Saint Mary Catholic Parish

A Stewardship Faith Community

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 6:00pm
Holy Days ..... As Announced
Daily ..... Monday thru Friday - 7:00am ▪ Saturday - 9:00am
Reconciliation ..... Saturday, 11:00am to 12:00pm or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration ..... Saturday following the 9:00am Mass, until 12:00Noon
Rectory Hours ..... Monday thru Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Religious Education and Youth Ministry Office Hours ..... Monday thru Thursday*: 10:00am - 5:00pm (CLOSED Friday)

*Please call for an appointment

Parish Pastoral Staff

Rev. Stephen Donohoe, Pastor
Rev. William S. Dunn, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Ron Lawson, Sr. Priest in Residence
Deacon Jack Bortz

Parish Finance Manager ..... Paul Firicano
Director of Music ..... Cathy Martin
Parish Office Manager/Secretary ..... Mary Steiner
Stewardship Coordinator ..... Tina Sousa
Religious Education Director (Gr. K - 6) ..... Heather Hannaway
Religious Education Office Manager ..... Elaine Kindler
Director of Youth Ministry ..... Matthew Marchand
Spiritual Direction ..... Francine Gagnon

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend to you a warm welcome to our parish community. Please call the Rectory to introduce yourself and register. We wish to know you and serve you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Directors: Deacon Jack Bortz & Carol Hanley
For adults interested in becoming Catholic and for Catholics who have not been confirmed. Candidates meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm and twice a month at Sunday Mass. Baptism Preparation takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact the rectory, 978-256-2374 ext. 16, for arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact a parish priest or deacon at least eight months prior to the wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required.

Anointing of the Sick

Every Saturday following the 4:00pm Mass

God is Just a Prayer Away

If you would like to have prayers said for yourself or a loved one, simply call The Prayer Line at the Rectory, *978-256-2374, ext. 18.*

Bulletin Deadline - Please submit copy to Mary Steiner at the Rectory by 6:00pm on Monday.

For families with small children, the Family Prayer Room is located to the left of the Altar.

Relief Effort in Haiti

"The human tragedy unfolding in Haiti is heartbreaking and it calls all of us to action to help the people impacted by the earthquake. We pray for those who have perished, for the injured, for the displaced and for relief personnel who are courageously working to assist the people of Haiti at this difficult and sad time. We ask God to bless Haiti and to be merciful in their hour of need. The destruction witnessed has devastated a poor nation of people who cry out now for the help of the world community. The Archdiocese of Boston will do its part in assisting our brothers and sisters in Haiti."

In an effort to provide direct support, the Cardinal is authorizing a second collection in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Funds collected will be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to assist in relief efforts in Haiti. CRS will coordinate with local and international agencies to determine how best to provide help where it is most needed. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish, and in the memo portion of the check please note, "Haiti Relief Collection." *(Baskets will be left at all entrances for your donations).*

In addition, the Cardinal announced that Catholic Charities Boston is actively engaged in working with the local Haitian community to assist families locally who have loved ones impacted by the earthquake. To stay informed, please visit www.ccab.org.

Mass Schedule for weekend of January 24

4pm Altar Servers: R. McMillan, A. Vercelli
EMHCs: G. Ripsom, J. Nevius, G. Beauregard
Lectors: R. Rock, H. Dolan

7am Altar Servers: C. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, M. Plunkett
EMHCs: D. Robillard, K. Cusick
Lectors: A. Gagnon, M. McCusker

9am Altar Servers: N. DeSilvio, K. DeSilvio, N. DeSilvio
EMHCs: M. Clayton, M. Kijanka, M. Kijankal
Lectors: J. Morency, L. Norton

11am Altar Servers: P. Slattery, Maddie Andrews, C. Conte
EMHCs: M. Hastings, C. Coady, J. Besonen
Lectors: G. Noonan, L. McDonald

6pm Altar Servers: B. Martin, B. Whitehouse
EMHCs: R. Whitehouse, A. Whitehouse
Lectors: B. Donahue, M. Foley

STEWARDSHIP

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." *1 Corinthians 12:7*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan, helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16
4:00pm Kevin A. Murray..... 20th Anniversary

Sunday, January 17
7:00am .....*Pro Populo*, For the People of the Parish
9:00am Ann Margaret Carey.....Month's Mind
11:00am William D. Doherty ..... 8th Anniversary
6:00pm .....For Unborn Children

Monday, January 18
7:00am .....For Unborn Children

Tuesday, January 19
7:00am .....For Unborn Children

Wednesday, January 20
7:00am Lionel Marchand..... 1st Anniversary

Thursday, January 21
7:00am .....For Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston

Friday, January 22
7:00am Rita Gamache ..... 6th Anniversary

Saturday, January 23
9:00am Frances Casciotti .....Month's Mind
4:00pm Charles & Lucy Messina .....Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 24
7:00am .....*Pro Populo*, For the People of the Parish
9:00am Paul H. McGrath..... 12th Anniversary
11:00am Ron Cloutier,
Joseph & Blanche Kukulski.....Memorial Mass
6:00pm Robert Murphy ..... 28th Anniversary

Funerals Barbara Smith (1/12/10)
Norris O'Brien (1/13/10)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FY2010

	Amount Collected	Amount Budgeted	Variance
Envelopes (rec'd 477)	$11,507		
Loose Cash	$4,114		
Total – week of Jan. 10	$15,621	$15,300	$321
Fiscal YTD Offertory (thru 28 of 51 weeks)	$427,576	$428,400	($824)

Please remember that the offertory is our main source of funds for paying our daily operating expenses. Thank you to all for your continued generosity!

2010 Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend, January 23 & 24, there will be a special collection for the Church in Latin America. A contribution to the Church in Latin America is a tangible way to express your solidarity with your brothers and sisters throughout Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Donations received fund pastoral projects that bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church. Please contribute generously. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

The Rectory and Lighthouse will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
A priest will be available for emergencies.

Holy Hour for Life - January 21, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated January 22nd of each year as a *National Day of Prayer and Penance* in light of the Roe v. Wade decision. Please join us on the eve of this year's National Day of Prayer, on *Thursday evening, January 21, 2009 from 7:00 – 8:00, (followed by hospitality in the hall).* We ask for you to pray for the success of the group from our parish traveling to Washington, DC to join over 200,000 other pro-life advocates to change our country from a culture of death to a culture of life - from conception to natural death.

Adult Faith Life Speaker Series - Please join us for the next Collaborative Faith Life Speaker Series engagement to be held at Saint John the Evangelist, 115 Middlesex St., No. Chelmsford on Thursday, January 21st, 2010, 7pm. Our speaker will be the Very Reverend Father Paul Ritt, who will give a presentation on the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the many ways Christ dwells among us: in the Scriptures we read, in the sacraments we celebrate, in our personal prayer and in the events of our lives. All are encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring a friend to this enlightening and informative meeting!

ARISE Together in Christ: New Heart, New Spirit - Season 4

Seeking Small Community Leaders - Season 4 of ARISE begins February 14, 2010. If you participated in the prior seasons and/or would be interested in leading a group, please call Fr. Dunn at the rectory, 978-256-2374. All current leaders are also welcome to attend a training session (Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7-9pm at St. Catherine of Alexandria, Westford; or Saturday, Jan. 30, 10am-12Noon at St. Marguerite d'Youville, Dracut). For a complete list of training locations and times, please visit the parish website, www.saint-mary-org.

Seeking Homes for Groups - We are asking previous hosts as well as any other parishioners if they would host an ARISE group in their home. Most groups average about ten members. Groups meet once weekly for six weeks beginning February 14. Please call Fr. Dunn at the rectory, 978-256-2374, if you are interested. Those hosting a group are not asked to lead, although they may do so if they wish.

Sign-ups for the next ARISE session will take place on the weekend of January 30 & 31

Adult Confirmation - Saint Mary Parish is offering a six week course for adults who have not completed their third sacrament of initiation, CONFIRMATION. The course begins on Monday evening, February 22 at 7pm and last for six weeks. The Confirmation Mass will be on Easter Wednesday, April 7 at St. Monica's Parish in Methuen at 7:30pm. If you have questions or need additional information call Fr Dunn, 978-256-2374 or wdunn@saint-mary.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Did you know that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our adoration here at St. Mary's each Saturday following the 9:00am Mass, until Noon? Just imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and he has invited us to visit Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation!!! The good news is that He is here with us today, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Your prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful witness to our Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Will you come spend some time with Our Lord?

Protecting God's Children - All volunteers at St. Mary Parish are required to complete Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Training. This is a one-time workshop that will help to recognize child abuse, offer protective practices, and instruct on reporting incidents of abuse. CAP training is available at St. Mary Parish on:

Saturday, Jan. 30th ..... 1:00-3:30pm in the Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 2nd ..... 7:00-9:30pm in the Family Prayer Room
To register, please contact the rectory, 978-256-2374.

The Catholic Book Club meets Sunday, January 31, following the 6:00pm Mass. The next selection is *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene.

Religious Education

First Reconciliation for Grade 2 Students

Grade 2 students, who are preparing to receive their First Communion, will be making their First Reconciliation during the regular hours for Reconciliation on Saturdays between 11:00 am and 12:00 Noon in January and February. On January 23rd, January 30th, February 6th and February 13th, pews will be reserved for the students on either side of the church. Please pray for our children as they grow more fully into their Catholic faith.

Grade 4 Family Gathering Session: Mardi Gras - What's it all about?

Saturday, January 30, 9:30am in the Parish Hall
This will be <u>one session for all students</u> from 9:30am until 11:00am in the hall. If you have any questions please call Heather at 978-256-3541 ext. 32 or email hhannaway@saint-mary.org.

Where Two or More Are Gathered In My Name...There Am I In Their Midst

Please join us for our Mid-Year Grades 1 thru 6 Catechists Gatherings. Bring your ideas, lesson plans or activities that have worked well with your class to share. All gatherings will take place in the parish hall.

- Jan 19th - Grade 1 - 5:30-6:30pm
- Jan 19th - Grade 2 - 7:00-8:00pm
- Jan 26th - Grade 3 - 5:30-6:30pm
- Jan 26th - Grade 4 - 7:00-8:00pm
- Feb 4th - Grade 5 - 5:30-6:30pm
- Feb 4th - Grade 6 - 7:00-8:00pm

2009 Year-End Tax Statement for Offertory Contributions

- St. Mary Parish tracks contributions made during the year for parishioners using the offertory envelope system or registered in the electronic offertory program. We will, upon request, produce a written statement of offertory contributions made during 2009. Our parish cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are not part of our parish offertory envelope system or electronic offertory program. Please note: this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from our parish for each deductible gift of $250 or more. If you have any questions, please call Paul Firicano at the rectory, 978-256-2374.

Sextons Needed

- We are currently in need of sextons for the 11:00am and 6:00pm Masses. This is a great opportunity for men and women to take part in the parish's stewardship program. This ministry will only take a few minutes of your time before and after Mass. If interested, please contact Tina Sousa at the rectory, 978-256-2374 or Al Beauregard at 978-256-6672 or algael@comcast.net. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of your time.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- We have many shawls waiting for those in need. There has been a tremendous amount of care, love and prayerful intentions made in to each shawl. Our ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace This includes people undergoing medical procedures. comfort after a loss, during bereavement, commitment of marriage, births, during an illness and recovery...there are endless possibilities. These shawls wrap and enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, a hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received a shawl have been uplifted and affirmed, as given wings to fly above their trouble. If you know of anyone who could feel the unconditional embrace of God's blessings put into these shawls, please contact the rectory at 978-256-2374, or Michelle Caron at 978-250-4718 or mishcaron@yahoo.com.

Chelmsford Rotary Club/Red Cross Blood Drive

The Chelmsford Rotary/Red Cross Blood Drive is on Thursday, January 28, 3:00-8:00pm in St. Mary Parish Hall. Blood is a medicine that cannot be manufactured. It only comes from healthy people who generously donate. For more information, please contact Leonard Doolan, 978-256-3604. Those who are 16 years of age may now donate blood with a signed parental consent form (available at the drive). (Valid ID required.)

A Day of Reflection for Women

All women are invited to attend a special day of reflection entitled *A Time to Wonder*, at St. Catherine Parish in Westford on Saturday, January 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be presentations by Jerri Lou Buffo and Sharon Laronga, with time allowed for reflection and discussion. Jerri is an experienced retreat leader who is on staff at Espousal Retreat House in Waltham. Sharon has an MA in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College with a concentration in adult formation and liturgy. She has also conducted retreats and days of reflection. Morning refreshments and drinks will be provided. Participants should bring a bag lunch. Pre-register at St. Catherine's Faith Formation Office: 978-692-5435. A $15 donation is suggested. Proceeds will be used for programs at St. Catherine's.

The Social Committee will meet on Monday, January 25, 7pm in Conference Room B. Agenda: St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Family Day Picnic. All are invited...new members are always welcome!

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Gr. 2 Religious Education - 10:00am - Hall
- Family Mass - 9:00am - Church
- Bible Study - 12:30pm - Hall
- Baptism - 2:00pm - Church
- Gr. 9 Confirmation I - 4:30pm - Hall
- Youth Mass - 6:00pm - Church
- S.N.A.C. - 7:00pm - Hall

Monday, January 18

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Tuesday, January 19

- Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00am - Family Prayer Room
- Gr. 1 Catechists Meeting - 5:30pm - Hall
- Gr. 2 Catechists Meeting - 7:00pm - Hall
- RCIA - 7:00pm - Conf. Rm. B
- Prayer Shawl Ministry - 7:00pm - Conf. Rm. A
- Bible Study - 7:00pm - Family Prayer Room

Wednesday, January 20

- Teen Choir Instrumental Rehearsal - 5:30pm - Church
- Youth Mass Music Group - 6:00pm - Church
- Boy Scouts Troop 77 Meeting - 7:00pm - Hall
- Choral Singers - 7:15pm - Church
- Adult Contemporary Music Group Rehearsal - 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, January 21

- Rosary - 12:00Noon - Church
- Holy Hour for Life followed by hospitality in the Hall - 7:00pm - Church
- Faith Life Series Presentation - 7:00pm - St. John the Evangelist

Friday, January 22

- Youth Choir I Rehearsal - 4:00pm - Church
- Hand Bells Rehearsal - 5:00pm - Church

Saturday, January 23

- Table Ministry - 10:00am - Kitchen
- Eucharistic Adoration - Following the 9:00am Mass - Church
- Reconciliation - 11:00am - Church
- Anointing of the Sick - Following 4:00pm Mass - Church
- Cub Scouts Pack 77 Pinewood Derby - 5:00pm - Hall

Sunday, January 24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Family Mass followed by hospitality in the Hall - 9:00am - Church
- Bible Study - 12:30pm - Hall
- Baptism Preparation - 2:00pm - Hall
- Gr. 10 Confirmation II - 4:30pm - Hall
- Youth Mass - 6:00pm - Church
- S.N.A.C. - 7:00pm - Hall