

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

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 704—"Lift High The Cross"

READ: 804 (803 @ 10:30)

OFF: 433—"When I Survey The Wondrous"
(@ 10:30)

MASS: (Handout @ 10:30)

COMM: 414—"Attende Domine"

REC: (Organ Only)

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253 Cabot Street—Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

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

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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

Administrator, Religious Education

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 29 ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:3-4,12-15 / Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 30 ~

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 / Ps 23:1-6 / Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31 ~

Nm 21:4-9 / Ps 102:2-3,16-21 / Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1 ~

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Dn 3:52-56 / Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2 ~

Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 3 ~

Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-7 / Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4 ~

Ez 37:21-28 / Jer 31:10-13 / Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5 ~

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mk 11:1-10 / Ps 22:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24

Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15:47

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

- 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 First Friday Mass
- 9:00 AM Rosary Group @ Mass
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Main Church

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: EASTER FLOWERS

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM Sunday, March 29:
Janice M. Ostrowski

Monday, March 30:
Ernest Santin

Wednesday, April 1:
Gabriele Marchegiani

Friday, April 3:
Patricia Carbone

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM Sunday, April 5:
Mary D. Couhig


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:
KATHRYN MALLETTE who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Charles H. Senior, Jr..

Banns of



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

II—Patrick O'Connor & Stephanie Mahoney

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 28 ~ St. Paul
Speaker: Ferde Rombola

WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$7,196.00

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Important Dates:

- April 4** **Second Grade Workshop**
9:30-12:00PM
- April 13** **REMINDER: No Parent Mtg.**
Class for 9th & 10th Grade
Students as usual.
- April 28** **Confirmation**
7:00PM
- May 2 & 3** **First Communions**

Dear Parishioner:

Thank you for your consistent generosity. These are challenging times for many of us however we continue to be blessed with a generous spirit throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. With the generosity of you and so many of our Catholic brothers and sisters, the Christmas Collection in support of the Clergy Funds increased by approximately 5%.

The Clergy Funds primary purpose is to provide medical care and retirement benefits to senior clergy who have served parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. Stabilizing the funds is a top priority of Cardinal Sean, the Archdiocese, and its priests.

We are thankful that you have chosen to give generously to the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

All the Priests throughout the Archdiocese of Boston.

EASTER SCHEDULE
THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY:
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY:
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY:
Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY:
The Resurrection of The Lord
8:15 AM / 10:30 AM
No 5:00 PM Mass

SIGN PRO-LIFE POSTCARDS!

TODAY OUR PARISH, ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHER PARISHES ACROSS THE NATION, WILL BE INVITED TO SIGN POSTCARDS URGING CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE "FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT" (FOCA) AND TO RETAIN EXISTING LAWS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND PROMOTION OF ABORTION. SIGN A POSTCARD TO YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND YOUR TWO U.S. SENATORS. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR LIFE AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME! MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FOCA CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE OF THE US CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS AT:

[HTTP://USCCB.ORG/PROLIFE/ISSUES/FOCA/](http://usccb.org/prolife/issues/foca/)

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners at St. Mary Star of The Sea Parish who have made a gift to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. We have received \$13,595 from 106 households, reaching 27.5% of our parish goal of \$49,500. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700.

Thank You.

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

GRADE 4 TEACHES US ABOUT LENT: Mrs. Boudreault's 4th graders:

Emma Moulton: Lent is a time to show you love God
Everyday we pray to God
N is for not doing what you give up
True sorrow for our sins

Thomas Rutigliano: Lent is 40 days long
Everyone should give up something
Nobody should give up something that you do not like
Teach people about Lent

Lauren Fortini: Lent is a time to remember the new life of Christ given to us through Baptism
nEver say Alleluia during Lent
LeNt is a season to forgive
ForTy days of loving and suffering

CEREAL DRIVE – SMS Student Council wants to help local families who might not be able to afford breakfast and lunch during April vacation, therefore St. Mary's School is conducting a Cereal Drive. Students will be collecting cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, and canned fruits until April 3rd to donate to Beverly Bootstraps.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK – **Conor Hilfinger '06**, student representative for the Good Friday Walk, returned to his alma mater, St. Mary Star of the Sea School, to address the SMS Student Council. He encouraged our students to participate in the Walk, and noted that the money raised last year (93%) went to 284 North Shore families in need, and the remainder went to aid the poor in 3rd world countries. This year's 11-mile walk will take place on Friday, April 10th. Please call 978 998-6848 to help sponsor one of our students who will participate in this year's Good Friday Walk.

SMS WEBSITE – have you visited the St. Mary's School website? For the latest in information, go to www.stmaryschool.org

ST. MARY'S LEGACY GALA – A few tickets are still available for purchase at the door at Danversport Yacht Club. Please join us on Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 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, '92, '95
Paige Baxter '05 – Class Pres. No.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

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL ~~ ALUMNAE REUNION MASS/BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009 ~~ MASS AT 10:30AM—BRUNCH 12:30PM
DANVERSPORT YACHT CLUB ~~ 161 ELLIOTT STREET—DANVERS, MA

The cost is \$26.00 per person. Please make checks payable to:
St. Mary's Alumnae and mail it no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2009 to:

**ST. MARY'S ALUMNAE ~~ c/o JEAN CUMMINGS
20 BELMONT STREET, BEVERLY**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Traditionally, these last two weeks of Lent are known as Passiontide and they mark a more intense time of preparation for Easter. As you entered the church today, you undoubtedly noticed that the statues have been covered. This is the tradition of Passiontide. It is done as a way of marking a more austere time in Lent and as focusing more intensely upon the central mysteries of the faith.

There are many simple things that will happen during the next couple of weeks in the Church's liturgy that may be of some interest to some of you. For example, on Tuesday of Holy Week, all of the priests of the archdiocese will gather with Cardinal Sean at the Cathedral and we will celebrate the Chrism Mass. At that Mass, all of the holy oils used for the sacraments will be consecrated. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants to prepare them for baptism. The Oil of the Sick will be used to anoint all of those who are seriously ill. And, the Oil of Chrism will be used to anoint babies after their baptism, for Confirmation, the hands of newly ordained priests, the heads of newly ordained bishops, and for the consecration of a new altar. It is the Bishop who blesses these oils and thus makes the connection between the bishop and all of the sacraments that take place throughout the Archdiocese.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. In that Mass, twelve persons are chosen to have their feet washed. This is taken from the Lord's command to the Twelve to do what He himself had done for them. In this Mass, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and the Command of Charity. At the end of this Mass, the Eucharist is carried solemnly around the church and is placed in a special tabernacle. People are invited to stay after Mass and be with Christ as we prepare to celebrate his Passion and Death on Good Friday.

During the Mass of Holy Thursday, the bells are rung during the Gloria and then remain silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. Likewise, the organ will fall silent from after Holy Thursday until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil.

On Good Friday, we celebrate the Passion of the Lord. There is no Mass celebrated on Good Friday. The service (in our parish at 3pm and at 7pm) involves readings—including the Passion, General Intercessions for the needs of the Church and the world, the Veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Holy Communion (consecrated the night before at the Mass of Holy Thursday). The service is notable for its austerity and for the moving time when we venerate the Cross.

On Holy Saturday—according to the ancient custom of the Church—the sacraments are not celebrated and Holy Communion may only be brought to those who are close to death.

On Holy Saturday evening—at 8pm—begins the Easter Vigil. This Mass is begun in total darkness. Outside, a fire is prepared and blessed and from that fire, the new Easter Candle is lighted. From that candle, the light is passed from individual to individual until the inside of the church is illuminated entirely by the light of Christ. Then, the priest sings an ancient hymn, entitled the "Exultet." This hymn beautifully recalls the history of salvation and that Christ has conquered darkness. Then, the readings are read solely by the light of the Easter Candle. The readings cover salvation history. After each of the five readings, there is a psalm response. Then, we sing the Gloria at which all of the lights of the church are illuminated, the bells are rung, and the organ resounds for the first time since Holy Thursday. It really is magnificent. At this Mass, those converting to the Faith will be baptized and received into the Church. All I can say is that this Mass is just really magnificent. I urge you to come. It's usually a little over two hours long, but ask anybody who goes to it if they mind and they'll tell you that they love it. It is an awesome thing to behold.

I urge and encourage everybody to attend all of the services of the Sacred Triduum. Attend Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm, Good Friday at either 3pm or 7pm, and the Easter Vigil at 8pm. It is such a wonderful grace and privilege to participate in these sacred events. I hope to see you there.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes