

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

The Year for Priests



HYMNS & READINGS

PRO: 356— "On Jordan's Bank"

READ: 774

REC: 363— "Lift Up Your Heads"

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Kwang Lee, Seminarian
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St. Mary Star of the Sea School Website: www.stmarystarschool.org

Principal, St. Mary's School
Pre K through 8th Grade
Mr. Kevin Cushman—978-927-3259

St. Mary's School, Development Director
Mrs. Anna Bertini—978-998-6848

Director RCIA
Mr. Neil Yetts—978-922-0113

Administrator, Religious Education
Mrs. Christine O'Brien - 978-922-0799

Director of Maintenance
Mr. James Weston—978-922-0113

Organist/Choirmaster
Mr. Frederick MacArthur – 978-609-4302

Parish Secretary
Ms. Nina Sudak—978-922-0113

Business Manager
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, December 13 ~

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 14 ~

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Ps 25:4-9 / Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15 ~

Zep 3:1-2,9-13 / Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16 ~

Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25 / Ps 85:9-14 / Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17 ~

Gn 49:2,8-10 / Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17 / Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18 ~

Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19 ~

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Ps 71:3-6,16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

Sunday, December 20 ~

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a / Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 / Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

- 9:15 AM Bible Discussion Group
Lower Church
- 9:20 AM RCIA
- 9:20 AM Religious Education—K-8
St. Mary's School
Safe Environment Class
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal—Main Church

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Rectory

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

- 6:30 PM Confessions—Lower Church

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group—Lower Church
- 3:15 PM Confessions—Lower Church

SUNDAY

- 11:30 AM Baptisms

Mass Intentions

Months Mind Mass

10:30AM - Sunday, December 13:

Kenneth H. Manning

Wednesday, December 16:

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Carbone

Friday, December 18:

John A. Casali

Joseph Casali

Maria & Antonio Casali

Saturday, December 19:

Grace M. Freyman

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:
Joseph Turcotte

**WHAT ARE THEY SINGING IN LATIN
BEFORE COMMUNION?????????**

AGNUS DEI

They are singing the Lamb of God in Latin.

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi;
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi;
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem.**

Page 353 in the hymnal.

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.

WEEKLY NEED:

\$9,200.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

\$8,303.00

**PLUS THOSE CONTRIBUTING
THROUGH PARISH PAY:**

\$1,079.00

**To save the secretary from answering the
same question . . .**

**Rev. Edward P. Geary
61 Adamson Street
Allston, MA 02134**

Third Sunday of Advent: *Gaudete Sunday*

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

Prayer for Third Week of Advent.

Incline Thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Between now and December 31, 2009, you could make the gift of a lifetime to St. Mary Star of The Sea by giving from your IRA without federal tax penalty. For more information and for sample forms, call Richard Ely at The Catholic Foundation at 617-779-3702 or email Richard.Ely@rcab.org. Or visit our website www.CatholicLegacySociety.org.



Sunday, December 13 - 9:20 AM
Safe Environment Class

Wednesday, December 16 - 3:30 PM
Safe Environment Class

2009 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

GRAND ANNUAL GOAL:
\$150,000.00

GRAND ANNUAL PLEDGED:
\$139,633.00

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTED:
\$120,167.00

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS:
397

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.

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

CONFESSIONS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 ~
6:30 PM—7:30 PM - Lower Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 ~
2:30 —3:15 PM - Lower Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 ~
6:30 PM—7:30 PM - Lower church

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

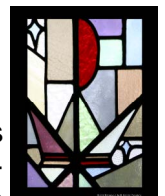
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~
COLLECTION: CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST
4:00 PM ~ MAIN CHURCH
6:30 PM ~ MAIN CHURCH
12:00 AM ~ MAIN CHURCH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~
COLLECTION: CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST
8:15 AM ~ MAIN CHURCH
10:30 AM ~ MAIN CHURCH

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST COLLECTION:

The upcoming Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

From the Desk of:
SR. JULIE KANE, SN.D.



St. Mary's Chapter of Pax Christi thanks all those who supported our interfaith Oxfam soup night. Much appreciation to the soup makers and to Paul Guanci of Super Sub, Beverly for his generous bread donation.

We raised \$461.00 which will be a big help to all the outreach work of Oxfam.

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

YOU ARE INVITED – St. Mary’s School cordially invites all parishioners to our Christmas Concert! Come hear our 3-14 yr. old “angels” sing the Lord’s praises and celebrate the wonder of the season! Please join us at St. Mary’s Parish on Wednesday, **December 16th** at 6:30 P.M.

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.

