

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

The Year for Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 355— "When The King Shall Come Again "

READ: 768

OFF: 687— "Now The Day of The Lord Is At Hand" (@10:30)

COMM: 386— "Creator of The Stars of Night"

REC: 364— "Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

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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, November 29 ~

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 / Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14 / Thes 3:12-4:2
Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Monday, November 30 ~

Rom 10:9-18 / Ps 19:8-11 / Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1 ~

Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 / Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2 ~

Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3 ~

Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 4 ~

Is 29:17-24 / Ps 27:1,4,13-14 / Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5 ~

Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Ps 147:1-6 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, December 6 ~

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-6 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

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, Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: WOMEN RELIGIOUS
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
Lower Church
9:20 AM RCIA—Rite of Acceptance
9:20 AM Religious Education—K-8
St. Mary's School
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

MONDAY

7:00 PM Confirmation Class ~
Theology of the Body

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

WEDNESDAY

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

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

SUNDAY

8:15 AM Family Mass
Coffee and Donuts following

FAMILY MASS:

OUR NEXT FAMILY MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 8:15AM. ANY CHILD MAY PARTICIPATE BY ACTING AS GREETERS, GIFT BEARERS, OFFERTORY COLLECTORS AND READERS OF THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL. IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE MASS, PLEASE CONTACT MARY CROSS AT:

MARY.CROSS71@VERIZON.NET

PLEASE JOIN US FOLLOWING MASS IN THE LOWER CHURCH FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00AM / 9:00AM / 7:00 PM

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Bulletin Deadline, we were not able to include the weekly offertory amount for week ending November 22.

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM - Sunday, November 29:

Anne Bucci
Walter V. Doyle

Monday, November 30:

Edward N. Funchion

Tuesday, December 1:

Audrey & Charles Campbell
Frank Campbell

Wednesday, December 2:

Joan Merrill

Friday, December 4:

Olive & Stephen Papa

Saturday, December 5:

Telemaco Ascì

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.

Sanctuary Light Donated

in Memory of:

Robert A. Mercier

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, November 28 ~ St. Hildegard of Bingen
Peter Young

Saturday, December 5 ~ Christian Hymns:
France, England, America
Jonathan Nauman

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. During this time, Christians observe a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy. Many Christians celebrate advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of time.


THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath, a venerable European tradition, can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation—not only for celebrating Our Lord's birth, but to make our hearts truly ready to receive Him. The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world. The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life.

BLESSING FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and may receive from thee abundant graces. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.


<p align="center">2009 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION</p> <p align="center">GRAND ANNUAL GOAL: \$150,000.00</p> <p align="center">GRAND ANNUAL PLEDGED: \$119,401.00</p> <p align="center">GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTED: \$100,901.00</p> <p align="center">ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS: 360</p> <p>Please help us reach our goals; please make your contribution today. For those who need them, Grand Annual envelopes are in the back of the church.</p> <p align="center">St Mary's depends on <i>your</i> generosity.</p>
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Monday, November 30 - 7:00 PM
Grade 10—Parent meeting:
Theology of the Body

**St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
with Beverly Bootstraps
Celebrates Christmas**

And
“The Gift of Keeping Children Warm”

This year St Mary's Giving Tree Program will be supporting the children of Beverly Bootstraps with the Gift of Keeping Children Warm. 


We are looking for fun and whimsical hats, mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves for all age boys and girls. Also wanted are sweatshirts off all sizes with our favorite Boston Sports Teams' Logos.

Many parents find it hard to keep up with the demand of popular, fun, and practical clothing for their children. This program will allow parents to come and take care of their children's winter needs with warm and practical Christmas Gifts.

All Gifts must be new and unwrapped

If you have taken a tag from the tree, donations must be returned by Sunday, December 6.

Thank You

 **OXFAM AMERICA**

SKIP-A-MEAL SO ALL MAY EAT!

An inter-faith event sponsored by:

ST. MARY'S CHAPTER OF PAX CHRISTI
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM

Skip lunch on Thursday, December 3rd. Bring the cost of that meal to St. Peter's at 5:30 and receive a free bowl of soup, bread and fellowship.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
5:30PM - 7:30PM
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
4 Ocean Street Beverly

For more information: 978-922-3438
www.oxfamamerica.org

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

The Students and Staff of St. Mary Star of the Sea School wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day, and we count you, our parishioners, among our many blessings!

