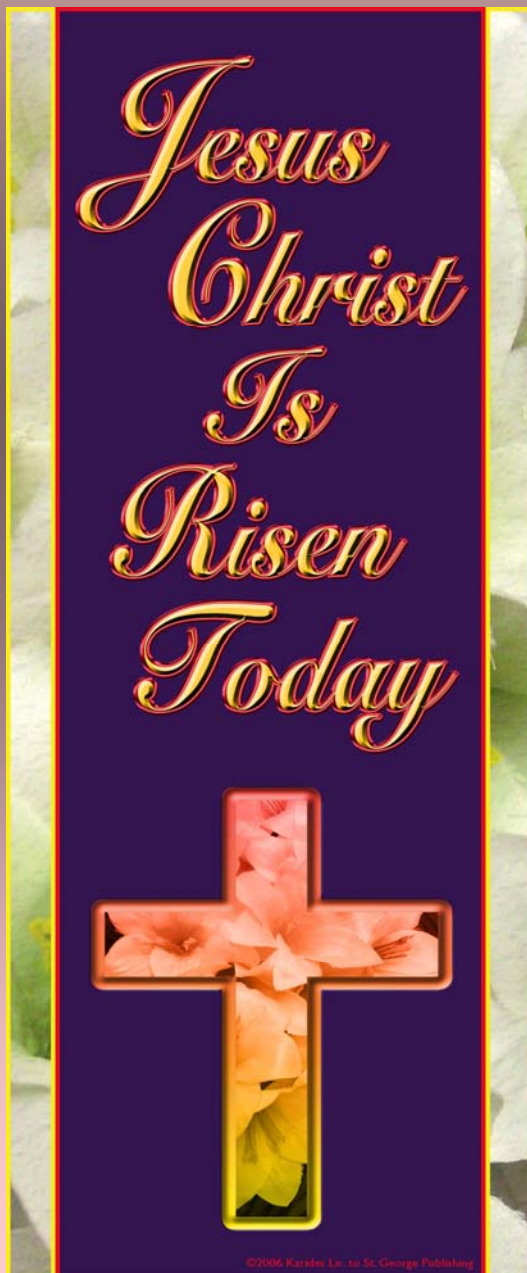


St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish  
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

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**EASTER SUNDAY**



**HYMNS & READINGS**

**PRO: 456**—"Come, Ye Faithful"

**READ: 841**

**SPR: 720**—"Baptized in Water"

**REC: 442**—"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

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Mr. Neil Yetts—978-922-0113

**Director of Maintenance**

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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, April 12 ~**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Ps 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9 / Mk 16:1-7

**Monday, April 13 ~**

Acts 2:14,22-33 / Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 / Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday, April 14 ~**

Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 / Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday, April 15 ~**

Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105:1-4,6-9 / Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday, April 16 ~**

Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8:2a,5-9 / Lk 24:35-48

**Friday, April 17 ~**

Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a / Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday, April 18 ~**

Acts 4:13-21 / Ps 118:1,14-15,16ab-21 / Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday, April 19 ~**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Acts 4:32-35 / Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 / Jn 5:1-6  
Jn 20:19-31

### Parish Calendar

**SUNDAY**

COLLECTION: EASTER  
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

7:00 PM Pax Christi—St. Mary's Convent

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church  
5:30 PM Wedding ~  
Patrick O'Connor & Stephanie Mahoney

**SUNDAY**

11:30 AM Baptisms  
5:00 PM Chant Mass



Happy Easter  
From the Priests of the  
Archdiocese of Boston.

Today's collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please be generous to this important collection.

**Gregorian Chant Schola**

**Sunday, April 19 ~ 5:00 PM Mass**

The music for the 5:00 PM Mass Sunday, April 19, 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.

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 13:**  
Susan Hammond

**Tuesday, April 14:**  
Alfonso Landolfi

**Wednesday, April 15:**  
John Papa

**Friday, April 17:**  
James Bucco

**Saturday, April 18:**  
John A. Casali  
Joseph Casali  
Maria & Antonio Casali

### 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:  
**WILLIAM McKENNA, RALPH O'BRIEN, EUGENE BETTENCOURT, SR.** and **SUSAN HAMMOND** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated  
in Memory of:  
L. Burke & Elisabeth Belknap

**WEEKLY NEED:**

**\$9,200.00**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:**

**\$9,119.00**

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING  
THROUGH PARISH PAY:**

**\$1,149.50**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Important Dates:*

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



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

**Pax Christi Meeting**  
**Tuesday April 14 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**St. Mary Star of the Sea Convent**  
**15 Chapman Street, Beverly**



**ANNUAL EASTER EGG GRAB**

The St. Mary Star of The Sea Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting the annual children's Easter event:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009**  
Immediately following the 8:15 AM Mass



**History of Divine Mercy Sunday**

On February 22nd, 1931 Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun. He was dressed in a white garment and had one hand raised in blessing and the other at His breast. From His chest flowed rays, one in red and the others in light shades. He asked Sr. Faustina to reproduce the image of Him just as she saw it with the words "Jesus I Trust in You" to be written below His feet. He asked her to display the image in her own convent chapel and then throughout the whole world. Sr. Faustina's Spiritual Director told her to ask Jesus the significance of the two rays and Jesus explained:

"The rays represent the Blood and Water that gushed forth from the depths of my Mercy when my Agonizing Heart was pierced on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water, which cleanses and purifies the soul. These rays will shield the soul before the justice of My Father. Fortunate are those who live in this shelter, for the justice of God will not reach them there."

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 19, 2009**

**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**

**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE, RENEWING OUR CHURCH*

St. Mary Star of The Sea Parish has raised \$31,534.00 from 199 households for the 2009 Catholic Appeal, reaching 63.7% of our parish goal of \$49,500.00. Thank you! We ask every Catholic family to participate – every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com).

Thank You.



ST. MARY'S IS HERE FOR YOU ON EASTER SUNDAY.  
ST. MARY'S IS HERE FOR YOU FOR WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND BAPTISMS

THIS IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS  
FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE PARISH WEEK AFTER WEEK.

COULD YOU PLEASE BE HERE FOR ST. MARY'S?

**~ ~ JOIN PARISHPAY ~ ~**

PARISH PAY IS AN AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM WHEREBY  
PARISHIONERS SUPPORT ST. MARY'S.

IT ALLOWS YOU TO BE CONSISTENT IN SUUPPORTING YOUR PARISH  
EVERY WEEK OF THE YEAR AND NOT JUST ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

PLEASE BE A FAITHFUL AND CONSISTENT SUPPORTER OF ST. MARY'S.

**REGISTRATION IS EASY:**

**[WWW.PARISHPAY.COM](http://WWW.PARISHPAY.COM)**

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday, we began the Season of Lent together. Each of us was marked with ashes, thus announcing ourselves to be part of a family who needs to repent and who seeks a closer union with Jesus Christ. Oftentimes, Lent can be lived as a season of individualism, each person going about it in his or her way without any reference to the rest of the community.

This past Lent, I found myself edified and strengthened by the example of those who walked the road to Easter with me. I was more attentive this year to the communal nature of our Lenten observances and I thank you for your example. The increased attendance at daily Masses and confessions, the wonderful turnout for the Thursday evening Mass, the greater sense of prayerfulness and reverence at Sunday Masses, seeing so many of you stop in for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the daytime, witnessing and even being the recipient of acts of mercy, discovering that a young child gave up all sweets for Lent, or watching friends entering the battle of self-sacrifice; these and many others were all signs to me of Christ continuing to do something great among us. Your example during Lent was a great encouragement to me.

Our life together during Lent makes each of us more disposed to experience the joy of the Resurrection. When we have walked together along the Royal Road of the Cross, we are better able to truly rejoice in the radiance of the Risen Lord. The evidence of the Resurrection is found in our life together as a people. We are Christians. We are Catholics. We live the presence of Christ.

As a fellow Christian, I can assure you that your example is a constant source of encouragement for me. When I see Jesus Christ working so powerfully in and through this people that He has created, I am encouraged to follow Him more faithfully. Our life together is a great sign to me that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

As your pastor, I wish to convey something to you that is a bit difficult to put into words. Basically, our life together as a parish confirms in me a great trust in the Gospel and in the Church. The other day, I saw in interview online of a former TV talk show host. He basically said that if the Church wants to continue, it needs to accept and adopt the moral outlook of today's culture. All I could think of as I listened to him was, "Poor Phil. Nobody told him that the 1970's are over." During the past few months, I have met numerous young persons (as I grow older, my definition of "young" expands) who are attracted toward the full Gospel and a more serious approach to the Sacred Liturgy.

Perhaps they are not necessarily living those teachings, but there is a desire in them to do so. Deep down, they know that what the Gospels and the Church propose are the Truth and they are attracted toward that Truth. I have found that their confessions are serious, their desire to be converted by the Gospel is sincere, and—while they may not fully understand what the Church teaches and why—they are hungering for it. Additionally, they are attracted to a Liturgy that is more serious, more reverent, and more traditional. These young people are to be found spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament during our daily adoration. To put it more simply, these young people realized that "Let There Be Peace on Earth" while perhaps "catchy" is theologically vacant. When they come to Mass, they're not looking to sing songs about how great they are. They are looking to join the whole Church in worshipping and adoring the Blessed Trinity. They are seeking a Gospel that requires effort on their part rather than a gospel that tells them, "You don't have to change. The Church has to change." They are seeking a Liturgy that requires effort on their part rather than a liturgy that yields to silliness.

These young people encourage me and strengthen my trust in the Gospel and the Church. We can often think that we need to invent things in order to do the work of the Church. But these young people testify to me that what is really necessary is simple fidelity to the Gospel and the Church.

One last word about this: Another characteristic of these young people is that they don't register for the parish!!! Please make the effort of registering and of introducing yourselves to me (over and over again because I struggle with learning names)!

To all of you, I extend—in my own name and in the names of our parish staff—prayers and wishes for a Blessed Easter.

As I look at our life together as a parish, I am able to say with great confidence: Alleluia. He is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Happy Easter, Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes