

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

The Year for Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 581—"God Is My Great Desire"

READ: 937

REC: 571—"Faith of Our Fathers"

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Kwang Lee, Seminarian
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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, September 6 ~

Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:7-10 / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

Monday, September 7 ~

Col 1:24-2:3 / Ps 62:6-7,9 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8 ~

Mic 5:1-4a / Ps 13:6 / Mt 1:1-16,18-23

Wednesday, September 9 ~

Col 3:1-11 / Ps 145:2-3,10-13 / Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10 ~

Col 3:12-17 / Ps 150:1-6 / Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11 ~

Tm 1:1-2,12-14 / Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11 / Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12 ~

Tm 1:15-17 / Ps 113:1-7 / Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 13 ~

Is 50:5-9a / Ps 116:1-6,8-9 / Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

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

9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
Lower Church
12:00 PM Wedding ~
Cory Rosseau & Caroline Vasile

MONDAY

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
NO DAILY ADORATION

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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



- II - Ryan Plourde & Shanna Brennan
- III - William Cargile & Jessica Breton

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 7:
Madeline Silva

Wednesday, September 9:
Mary Parisella

Friday, September 11:
James Caulfield

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:
JOHN JOSEPH McGARR and **DONALD CLOUTIER** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Mary Parisella

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, September 5 ~ Benefits and Risks of Universal Health Care
Rob Aufiero

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$8,575.00

PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING THROUGH PARISH PAY:

\$1,079.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$40,428.00 from 275 households, reaching 81.7% 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.

**THE CHOIR AT
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA**



St Mary's Choir will resume singing at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, 13 September.

The Adult Choir is open to new members and rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Some knowledge of note reading is helpful and a reasonable commitment is asked. If you are interested in joining, please speak with the organist, Fred MacArthur, after any of the weekend Masses, or call him directly at 978-609-4302.

***From the Desk of:*
SR. JULIE KANE, SN.D.**



The next meeting of the St. Mary Star of the Sea Pax Christi group is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM at the St. Mary's Convent.

Pax Christi USA strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. This work begins in personal life and extends to communities of reflection and action to transform structures of society. Pax Christi USA rejects war, preparations for war, and every form of violence and domination. It advocates primacy of conscience, economic and social justice, and respect for creation.

Religious Education News

Mark Your Calendars

September 9th

Registration will take place at 6:45PM in the School Hall. All parents are asked to register their children at this time.

September 13th

Late registration 9:30AM-10:30AM in the School Hall. This is only for those who are unable to attend Sept. 9th

Confirmation classes for 9th & 10th graders are held on Monday evenings. Registration will take place on Sept. 9th as well. Students attending a Catholic High School need to attend 10 grade classes only.

September 20

Catechetical Sunday

CLASSES WILL START THIS WEEK

Looking for a few good men & women!

Teachers needed: If you would like to participate in the life of the parish and the church as a whole by spreading the faith come join our team of **dedicated teachers.**

The Religious Education program is in need of teachers for Sunday mornings & Wednesday afternoons. Please consider this rewarding opportunity.

Teacher training and support will be provided. Please call the Religious Education office at 978-922-0799.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

CLASSES TO BEGIN - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 9:20AM—ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

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: _____

**DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
THERE WILL BE NO DAILY ADORATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.**

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS

God of life and love,
Open my heart and mind to the abundance of your blessings.
Open my eyes to your presence among us.
Open my ears to the sound of your voice.
Open my hands so I can serve others.
Open my mind to learning and knowledge.
Open my imagination so I can grow in wisdom and joy.
Open my heart so I can grow in faith, help me to respond to the gift of your love.

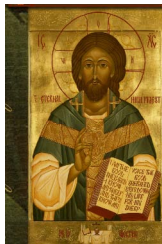
Prayer for Parents

Grant us, O Lord Jesus,
to imitate faithfully the example of your Holy Family and to make our home another Nazareth.
May peace, love and happiness prevail.
Grant us the grace to be the parents we should be for our children.
Grant that our child may find solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love within the embrace of our home.
When the time comes for each of us to go to the everlasting home you have prepared for us, may your glorious Mother and St. Joseph take us to you, after the final grace of a happy death.



ARCHDIOCESE DESIGNATES , ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has designated our chapel of Eucharistic Adoration as one of the six chapels in the Archdiocese of Boston dedicated to the Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests and Priestly Vocations during this Year For Priests.



Please consider making a visit to the chapel during this Year for Priests. Even if for only five minutes you experience the peace and beauty of the presence of Christ, it's worth it, and you will be back again.

PARISH PAY

MANY THANKS TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE USING OUR AUTOMATED GIVING PROGRAM.

PLEASE CONSIDER USING THIS EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH. THIS PROGRAM IS ONE WAY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH AUTOMATED MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING TO SIGN UP AND THE PROGRAM IS OPTIONAL. YOU CAN ENROLL BY SIGNING UP DIRECTLY AT THE PARISH-PAY WEBSITE AT: **www.parishpay.com**, OR BY CALLING THE PARISHPAY TOLL FREE NUMBER: **1-866-727-4141**.

BEACON HOSPICE:

Beacon Hospice offers many support groups for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. At Beacon, they believe in the importance of offering family members support through the grief process. Please feel free to call and ask about the many programs. Gods peace and blessings.

BEACON HOSPICE—100 CUMMINGS CENTER—BEVERLY— 978-524-9510-ibonanno@beaconhospice.com

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sometimes when I think about the Church and how it should respond to various problems both within the Church and in the culture, I get a bit overwhelmed and disheartened. Oftentimes, it feels to me as though we are not transforming the culture, but rather being conformed to the culture. The other day, I was getting a bit frustrated by what I consider to be a widespread failure to evangelize the culture. And in the midst of that God gave me a special grace—the grace to see what should be perfectly obvious to me.

God knew what he was doing when he made me a parish priest. Thankfully, he didn't entrust me with the responsibility of evangelizing the entire world or even the entire Archdiocese of Boston. While certainly I am a priest who is part of the whole Church, God entrusted to me just one parish. And this is where my thoughts and efforts ought to be focused. I know it is obvious, but it reminded me again of the beauty of being a parish priest.

Being a parish priest—and being a parish priest here—is really such a great privilege. Having pastoral responsibility for the people of this parish is a joy. I have been reminded recently—through a whole series of encounters—what an extraordinary gift it is to share in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ and to be a pastor. Maybe the people who are responsible for all the big picture stuff have their own type of reward. I hope that they do. But, I'm glad I'm not one of them.

Trying to figure out how to evangelize the culture or how to deal with questions regarding the Church and its relationship to the political realm are important and interesting. And these questions ought to be taken seriously. But, I am thankful that Jesus chose me to say the 7am Mass, get called to the hospital, hear confessions, and to interact with ordinary folks who are seeking to live a life of Faith, Hope, and Charity. I learn so much from the people that Jesus has placed in front of me here.

The big picture isn't all that pretty. Lots of problems, I think. But, our life together—our attentiveness to living the Christian life together, receiving the Sacraments, and caring for the needy—will be far more transformative of the culture than sitting around wringing our hands about the state of things.

God has given us something beautiful here. I'm grateful for it.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

