

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

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 579—"O God, Our Help"

READ: 795

OFF: 701—"Christ Upon The Mountain"
(@ 10:30)

MASS: (Handout @ 10:30)

COMM: 423—"Jesus, Remember Me"

REC: (Organ Only)

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Rectory Telephone Number: 978-922-0113

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

St. Mary Star of the Sea School Website: 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

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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

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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 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

Monday, March 9 ~

Dn 9:4b-10 / Ps 79:8-9,11,13 / Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 10 ~

Is 1:10,16-20 / Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 11 ~

Jer 18:18-20 / Ps 31:5-6,14-16 / Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 12 ~

Jer 17:5-10 / Ps 1:1-4,6 / Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 13 ~

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a / Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 14 ~

Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Ps 103:1-4,9-12

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, March 15 ~

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17 / Ps 19:8-11 / Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL

- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion-Lower Church
- 9:15 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-6
St. Mary's School
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

MONDAY

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

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
- 4:00 PM Chant Mass

Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 8:
10:30AM Months Mind Mass**
Louis Walor, Sr.

Tuesday, March 10:
Florence Beebe

Wednesday, March 11:
Susan DiLorenzo

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:
JANICE M. OSTROWSKI who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Denis Dillon

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$9,976.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,149.50

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY EVENINGS 7:00 PM

The Stations of the Cross are to help the faithful make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It has become one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics.

Lord Jesus Christ, take me along that holy way you once took to your death, take my mind, my memory, above all my reluctant heart, and let me see what once you did for love of me and all the world.

Banns of



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

II—Kenneth Johnston & Meredith Hudson

A WOMAN'S CONCERN OF BEVERLY

Baby Bottle Drive

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish will host the Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser this weekend, 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 church or 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.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 in Beverly, will be conducting an Electronics Recycling fund raiser on Saturday March 28, 2009 in the parking lot behind the Immanuel Church at 140 Bridge Street, Beverly, MA from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The scouts will be televisions, computers and monitors, printers, radios, microwaves, computer peripherals, cell phones, batteries air conditioners, dehumidifiers, stereos, fax machines, scanners, and speakers as well as other miscellaneous electronic items. For more information, email to Bev_BSA_Tp6@live.com

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.

Saturday, March 7 ~ Benedict XVI on the Crisis in Western Culture

Speaker: Jonathan Nauman

Saturday, March 14 ~ The Moral Precepts of the Church

Speaker: Frank Gaudenzi

Saturday, March 21 ~ Brother Lawrence, Practicing the Presence of God

Speaker: Doug MacDougal

**REAL CATHOLIC MEN
WORSHIP THE REAL PRESENCE**

On Thursday March 19, at 6:00 PM the men of the parish will participate in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and will be present together for the 7:00 PM. Mass. This Mass will be in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. We will pray that the men of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, following the example of St. Joseph, who protected and guarded the child Jesus, will become devout custodians of our Lord's Eucharistic Body. Please join us.

**Gregorian Chant Schola
Saturday, March 14, 4:00 PM Mass**

The music for the 4:00 PM Mass today, will be led by a Gregorian Chant Schola. This small choir will sing more of the traditional chants of the Church than we're usually accustomed to hearing nowadays.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS *Important Dates:*

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

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Mary Star. Of the Sea. 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. The Appeal is a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 292 parishes to carry on the broader work of our Church. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.
Thank You.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Calendar Winners for March!

Pat Kelley	\$ 50	Les Nishi	\$ 100
David Sciamanna	25	Harold Nelson	25
Hannah Dejardins	25	Wendy Colpoys	50
Walsh Family	25	Kelly Fanning	25
Bob Dumais	25	Ann Swartz	25
Marylyn Guilmet	25	Richard Travers	50
Fern Nguyen	25	Ronald Nolin	25
Courtney O'Keefe	50	John O'Sullivan	25
Erik Lautz	25	Pamela Ryan	25
Kathleen Lane	25	Sheila Bushey	25
Dave Marletta	25	Evone Blanchard	25
Angie Dionne	25	Bertini Family	25
Bill Lu	25	Brenda Avigian	50
Dave's Carpet	25	Nancy Comeau	25
Maryann Tricomi	50	John Miniaello	25
Christine Sciola	25		

SMS ALUMNI: We are looking for St. Mary School Alumni who attended class with **Bishop Richard J. Malone, Class of '60**. If you are, or know someone who is, a 1960 SMS Alum, please contact the Development Office at 978 998-6848. We are looking for photos, stories, etc. to share at our Gala celebration. **Be sure to visit our website at www.stmarystarschool.org.**

SMS LENTEN MISSIONS – For the 5th year, St. Mary's School will participate in the Sisters of Notre Dame Lenten Campaign for their African Missions project. Last year, our students donated over \$2,500. The project will run from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25th, to Holy Thursday, April 9th. Children are encouraged to use their own money, and should be a sacrifice for them. Suggestions are to give up something and add the money they would spend to the mission project, or perform a job/chore for someone and donate the money they earn. Thank you to **Mrs. O'Donnell** for her organizational help.

KID'S DAY IN – SMS Student Council is hosting a March Kid's Day In! It will be held on **Saturday, March 21** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and meet in the school cafeteria. The day will include: crafts, games, stories, snack, seasonal activities, pizza lunch, Easter egg hunt and more. This event is open to children in Pre-School thru grade 4 (ages 3-10) and run by the student council and their advisor, **Mrs. Boudreault**. The cost will be \$15 per child which includes everything listed. Pre-registration is required as students will be divided into groups according to age. **Students do NOT have to be enrolled at St. Mary's School.** Any questions, please e-mail Mrs. B at grade4mrsb@yahoo.com.

SPANISH TEACHER – St. Mary's School is looking for a part-time Spanish teacher for Middle School, grades 6 – 8. Please contact Principal, Mr. Kevin Cushman, for further details, at 978 927-3259.

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 recognize 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

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the Season of Lent, the Church brings to our mind the inextricable connection between love of God and love of our neighbor. Love between individuals only reaches fulfillment insofar as that love leads each individual to the love of God. Likewise, love of God is concretized in our love for our neighbor. Without the love of God, the beloved becomes an idol and without the love of neighbor, love of God becomes an abstraction.

When we hear Jesus say that we must forgive those who trespass against us, we can be tempted to think that this command is an obstacle to overcome. But, is it not rather the perfect way to love God? We sometimes can see our neighbor as an obstacle to loving God. "If only this person were not here," or, "If only this person were not like this then I could finally focus on loving God." But, Jesus tells us that these persons that he has placed in our life are the very way that we express our love for God. In loving and remaining faithful to those whom God has placed in our path, we are given the opportunity to love God.

It is true that God will never park in our parking spot, play the radio too loudly, not empty the dishwasher, leave us off the invitation list, hurt our feelings, or simply forget about us. But our neighbor—our spouse, our parents, our children, our friend—may well do all of these things. These are opportunities to love God by loving and forgiving our neighbor.

Sometimes, our prayer life can seem interrupted by the difficulties that confront us in the persons of our neighbors. We can think to ourselves, "If only I did not have this problem, then I could get around to loving God and praying better." These are not distractions to our prayer. They are the material of prayer. These are precisely the places in our life where we need to seek the Lord's aid.

During the Season of Lent, I encourage you to look—really look—at the Stations of the Cross depicted in our church. When Jesus carried the Cross, He carried so much more than simply the wood. He carried the fears of his disciples, the betrayals of human history, the broken heart of the Virgin Mother, the anger and bitterness of the soldiers and bystanders, the tears of the women who met Him along the way, and the sin of every human being. He carried all of this and offered it in love to the Father. He loved the Father and He loved all of those whom the Father had given to Him.

In our prayers during Lent, let us pray with Christ. Let us not try to leave the burdens of our neighbor by the side of the road in order to draw closer to God. Instead, let us imitate Christ. Let us carry our neighbor with us in our prayer. Christ could have made it to Calvary much more quickly if He had not been burdened by the weight of the Cross. But Calvary is only significant because it is where Christ carried and offered everything to the Father. We can learn from this. When we pray, our hearts can often be filled with thoughts about our neighbors—the neighbor who injured us, ignored us, gossiped about us, forgot us, denied us, betrayed us. These thoughts are not burdens that we should seek to unload in order to advance more quickly toward God. These difficulties are perhaps the weight we are asked to bring to Calvary. Let us carry these neighbors with joyful love to the altar of God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes