

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

**The Year for Priests**



**HYMNS & READINGS**

**PRO: 357—** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**READ: 771**

**REC: 356—** "On Jordan's Bank"

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor  
Kwang Lee, Seminarian  
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St. Mary Star of the Sea School Website: [www.stmarystarschool.org](http://www.stmarystarschool.org)

**Principal, St. Mary's School**  
Pre K through 8th Grade  
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Mr. James Weston—978-922-0113

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**Parish Secretary**  
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**Business Manager**  
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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, December 6 ~**

##### **Second Sunday of Advent**

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

#### **Monday, December 7 ~**

Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85:9ab,10-14 / Lk 5:17-26

#### **Tuesday, December 8 ~**

##### **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph1:3-6,11-12 /Lk 1:26-38

#### **Wednesday, December 9 ~**

Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4,8,10 / Mt 11:28-30

#### **Thursday, December 10 ~**

Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145:1,9-13ab / Mt 11:11-15

#### **Friday, December 11 ~**

Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4,6 / Mt 11:16-19

#### **Saturday, December 12 ~**

Zec 2:14-17 / Jdt 13:18bcde,19 / Lk 1:26-38

#### **Sunday, December 13 ~**

##### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a / Is 12:2-6 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

### **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**

- 8:15 AM Family Mass  
Coffee and Donuts following
- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
- 9:20 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-8  
St. Mary's School
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 2:00 PM Organ Tuning—Main Church

**MONDAY**

- 8:00 AM Organ Tuning—Main Church
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Class  
St. Mary's School
- 7:15 PM St. Vincent dePaul Meeting

**TUESDAY**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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

- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory
- 7:00 PM Pax Christi Meeting  
St. Mary's Convent

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church

**SUNDAY**

SECOND COLLECTION: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**WEEKLY NEED:  
\$9,200.00**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:  
\$8,185.00**

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING  
THROUGH PARISH PAY:  
\$1,079.00**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
7:00AM / 9:00AM / 7:00 PM**

**Mass Intentions**

**Months Mind Mass**

**10:30AM - Sunday, December 6:**  
Glenn M. Weston

**Monday, December 7:**  
Mario DiPaolo

**Wednesday, December 9:**  
Thomas R. Lucet, Jr.

**Friday, December 11:**  
William D. Funchion

**Saturday, December 12:**  
Attilio Matticoli

**Months Mind Mass**

**10:30AM - Sunday, December 13:**  
Kenneth H. Manning

**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:

**LARRY RICE, ANGELINA SPIRIDIGLIOZZI, and IRENE MacDOUGALL** who recently passed away.

Sanctuary Light Donated  
in Memory of:  
Marie & Edmond Matton, Sr.

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

**THANK YOU**

The Parish Pastoral Council extends thanks to our parishioners for your generous gifts to our two recent giving events.

**“SOCKS, GLOVES, HATS”**

Four large bags each to Beverly Bootstraps, River House Homeless Shelter and The Salem Mission.

**‘THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE’**

Twelve large boxes each to Beverly Bootstraps and Beverly Salvation Army.

**Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent:**

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first and second (purple) candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name.

Amen

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Please contact Deirdre Patch at 978-921-2105 if you can help with decorating the church for Christmas. Help is welcome with planning, set-up and water of flowers and clean-up.

**2009 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

**GRAND ANNUAL GOAL:**

**\$150,000.00**

**GRAND ANNUAL PLEDGED:**

**\$124,546.00**

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTED:**

**\$105,905.00**

**ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS:**

**384**

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.

St Mary’s depends on *your* generosity.

**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.***

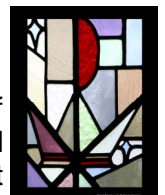
Thank You

**FAMILY MASS:**

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

**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, December 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.

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

**BEVERLY HOLIDAY PARADE** - many thanks to **Melissa Wilson**, SMS Pre-K parent, and her talented crew who put together a spectacular parade float, "*How the Grinch Stole Christmas (and Made it Green)*" and included many recycled items. The back of the float read, "No One Can Really Steal Christmas" and featured a large gold cross. Thanks to **Peter & Lisa Jaquith** for their continued advice and assistance in making the St. Mary's School parade float terrific! A big thank you to DJ Hathaway at Moynihan Lumber for getting the truck (The McKenzie Group) and trailer (All Around Property Maintenance) with driver Matt Byrne. The St. Mary's School parade float came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Great Job!

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH ORNAMENTS** – are here! In cooperation with **Gordon's of Beverly and Theological Threads**, St. Mary's School is proud to offer the third in a series of Christmas ornaments. This year, the ornament is a replica of the stained glass window depicting the Visit of the 3 Wise Men. Juanita Gordon is generously donating \$5.00 to SMS, of the purchase price of \$20, for ornaments purchased thru the school. The first of the series, honoring St. Mary Star of the Sea, and second in the series, honoring the Holy Family, are also available for \$20 at the school. These make wonderful Christmas gifts! Please call the Development Office at 978 998-6848.

**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!.

**DECEMBER KIDS DAY IN** - Hey parents, do you need a day to buy presents, wrap presents, prepare for the holidays, or a day to yourself? Hey kids, do you want a day of fun? Well, the St. Mary's School Student Council has the answer for you. We're having a "**Kid's Day In**" on Saturday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Meet in the school cafeteria. The day will include crafts, games, stories, snacks, holiday activities, pizza lunch and more! This event is open to all children in Pre-school through grade 4 (ages 3-10) and will be run by the **SMS Student Council** and their advisor, **Mrs. Boudreault**. The cost will be **\$15 per child** which includes everything listed. Pre-registration is required as children will be divided into groups according to age.

Please fill out the form below and return to Mrs. Boudreault through the school office by December 4<sup>th</sup> with checks payable to St. Mary Star of the Sea School. Any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Boudreault at [Boudreault@stmarystarschool.org](mailto:Boudreault@stmarystarschool.org)

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child Two: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child Three: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total cost (cash or check included): \$15 per child = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**HOLIDAY WREATH SALE**

**December 4-6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

*Proceeds to Benefit*

St Mary's Star of the Sea School

12" Wreath - Cost: \$10.00

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

- ◆ I spoke with Fr. Geary the other day and he told me that his treatments continue to go well, but that he is fairly exhausted from them. He mentioned how appreciative he was to the many of you who have sent him cards wishing him well and extending your prayers. He also mentioned that he is sorry that he does not have the energy to reply to all of your cards and I told him that he should not worry about it and that nobody is expecting him to reply. Please continue to keep Fr. Geary in your prayers.
- ◆ Recently, our Director of Maintenance, Jim Weston, was diagnosed with cancer and will be out of work for the next month. Please pray for him and for a full and speedy recovery. Although we will make some efforts to adjust to his absence, some things may simply pass us by. If you see something that needs being done, please offer to do it. Jim appreciates the prayers offered on his behalf.
- ◆ Last week, at the 10:30 Mass we received into the Catechumenate two individuals preparing for Baptism at Easter. Additionally, we welcomed two individuals who were baptized in other Christian communities but who are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church. There are also several other persons presently seeking full communion with the Catholic Church in our parish. I wish to assure all of those individuals of my prayers and of my gratitude to God for their presence. To me, their presence here is an indication of God's favor and grace. It is especially heartwarming to see so many young people entering the Church through our parish. Your witness encourages the rest of us to be more appreciative and dedicated to the gift we have been given in the Catholic Church.
- ◆ Recently, several prominent Evangelical, Orthodox, and Catholic leaders issued a statement entitled, "The Manhattan Declaration." The Declaration is a statement articulating their concerns regarding continued assaults upon the Christian Faith and their intended response to these assaults. It is particularly concerned with the government's efforts in present healthcare legislation to force taxpayers to pay for abortions. The Declaration is too lengthy to include here, but I encourage you to read it online.
- ◆ Could I gently—but urgently—remind all of you who have not yet contributed to the Grand Annual that we really need you? If you are able to help share the burden (and the joy) of supporting the life of our parish, I ask you to do so...soon!
- ◆ I am writing this a few moments after offering the morning Mass. I am so grateful for the presence of some new young faces at the daily Mass during Advent. While sporting and entertainment events draw larger crowds, when I see a new face at daily Mass, I think of the mustard seed. What is happening in the soul of that person is infinitely greater than any man-made event. It is a source of joy to know that Jesus Christ has chosen this person to live a deeper friendship with him. I always think how truly amazing it is that you have all of these folks—some still half asleep—showing up for what certainly lacks any sort of Hollywood glamour. And yet, what they find in daily Mass keeps them coming day after day, year after year. What is it they discover there? God Himself.

Let us pray for each other during this great season of Advent. May our hearts become more and more open to His grace.

I thank the Lord Jesus for the privilege of being your brother and shepherd.

Fr. David Barnes