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD – During the Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations, **Dante Egizi**, a fifth grader at St. Mary’s School, gave the following witness of why he is considering a vocation to the priesthood. It was a very moving testimony for all of those present praying for vocations. Please keep Dante and all young men who are considering vocations in your prayers: *“Even ‘I’ would like to become a priest, and I am just a normal kid who goes to school and plays sports. Ever since I was little, I thought about becoming a priest. I was seven years old and got asked to do a reading at my First Communion when I realized I liked doing the readings at mass. I also thought it would be cool to serve communion and give homilies. So, since then, I have been thinking whether or not I would like to become a priest, and I think I would. I imagine that God is talking to me and asking me if I would like to become a priest. I especially enjoy receiving communion, learning new things in the readings and gospels, and hearing stories about Fr. Barnes. When I become a priest, I would like to be called “Fr. Dante.”*

So, if you ever get the urge to do something holy, whether to become a priest, a deacon, a sister, a brother, or a parent, I bet it is a calling from God.”

ST. MARY SCHOOL CALENDAR SALES

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, AFTER ALL MASSES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WE WILL BE SELLING CALENDARS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THIS IS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. THESE CALENDARS WILL MAKE GREAT GIFTS DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON. THE COST OF THE CALENDAR IS \$20.00. THERE IS A DAILY DRAWING OF THE NUMBERS FOR THE CALENDARS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND GOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE SMALLEST PRIZE IS \$25.00, AND THE LARGEST PRIZE IS \$1,000. YOU CAN WIN MULTIPLE TIMES, BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU WIN ONCE, YOUR NUMBER GOES BACK INTO THE POOL.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER AND ALSO GET SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE!

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

December 4-6th 2009

Proceeds to Benefit

St Mary’s Star of the Sea School

12” Wreath - Cost: \$10.00

Pre-orders accepted through November 29, 2009

Wreaths will be available for pick-up at St Mary’s School on Friday, December 4th and before and after all masses at St Mary’s Church on Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Choice of Bows (please indicate quantity desired):

Red Velvet _____ Burgundy Velvet _____ Green & Red Holiday Plaid _____ Blue Velvet with Gold Accents _____

Please return order form with payment to:

St Mary Star of the Sea School
13 Chapman Street
Beverly, MA 01915
Attention: Parents Committee

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few scattered thoughts this week.

- ◆ During the past month or so, I have received several Grand Annual donations with letters from the donors attached. Several persons explained to me that because of unemployment, illness, or tragedy they were unable to contribute more. I just want those persons—and persons who may be in similar situations—to know that you never need to explain to me why you give what you do. Very often, it is the poor who wish that they could give more. You cannot give what you do not have and therefore, there is nothing for which you should be ashamed or embarrassed.
- ◆ Additionally, I wish to express my gratitude to those parishioners who increased their Grand Annual donation significantly this year. I know that some of you did this because you recognize that others are not quite as fortunate financially as you are. I thank you for increasing your donation. And, I want to thank those families in our parish who tithe a certain percentage of their income to the parish each week. Often enough, those who have the least to give, contribute a greater percentage of their income than those who have more money available to them. Your generosity is praiseworthy.
- ◆ Last weekend, after the 5pm Mass a young couple who regularly attend our parish asked if I would bless their engagement ring. The young man proposed to her in the church right after Mass ended. Boy, that made my day!
- ◆ Just so you are aware, St. Mary's will not be selling Christmas Trees this year. Sorry for any inconvenience. The school will, however, be selling Christmas Wreaths after the Masses on December 6th and 7th. Also, St. Mary's School raffle calendars will be available after the Masses during the next couple of weeks. Please support this fundraiser!
- ◆ If you happen to be reading this while standing in the back of church during the Mass, please don't!
- ◆ If you think that perhaps God is calling you to be a priest, don't resist His invitation. Do something about it. You can give me a call or you can call Fr. Hennessey, the Vocation Director, at 617-746-5949.
- ◆ Today begins the Season of Advent. This season prepares us to welcome the Word made Flesh, Jesus Christ. May I propose a few possibilities for living Advent well? Find time each day to spend a few moments in silence. The only way we can hear the Word is if we are receptive to hear it. Go to confession at least once during the Season of Advent. Preferably, go more than that. How about trying to come to daily Mass during Advent? The readings of the Advent season are some of the most beautiful of the entire year. Maybe a little fasting during Advent might be helpful. If you have children, how about an Advent Wreath and prayer at dinner? How about putting a little extra in the offertory during Advent or making a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society or to the Scholarship Fund for St. Mary's School?
- ◆ No matter what, let's try to make Advent a time to really draw close to Jesus.
- ◆ Lastly, thank you for the privilege of living our Faith together. God has blessed us as a parish and I am always grateful to Him for bringing us together in His Son.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

