

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

The Year For Priests



No one is born a priest. "The pastoral care of vocations needs to involve the entire Christian community in every area of its life. Obviously, this pastoral work on all levels also includes exploring the matter with families, which are often indifferent or even opposed to the idea of a priestly vocation. Families should generously embrace the gift of life and bring up their children to be open to doing God's will. In a word, they must have the courage to set before young people the radical decision to follow Christ, showing them how deeply rewarding it is." Pope Benedict XVI

HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 537—"The God of Abraham Praise"

READ: 919

REC: 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 26 ~

Ex 32:15-24,30-34 / Ps 106:19-23 / Mt 13:31-35

Monday, July 27 ~

Ex 32:15-24,30-34 / Ps 106:19-23 / Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28 ~

Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28 / Ps 103:6-13 / Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29 ~

Ex 34:29-35 / Ps 99:5-7,9 / Jn 11:19-27

Thursday, July 30 ~

Ex 40:16-21,34-38 / Ps 84:3-6,8,11 / Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31 ~

Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 / Ps 81:3-6,10-11
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1 ~

Lv 25:1,8-17 / Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8 / Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2 ~

Ex 16:2-4,12-15 / Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54 / Eph 4:17,
20-24 / Jn 6:24-35

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, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: EUROPEAN RELIEF
9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
Lower Church

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Rosary Group—Rectory

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: OBLATES
(No Envelope Provided)

**WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$7,545.00
PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:
\$1,079.00**

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM ~ Sunday, July 26:
Ida R. Menesale

Monday, July 27:
For Priestly Vocations

Wednesday, July 29:
Walter H. Spanks

Friday, July 31:
For Sanctification Of Priests

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM ~ Sunday, August 2:
Mario J. Cecchini

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:
WILLIAM GILLIGAN and **JOSEPH AMORE** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Michael J. Mirandi

MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER

In order to accommodate vacation time, some Sunday Masses during the summer will not have music. Next weekend, there will be no music at the 8:15AM and 5:00PM Masses. Thank you.

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$39,643.00 from 271 households, reaching 80.1% 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.

MISSION APPEAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES:

Fr. John Wykes, OMV

Fr. John Wykes, OMV is an Oblate of the Virgin Mary who will be visiting our parish on August 1st and 2nd and preaching to us on behalf of the Oblates' mission in Cebu, the Philippines. The Oblates first came to the Philippines in 1994. Since then they have built a seminary and have started a thriving retreat ministry. Eight-five percent of Philipinos are Catholic, making it the most Catholic country in Asia. Though the people are very devout, they often find it difficult to find available priests due to the priest shortage (here in the US there is one priest for every two thousand people, but in the Philippines it is one priest for every ten thousand people). The Oblate seminarians are so poor that once when handed books for class they broke out into applause – it was the first time many of them had owned a book of their very own. The second collection will help to support the ministry of the Oblates and provide needed school supplies for our seminarians. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

A second collection will be taken up the weekend of August 1st & 2nd in support of the Oblates' mission in Cebu, Philippines. There is no envelope for this collection.

Banns of



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

- I - Christopher Johnson & Katherine Remare
- II - Gerard Boyle & Siobhan Hennessy
- III - Greg Wylie & Amy Dugan
- III - Christopher Holak & Jill Jackman

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, July 25 ~ Faith

Kwang Lee

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: _____

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

Dear Friends -

Since its inception in 2006, the St. Mary's School Charitable Bicycle Ride has raised over \$11,100 in much needed funding for one of the longest running and highly respected Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. So many of you have been generous in support of the ride in past years, and I thank you for that generosity!

Later this month, the 4th annual St Mary's School Bicycle Ride will take place. On day one (July 31), I'll cycle from Beverly to the top of Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough, NH. From there, the next day I'll trek further north - up, around, and through the Mt. Washington Valley and White Mountains, finishing back down in Moultonborough. On the third and final day, I'll bike back home to Beverly from Moultonborough. All told, I'll cover roughly 400 miles over the course of the three days – yes, all on a bike, all by myself! Sound crazy? Well, nothing is crazy for such a worthy cause.

I'm hoping you will join me in supporting St. Mary's School. Donations can be made out to:
St. Mary Star of the Sea School ~ 13 Chapman Street ~ Beverly, MA 01915 ~ Attn SMS Bike Ride.

