

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

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 422—"The Glory of These Forty Days"

READ: 792

OFF: 417—"Lord, Who Throughout"
(@ 10:30)

MASS: (Handout @ 10:30)

COMM: 736—"You Satisfy The Hungry"

REC: (Organ Only)

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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, March 1 ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15 / Ps 25:4-9 / Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

Monday, March 2 ~

Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Ps 19:8-10,15 / Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 3 ~

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-7,16-19 / Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 4 ~

Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 / Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 5 ~

Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 / Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 6 ~

Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-8 / Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 7 ~

Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 / Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 8 ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 / Ps 116:10,15-19

Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

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

7:00 PM ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

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

March 1, 2009 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

- 8:15 AM Coffee & Donuts
- 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
- 7:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 6:15 PM Confessions—Lower Church
- 7:00 PM Mass—Lower Church

FRIDAY

- 9:00 AM Rosary Group—Rectory
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Main Church

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$7,471.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,149.50

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
John Panzero

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE CONDUCTED EACH FRIDAY EVENING, DURING LENT, AT 7:00 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1:

10:30AM Months Mind Mass

Judith Kelley

Monday, March 2:

Paul Catania

Wednesday, March 4:

Carmine Marchegiani

Friday, March 6:

Rev. William Kane, SVD

Sunday, March 8:

10:30AM Months Mind Mass

Louis Walor, Sr.

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.

Banns of



We congratulate the following couple who will soon be married and assure them the Marriage prayers of our Parish Family.

I—Kenneth Johnston & Meredith Hudson



PAX CHRISTI: The March meeting for the St. Mary's Chapter of Pax Christi will be replaced with a concert by:

Gregory Norbert *at*

First Church in Wenham

Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM

A WOMAN'S CONCERN OF BEVERLY

Baby Bottle Drive

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish will host the Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser the weekend of March 7 & 8th. Empty baby bottles will be available in the back of the church. We ask that parishioners take a baby bottle, fill it with their spare change and return the bottle to the rectory.

A Woman's Concern is a free pregnancy resource clinic focused on educating, encouraging and empowering women to make informed choices regarding unplanned pregnancy. A Woman's Concern does not recommend or refer for abortion and stresses that abortion procedures are inherently dangerous. They provide help for women's physical, spiritual, emotional, medical and material needs through counseling, support services and education.

Receptivity Fitting For The Lord*by Fr. Roger J. Landry*

In a June 25 interview with the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Papal Master of Ceremonies Msgr. Guido Marini caught the attention of the Catholic world when he announced that henceforth Pope Benedict would distribute Holy Communion only on the tongue to people who are kneeling.

When asked why the Pope had decided to give Holy Communion exclusively in this way, Msgr. Marini responded, "It is necessary not to forget that the distribution of Communion on the hand continues to remain, from the juridical standpoint, an exception (indult) to the universal law, conceded by the Holy See to those bishops' conferences who have requested it. The form used by Benedict XVI attempts to underline the force of the valid norm for the entire Church." In other words, the normative way Catholics receive the Eucharist is in the mouth after or during an act of humble, loving reverence. Receiving Holy Communion on the hands is allowed as a valid option only in those countries — like the United States — that have requested and received an exception from the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship. There are some countries where communion on the tongue remains the only manner faithful receive.

Msgr. Marini added, however, that Benedict's purpose went beyond merely reminding Catholics that reception of the Eucharist on the tongue, rather than on the hand, is the Church's normative and preferred way. He said that receiving Communion on the tongue "better highlights the truth of the real presence in the Eucharist, helps the devotion of the faithful, and introduces more easily the sense of mystery — aspects which, in our times, pastorally-speaking, it is urgent to highlight and recover."

Benedict's principal motivation, therefore, is to recover a Eucharistic piety based on our Eucharistic faith, to translate the Church's amazement and adoration of the Eucharistic Lord into liturgical posture and action. While Benedict is not, at this point, publicly considering eliminating the exception to allow communion on the hands in various countries, it is clear that, out of love for the Lord, the Church, and Catholics, he has deep concerns about the effects of the practice overall on Eucharistic devotion.

He's not the first to have these concerns. It is well-known that Pope Paul VI, who made possible the indult in 1969, did so only with the greatest reluctance. He was, in fact, very much opposed to the practice, as were the vast majority of bishops in the world whom he had polled individually. Even as the most progressive liturgists around him noted at the time, he conceded the possibility of an indult only in order to veil the disobedience of bishops and priests in certain European countries who were distributing Holy Communion in the hands despite the Pope's repeated directives to curtail the practice. In the 1969 Instruction *Memoriale Domini*, which Paul VI authorized, the Congregation for Divine Worship described at length the many reasons in favor of retaining the practice of receiving Holy Communion only on the tongue. It stated that the Pope "strongly urges bishops, priests, and people to observe zealously this law, valid and again confirmed, according to the judgment of the majority of the Catholic episcopate, in the form which the present rite of the sacred liturgy employs, and out of concern for the common good of the Church." But then, with an undisguised reference to the disobedience in various countries as well as to the problems that disobedience had already engendered, it added, "If the contrary usage, namely, of placing Holy Communion in the hand, has already developed in any place, in order to help the episcopal conference fulfill their pastoral office in today's often difficult situation," the Apostolic See would allow them, by a two-thirds secret-ballot vote of their Episcopal Conference to request an indult. The Instruction clearly stated, however, its reservations about the practice, and said that the bishops in those countries had a special responsibility to provide "that any danger is avoided of insufficient reverence or false opinions of the Holy Eucharist arising in the minds of the faithful and that any other improprieties be carefully removed."

Likewise, Pope John Paul II publicly expressed his concerns about the practice. In a November 1980 interview with the German magazine *Stimme des Glaubens*, a journalist asked him, "Holy Father, what is your opinion with reference to Communion in the hand?" Pope John Paul II replied, "There is an apostolic letter on the existence of a special valid permission for this. But I tell you that I am not in favor of this practice, nor do I recommend it. The permission was granted only due to the insistence of some diocesan bishops."

Many priests and faithful have long expressed misgivings about the practice of communion in the hand. It is not that individual believers cannot receive the Lord in the hand with the same reverence and love with which they could receive him on the tongue, but that, as a whole and especially with less fervent believers, the practice of communion in the hand, rather than buttressing Eucharistic piety, diminishes it.

Historians know that in the early days of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Bucer, in order to try to eliminate the Catholic "superstition" that Christ was truly present in the Eucharist, persuaded Thomas Cranmer to institute communion in the hands through changing the rubrics in the Church of England's 1552 *Book of Common Prayer*. Bucer, Cranmer and other reformers did not believe they could extirpate belief in Christ's real presence as long as people continued to kneel and receive Holy Communion on the tongue. The body language of adoration, Centurion-like humility, and child-like receptivity involved in kneeling to receive on the tongue would reinforce that they must be consuming something more than blessed bread.

The body language involved in receiving communion on the hands, they knew, is different. Kneeling is a sign of adoration; standing is often a sign of respect, but not worship. Receiving food from another in the mouth occurs when we're children (and we are beloved children of God), or sick (like those needing the Divine Physician to give them the "medicine of immortality") or happily married (like a groom's giving his bride wedding cake, and we are the Bride of Christ receiving within the Bridegroom in the consummation of our nuptial union). In most circumstances feeding ourselves with our hands is considered bad manners, or at least informal.

Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers, while they have certainly seen many communicants piously receive the Lord on the hands, also regularly see much else: how people rarely make the required external sign of reverence before receiving; how few make a throne with their hands to receive the Lord, even after decades of catechesis, and how many rather try to receive with dirty hands, gloves, casts, sleeve-covered fingers, or with their fingers in the form of tweezers; how some people begin to walk away without ingesting the Lord; and how easy communion in the hands makes it for those who wish to steal a host for sacrilegious purposes, like black masses. They also note the profound practical inconsistency between their piously purifying their fingers and vessels of any Eucharistic particles while there is no similar practice for those who receive such particles along with sacred hosts in their hands.

The question that needs to be asked, after four decades of the indult for communion on the hands, is whether the practice has strengthened Eucharistic piety based on belief in Christ's real presence or whether Paul VI's initial concerns have proven valid. Surveys show that there are many Catholics who do not believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. While the causes for this lack of faith certainly go beyond the practice of communion in the hand, it must be asked whether communion in the hand exacerbates or mitigates the crisis.

In the early Church, the practice of Communion in the hands was widespread, especially during the times of persecution. Eventually, however, the leaders of the Church saw that such a practice was inconsistent with fostering true devotion to the Eucharistic Lord overall and gradually eliminated it.

By setting the example of changing the way he gives Holy Communion at the papal Masses, Pope Benedict seems to be urging his fellow Catholic bishops, priests and Catholic faithful to make a similar examination at a personal level and for the good of the Church as a whole.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS *Important Dates:*

March 1	7th Grade Parent Meeting (re Chastity program)	9:20-10:20AM
March 7	First Reconciliation	10:30AM
April 4	Second Grade Workshop	9:30-12:00PM
April 28	Confirmation	7:00PM
May 2 & 3	First Communions	

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next weekend, March 7-8, will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish, so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. We will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean. Those of you that gave to the Appeal last year should be receiving a letter from him this week. We invite all others to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes with you to St. Mary's next week to place in the collection basket. Thank You.

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

SPOTLIGHT ON KINDERGARTEN who want to celebrate Christmas all year long! "I want to remember that the needy are still in need when Christmas is over. Grandparents and the elderly still need the company of visitors, neighbors would still find happiness in a plate of cookies left at their door. Just because Christmas ends does not mean our generous hearts and love should end too. Let's see if we can keep the spirit of Christmas going all year long." Also, in language and literature, each student wrote a letter for a classmate about the importance of being a good friend. In math, the concepts of numbers 11-20 are taught using 10 cubes – many now can count up to 100. In religion, the new prayer is "Angel of God" which teaches about our guardian angel. In Science, the kindergarteners are learning about weather and different types of clouds which predict the weather, and next week we start measurements. "Kindergarten is so much fun, because we are trying to be kind and caring to one another at all times," declares **Mrs. Cathy Milani**, Kindergarten teacher.

PRAYER SERVICE – a Lenten Prayer Service was recently conducted by Grades 1 and 7, to prepare St. Mary's Students for the Season of Lent. On **Friday, March 6th**, please join us for a Lenten Soup and Pancake Supper at 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the school hall. Afterwards, we will have a candlelight procession, led by **Marco Egizi '07**, to St. Mary's church for children's Stations of the Cross. Thank you **Mrs. Carol Augulewicz & Mrs. Sarah Thomas!**

PJ DAY – was recently held at St. Mary's School where students wore pajamas and donated new pajamas and money towards pajamas to help children in the greater Boston area through Cradles to Crayons program and the Boston Bruins organization. Many thanks to Student Council mentor, 4th grade teacher **Mrs. Kerri Boudreault**, for organizing this successful community service!

READ ACROSS AMERICA – "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." In celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, our 5th graders will be participating in *Read Across America*, including guest speakers sharing their love of reading. **Mayor William Scanlon** will share his favorite book on Monday, March 2nd, as he reads to our 5th graders. **Emily Nichols**, Children's Librarian at Beverly Public Library, will also read to our students. This past week, our 5th graders have been reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books to the lower school children. Thank you 5th grade teacher, **Mrs. Carol Nichols**, who notes Dr Seuss' use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful.

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: _____

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