

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

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 451—"The Strife Is O'er"

READ: 851

OFF: 450—"Be Joyful, Mary"

REC: 445—"I Know That My Redeemer"

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

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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, May 10 ~

Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32 / Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Monday, May 11 ~

Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-5,15-16 / Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12 ~

Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-13ab,21 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13 ~

Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-5 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14 ~

Acts 1:15-17,20-26 / Ps 113:1-8 / Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 15 ~

Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-12 / Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16 ~

Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:2,3,5 / Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17 ~

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

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 Group
Lower Church
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mass—Men of St. Mary's
Lower Church

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church
4:00 PM Chant Mass



MASS CITIZENS FOR LIFE:

THIS WEEKEND MOTHER'S DAY, FOLLOWING ALL THE MASSES, THE BEVERLY CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE WILL SPONSOR A ROSE DRIVE. VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CHAPTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTING A ROSE FOR LIFE TO ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS AND RESPECTS THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF ALL PERSONS BORN AND UNBORN.

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass
10:30 AM Sunday, May 10:
Raymond Rocca

Monday, May 11:
Angelina Taglieri
Achile Buccella

Wednesday, May 13:
Robert A. Mercier

Friday, May 15:
George E. Foley

Saturday, May 16:
Frieda Gabriel

Months Mind Mass
10:20AM Sunday, May 17:
Evelyn Ames

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:
MARY FUMAROLA who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Lynda A. Bushey

WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$9,266.00

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:**
\$964.00



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

II—Michael Nadeau & Erin Dexter



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations To:

Matthew Ames	Robert Bedetti
Adam Capodilupo	Nathaniel Cash
Monica Cassola	Marco Egizi
Sara Hackett	Heather Hicks
Nora Kline	Megan Klinetob
Greer Knowlton-Binns	Ryan Lane
Connor Mahan	Brooke Malloy
Patrick McPherson	Nicole Mitchel
Alexander Morsey	Lorin Moustakis
Amy Pelletier	James Roberts
Jeffrey Santos	Kyle Shropshire
Ashley Sinclair	Brainna Ward
Lauren Toye-O'Donnell	Devin Wilder
Joshua Zabilski	

Landmark Students:

Larissa Doucette	Ismael Garza
John McNamara	Corrine Prohovich
Marc Pugliese	James Rodgers
Zachary Staude	Matthew Weckbacher

Catechist at Landmark:

Ellie Bertolino

Who were Confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend Francis X. Irwin, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

Gregorian Chant Schola

Saturday, May 16 ~ 4:00 PM Mass

The music for the 4:00 PM Mass, Saturday, May 16, 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.

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, May 9 ~ Elijah

Speaker: Frank Kwiatkowski

Saturday, May 16 ~ The Church and the Public Square

Speaker: Rob Aufiero

Saturday, May 23 ~ Legal Protection for Traditional Marriage

Speaker: Jonathan Nauman

Saturday, May 30 ~ St. Paul (Part II)

Speaker: Ferde Rombola

Saturday, June 6 ~ Archibald Hart

"Thrilled to Death"

Speaker: Doug McDougal

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CATHOLIC APPEAL

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE, RENEWING OUR CHURCH

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$36,559.00 from 245 households, reaching 73.9% percent of our parish goal of \$49,500.00. 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"

Happy Mother's Day from the students of St. Mary's School!

Missioned: To provide a strong spiritual and academic foundation for the students of Beverly and the North Shore.

Dedicated: To plant the seeds of Christian Values

Committed: To make a difference in today's world!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the 2nd graders who received **First Eucharist** last week – thank you to **Mrs. Maria Cunningham** who prepared our students for their Sacrament. According to our 2nd graders, they "**Plant the Seeds of Christian Values**" with "Love, Thanks, Patience, Kindness, Bravery, Respect, Prayers, Faith, Hope, Generosity, Sharing, Caring, and Hard Work." We are proud of you!

LYNCH SCHOLARSHIP – We are currently seeking nominations for the 2009/2010 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.

ONGOING REGISTRATION – St. Mary's School has openings for grades K-8 and Pre-School, where students experience a comprehensive curriculum including advanced academics, enjoy music, art, gym, and more, and have the option of Extended Day! **STOP** by our classrooms, **LOOK** at our advanced technology department, **LISTEN** to our students and teachers talk about the many great things happening at St. Mary Star of the Sea School! Please call the School Office at 978 927-3259 for your personal tour!

SPRING BOOK FAIR to support SMS will be held on Tuesday, **May 19th** from 3PM to 9PM at **Barnes & Nobles** at North Shore Mall. Please mention Bar Code #440131 and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to St. Mary Star of the Sea School.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS – St. Mary's School is looking for interested candidates for substituting in grades K – 8 at our school. Please call **Principal Kevin Cushman** at 978 927-3259.

SAVE THE DATE – Monday, **June 8th**, and join us for the 2nd **Annual Mary Moulton Golf Tournament** to benefit St. Mary's School. Registration begins at noon with a Florida-style scramble at 1:00 PM at the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club. Cost is \$135 and includes green fees, cart, player gifts, catered dinner and prizes. Or join us for a fun Dinner only for \$30. We are currently looking for HOLE SPONSORS and GIFT PRIZES – please call **Rick Kelley** at 978 922-1966 or r-kelley@comcast.net, or SMS Development Office at 978 998-6848 or bertini@stmarystarschool.org.

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,

There are particular moments in the life of a priest that are just pure joy. Giving the Blessed Sacrament to our second graders last weekend for their First Holy Communion was one such moment. The week leading up to their reception of the Sacrament found me filled with sincere delight for them. This year, we opted to have the children kneel to receive the Eucharist for the first time. I have many thoughts about that experience, but today I would like to share just one with you.

As I reflected on the experience of the children receiving the Eucharist kneeling, I am struck by how much more deliberate the act became. Things slowed down a bit and the children were less nervous and fidgety. It seemed to me that it felt less like a "line" where one waits for his or her turn and more of a one on one encounter with the Eucharistic Lord. In giving them the Eucharist, I also felt more deliberate and more like a shepherd feeding the sheep entrusted to his care.

I write this not as an argument for kneeling at Communion time. Instead, I write it as a reminder that **we ought to live our Christian Faith with greater deliberateness and intentionality**. The experience of First Communions simply brought home to me the need to be more "intentional" in living out our Catholic life. This is true on a whole host of levels. Let me mention a few.

Prayer: Our prayer life ought to be marked by a deliberateness and not by a vague sense that, "I say prayers here and there." In other words, we ought to have specific times when we pray. Prayer should not be something we do when we've got nothing else to do. Instead, **our prayer ought to be deliberate and be a real offering to God**.

Growth in Virtue: Instead of simply trying "to be good" in some sort of vague way, **we ought to every day attempt to grow in some particular virtue by deliberately practicing that virtue**. Maybe we need a virtue a week or a virtue a month. Patience, temperance, chastity, fortitude, justice, prudence, hope, faith, charity. Or maybe we ought to practice a particular corporal work of mercy each week. Whatever the case might be, I think we ought to be more deliberate in living our Catholic life.

Reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: The longer the time goes between confessions, the vaguer our confessions become. The person who comes to confession on a regular basis is able to remember their sins and faults in a far more specific way than those who come once a year. Sometimes, somebody will come to confession after five or ten years away and they say, "Well, I haven't been as nice as I should be all of the time." And that's it. On the other hand, the person who comes regularly to confession can say, "This week, there were two days when I didn't pray. There were three times when I spoke uncharitably about others. There was one time when I became envious of another. On two occasions I didn't tell the entire truth and one occasion when my thoughts were impure." The first example is vague. The second example shows that the person is trying to be very attentive to his or her life and is making a very deliberate and careful confession. **In making Confession a deliberate part of our life, we open ourselves to the grace and mercy of God**.

Reception of the Eucharist: Before receiving the Eucharist, we ought to be deliberate in examining our consciences. We should not simply "come to Communion" because we happen to be at Mass. We must all make a serious examination of conscience every time before receiving the Eucharist. If there is anything on our conscience of a serious nature, we must refrain from receiving the Eucharist until we have received absolution through the Sacrament of Penance. Also, the way in which we participate in the Mass and the way in which we approach the Eucharist ought to be deliberate and intentional. Standing at the back of church reading the bulletin during the Mass is not how one should prepare to receive the Blessed Sacrament. **The children who received the Eucharist for the first time last week provided us a wonderful example of how we should all approach the Eucharist**.

Our Offering: The way in which one contributes to the financial well-being of the parish ought to be deliberate. The offertory at Mass should find all of us making a sincere sacrifice to the Lord. This is one area where I think I am going to try to make improvements in the way we do things. I'm not sure how yet, but we definitely need to work on it. When the offertory basket is passed, what we should all be doing is making a very deliberate gift to God. I have to say that in the year 2009, it is shocking to see how many people still think one dollar is a generous offering to the Church. Now, I know that for some, one dollar might well be all they can afford. But, I am guessing that those persons are few in number. So, I ask you to do something: **Ask yourself how much your income is each week and then figure out what percentage of your income you give to the Church each week. Now place yourself in one of these three categories: Just (I give exactly what I ought to give based upon what God has given to me); Generous (I have determined what is just for me to give and I give over and above that amount); Cheap (I am neither Just or Generous)**. For the record, I will put myself through the same exercise.

Bottom line is that we ought to be deliberate and specific in our Faith life. St. John tells us in the second reading today, "Let us love not in word or in speech, but in deed and in truth." Let us love God by really and truly having a prayer life, by really and truly growing in virtue, by really and truly receiving the sacraments devoutly, and by really and truly offering our first fruits to the Lord. **Let's be Catholics in fact and not just in name**.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes