birth of his only child, Marie in 1845, he was a very proud father and also a wonderful husband to Amelie, who grew concerned over Frederick's health.

So it was in 1846 that the Ozanam family decided to visit Italy in the hope of restoring Frederick's health, they stayed a year before returning to their beloved, France. But Amelie was to remain concerned for Frederick and his enduring love of the poor, which took a heavy toll on his frail health. As the need grew for assistance so did the Society and Frederick was committed to helping the poor, help themselves.

As always the political turmoil in France was no help, as it underwent yet another revolution in the year 1848, but Frederick would find aid in neighbouring countries who also had started their own St. Vincent de Paul Societies.

But unfortunately Frederick paid a heavy price for his long work in aid of the needy and lonely and in setting up the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in a spirit of charity and companionship. This led to many other countries beginning their own Vincentian Societies based on the Rule of Frederick Ozanam.

Frederick Ozanam died in 1853 at only 40 years of age. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul still flourishes world wide to this day an enduring legacy of the love Frederick displayed towards the poor.

Peace of Christ to you ALL.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 22, WILL BE FOR:

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**ALL MONIES COLLECTED ARE USED BY THE ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHAPTER OF
THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE POOR
OF THIS PARISH.**

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

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL! To celebrate the 100th Day of School, St. Mary's students are collecting nonperishable food items to donate to Beverly Bootstraps. The goal is for every classroom to collect 100 food items. Bootstraps will use SMS donations to feed families in need throughout our community. Items such as canned fish, peanut butter, canned fruit, vegetables, and pasta are always greatly appreciated. The 100th Day Food Drive runs from Feb. 2nd to Feb. 11th, and then the food will be delivered to Bootstraps.

POLAR PLUNGE – Thank you to **Brian Williams**, grade 8, for representing St. Mary Star of the Sea School, in the River House Polar Plunge – great community service!

LOWELL MILLS – As part of their Industrial Revolution curriculum, the third grade recently had a classroom visit by a guide from Lowell Mills, where the students "traveled" back in time to explore America's change from an agrarian society to an industrial society. The 3rd graders, along with teacher **Ms. Weston**, dressed in 19th century clothing and spun wool on small looms. They then went on a field trip to Lowell Mills to experience, first hand, the life of a young person who left their New England farm to work in the Lowell Mills factories. "This is such a wonderful field trip for my 3rd graders...this is the 5th year I've taken them," exclaimed Ms. Weston.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES – we are proud to announce that **EVERY ONE** of our 8th graders received acceptance letters for the high school to which they applied: St. John's Prep, Bishop Fenwick, Malden Catholic, St. Mary's Lynn, and Nazareth Academy. Congratulations!

ST. MARY'S LEGACY GALA - Whether you are an alumni, parent, grandparent, former faculty, or friend, we want you to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Please join us on Sunday, March 29th at 4:00 PM at Danversport Yacht Club for an elegant evening as we pay tribute to the following **Honorees**:

The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone '60

Janice '54 and Vito Bucco

Christine O'Brien P'91, P'92, P'95

SMS Young Alumni Award Recipients:

Paige Baxter '05 – Class Pres. North Shore Tech '09

Kevin Butler '05 – Class Pres. Essex-Manchester High '09

Patrick Lane '05 – Student Body Pres. St. John's Prep '09

Robert McPherson '05 – Class Pres. Beverly High '09

Come join us as we pay tribute to these outstanding individuals who have made a difference in our parish, school and community. We will enjoy an evening of fun and friendship, celebrate the legacy of our School and Parish Community, socialize at Cocktail Hour, and enjoy a full course dinner with harp accompaniment.

____ Yes, I (we) will attend the Legacy Gala

I would like to purchase ____ tickets to the Gala at \$65 each. Enclosed is \$ ____

Check payable to: St. Mary Star of the Sea School OR

___ MC ___ VISA Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Names attending: _____

Please seat me with: _____

Dinner choice: ___ Roast Beef ___ Seafood Casserole

____ No, I cannot attend but would like to help. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's School.

Kindly note, tickets will not be issued. Please reply by March 15, 2009.



**LENTEN SOUP AND PANCAKE SUPPER ~ CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

5:30 PM SOUP AND PANCAKES AT THE SCHOOL ~ LENTEN CRAFT ACTIVITY
CANDELIGHT PROCESSION TO CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

CONTACT SARAH THOMAS (978) 922-8008 IF YOU CN HELP TO MAKE THIS A GREAT FAMILY EVENT!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Toward the end of his pontificate, the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II wrote about the Church's mission as it moves into its Third Millennium. He used the account found in the Fifth Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel where Jesus tells the apostles to "Go out into the deep" in order to lower their nets and make a great catch of fish. Following Christ always involves going out into the deep.

Very often, it seems that the temptation is great on the part of Christians to play it safe and not risk everything on the power of the Gospel. Instead of preaching boldly and teaching clearly, we are afraid that people might be turned off—that they might leave the Church. And yet, Jesus' approach is so vastly different. He is the one who said: "Go sell everything;" "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you;" "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life will save it;" "Take up your cross and follow me;" "Forgive seventy times seven times."

So often, our temptation is to make the gospel "cute" thinking that it will be more palatable to people. But, if we replace the gospel with some soft imitation, it only becomes an obstacle to people drawing closer to Jesus. Jesus isn't a concept. He is a person. Jesus isn't a feeling. He is a person.

In setting out the Church's agenda for the Third Millennium, John Paul II said the following:

"It is not therefore a matter of inventing a "new program". The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition, it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfillment in the heavenly Jerusalem. This is a program which does not change with shifts of times and cultures, even though it takes account of time and culture for the sake of true dialogue and effective communication. This program for all times is our program for the Third Millennium."

I mention all of this because as a parish we are trying not to "invent" some new gimmicky ways of living Christianity. We are risking everything on the Gospel and on the living Tradition of the Church. We are going out into the deep—not with flashy gimmicks but with the nets of the apostles. It is not haphazard that we do certain things as a parish.

The dignity and beauty of the Mass, devotion to the Eucharist, the need to be prepared to receive the Eucharist worthily every time we receive, the Forty Hours Devotion, daily Eucharistic Adoration, the Corpus Christi Procession, monthly confession, charity to the poor, communion of mind and heart with the Pope and the Cardinal, love of the Church, the life of virtue, a deepening of Faith, Hope, and Charity, the importance of Catholic Education, the need to develop and foster a Culture of Life, the dignity of marriage and the beauty of openness to new life, the fostering of priestly and religious vocations, the need to support generously the work of the parish, the corporal works of mercy, a deep devotion and love for the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, and a clear recognition that Christ is someone whom we meet and encounter in our day to day life. These—among others—are points of emphasis in our parish because this is how we go out into the deep. We trust these things more than we trust what we ourselves can invent.

I mention all of this because these points of emphasis in the life of our parish are not just some random sampling of some spiritual things to do. They are our response to Jesus' command to go out into the deep. Read the list in the paragraph above again.

The lazy and the lukewarm will always find excuses why they need to stay by the shore. They will always have excuses why going out into the deep is too dangerous, too time-consuming, and too demanding. And at times, we all can fall into laziness and tepidness. In our parish, we are blessed to have extraordinary examples of persons who live life by going with Jesus out into the deep. When I compare them to the alternative, I see that the alternative destroys life. The alternative is to cling to the shore and dream about what it might be like to go out into the deep. I am particularly grateful to God that He has surrounded me again and again with those who have gone out into the deep. I find them to be a source of great encouragement.

Bottom line: Get into the boat that goes deep into the life of Christ. Anything less is really pathetic.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes