

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

The Year For Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

OPENING: **451**—"The Strife Is O'er"

READING: **849**

COMM: **735**—"I Received The Living God"

CLOSING: **450**—"Be Joyful, Mary"

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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, April 25 ~

Acts 13:14,43-52 / Ps 100:1-2,3,5 / Rv 7:9,14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

Monday, April 26 ~

Acts 11:1-18 / Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4 / Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27 ~

Acts 11:19-26 / Ps 87:1b-7 / Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28 ~

Acts 12:24-13:5a / Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 / Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29 ~

Acts 13:13-25 / Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 30 ~

Acts 13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-11b / Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1 ~

Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 14:7-14 / Mt 13:54-58

Sunday, May 2 ~

Acts 14:21-27 / Ps 145:8-13 / Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31a,34-35

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 Open House
Lower Church
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 5:00 PM Chant Mass

TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

WEDNESDAY

- DAILY ADORATION—MAIN CHURCH
- 3:30 PM Religious Education Open House
Lower Church

SATURDAY

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

FRIDAY

DAILY ADORATION END TIME— 2:30 PM

SUNDAY

- 9:20 AM Religious Education Open House
Lower Church
- 5:00 PM Chant Mass

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM ~ Sunday, April 25:
Harvey Marmen

Monday, April 26:

Helen & Stanley Duda

Tuesday, April 27:

Aldo Ascì

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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:

CAROLINE ANDERSEN who recently passed away.



DAILY ADORATION

“ Can you spend one hour with me?”

We are once again looking for volunteers for our Daily Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration hours are from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

We are in need of coverage for:

Monday at 10:30 AM & Tuesday at 1:30 PM

Please see the daily posting in the lower church for times available or e-mail:

stmarystar@parishmail.com



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION:

\$9,053.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,457.00

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE ADMINISTERED AS PART OF THE 4:00 PM MASS, SATURDAY MAY 1 AND SUNDAY, MAY 2 AT BOTH THE 8:15AM AND 10:30AM MASSES.

Sanctuary Light Donated

in Memory of:

Catherine Foley

religious education

UP COMING DATES:

April 25: Open House ~ Grades 1-6 *Lower Church*
No class for Grades 7 & 8

April 28: Open House ~ Grades 1-6 *Lower church*

Thanks to all who participated in the Haiti collection. We collected \$180.00. Eighty dollars was donated to Pennies for Haiti and \$100.00 was sent to Cross International Catholic Outreach



DAILY ADORATION:

Daily Adoration for:

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28

will be held in the Main Church 7:30 AM—7:30 PM
Due to the Religious Education open house.

Daily Adoration for:

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

will end at 2:30 PM due to rehearsal for the First Eucharist Class.



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, April 24 ~ Probability and Prayer

Speaker: Mark Hickey

Saturday, May 1 ~

The Men's Group invites all adult parish members, men and women, to a special presentation by Boston members of Communion and Liberation. Lorenzo Berra and friends will talk about CL founder Fr. Luigi Giussani and the charism of the Movement he founded in 1954.

Saturday, May 8 ~ God, Living or Manufactured?

Speaker: Bob LaPorte

Saturday, May 15 ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

Speaker: Ferde Rombola

Gregorian Chant Schola

Sunday, April 25 ~ 5:00 PM Mass

The music for the 5:00 PM Mass, today, Sunday, April 25, 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.

Are you registered in the parish? Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. If we have no record of your parish membership it could be quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, when someone wishes to make wedding plans, have a baby Baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please visit the St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish website at: www.stmarystar.org and download a registration form today. You can simply place it in the collection basket at church or mail it to the Rectory at 253 Cabot Street, Beverly.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON ~ 2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

CALLED TO LOVE AND SHARE

Thank you to all supporters of the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$29,405 from 178 households, reaching 59.4% of our parish goal of \$49,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge later in the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700.

Thank you!

SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST: please keep our 2nd graders, both Saint Mary's school and religious education students, in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Eucharist during Saturday and Sunday, May 1st and May 2nd.

