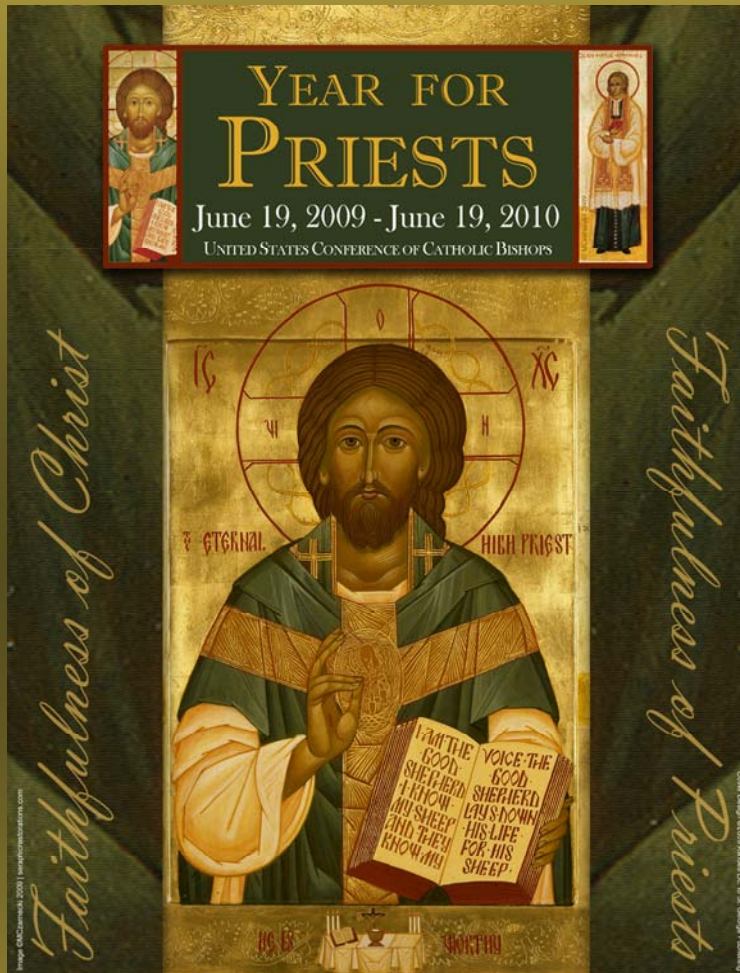


St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish  
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

## The Year for Priests



### HYMNS & READINGS

**OPENING:**       **537**— "The God of Abraham Praise"

**READINGS:**   **799**  
                          **800**— 10:30 only

**COMM:**           **423**—"Jesus, Remember Me"

**Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor**

**Kwang Lee, Seminarian**

**253 Cabot Street—Beverly, Massachusetts 01915**

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**St. Mary Star of the Sea School Website: [www.stmarystarschool.org](http://www.stmarystarschool.org)**

**Principal, St. Mary's School**

Pre K through 8th Grade

Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

**Director RCIA**

Mr. Neil Yetts—978-922-0113

**Director of Maintenance**

Mr. James Weston—978-922-0113

**Parish Secretary**

Ms. Nina Sudak—978-922-0113

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Mrs. Anna Bertini—978-998-6848

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Mrs. Christine O'Brien - 978-922-0799

**Organist/Choirmaster**

Mr. Frederick MacArthur – 978-609-4302

**Business Manager**

Mrs. Diane Macedo—978-922-0113

**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 7 ~**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/Ps 103:1-4,68-,11/Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Lk 13:1-9

**Monday, March 8 ~**

Kgs 5:1-15b / Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 / Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 9 ~**

Dn 3:25,34-43 / Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 / Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 10 ~**

Dt 4:1,5-9 / Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 11 ~**

Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2,6-9 / Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 12 ~**

Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 / Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 13 ~**

Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4,18-21b / Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 14 ~**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jos 5:9a,10-12 / Ps 34:2-7 / Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**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**

- 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

**MONDAY**

- 7:00 PM Confirmation Class  
St. Mary's School
- 7:00 PM Mass—Main Church

**TUESDAY**

- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory
- 7:00 PM Mass—Main Church
- 7:00 PM Pax Christi  
St. Mary's Convent

**WEDNESDAY**

- 3:30 PM Religious Education—Grds.1-6  
St. Mary's School
- 6:30-6:45 PM—Confessions  
Main Church Sacristy
- 7:00 PM Mass—Main Church
- 7:30-8:00 PM—Confessions  
Main Church Sacristy

**THURSDAY**

- 7:00 PM Mass In The Extraordinary Form  
Main Church

**FRIDAY**

- 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
Main Church
- 7:00 PM Mass—Main Church

**SATURDAY**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Months Mind Mass**  
**10:30AM ~ Sunday, March 7:**  
Mary LeComte

**Wednesday, March 10:**  
Fr. Bill Kane

**Saturday, March 13:**  
Arthur Sudak

**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:  
**NICHOLAS FURNARI** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated  
in Memory of:  
Edmond J. Matton, Sr.

