

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

The Year for Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 485—"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

READ: 940

OFF: 634—"Take Up Your Cross" (at 10:30)

COMM: 745—"I Received The Living God"

REC: 704—"Lift High The Cross"

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Kwang Lee, Seminarian
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St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Website: www.stmarystar.org
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Principal, St. Mary's School
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Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

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Mr. Neil Yetts—978-922-0113

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Mrs. Christine O'Brien - 978-922-0799

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Mr. Frederick MacArthur – 978-609-4302

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Mrs. Diane Macedo—978-922-0113

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 13 ~

Wis 2:12,17-20 / Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8 / Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Monday, September 14 ~

Nm 21:4b-9 / Ps 78:1-2,34-38 / Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15 ~

Tm 3:1-13 / Ps 101:1-3,5-6 / Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday, September 16 ~

Tm 3:14-16 / Ps 111:1-6 / Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17 ~

Tm 4:12-16 / Ps 111:7-10 / Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 18 ~

Tm 6:2c-12 / Ps 49:6-10,17-20 / Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19 ~

Tm 6:13-16 / Ps 100:1b-5 / Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 20 ~

Wis 2:12,17-20 / Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8 / Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

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: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
9:15 AM Coffee & Donuts—Lower Church

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church
5:30 PM Wedding ~
William Cargile & Jessica Breton

SUNDAY

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS
RCIA BEGINS

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



- I - Rich Keefe & Margo Mungovan
- III - Ryan Plourde & Shanna Brennan

WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$8,391.00
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.

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass
10:30AM ~ Sunday, September 13:
Guiseppi (Joseph) Ferrante

Monday, September 14:
Richard F. Connolly
Mildred F. Connolly

Tuesday, September 15:
Ferrari Family

Wednesday, September 16:
David M. Pelletier

Friday, September 18:
John A. Casali
Joseph Casali
Maria & Antonio Casali

Months Mind Mass
10:20 AM ~ Sunday, September 20:
John J. McGarr

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:
VIRGINIA V. KNOWLES and **RITA McKENNA** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
Spec. Stephen R. Fortunato
Stephen Fortunato

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



St Mary's Choir will resume singing at the 10:30 AM Mass today 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.

COFFEE & DONUTS:

On Sunday, September 13, we will once again enjoy meeting in the lower church for our monthly coffee and donuts following the 8:15 AM Mass. We need volunteers to help with set-up, donut pick-up and clean-up. There are only nine Sundays when we need help. You can volunteer for just one month or as often as you can! Please look for the sign-up sheet on Sunday the 13th!

HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES

In an effort to support families in the Archdiocese of Boston that home school their children, Cardinal Sean has established a position of *Spiritual Director/Liaison for Home School Families* within the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese. If you would like to contact the office for more information or be connected to other Catholic home school families, please call 617-746-5875.

Religious Education News

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.

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.

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: _____

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

Welcome to our St. Mary's School News page. We hope you had a restful summer and look forward to an exciting school year. As always, we thank you, our Parishioners, for your continuing support of St. Mary Star of the Sea School. We had a wonderful opening week as we welcomed back all our students, staff, and parents, along with many new families, to our St. Mary's School community.

GOOD LUCK - We extend our best wishes to all of our young people of the parish who will be beginning or returning to college this fall. As many of them leave, we ask our parish family to keep them in their prayers. Have a wonderful year!

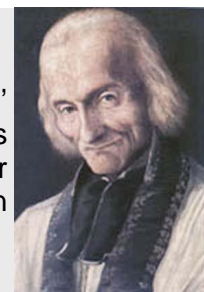
UPDATES: Thank You to **Bob LaPorte** for all his hard work and dedication in getting St. Mary's School computer lab, nurse's room, staff room and stairs ready for another school year. **New this year:** Playground improvements and removal of the fence.

OPENINGS – St. Mary's School is accepting applications for grades K – 8, and pre-school for 3 and 4 yr. olds. Come see the difference a Catholic School Education can make for your child! Call **Principal, Mr. Cushman**, at 978 927-3259 for a personal tour.

SAVE THE DATE! – Plans are underway for the St. Mary Star of the Sea School Auction. We hope you will join us for an evening filled with fun, friends, and fantastic bidding items, on **Thursday, November 5th**, 6:00 P.M., for our auction, “**Stargaritaville**” at the Danversport Yacht Club. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include a full dinner. **Do you have something to donate?** We are looking for new items, sports tickets, services, baskets, gift certificates, handmade items, antiques, paintings, etc. **Would you be interested in Sponsorship?** All donation levels welcome. **How about advertising your company in our Auction Program Book?** For additional information, sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please call **Anna Bertini**, Development Director, at **978 998-6848**. Many thanks to our St. Mary's parishioners who have already kindly offered donations and purchased tickets.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST – TRAVELING VOCATION CROSS

During this Year of the Priest, St. Mary's will have a vocation cross “traveling” to parishioners' homes as a specific way to encourage and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Parishioners are invited to display the cross in their homes for two weeks, to pray daily for vocations for priests and religious to serve in our Archdiocese, and then to pass the cross on to the next home. Vocation Cross Family Prayer Cards will also be provided.



It is our hope that this experience will encourage each of us to take seriously our vocation as a member of the Body of Christ and encourage ALL of us to pray for the gift of vocations to priesthood and religious life. We believe the Spirit is calling forth men and women from our faith community to these roles of service. May our prayer help inspire young men and women to be attentive to the movement of the Spirit within them and to step forward in faith and with generous hearts to wherever the Spirit leads them.

All of you are invited to participate in this program. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church following all Masses this week (September 12 and 13). If you would like more information, please contact Michael or Elizabeth Joens at 978-921-1291.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The other morning at daily Mass, as I was distributing Holy Communion, I was impressed by the number of persons who attend our 7am Mass each morning. Attendance ranges from anywhere between 50-80 people during most of the year and more during Lent. I think the presence of so many individuals at daily Mass gives some indication of the spiritual health of the parish. I also know that many of you attend Mass during the week at other churches in the area and in Boston.

I appreciate the fact that many persons—because of their schedules and responsibilities—are unable to go to Mass during the weekdays. But, for those who do have time, I want to encourage you to consider becoming a daily communicant. For those who do attend Mass daily, the Mass becomes the very center of their day. It is the best 30 minutes of their day.

I have been pleased during the past couple of years to see an increase in the number of younger parishioners who come to daily Mass. Some are not able to be there everyday, but they come when they can. Some bring young children with them. I've seen some parents bring their school age children with them before school. I find that very encouraging.

I was fortunate when I was in high school, the school chaplain offered Mass every day during study period, so I was able to begin attending daily Mass. I was also fortunate (though I didn't feel so fortunate at the time) that when I was an altar boy, I would often be assigned to serve the 7am Mass during the week. I am sure that these opportunities to attend Mass frequently and daily during my younger years was a great help to me in being able to hear God's call to the priesthood.

I think it particularly struck me as a young person when I saw people going to Mass before heading into work. For some reason, that told me that their Faith wasn't just about Sunday, but was about every day. I find this too when I pop into churches in downtown Boston occasionally and see so many people on their lunch hour who go to Mass. I think that's really impressive.

So, I just want to encourage you to consider going to daily Mass if you can or even just go to daily Mass occasionally. It is such a great way to spend time with God and to grow closer to Him. If you can't go to daily Mass, think about stopping into church (ours is open downstairs from 7:30-7:30 Mon-Fri), and just spending five minutes with the Lord. Making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament is so helpful to living our life.

Lastly, once again, I just want to say thank you to all of you for your example of Faith. We're really very blessed as a parish.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

