

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



HYMNS & READINGS

OPENING: **547**—“Praise to The Lord, The Almighty”

READING: **920**

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, July 25 ~

Gn 18:20-32 / Ps 138:1-3,6-8 / Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

Monday, July 26 ~

Jer 13:1-11 / Dn 32:18-21 / Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27 ~

Jer 14:17-22 / Ps 79:8-9,11,13 / Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28 ~

Jer 15:10,16-21 / Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29 ~

Jer 18:1-6 / Ps 146:1b-6b / Jn 11:19-27

Friday, July 30 ~

Jer 26:1-9 / Ps 69:5,8-10,14 / Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31 ~

Jer 26:11-16,24 / Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 1 ~

Jer 28:1-17 / Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102
Mt 14:13-21

LEGION OF MARY

If you would like to join us in serving our Blessed Mother Mary, please come to our Tuesday, 7:00 PM meeting at St. Mary Star of the Sea Rectory. Help bring our Heavenly Mother's love to the sick, the homebound, consoling the bereaved, celebrating Baptisms, and praying the rosary to all who need her Son's healing powers.

The Legion of Mary meets at St. Mary's Rectory Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: EUROPEAN RELIEF

9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group

MONDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Main Church

7:30 AM—7:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

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

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, July 25:

Florence Michaud

Monday, July 26:

Ruth M. Bateman

Tuesday, July 27:

Asci Erminio

Elisa Taglieri

Saturday, July 31:

Ann Williams

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM ~ Sunday, August 1:

Joseph Pietrini

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 JANE HANNON who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:

Pasquale DeSimone

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$8,492.00**

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:
\$1,457.00**

Banns of



Marriage

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

I - John Bobrek & Ashley Carleton

II - Michael Miskelly & Jennifer Worsham

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently I was in a restaurant with a friend of mine and a young man came over to the table and began asking me a question about a big decision in his life that involved a particular moral issue. It struck me as both beautiful and humorous. Humorous only in that here we were just eating lunch and minding our business and this young man felt totally at ease bringing his question to me. What was beautiful about it in my judgment was that it was because I am a priest that this young man came to the table. Presumably he was not going to any of the other tables in the restaurant asking folks to help him understand his situation. In this, I understood that he was not just asking me my personal opinion. He was asking me because he was asking to know, understand, and follow what the Church had to say. He saw the priest as speaking for the Church and the Church as speaking in the Name of Christ.

Many times in my life, I have had people come to me and ask about some very difficult situation in their life. Sometimes I may have known the person quite well, but other times I hardly knew them. And yet, they wanted to hear from me because they wanted to hear from the Church that Jesus Christ established and the Church from where Jesus Christ continues to teach and to act. Sometimes, they were on the precipice of making a disastrous decision. Perhaps they had even sought out the advice and counsel of others. But, deep down—even if their relationship to the Church was almost non-existent—they were drawn to seek out a definitive word from the Church of Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church. Not surprisingly, the word that I often have to speak to those persons is considerably different than advice that them might receive from others.

What people often discover when they seek the advice of “the world” is that they should take the easiest way out of every situation. The common response is, “whatever makes you happy is what you should do.” And that advice is actually true—if the person is able to comprehend what truly makes him happy. Happiness can never be separated from God’s Will for our life. Our happiness is discovered in the Will of God and not apart from it. When the Church proclaims the truths about the Faith and about morality, it does so because it cares about the happiness of the individual. I often think that deep down many people know this. Why do I think this? Because very often, out of the blue, people feel compelled to tell me why they “disagree with the Catholic Church about” But, this is really not a normal way of acting. What I mean is this: If I met somebody who attended West Point, I wouldn’t feel compelled to go up to them and start telling them that I strongly oppose the way courses are taught at West Point, that I think that they should change the daily schedule, and that they ought to make it a six year program rather than a four year program. If I did this, the person would rightly ask, “Why are you so concerned about an institution that you don’t attend and don’t believe in?” But, when it comes to what the Catholic Church teaches, so often people feel compelled to tell me why they disagree with the Church. I think this is because those individuals—deep down—know that what the Church proclaims is the Truth and they feel compelled to wrestle with it.

Happiness is found in living the Truth. There is no happiness apart from the Truth. Where do we find the Truth? We find it in the natural order of the world. We look at the world in front of us—we look at how things are made—and we can deduce how it is that we should live in that world. This is called the Natural Law. Many issues that confront society today are not—as some would have us believe—matters of “personal faith.” We can simply look at how the world was made to know—for instance—that partial birth abortion is not in harmony with the way in which the world was made. We do not need to be a person of faith to know this. We simply need to be somebody who is honest.

But, we have been given something far greater than just the Natural Law. God himself through the Scriptures and through the Tradition of the Church has revealed Himself and His Will to us. And so, we can know and trust these things with certitude. I have to admit that I am often amazed that Catholics giving advice to other Catholics so easily substitute their personal opinion for the established doctrine of the Church. They think that because they are “modern” their opinion is of greater value. What I find fascinating about it is that people actually think that this is the first time in history that people have thought themselves to be “modern.” For two thousand years, the Church has been teaching the revealed truths of the Faith. For instance, people were “modern” in Jesus’ day as well. And he told them that fidelity in marriage is not optional. People in Moses’ day were modern and yet God told them that they must “keep holy the Sabbath.” God did not decide to give the Third Commandment simply because in Moses’ day everybody was “old-fashioned” and found it easy to keep holy the Sabbath. He revealed that commandment because it is a truth that helps to make individuals truly happy.

So basically, the Church has survived many “modern moments.” Eventually, all of those “modern folks” will go and stand before the judgment seat of God. Will they be judged according to the passing fads of the day? No, they (we) will be judged by the eternal Truth. Modern people in every age of time have been tempted to spiritual laziness, lust, anger, pride, envy, greed, and gluttony. The ones who are honest about their life know that these things and the ways in which they manifest themselves are not good for them and really do not make them happy. What these persons need are true friends. Friends who want to help them find happiness by living the Truth—even though this often involves sacrifice. What they don’t need are cowards who will simply tell them, “Do whatever you want to do.”

I was moved the other day when this young man came up to me and began discussing this particular issue in his life. I was moved by his sincerity, his honesty, and his desire to know and to do the good. Will he make the right decision? I don’t know. Maybe he won’t. If he doesn’t, the Church still loves him. He knows that. How does he know that? Because when he came up to the table and asked a difficult moral question, the Church didn’t dismiss him and say, “Do whatever you want to do.” The Church took the time to explain to him the truth about the situation. The answer given to him was not the easy answer. But, it was the true answer.

He might fail. The Church has dealt with failure for two thousand years. It is called sin. The Church has a remedy for that. It is called conversion and repentance. What made me happy for that young man was that God had given to him the grace to know how to relate to the Church. He didn’t come to the table expecting that two thousand years of Divine Revelation would be overturned because he had a struggle. Instead, he came to hear the Truth. He came as one who knows he might fail to live the truth as he ought and as one who needs the grace and mercy of God. And in that exchange, I hope that I helped him. And I know with certitude that his humility, sincerity, and honest search for the truth certainly helped me.

Your Brother In Christ

Fr. Barnes

MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER

In order to accommodate vacation time, some Sunday Masses during the summer will not have music. Next weekend, July 31st and August 1st, there will be music at the 4:00PM Mass.

Thank you for understanding.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations forms are past due. If you have not sent yours in please do so ASAP. If you need a registration form you can download one by going to stmarystar.org then click on Parish Info and then Religious Education.

Confirmation Prep for 9th & 10th graders---9th grade students who attend a Catholic high school do not need to attend Rel Ed classes until their 10th grade year. All other 9th graders should be registered.

Any questions please call the Religious Education Office at 978-922-0799.

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, July 24 ~ Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Speaker: Frank Kwiatkowski

Saturday, July 31 ~ Angels and Physics
Speaker: Mark Hickey

Saturday, Aug. 7 ~ Islam and the Christian World
Speaker: Bill Rosser

Saturday, Aug. 14 ~ Health Care & the 2010 MedConference
Speaker: Webster Bull

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2ND—6TH - 9:00AM TO NOON

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. James Parish in Salem on August 2nd through August 6th 9:00AM to 12 Noon. Children from ages 4 years nine months thru 11 years are welcome to join us. The theme this year is **HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION**.

St. James Parish hall is located at 160 Federal Street, Salem, Massachusetts. For additional information please contact Diane and the Rectory at 978-745-9060



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin in the Fall. The RCIA is open to all adults 18 and older seeking Baptism: or for those who have been baptized in Protestant communities who seek to become Roman Catholic; or for baptized Catholics who have not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If you would like more information about RCIA please contact Neil Yetts at 978-922-0113 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

I have not been Baptized: _____

I have not received First Eucharist: _____

I have not been Confirmed: _____

I have been baptized Protestant: _____