**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, March 6 ~ Bible Study Quiz Show  
*Speaker: Brian Whelan*

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Saturday, March 13 ~ My Path to the Ancient Church**

*Speaker: Dr. Thomas Howard*

Raised in an Evangelical home, Dr. Howard was a distinguished professor of English literature at Gordon College until the mid-1980s, when he converted to Catholicism and began teaching at St. John's Seminary. He is the author of many books, including *Evangelical is Not Enough*, *On Being Catholic*, and *Lead, Kindly Light*, the story of his pilgrimage to the Church. Visit his website at: <http://ignatiusinsight.com/authors/thomashoward.asp>.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:**  
**\$10,085.00**  
**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:**  
**\$1,216.00**

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the graces that Lent brings is that it opens our eyes to our own faults and helps us to correct those faults and to set our hearts more firmly in the Lord. The grace of Lent brings with it a confidence that we are no longer slaves to sin, but rather—in Jesus Christ—we have been set free. The Way is open to us. Lent provides to us not only opportunity, but also encouragement to move forward in the Christian life.

Another grace Lent brings to us is that it heightens our spiritual sensitivity. Through penance and prayer, we become less attached to earthly things and become more attached to heaven. This transformation awakens within us a more serious appreciation of the epoch battle in which we Christians are engaged. The discipline of Lent extricates us from pettiness and selfishness and adds depth and breadth to our spiritual vision. We come to see and appreciate the extraordinary grace it is to be called children of God and our desire to be worthy of that name intensifies.

Simultaneously, we also become aware of the influence and work of the Evil One. The more we become freed of his influence, the more we become aware of his hatred for all things holy. The more we think of God and the more we draw close to Him, the more the Evil One's methods and hatreds become evident. The more we turn from Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises, the more capable we are of seeing his sinister influence and his deep-seated hatred for our souls.

Not only do we see these things revealed in our individual lives, but we also see their effect on the life of the Church in general. For instance, when priests become unchaste, disobedient, or ambitious, it not only harms the individual priest, but as we all know too well, it harms the whole Catholic community. Why has Pope Benedict XVI asked the whole Church to pray for the sanctification of priests during this year? It is because he clearly understands that holy priests help others to be holy. And unholy priests are the quickest way to undermine the Church. Satan hates the priesthood. Why? From the priest's hands comes the Eucharist. Undermine the priest, undermine the Eucharist.

But, it is not only the priest that Satan hates. He hates and seeks to undermine every good and beautiful thing that comes to us from the Hand of God. Think of marriage. The Evil One is not satisfied in simply trying to undermine individual marriages. He goes after marriage itself. The constitutive elements of marriage are its permanence and its openness to new life. The Evil One does everything possible to undermine these constitutive elements so that marriage becomes meaningless. Why hate marriage so? Because marriage is intended by God as the way of sanctifying the husband and wife and their children.

Spiritual Laziness. When an individual becomes spiritually lazy, he can deceive himself into believing that he is only harming himself. But this is another of the Enemy's lies. I've only been a priest for about 13 years, but even in those short 13 years, I have noticed a significant sign of spiritual decline. When I first began, a lot of young people wouldn't know the Act of Contrition. That was, of course, attributable to the fact that they didn't go to confession very often. But over the course of time, it has now seeped into the Hail Mary and the Lord's Prayer. Many, many young people—and I am talking about children who have some active connection to parish life—are incapable of praying the most basic Catholic prayers. Catholic parents have a solemn duty to educate their children in the ways of faith and to provide a solid example. When a parent thinks nothing of breaking the Third Commandment, it not only affects the spiritual well-being of the parent, it also provides a horrific example for the child.

The Sacrament of Penance. The Evil One hates this sacrament because it reconciles sinners to God. I have often pleaded with folks who find themselves far away from the Sacrament of Penance to return. Today, I would like to encourage those who do frequent the Sacrament of Penance to always seek to make a good confession. A good confession is one that is made after a serious examination of one's conscience. We should, to the best of our ability to remember, confess every serious sin. We should have true sorrow for our sins and we should be firmly resolved not to sin again in the future.

I would like to mention two areas in particular that I think need to be strengthened in our minds and hearts. The first has to do with the seriousness of missing Mass on Sundays. Missing Mass intentionally on Sunday without serious reason is, in fact, a grave sin that needs to be confessed. Serious sin prevents us from receiving the Eucharist so we want and need to confess serious sins as soon as possible.

The second area has to do with sins against chastity and purity. It is often the case that the sins that cause us the most embarrassment are the sins that we are most hesitant to confess. That's natural. But God wants our transformation in the life of grace to be complete and total. I think particularly of parents of teenagers. Whether it is through conversation or good Catholic reading materials, you could help those young people to grow in the life of grace by teaching them what it means to be pure and chaste. And, you could help them by teaching them that the Sacrament of Penance can assist them in overcoming temptation and sin. The fact is pornography is rampant and easily accessible. The culture promotes promiscuity, impurity, and unchastity. For many young people, no alternative has been proposed to them. There are many—in the media, in the government, and in education—who are relentless in bombarding these young people with a view of human sexuality that is entirely distorted and disfigured. What the Church proposes is truly beautiful and truly human, but nobody talks about it. So, I'm talking about it right here. I encourage you to do the same. Nobody needs to be enslaved by sins against purity and chastity. Right now, many young folks—and many not so young folks—think that either a life of unchastity is normal or that it is unavoidable. Jesus wants to set those folks free. In the Sacrament of Penance, Jesus helps us and strengthens us to live purely.

As a last word today, I again thank God for the beautiful gift He has given to us as a parish. I am continuously grateful for your example.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. David Barnes

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#### **INCREASED OFFERTORY APPEAL A SUCCESS!**

We would like to thank all parishioners who have supported our Increased Offertory Appeal. The results to date are very encouraging. As a response to the call for increased weekly offertory giving, we asked all of our parishioners to return their completed Commitment Envelopes by placing them in the collection basket.

In order for our parish community to consider expanding ministries while continuing to meet our growing financial obligations, please consider a commitment plan from the brochure that is best suited to your own circumstances. This will allow St. Mary's to accurately plan for the future. Thank you for your generous support.



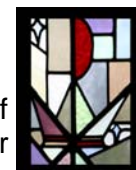
#### **religious education**

#### **UP COMING DATES:**

**March 27:** Workshop for Second Grade Students  
9:30-12noon ~ School Hall

**April 11:** Confirmation ~ 5:00PM  
Main Church

*From the Desk of:*  
**SR. JULIE KANE, SN.D.**



The next meeting of the St. Mary Star of the Sea Pax Christi group is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 PM at the St. Mary's Convent, 15 Chapman Street, Beverly.

The speaker will be **John Archer** on:  
**Homelessness and Concerns at  
River Street Shelter**

#### **ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON ~~ 2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL**

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean at all Masses and asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation matters and will make a difference.

As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to love and share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Participation in the Catholic Appeal, a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese, is one way for us to answer His call. 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. Please see the information packets in the pews to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you didn't receive one last week.

## SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

**LEGACY GALA & WINE TASTING EXPO** – come congratulate our honorees as we pay tribute to the following individuals who will receive the St. Mary's Star Award, recognizing their contributions to our school, parish, and community:

**Mr. Paul Guanci**  
**Dr. & Mrs. Donald McAuliffe**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Williams (of Dick & June's)**  
**Mrs. Gail O'Donnell**

Tickets are \$65 and include an elegant Wine-Tasting, full-course meal, and award presentations. Reserve your table now, or join other parishioners at the St. Mary Star of the Sea church tables. This is a major fundraiser and your support is important. Please contact Mrs. Anna Bertini, Development Director at 978-998-6848.

**SAINT MARY'S LENTEN MISSION: Sr. Lenore Coan, SND**, visited Saint Mary School to present the Sisters of Notre Dame Lenten Campaign in the Congo. She said that "Saint Mary's students have made a difference in the lives of the children of Africa" through their yearly Lenten donations of change. "You can't feed the world, but you can feed one person," was the message she conveyed.

**HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES** – we are proud to announce that **ALL** of our **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** who have applied to private high schools have been accepted, and many have received scholarships! Congratulations and continued success!

**YOUNG ALUMNI - Matthew Giallongo '04**, a music major at The Sunderman Conservatory of Gettysburg College, will perform with this premier choral ensemble on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salem. The concert is free and open to the public.

**OPEN HOUSE** at St. Mary Star of the Sea School happens every Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM – Call Principal **Kevin Cushman** at 978 927-3259 and check out our website at [www.stmarystarschool.org](http://www.stmarystarschool.org)

**KID'S DAY IN** – SMS Student Council will host a **Kid's Day In** on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 1 PM in the school cafeteria. The day includes crafts, games, stories, snack, pizza lunch, Easter Egg Hunt and more! This event is open to children in Pre-School through grade 4 (ages 3-10). The cost is \$15 per child and pre-registration is required (need not be a St. Mary's student).

Please e-mail advisor Mrs. Boudreault at [Boudreault@stmarystarschool.org](mailto:Boudreault@stmarystarschool.org).

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** – A big thank you to **Mrs. Theresa Ciavola** for sharing Chinese New Year with Kindergarten, and **Mr. Tom Nally** for assisting Grade 2 with their Science program. We are grateful to all our volunteer parents who help with lunch, computer, gym, library, and many other areas of school life.

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### **Lenten Supper ~ ~ Children's Stations of the Cross!**

Friday, March 19, 2010

Lenten Supper at School 5:00-6:00pm

**Stations of the Cross for children begins at approx. 6:15; Mass to follow at 7:00.**

Free will offering/donations will be made to *PENNIES FOR HAITI*

PLEASE Contact Sarah Thomas (978) 922-8008 if you can bring soup (HOT please) or other non-meat meal choice. Pancakes will be served for the children.