EARTH DAY, commemorating its 40th Anniversary, was celebrated with a Prayer Service by Grades 4, led by **Ms. Velluto**, & Grade, 8 led by **Mr. D'Agnese**. In keeping with our St. Mary's School mission and tradition – which emphasizes service to our community – we integrate sustainability and respect for the Earth in our practice and our events. St. Mary's School students are learning their "3 R's" and its not just reading, 'riting, & 'rithmetic. We are talking Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! The students have stepped up their efforts to recycle more paper and plastics. Extra bins have been placed throughout the school to collect these items. We will also be joining a program in conjunction with Abitibi, a company that sells recycled paper to businesses like newspaper and magazine publishers. This endeavor will result in a small monetary benefit to the school, but more importantly, it teaches the children that they can have an impact on this beautiful world. Fourth grader, **Emma Curtin** said, "It is important to turn off computers and lights when you are not using them." **Tim McCarthy**, like many of his 4th grade classmates, brings a reusable water bottle to school instead of plastic. They are all very passionate about saving their earth, and know that the planet's health affects everyone's health...So Consume Less! You are invited to participate in these events:

Sat. April 24th 8AM – 12 PM – Beverly High – Hazardous Waste Collection
 Old Medications may be dropped off that day at the Senior Center
 Sat. May 22nd 8AM – 12 PM – Beverly High – Electronic Waste Collection

LYNCH SCHOLARSHIP – We are currently seeking nominations for the 2010/2011 Lynch Scholarship. The Lynch Scholarship, established in memory of William A Lynch, offers scholarship money to young parishioners who have graduated from St. Mary Star of the Sea School, and are furthering their education at a college or university. To qualify, students must have been a St. Mary's graduate, contributed to the church and community, and excelled academically. Please contact Anna Bertini in the Development Office of St. Mary's School for further information. – 978 998-6848.

WINNERS! – Congratulations to the following SMS Calendar Winners:

Mary Jane Anderson	\$1,000	Paula & Bob Pobiedzinski	\$ 25	Sue Crowley	25
Sr. Julia St. John	25	Thomas Schroter	25	Margaret Wilder	25
Tom Judge	25	Alexandra Kurkul	50	Elizabeth Drillis	25
Russ Webber	25	Erin Silvestri	25	Andrea Boardman	25
Roger Boudreault	25	Jill O'Leary	25	Ginny & Joe Sciola	25
Wilfred & Sue Surette	25	Jaidip & Sara Chanda	25	Chris Azzarito	25
Vinny Egizi	25	Diana Adams	25	Amy DaSilva	25
Helen Thibault	50	Ben Kurkul	25	Pat Whigham	25
Jean Kostrubanic	25	Charles VanKirk	25	Mark Ostrowski	50

PRESERVING THE PAST, PAVING THE FUTURE – Spring is Here! Soon we will begin installing recently purchased bricks in our memorial school walkway – it is not too late to purchase one. Now is your chance to support St. Mary's School with a donation that will last a lifetime! Buy an engraved brick in honor of your student, family or teacher, or in memory of grandparents, alumni, or friends. A personalized brick is a wonderful way to celebrate First Communion, Graduation, Anniversaries or any special occasion. 4"x 8" engraved bricks are \$80 and 8"x8" bricks are \$150. Call Anna Bertini in the school Development Office at 978 998-6848.

HENRY'S Program Returns – Henry's Market, 588 Cabot St, is offering Saint Mary's School a donation program and we need your help! A donation of 7 ½% of your pre-tax purchases, made April 1st to May 30th (excluding holidays), will be given to Saint Mary's School. You must take the attached voucher and present it to the cashier prior to check-out. The cashier will then record the sale amount on the voucher, and you submit the voucher to Saint Mary's School, or **drop it in the collection basket at St. Mary's Church**.

SAVE THE DATE FORE SMS GOLF – St. Mary's will hold its annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 7th. More info to follow.

<i>Henry's Foods, Inc.</i>	
<i>Community Commitment Program</i>	
<i>Name of Organization:</i> <u>St. Mary's</u>	
<i>Date:</i> _____	
<i>Pre-Tax Amount:</i> _____	
<i>Cashier Number:</i> _____	

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past week, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI made a pastoral visit to Malta on the 1950th anniversary of St. Paul's shipwreck on that island. Below (in part) is what the Holy Father said during a meeting with young people in Malta.

What a joy it is for me to be with you today on your native soil! On this significant anniversary, we thank God for sending the Apostle Paul to these islands, which were thus among the first to receive the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saint Paul, as a young man, had an experience that changed him for ever. As you know, he was once an enemy of the Church, and did all he could to destroy it. While he was travelling to Damascus, intending to hunt down any Christians he could find there, the Lord appeared to him in a vision. A blinding light shone around him and he heard a voice saying, "Why do you persecute me? ... I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (*Acts 9:4-5*). Paul was completely overcome by this encounter with the Lord, and his whole life was transformed. He became a disciple, and went on to be a great apostle and missionary. Here in Malta, you have particular reason to give thanks for Paul's missionary labours, which spread the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean.

Every personal encounter with Jesus is an overwhelming experience of love. Previously, as Paul himself admits, he had "persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it" (*Gal 1:13*). But the hatred and anger expressed in those words was completely swept away by the power of Christ's love. For the rest of his life, Paul had a burning desire to carry the news of that love to the ends of the earth.

Maybe some of you will say to me, Saint Paul is often severe in his writings. How can I say that he was spreading a message of love? My answer is this. God loves every one of us with a depth and intensity that we can hardly begin to imagine. And he knows us intimately, he knows all our strengths and all our faults. Because he loves us so much, he wants to purify us of our faults and build up our virtues so that we can have life in abundance. When he challenges us because something in our lives is displeasing to him, he is not rejecting us, but he is asking us to change and become more perfect. That is what he asked of Saint Paul on the road to Damascus. God rejects no one. And the Church rejects no one. Yet in his great love, God challenges all of us to change and to become more perfect.

Saint John tells us that perfect love casts out fear (cf. *1 Jn 4:18*). And so I say to all of you, "Do not be afraid!" How many times we hear those words in the Scriptures! They are addressed by the angel to Mary at the Annunciation, by Jesus to Peter when calling him to be a disciple, and by the angel to Paul on the eve of his shipwreck. To all of you who wish to follow Christ, as married couples, as parents, as priests, as religious, as lay faithful bringing the message of the Gospel to the world, I say, do not be afraid! You may well encounter opposition to the Gospel message. Today's culture, like every culture, promotes ideas and values that are sometimes at variance with those lived and preached by our Lord Jesus Christ. Often they are presented with great persuasive power, reinforced by the media and by social pressure from groups hostile to the Christian faith. It is easy, when we are young and impressionable, to be swayed by our peers to accept ideas and values that we know are not what the Lord truly wants for us. That is why I say to you: do not be afraid, but rejoice in his love for you; trust him, answer his call to discipleship, and find nourishment and spiritual healing in the sacraments of the Church.

Here in Malta, you live in a society that is steeped in Christian faith and values. You should be proud that your country both defends the unborn and promotes stable family life by saying no to abortion and divorce. I urge you to maintain this courageous witness to the sanctity of life and the centrality of marriage and family life for a healthy society. In Malta and Gozo, families know how to value and care for their elderly and infirm members, and they welcome children as gifts from God. Other nations can learn from your Christian example. In the context of European society, Gospel values are once again becoming counter-cultural, just as they were at the time of Saint Paul.

In this Year for Priests, I ask you to be open to the possibility that the Lord may be calling some of you to give yourselves totally to the service of his people in the priesthood or the consecrated life. Your country has given many fine priests and religious to the Church. Be inspired by their example, and recognize the profound joy that comes from dedicating one's life to spreading the message of God's love for all people, without exception.

I have spoken already of the need to care for the very young, and for the elderly and infirm. Yet a Christian is called to bring the healing message of the Gospel to everyone. God loves every single person in this world, indeed he loves everyone who has ever lived throughout the history of the world. In the death and Resurrection of Jesus, which is made present whenever we celebrate the Mass, he offers life in abundance to all those people. As Christians we are called to manifest God's all-inclusive love. So we should seek out the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized; we should have a special care for those who are in distress, those suffering from depression or anxiety; we should care for the disabled, and do all we can to promote their dignity and quality of life; we should be attentive to the needs of immigrants and asylum seekers in our midst; we should extend the hand of friendship to members of all faiths and none. That is the noble vocation of love and service that we have all received. Let it inspire you to dedicate your lives to following Christ.