Thanks for your support and God Bless!

Neil Corcoran

“Here am I Lord, send me” during the past few weeks, St. Mary’s parish has welcomed back three of it’s parishioners. Brother Sebastian White, studying for the Dominicans, Brother John Howell, studying for the Carmelites, and Father Reed Mungovan recently ordained for the Salvatorian Fathers. Their presence reminds us that priestly vocations come from among real families and real parishes. Is God calling you to the priesthood? If so, say, “Here am I Lord, send me.” The number for the Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Boston is 617-746-5949 or visit the website at www.bostonvocations.org.

“Our Lord is our model, let us take up our cross and follow Him.”

BEVERLY BOOTSTRAPS - SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Just a reminder that food donations to the Beverly Bootstraps Food pantry continue to be crucial for this time of year. Children will be home for the summers months and budgets will be stretched by those kids who usually get lunch at school. Suggestions for food: Juice boxes, Granola bars, pre-packaged individual snack items such as chips, pretzels, and crackers, whole fruit or prepackaged fruit bowls.

Please drop food items in our FOOD COLLECTION BOX at the back of the Church.

Thank You.

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was an altar boy, part of the benefit of going to Catholic School was that you'd get called out of class fairly often to go across the street to serve a Funeral Mass. We'd usually try to do everything possible to drag out the time we'd get to spend out of school. There was an elderly sacristan named Stanley at church and my friends and I—after the funeral was over—would offer to help him clean all sorts of things. Then, when we'd finally get back to school and were questioned by our teacher as to what took so long, we'd say, "Sister, we were helping Stanley." I'm afraid poor Stanley took a lot of grief because of us.

These days, we wouldn't have to get Stanley in trouble. These days, we would just say, "Sister, the eulogy was really long." That is actually why I'm writing to you today. I'm not exactly sure when eulogies began happening at Catholic funerals, but I think it's only been about fifteen years or so. Before then, they were never allowed. In fact, many dioceses throughout the world still do not permit them. In the current liturgy, what is allowed is not a "eulogy," but rather "some words of remembrance." But, no matter what you call them, we've had some problems with them.

Since I've been ordained, I have witnessed some disastrous situations during Funeral Masses. I've had people use profanity during eulogies. I've had people share inappropriate or offensive information about the deceased. I've had people embarrass family members. I've had people openly deny the existence of God. Additionally, I've had people speak for great lengths of time—often making their eulogy the longest part of the entire Mass.

In the Archdiocese of Boston, the current policy is that if words of remembrance are to be offered, they are to be given by only one individual. The remarks must be prepared in advance and can be no longer than five minutes. At St. Mary's, the policy is that those remarks must be submitted to the priest a day before the funeral. This is because the priest has a responsibility to protect the dignity of the Liturgy.

Additionally, the words of remembrance are not an opportunity to read a poem or to read a letter to the deceased person. It is also not an opportunity to give a detailed biography of the individual or to recount every significant event in the person's life. The words of remembrance are specifically about this person's life of faith and how faith was evident in his or her life. Unfortunately, the vast majority of "words of remembrance" that I've witnessed hardly ever make even a slight reference to the person's Christian life. What ultimately consoles us as Catholics is that Jesus Christ has conquered death and by his mercy we participate in that victory.

If every time somebody got up to speak, the words of remembrance were steeped in Christian language and tradition, then perhaps the length wouldn't be such a concern. But, in large part, that's not the case. So, I feel as though I owe it to all of you who are here week after week to provide you with some notice that going forward, at St. Mary's we will require that all words of remembrance be focused upon the faith life of the person who has died and that the time restrictions will be followed.

The reason I'm including this in the bulletin is so that all of our regular parishioners know what the policies are in advance of a funeral. Usually, the people who ignore or break the policies are persons who are not regular parishioners or practicing Catholics. I will send these policies to the local funeral homes so that those who intend on speaking at a funeral will know beforehand what the requirements are.

Over the years, I have witnessed some very beautiful testimonies of faith at Funeral Masses. Perhaps if there is greater attention to adhering to the policies, all words of remembrance will be such occasions of bearing witness to the Faith. Thank you for your understanding.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

