

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



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HYMNS & READINGS

OPENING: **487**—“Come, Now Almighty King”

READING: **905**

CLOSING: **708**—“Immaculate 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, June 20 ~

Zec 12:10-11;13:1 / Ps 63:2-6,8-9 / Gal 3:26-29
Lk 9:18-24

Monday, June 21 ~

Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18 / Ps 60:3-5,12-13 / Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 22 ~

Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 / Ps 48:2-4,10-11
Mt 7:6,12-14

Wednesday, June 23 ~

Kgs 22:8-13,23:1-3 / Ps 119:33-37,40 / Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 24 ~

Is 49:1-6 / Ps 139:1b-3,13-15 / Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66,80

Friday, June 25 ~

Kgs 25:1-12 / Ps 137:1-6 / Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, June 26 ~

Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19 / Ps 74:1b-7,20-21 / Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, June 27 ~

Kgs 19:16b,19-21 / Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 / Gal 5:1,13-18
Lk 9:51-62

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
11:30 AM Baptisms

MONDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Main Church
7:30 AM—7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
7:00 PM Baptismal Catechesis

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Main Church
7:30 AM—7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Main Church
7:30 PM—7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

THURSDAY

7:30AM—7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
7:00PM Eucharistic Minister Training
Main Church

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Main Church
7:30AM—7:30PM
Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

SATURDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Main Church
8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church
2:30 PM Confessions

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM ~ Sunday, June 20:
Diane DiMaggio

Tuesday, June 22:
Edward McCafferty

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM ~ Sunday, June 27:
Edna Regan

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:
ELIZABETH HENDERSON, MARY COOK and
GILDA WEAVER who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
John Foley

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$8,801.00

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:**

\$1,457.00

MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER

In order to accommodate vacation time, some Sunday Masses during the summer will not have music. This weekend, there will be no music.

Thank you for understanding.

Men and women considering marriage yearn for certain things. They want to be accepted unconditionally by each other. They want their marriage to be filled with love and happiness. They want a family. In short, they want their marriage to be a source of joy and fulfillment their whole life long.

God's plan for marriage, from the time he first created human beings as male and female, has always included all this and more.

What does the Church teach about married love?

Marriage is more than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. Christian marriage in particular is a "great mystery," a sign of the love between Christ and his Church (Eph 5:32).

Married love is powerfully embodied in the spouses' sexual relationship, when they most fully express what it means to become "one body" (Gn 2:24) or "one flesh" (Mk 10:8, Mt 19:6). The Church teaches that the sexual union of husband and wife is meant to express the full meaning of love, its power to bind a couple together and its openness to new life.

What does this have to do with contraception?

A husband and wife express their committed love not only with words, but with the language of their bodies.

Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. Part of God's gift to husband and wife is this ability in and through their love to cooperate with God's creative power. Therefore, the mutual gift of fertility is an integral part of the bonding power of marital intercourse. That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.

Suppressing fertility by using contraception denies part of the inherent meaning of married sexuality and does harm to the couple's unity. The total giving of oneself, body and soul, to one's beloved is no time to say: "I give you everything I am—except. . . ." The Church's teaching is not only about observing a rule, but about preserving that total, mutual gift of two persons in its integrity.

Are couples expected to leave their family size entirely to chance?

Certainly not. The Church teaches that a couple may generously decide to have a large family, or may for serious reasons choose not to have more children for the time being or even for an indefinite period (*Humanae Vitae*, no. 10).

What should a couple do if they have a good reason to avoid having a child?

A married couple can engage in marital intimacy during the naturally infertile times in a woman's cycle, or after child-bearing years, without violating the meaning of marital intercourse in any way.

This is the principle behind natural family planning (NFP). Natural methods of family planning involve fertility education that enables couples to cooperate with the body as God designed it.

What is natural family planning?

Natural family planning is a general name for the methods of family planning that are based on a woman's menstrual cycle. A man is fertile throughout his life, while a woman is fertile for only a few days each cycle during the child-bearing years. Some believe that NFP involves using a calendar to predict the fertile time. That is not what NFP is today. A woman experiences clear, observable signs indicating when she is fertile and when she is infertile. Learning to observe and understand these signs is at the heart of education in natural family planning.

When a couple decides to postpone pregnancy, NFP can be very effective. NFP can also be very helpful for couples who desire to have a child because it identifies the time of ovulation. It is used by many fertility specialists for this purpose. Thus a couple can have marital relations at a time when they know that conception is most likely to take place.

Is there really a difference between using contraception and practicing natural family planning?

On the surface, there may seem to be little difference. But the end result is not the only thing that matters, and the way we get to that result may make an enormous moral difference. Some ways respect God's gifts to us while others do not. Couples who have practiced natural family planning after using contraception have experienced a profound difference in the meaning of their sexual intimacy.

When couples use contraception, either physical or chemical, they suppress their fertility, asserting that they alone have ultimate control over this power to create a new human life. With NFP, spouses respect God's design for life and love. They may choose to refrain from sexual union during the woman's fertile time, doing nothing to destroy the love-giving or life-giving meaning that is present. This is the difference between choosing to falsify the full marital language of the body and choosing at certain times not to speak that language.

Is it true, as some claim, that some methods of birth control can cause an abortion?

Some methods of birth control are aimed at preventing the union of sperm and egg and therefore act only as contraceptives. These would include barriers such as condoms and diaphragms.

By contrast, hormonal methods such as the Pill may work in several ways. They can suppress ovulation or alter cervical mucus to prevent fertilization, and thus act contraceptively. But they may at times have other effects, such as changes to the lining of the uterus. If the contraceptive action fails and fertilization takes place, these hormonal methods may make it impossible for a newly conceived life to implant and survive. That would be a very early abortion. Medical opinions differ on whether or how often this may occur. Currently there is no way to know precisely how these drugs work at any given time in an individual woman.

Concern about the risk of causing an early abortion is stronger in the case of pills taken after intercourse to prevent pregnancy (“emergency contraception” or “morning-after pills”). In some cases these pills are taken when sperm and egg have already joined to create a new life, in which case the drug could not have any effect except to cause an early abortion.

What has been the impact of contraception on society? On married couples?

Many would likely be surprised at how long all Christian churches agreed on this teaching against contraception. It was only in 1930 that some Protestant denominations began to reject this long-held position. Those opposed to this trend predicted an increase in premarital sex, adultery, acceptance of divorce, and abortion. Later, in 1968, Pope Paul VI warned that the use of contraception would allow one spouse to treat the other more like an object than a person, and that in time governments would be tempted to impose laws limiting family size. Pope John Paul II called attention to the close association between contraception and abortion, noting that “the negative values inherent in the ‘contraceptive mentality’ . . . are such that they in fact strengthen this temptation [to abortion] when an unwanted life is conceived” (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 13).

These predictions have come true. Today we see a pandemic of sexually transmitted diseases, an enormous rise in cohabitation, one in three children born outside of marriage, and abortion used by many when contraception fails. A failure to respect married love’s power to help create new life has eroded respect for life and for the sanctity of marriage.

Conclusion

By using contraception, couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. But the gift of being able to help create another person, a new human being with his or her own life, involves profound relationships. It affects our relationship with God, who created us complete with this powerful gift. It involves whether spouses will truly love and accept each other as they are, including their gift of fertility. Finally, it involves the way spouses will spontaneously accept their child as a gift from God and the fruit of their mutual love. Like all important relationships with other persons, it is not subject solely to our individual control. In the end, this gift is far richer and more rewarding than that.

The Church’s teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation for men and women—an invitation to let God be God, to receive the gift of God’s love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world.

Where to Learn More

Web Site

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/index.shtml. (Offers information on Church teachings on conjugal love and responsible parenthood, methods of natural family planning [NFP], where to find local classes, and which NFP organizations offer home study programs.)

Church Documents

Pope John Paul II. Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (*On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life*). Washington, DC: USCCB, 1995.

Pope Paul IV. Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (*On the Regulation of Birth*). Washington, DC: USCCB, 1968.

The statement *Married Love and the Gift of Life* was developed by the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and was approved by the full body of bishops at its November 2006 General Meeting. This bulletin insert, containing excerpts from the statement, has been authorized for publication by the undersigned.

Msgr. David J. Malloy, STD, General Secretary, USCCB

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SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

As the Saint Mary's School year comes to a close, we would like to thank you, the **St. Mary Star of the Sea Parishioners** for your continued support of our school. We thank you for your monetary gifts, for your donation to and attendance at our fundraisers, and for your prayers.

We would also like to thank the **Saint Mary School Teachers and Staff** for their hard work and dedication. Your devotion to our students and our mission is most appreciated!

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT SAINT MARY'S – Enrichment programs in science and art for school-age children, presented by **Wicked Cool**, will be offered beginning **June 28th**. Saint Mary's School Science teacher **Mrs. Barbara Johnson** (who also teaches at the Science Museum in Boston) will conduct classes in Robotics with Legos, Wicked Cool Med School, Wicked Cool Engineering, etc. To register, go to the Beverly Rec department online at <http://www.bevrec.com/programs/WickedCool.html>

ENROLLMENT OPENINGS – Saint Mary School currently has openings for the 2010 - 2011 school year. St. Mary's School offers challenging academics for grades Pre-K through grade 8, and programs including Computer, Spanish, Music, and Band, along with after school care. Academically, our students consistently score above average on standardized testing! Come see the difference a Saint Mary's education can make for your child – call Principal **Mr. Cushman** for a personal tour and application at 978 927-3259.

DAILY ADORATION:



We are in need of volunteers to cover summer vacation times for those who participate in our Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Also, we are looking for Adoration Coverage volunteers to substitute throughout the year for those who fall ill, travel for work or who have appointments.

If you could help out in either or both capacities, please e-mail the parish at stmarystar@parishmail.com, or if you do not have access to a computer, please give the Rectory a call directly at 978-922-0113.

The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace. . . . The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church"

***Pope John Paul II,
Ecclesia de Eucharistia***

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, June 19 ~ Catholic Fatherhood
Speaker: Neil Corcoran

Saturday, June 26 ~ The Sacraments
Speaker: Kwang Lee

Saturday, July 3 ~ No Meeting (Holiday Weekend)

Saturday, July 10 ~ Report from Iraq and Afghanistan
Speaker: Ray McNulty

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education forms have been mailed out to families who are enrolled in the program.

If you did not receive one or are new to the program you may download a registration form from the St. Mary website.

Go to www.stmarystar.org click on Parish info then Religious Education and download the form you need.