

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



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 617— "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation "

READ: 949

OFF: 570—"Our Father, by Whose Name"

COMM: 604— "Ubi Caritas"

REC: 539— "Sing Praise to The Lord"

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
Lower Church
- 9:20 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-8
St. Mary's School
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 7:00 PM Religious Education
Second Grade Parent Meeting
St. Mary's School Hall

MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Confirmation—St. Mary's School

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 PM Religious Education—Grds. 1-6
St. Mary's School

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church
- 5:30 PM Wedding ~
Rich Keefe & Margo Mungoven

SUNDAY

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 3:00 PM Wedding ~
Jared Coles & Stacey Fisher

WEEKLY NEED:
\$9,200.00
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:
\$8,889.00
PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:
\$1,079.00

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass

10:30 AM ~ Sunday, October 4:
Virginia V. Knowles
Rita M. McKenna

Monday, October 5:
Attilio Matticoli

Saturday, October 10:
Daniel J. Counihan

Months Mind Mass

10:30 AM ~ Sunday, October 11:
Margaret Cameron

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:
SR. MARGUERITE LEDWELL, SND, GAIL PAGE
and **RICHARD LANDERS** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated
in Memory of:
William J. McLean

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



III - Jared Coles & Stacey Fisher

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

Children currently entering fourth grade and older are welcome to submit their names for consideration to become Altar Servers at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. Training date and times are WEDNESDAY'S— OCTOBER 14, 21 & 28TH— FROM 4:45 UNTIL 5:30 PM at St. Mary's Church.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please place in the collection basket, or drop in the Rectory mail slot.

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



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.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, October 23, 2009**

Potluck/Pancake Supper
Children's Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations

Potluck/Pancake supper at the school @ 5:00
Holy Hour begins at 6:30

Special presentation to Father Barnes

Want to help?

Contact carolaugulewicz@comcast.net

religious education

UPCOMING DATES:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 - 7:00 PM
SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - 7:00 PM
SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING**

ALL MEETINGS HELD IN SCHOOL HALL

We are in need of a Second Grade Teacher Aid on Wednesday's. No experience needed just a willingness to help and a love of children. If interested please call Christine O'Brien at the Religious Education Office, 978-922-0799.

This month's **Extreme NORTH** event will be on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Adelaide Parish, 708 Lowell Street, Peabody. Tickets are only \$10 per person and \$20 per family. To order tickets or for more information, please go to www.ExtremeNORTH.org to join this wonderful event.

**St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection, October 24-25, 2009
Our Goals: \$150,000 and 100% Participation by All Parishioners**

The St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection will be held the weekend of October 24-25, 2009. This year, our goal is to raise \$150,000, and to have all parishioners make a Grand Annual donation.

Our two primary sources of income are our weekly offertory and our Grand Annual Collection. But for quite awhile now, our weekly offertory has not met our weekly need of \$9200. We need a strong Grand Annual Collection to make up that lost income; if we wish to continue our ministries in service to Christ, and if we wish to undertake such special projects as protecting our beautiful church for years to come by installing a sprinkler system.

Every family counts; every dollar counts. We ask all families to prayerfully consider their donation to the Grand Annual Collection and be as generous as possible.

While these are difficult times, God nonetheless has blessed each of us in ways too numerous to count. Please thank Him by being as generous as your means will allow, in order that we all may continue to do His work through this parish.

"What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things that he has given to me?"

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

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing in the hope that someone will be able to help finance an adventure-based learning experience for our 6th grade students. Nature's Classroom, located in Groton, MA, is an environmental-based learning center. Its focus on our environment and cooperative learning experiences encourages our students to take care of our planet, take risks, accept challenges, and solve problems.

Nature's Classroom encourages hands-on group work and problem solving through academic and physical challenges. This educational process teaches students how to think, not what to think. Throughout this week-long activity, students work cooperatively to solve environmental problems.

We, as adults, are well aware of the benefits of knowing how to problem solve, cooperate, compromise, succeed, and fail. We also appreciate the fragile nature of our environment. Why is it important for middle school children to learn these skills? According to the National Science Teaching Standards, "the vision of science education of the future includes teaching students the processes of science. This requires that students combine processes and scientific knowledge as they use scientific reasoning and critical thinking to develop their understanding of science and the environment." Engaging students in inquiry helps students develop:

- Understanding of scientific concepts
- An appreciation of "how we know" what we know in science
- Understanding of the delicate nature of our environment
- Skills necessary to become independent inquirers about the natural world
- The dispositions to use the skills, abilities, and attitudes associated with science

While the Nature's Classroom is a life-changing experience, it can also represent a significant financial challenge to some families during these difficult economic times. If any parishioner(s) feel they are able to support this initiative, please call Mr. Cushman at 978 927-3259.

It is my hope that, with your support, we can take the 6th grade class to Nature's Classroom for a week to let them experience, first hand, the challenges and decision-making skills necessary to ensure our environment is protected and viable.

God Bless,

Kevin Cushman, Principal

YOUNG ALUMNI REUNION – SMS Class of '09, '08, '07, '06 are invited to attend a Young Alumni Reunion on **Sunday, October 18th**, 3-5 PM in the school cafeteria. There will be music, pizza, games, and fun! Please Join Us! **Mrs. O'Donnell**, SMS Computer teacher, has been informed that ALL of the recent St. Mary's School graduates have "tested out" of high school Computer Class! We're proud of you!

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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, St. John's Prep in Danvers graciously sent to our principal a report outlining how graduates from St. Mary Star of the Sea School—our parish school—compare academically both to the general student population at St. John's and to graduates from other Catholic schools who attend St. John's. I was certainly pleased to see the results. The graph below is a very condensed version of the fuller report. **In every category**, as you can see, the graduates of our parish school surpassed the general student population and the graduates of other Catholic schools.

I am grateful to St. John's Prep for sending this report and I am grateful to Mr. Kevin Cushman, our principal and to the faculty for providing our students an excellent education that clearly provides a strong academic and moral foundation. I was particularly pleased to see how extraordinarily well our students did in their religious studies compared with the other groups.

Not only do I thank the administration and the faculty for their efforts, but I also thank the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish who support our school and its mission. Catholic education is irreplaceable and second to none. I encourage all of our parish families to consider educating your children at St. Mary Star of the Sea School. There is a beautiful community of families that constitute our parish school. Clearly, our parish school provides its students with an academic formation that produces tangible results. **Our students consistently test extraordinarily well in national standardized testing.** But, the students are not the only persons educated by St. Mary Star of the Sea School and academic testing is not the only, nor the most important education our students receive.

Belonging to the community of St. Mary's is itself educative. This community of parents, children, teachers, administrators, alumni, and parishioners provides to those who participate in its life, an education in humanity and in the Gospel. In worshipping God together, serving others together, recreating together, and simply in being together, we are educated to live a more serious and profound life. I certainly am grateful for the friendships I have been blessed with through the instrument of our parish school.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