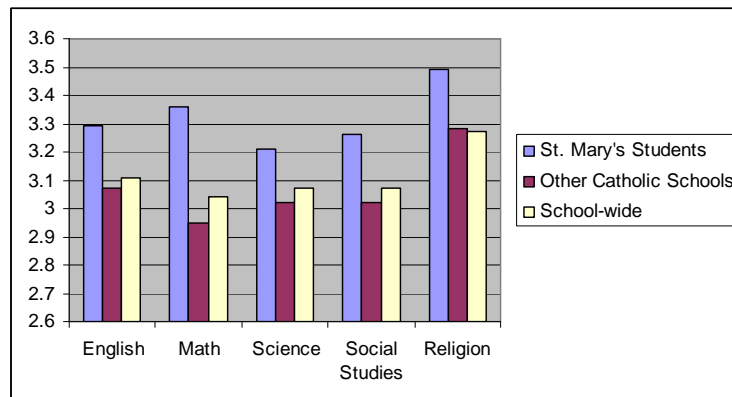
SCHOOL CALENDAR SALES – after all Masses, for the next few weeks, St. Mary’s School will be selling 2010 calendars at the back of the church. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the school year. These calendars make great gifts during the upcoming holiday season. The cost of the calendar is \$20 and includes a daily drawing of the numbered calendars starting Jan. 1st 2010 and continue throughout the year. The smallest prize is \$25 and the largest is \$1,000. You can win multiple times, as even if you win once, your number goes back into the pool. Please support this fundraiser and also get some holiday shopping done!

Looking for an Exceptional Educational Experience for your Child?

See the difference a St. Mary Star of the Sea School Education can make:

- Rigorous instructional environment
- Moral / Spiritual development
- Codified Curriculum
- Robotics
- Structure
- Classical Education: Ancient Civilization, Religious history, Classic Literature
- Study Skills
- Robust Science Curriculum
- Leader in Technology
- Summer Science Camp
- Community Service Projects

Proof Positive what we can accomplish together!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Every so often, I think to myself that the bishops of each diocese ought to write a letter to Catholic families and plead with them to send their children to Catholic schools. I still think that there are enough families out there who love the Church enough and trust their pastors enough to take seriously the recommendation. Well, thinking about what bishops ought to do isn't really helping anything, so I can only put my own line in the water and hope that doing so may touch the hearts and minds of some of my own flock.

Of all the educational experiences I have had, none was more formative than the eight years I spent in Catholic elementary school. (We called it grammar school.) Besides the course instruction, there was a culture of Catholicism that was created and fostered. How was this done? It was accomplished in very simple ways. Every morning before school, we prayed and then sang a Catholic hymn. We prayed before each class. We prayed before lunch. After lunch, we prayed again and then sang a patriotic hymn. We prayed before we went home. We had religion class every day. We went to Mass regularly with the school. We were together with families and children who were a believing community. We were surrounded by witnesses; priests, nuns, and lay Catholic teachers. Our life was lived in constant awareness that we were Catholic.

In case you haven't noticed, the moral foundations of society are breaking apart. Constant efforts are made to make educational institutions—even for the youngest of children—instruments of secular indoctrination. Do I think that Catholic schools are untouched by the culture in which we live and are free from any influences of moral relativism and secularism? No, I don't. But, I know that at St. Mary's School, we are constantly examining ourselves and wondering how we can become more faithful to the Gospel and less accommodating to the constant barrage of secularism and moral relativism.

There are lots of facts that our school principal, Mr. Kevin Cushman, could provide to you. For instance, our students score extraordinarily well in national standardized testing. Local Catholic high schools report that our graduates significantly outperform their classmates in all academic disciplines. Our science and computer programs are top of the line. From an academic perspective, our students are excelling.

Even though I applaud all of these accomplishments and am dedicated to the formation of the entire person, as a pastor I am most concerned with the spiritual and moral formation of our young people. As such, I am inviting all of you who have school age children to consider joining our parish school family. If you are reading this, it means that you are obviously already committed to the Catholic Faith. I am simply asking that you consider seriously whether your children will be well-served by enrolling them in St. Mary Star of the Sea School.

Obviously, parents must decide what educational opportunities to provide to their children. I am writing you this letter in order to provide you something to consider. **Our parish school is an extraordinarily important aspect of our life as a parish and nothing would make me happier than to have every child in our parish as a student in our parish school. I would ask this favor. If you are serious about the Catholic formation of your children, please give serious consideration to joining our parish school community.** I am not saying that unless you send your children to Catholic school, you do not take their faith formation seriously. What I am saying, however, is that in order to take their faith formation seriously, you have to at least give very serious consideration to the possibility of sending them.

I want your children in our parish school! Please weigh this request seriously.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. David Barnes