

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

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 463—"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

SPR: 720—"Baptized in Water"

READ: 845

OFF: 448—"Daylight Fades" (at 10:30)

REC: 466—"Christ Is Alive!"

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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

Parish Secretary

Ms. Nina Sudak—978-922-0113

St. Mary's School, Development Director

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, April 26 ~

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 / Ps 4:2,4,7-9 / Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 27 ~

Acts 6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 / Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28 ~

Acts 7:51-8:1a / Ps 31:3cd-4,6ab,7b,8a,17,21ab

Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29 ~

Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a / Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30 ~

Acts 8:26-40 / Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 / Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 1 ~

Acts 9:1-20 / Ps 117:1-2 / Jn 6:52-59 / Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, May 2 ~

Acts 9:31-42 / Ps 116:12-17 / Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3 ~

Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

Jn 10:11-18

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE
Lower Church
9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group—Rectory
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

MONDAY

7:00 PM Confirmation—St. Mary’s School
7:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal
Lower Church

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Confirmation ~
Bishop Francis X. Irwin

WEDNESDAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE
Lower Church
7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

FRIDAY

9:00 AM First Friday Mass
2:45 PM First Communion Rehearsal

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men’s Group—Lower Church
4:00 PM First Communion

SUNDAY

8:15 AM First Communion
10:30 AM First Communion

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27:
Marilyn “Molly” Coffey

Wednesday, April 29:
Rose & Eupilo Marciano

Friday, May 1:
Walter A. Coyle

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:
EVELYN AMES who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Maria & Alfonso Scanzani
Leo Carrarini

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION:

\$7,568.00

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:**

\$1,149.50

**SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY MAY 3, 2009**

**GOLDEN JUBILEE OF:
REVEREND LOUIS BOURGEOIS**

10:15AM CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

At

ST. PAUL’S PARISH, HAMILTON

**LUNCHEON RECEPTION AT:
DANVERSPORT YACHT CLUB**

FOR TICKET INFORMATION CONTACT:

EILEEN LARKIN AT 978-468-2337

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For the last Religious Education class on Sunday April 26th and Wednesday April 29th there will be an "Open House". This will be held in the lower church. Families and friends are invited.

Reminder of Upcoming Dates:

- April 27 Confirmation Rehearsal
7:00PM — Lower Church
- April 28 Confirmation
7:00PM — Main Church

First Communions

- May 2 St. Mary School
At 4:00PM Mass
- May 3 Sunday Class
At 8:15AM Mass
- May 3 Wednesday Class
At 10:30AM Mass

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, April 25 ~ Repentance
Speaker: Patrick Dello Russo
- Saturday, May 2 ~ A Gospel Writer
Speaker: Brian Whalen
- Saturday, May 9 ~ Elijah
Speaker: Frank Kwiatkowski

ADORATION

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE A TEMPORARY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR ADORATION. THESE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE REHEARSAL TIMES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVIENCE.

**MONDAY, APRIL 27:
ADORATION END TIME IS 6:30PM**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28:
ADORATION END TIME IS 5:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:
ADORATION TO HELD IN THE MAIN CHURCH, REGULAR HOURS.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1:
ADORATION END TIME IS 2:30PM**

BEACON HOSPICE

Beacon Hospice, Inc. is offering a support group for members of the community who have suffered the loss of a loved one. At Beacon, we believe in the importance of offering family members support through the grief process.

REMEMBERING OUR PARENTS
Six-week Bereavement Support Group
Tuesday, May 5, 19,26
June 9, 16 & 23, 2009
Beverly Hospital, Board Room, Second Floor
85 Herrick Street, Beverly, MA 01915
Group is free and open to the public.
To register please call Lucille Bonanno at:
978-524-9510 or lbonanno@beaconhospice.com

CATHOLIC APPEAL

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE, RENEWING OUR CHURCH

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$32,950.00 from 218 households, reaching 66.6% percent of our parish goal of \$49,000.00. 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 your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets in the back of the Church with pledge forms to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters.
Thank You.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Calendar Winners for April!

Roxanne Orphanos	\$ 25	Anthony Pasquale	\$ 25
David & Steph Collins	25	M/M Ray Kelleher	50
John Cavanaugh	25	Christine Andersen	25
Alexis Colpoys	25	Raymond Ruest	25
Marcos Pasquale	50	Bea Silva	25
Linda LaTouch	25	Nathalie Rothblatt	25
Ann Trudeau	25	Jack O’Sullivan	25
Deb & Ed Comeau	25	Edward Bushey	25
Barry & Cathy Donovan	1,000	George Nardella	50
Mark Lewis	25	Jurciluo Mendes	25
Amy Germond	25	Anthony Morico	25
Jayne Bernier	25	Mario Pepe	25
John Risoldi	25	Kitty Conlan	25
Wes Simons	25		

COMMUNITY SERVICE – St. Mary’s School collected almost \$3,000 for the Sisters of Notre Dame Lenten Mission! This record-breaking amount was donated by our students who were encouraged by **Mrs. Gail O’Donnell**, Computer Teacher, to make personal sacrifices, from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. Their donation will enable the Sisters of Notre Dame to continue supporting the life needs in Congo and Zimbabwe, Brazil, Peru and Nigeria. Also, St. Mary’s School held a dress-down day and collected almost \$300 in support of **Paul Guanci** (dad of 8th grader, **Anna**) who ran his first Boston Marathon in memory of his friend, **Kerry Xenos**. The donations will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

SPOTLIGHT ON GRADE 4 – the students in grade 4 are learning about the Ten Commandments and how to apply these laws to our lives, as they reinforce what they learn using the website www.faithfirst.com. Grammar skills have moved into diagramming sentences and applying newly learned skills to writing. They have created a “Cemetery for Over-Used and Exhausted Words” that shall never appear in their writing again, including words such as “stuff, cool, good, small, thing, said, bad, yeah and nice.” They enjoy catching each other and then improving upon their communications. As April is National Poetry Month, the 4th graders are reading, discussing, and writing a new form of poetry each day. In Science, 4th grade is learning how to wire circuits in a house, and studying magnets, and electric magnets. Social Studies is focusing on geography, and Geometry is the focus of fourth grade math with the identification of practical examples of geometry in art and architecture. The fourth grade also recently enjoyed field trips to JFK Library, and Solar Now at Beverly High School. Thank you 4th grade teacher, **Mrs. Kerri Boudreault!**

ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES – St. Mary’s School has limited openings for Pre-School thru grade 8. Come see the difference a Catholic Education can make for your child. St. Mary’s offers advanced academics, enrichment programs, art & music programs, cutting edge technology, a safe, nurturing environment, extra-curricular activities, and after-school care. Call **Principal Kevin Cushman** at 978 927-3259 for your personal tour.

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the section of the Acts of the Apostles that we heard last week at Mass, St. Luke describes the early Church. It is a description for which I have always had great fondness. He says there, "The community of believers was of one mind and heart." That description of the Church is not simply a nostalgic "once upon a time." That description is what the Church truly is. Christ establishes this union among us and strengthens this union among us. The whole sacramental order is directed toward union—union with God and union among believers. And our union of heart and mind—not only with those around us, but with the Pope and the bishops in union with him—is our greatest hope for evangelization. The stronger our union of heart and mind, the greater witnesses we are to the presence of the Risen Lord.

Immediately after describing the early Church as being "of one mind and heart," St. Luke goes on to say that this community was also noted for its sacrifices. The believers laid their possessions at the feet of the apostles. Our union with God is made possible through the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. That sacrifice is made present in every Mass. Christians, in turn, seek to live their lives in conformity with this sacrifice. Our union of heart and mind always involves sacrifice. Again, it would be easy to think about those early days in the Church as being unique in this regard, but such sacrifice is still present today.

In the years to come, I suspect that more and more will be asked of all of us in terms of our willingness to sacrifice for the sake of our union together. I heard a statistic the other day that—if true—was quite somber. Namely, in the next seven years, there will be 40% fewer active priests in the Archdiocese than there are now. That reality definitely will mean that all of us will have to be willing to sacrifice more for the sake of our union together.

While part of me is a bit nervous about that statistic, there is another part of me that is consoled by what I have witnessed here in this parish. There are individuals in this parish who sacrifice so much of their time, energy, and resources for the sake of our life together. These persons do so much for the rest of us. I can say without hesitation, that these individuals are responsible for keeping the parish and school up and running. They are not people with lots of free time on their hands. They are people who sacrifice more and more for the sake of our union together. I hope they know how grateful I am to them. Their sacrifices strengthen our communion together.

While the statistic is daunting, I think there is a positive to it. For a very long time, parishioners were allowed to treat Catholicism as a spectator sport. They could sit back, find a Mass time that suited their schedule, and show up one hour once a week. In the not too distant future (and in some ways, right now), the only way Catholic life will thrive is if those who call themselves part of the "community of believers" are willing to sacrifice their time, energy, and resources to building up that community.

For those of you who are still living a spectator Catholicism, I encourage you to live a true Catholic life and truly sacrifice for your brothers and sisters in this community. For those of you who constantly are sacrificing so much for the sake of our Catholic life, I thank you for your witness to me and for your generosity. I have no doubt that God will repay you for all of your sacrifices.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

