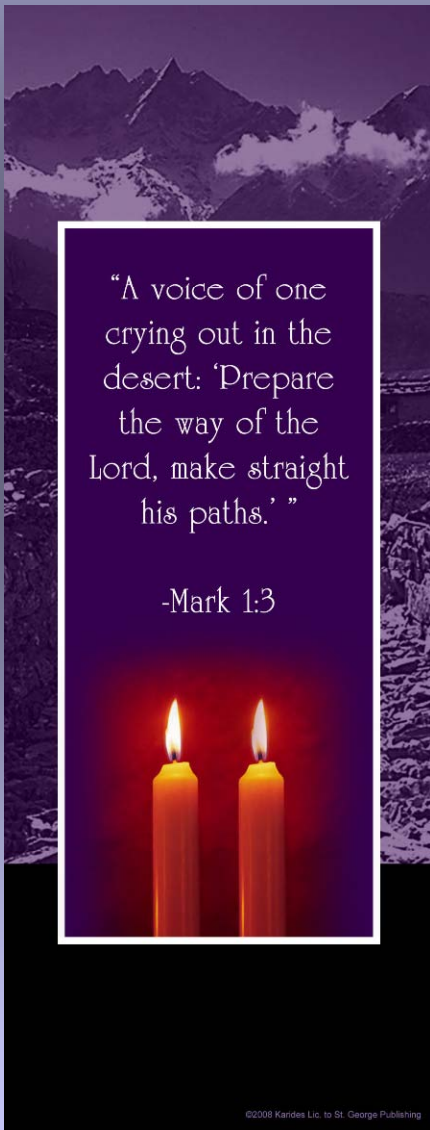


St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish  
253 Cabot Street ~ Beverly, Massachusetts

Rev. David J. Barnes, Pastor

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**HYMNS & READINGS**

**PRO: 355**—“When The King Shall Come”

**READ: 770**

**REC: 363**—“Lift Up Your Heads”

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**Principal, St. Mary's School**

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Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

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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

**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**

**December 7 ~**

Is 40:1-5,9-11 / Ps 85:9-14 / Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

**Monday, December 8 ~**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gn 3:9-15,20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, December 9 ~**

Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-3,10-13 / Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 10 ~**

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

**Thursday, December 11 ~**

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

**Friday, December 12 ~**

Zec 2:14-17 / (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 / Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 13 ~**

Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

Mt 17:9a,10-13

**Sunday, December 14 ~**

Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / Lk 1:46-50,53-54

Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

**GRAND ANNUAL 2008**

**PLEGGED SO FAR: \$133,190.00**

**RECEIVED: \$117,671.00**

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS: 443**

Please help us make our goal. For those who have not yet contributed, Grand Annual Envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

Please consider contributing. St. Mary's depends upon your generosity.

**Parish Calendar**

**SUNDAY**

- 8:15 AM Family Mass-  
Coffee & Donuts Following
- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion-Rectory
- 10:30 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-6
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church
- 3:00 PM Chastity Speaker—Jason Everett  
Religious Education Grades 7 & 8  
Confirmation Grades. 9 & 10

**MONDAY**

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

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

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**WEDNESDAY**

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

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

**FRIDAY**

9:00 AM Rosary Group—Rectory

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Men's Group ~ Lower Church

**SUNDAY**

SECOND COLLECTION: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA  
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 4:00 PM LOWER CHURCH**
- 4:00 PM MAIN CHURCH**
- 6:30 PM MAIN CHURCH**
- 12:00 AM MAIN CHURCH**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- 8:15 AM MAIN CHURCH**
- 10:30 AM MAIN CHURCH**

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, December 9:**

Mario DiPaolo

**Wednesday, December 10:**

Casey Boys

**Saturday, December 13:**

Thomas R. Lucet, Jr.

**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:  
The Casey Boys

**WEEKLY NEED:**

**\$9,200.00**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:**

**\$8,048.00**

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING  
THROUGH PARISH PAY:**

**\$1,231.00**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
NEWS**

**Nationally known Chastity Speaker, Jason Everet** will be coming to St. Mary Parish.

When: December 7, 2008 3PM

Where: St. Mary's Main Church

All 7-12 grade students and their parents are invited to attend. Religious Educations students grades 7-10 grade will attend in place of their class that week.

**Mission Outreach**

Religious Education program will be raffling off 3 beautiful quilted Christmas wall hangings, hand-made by one of the teachers. Students will be selling tickets after the Masses on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to their Mission Outreach program—hurricane victims of Haiti.



**St Mary Star of The Sea Parish  
Celebrates Christmas with Beverly Bootstraps**  
*And*  
**“THE GIFT OF KEEPING CHILDREN WARM”**

Many parents find it hard to keep up with the demand of popular, “fun”, but practical clothing for their children, and sometimes even harder to supply is a second hat or pair of gloves when the first are inevitably misplaced or lost. We are looking for *NEW* fun and whimsical hats, mittens, gloves, socks and scarves for all age boys and girls.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Size/Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>
Hats, mittens, gloves	Toddler-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Girls & Boys
Socks, scarves	Toddler-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Girls & Boys
Sweatshirts	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Girls & Boys
Red Sox ~ Beverly ~ Celtics ~ Patriots ~ Bruins ~ Zipper Front ~ Hooded		

**Tags can be obtained from the Giving Tree: December 6 & 7**  
*All items to be returned to the tree no later than December 10.*

**OXFAM AMERICA:**

Pax Christi of St. Mary’s, Temple B’nai Abraham, St. John the Evangelist and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church want to thank all who participated in the Skip-A-Meal event at St. Peter’s recently.

Soup of all varieties were contributed by parishioners and the bread was given by Paul Guanci of Super Subs.

A total of \$900 was collected at this event and sent to the organization of OXFAM-AMERICA which will provide meals for those in need this Thanksgiving.

**ADORATION:** We are in need of persons to spend an hour each week praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

<b>Monday</b> — 7:30—8:30	<b>Tuesday</b> — 9:30-10:30	<b>Wednesday</b> — 1:30—2:30
11:30—12:30	12:30—1:30	3:30—4:30
10:30—11:30	<b>3:30—4:30</b>	<b>4:30—5:30</b>
4:30—5:30		
5:30—6:30		
<b>Thursday</b> — 10:30—11:30	<b>Friday</b> — 7:30—8:30	
2:30—3:30	10:30—11:30	
<b>4:30—5:30</b>	11:30—12:30	
	3:30—4:30	
	4:30—5:30	
	<b>5:30—6:30</b>	

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Adoration for Thursday, December 11 will be held in the Main Church.**

**There will be NO ADORATION: Wednesday, December 24 / Friday, December 26.**

\*\*The bold faced timeslots above currently have no coverage. Please help us by signing up for one of these hours. Please call 978-922-0113 Ext. 101 and leave a message.

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

**ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS** – St. Mary's School hosts a variety of guests and speakers in our continuing Enrichment series. Grades Pre-K thru 8 learned about the environment and exotic animals during the recently held "**Rainforest Reptiles**" show presented by **Kristen Wendling**. Many of our students held the albino boa and pet the alligators! After school clubs, such as Math Club, Pep Squad, Bulldog Bowling, Rosary Club, and SMS Basketball Teams are in full swing.

**ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE** – will be held at St. Mary's School on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 PM and hosted by our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. A life-size Advent wreath, made by our students, is lighted as we offer special Advents Prayers.

**CHILDREN'S ADVENT HOLY HOUR** – join us on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and witness our Parish children as they come together for a Candlelight Walk from St. Mary's School to St. Mary's Parish. The children will be praying the *Angelus* as the church bells toll for Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M. Featured will be prayers and songs, lighting of the Advent candle, and professional harp accompaniment.

**CHRISTMAS TREES ARE COMING!** (and wreaths too) - for sale after Masses until they run out! Order early and get \$5 off. Call **Rick Stevens** at 978 927-9652 to reserve your tree today. Trees are \$47, 12" wreaths \$12 and 15" wreaths \$15, and as always, we offer FREE delivery.

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH ORNAMENTS** – are for sale! In cooperation with **Gordon's of Beverly and Theological Threads**, St. Mary's School is proud to offer the second in a series of Christmas ornaments. This year, the ornament honors the Holy Family, and is a replica of the stained glass window in our Parish. Juanita Gordon is generously donating \$5.00 of the purchase price of \$20.00 to our school for ornaments purchased in the School Development Office. The first of the series, honoring St. Mary Star of the Sea, is also available for \$20.00. These make a wonderful gift! Please call the Development Office at 978 998-6848 for more information.

**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS** make the perfect Christmas gift – your engraved brick will be installed in the Memorial Walkway entrance to St. Mary's School. This lasting legacy will truly be cherished by its recipient: 4x8 bricks with 3 lines of engraving are \$80, and 8x8 bricks with 6 lines of engraving are \$150. Call SMS Development Office at 978 998-6848 to place an order.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** continues at St. Mary's School as the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders write poems and cards to the Sisters of Notre Dame. As they prepare for the birth of Christ, they will focus on giving and what they can do for others and/or what they can give to others. Thank you **Mrs. Cunningham!**



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**Save the Date!**

**Children's Advent Holy Hour  
Friday, December 19th**

Begins with pizza at school at 5:00

Candlelight procession to church

*(child safe)*

Holy Hour @ 6:00 with praying the Angelus

Prayers and songs / Christmas Card Craft / Harp accompaniment

*Don't have young children to bring? All are welcome to come and witness a beautiful parish event.*

Interested in helping? Contact: [carolaugulewicz@comcast.net](mailto:carolaugulewicz@comcast.net)

Is your child interested in leading a prayer? Contact Vangie Egizi @ [vangiemassagain@yahoo.com](mailto:vangiemassagain@yahoo.com).

Dear Friends in Christ,

On November 30<sup>th</sup> was the Feast of St. Andrew who was the brother of Peter and one of the Lord's first disciples. The following is a beautiful reflection on the call of St. Andrew (which can be found in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John). It teaches us how to understand our own relationship with Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes

*The Cost of Discipleship*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The call of Jesus goes forth, and is at once followed by the response of obedience. *The response of the disciples is an act of obedience, not a confession of faith in Jesus.* How could the call immediately evoke obedience?

The story of the call of the first disciples is a stumbling-block to our natural reason, and it is no wonder that frantic attempts have been made to separate the two events. By hook or by crook a bridge must be found between them. Something must have happened in between, some psychological or historical event. Thus we get the stupid question: Surely the disciples must have known Jesus before, and that previous acquaintance explains their readiness to hear the Master's call. Unfortunately our text is ruthlessly silent on this point, and in fact it regards the immediate sequence of call and response as a matter of crucial importance. It displays not the slightest interest in the psychological reasons for a person's religious decisions. And why? For the simple reason that the cause behind the immediate following of call by response is Jesus Christ himself. It is Jesus who calls, and because it is Jesus, *the disciple follows at once.*

This *encounter is a testimony* to the absolute, direct, and unaccountable authority of Jesus. There is no need of any preliminaries, and no other consequence but obedience to the call. Because Jesus is the Christ, he has the authority to call and to demand obedience to his word. Jesus summons us to follow him not as a teacher of a pattern of the good life, but as the Christ, the Son of God. In this short text Jesus Christ and his claim are proclaimed to the world. Not a word of praise is given to the disciple for his decision for Christ. We are not expected to contemplate the disciple, but only him who calls, and his absolute authority. *According to our text, there is no road to faith or discipleship, no other road -only obedience to the call of Jesus.*

And what does the text inform us about the content of discipleship? Follow me, run along behind me! That is all. To follow in Christ's steps is something which is void of all content. It gives us no intelligible programme for a way of life, no goal or ideal to strive after. When we are called to follow Christ, we are summoned to an exclusive attachment to his person. *The grace of his call bursts all the bonds of legalism.* It is a gracious call, a gracious commandment. It transcends the difference between the law and the gospel. *Christ calls the disciples follows; that is grace and commandment in one.*

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, English trans. R. H. Fuller, London, 1959, pp. 48-9.)

