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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin'" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel. After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let him teach from the boat. Then he tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin'," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: "From now on you will be catching men."

It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like he got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") he tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness to the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women.

It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin'" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

Mass Schedule for weekend of February 14

4pm Altar Servers: S. Abate, J. Blake, R. Boshar
EMHCs: C. Larock, MJ Metro, J. DiCamillo
Lectors: R. Rock, H. Dolan

7am Altar Servers: M. Sousa
EMHCs: M. Sousa Sr., G. Jarasitis
Lectors: M. Sousa Jr., M. McCusker

9am Altar Servers: S. Arnal, J. Arnal, R. Farrell
EMHCs: L. Shattuck, S. Brodie, K. Brodie
Lectors: M. McKeown, L. Norton

11am Altar Servers: R. McMillan, A. Vercelli, E. Lovas
EMHCs: S. Conte, T. Sousa, D. Camacho
Lectors: T. Desfosse, G. Noonan

6pm Altar Servers: NEEDED
EMHCs: J. Fulton, C. Hirt
Lectors: M. Foley

STEWARDSHIP

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" *Isaiah 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am, send me!"

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6
4:00pm Robert James Sullivan ..... 10th Anniversary

Sunday, February 7
7:00am .....*Pro Populo*, For the People of the Parish
9:00am Robert Kay ..... 3rd Anniversary
11:00am Julia Reitano .....Memorial Mass
6:00pm Hector Lassey .....Memorial Mass

Monday, February 8
7:00am ..... For Members of the Spiritual Society

Tuesday, February 9
7:00am Rita Doherty ..... 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, February 10
7:00am .....For Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston

Thursday, February 11
7:00am Rose A. Cullen ..... 12th Anniversary

Saturday, February 13
4:00pm Robert Wright..... 5th Anniversary

Sunday, February 14
7:00am .....*Pro Populo*, For the People of the Parish
9:00am Michael Scollin ..... 1st Anniversary
11:00am James M. Ledbetter ..... 1st Anniversary

Funerals Patricia Travaglia (2/1/10)
Eileen Whalen (2/4/10)
James Fitzpatrick (2/5/10)
Michael Johnson (2/8/10)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FY2010

	Amount Collected	Amount Budgeted	Variance
Envelopes (rec'd 412)	$10,700		
Loose Cash	$3,760		
Total – week of Jan. 31	$14,460	$15,300	($840)
Fiscal YTD Offertory (thru 31 of 51 weeks)	$472,101	$474,300	($2,199)

On the weekend of January 24th, St. Mary Parish contributed $2,041 to the Church in Latin America collection.

St. Mary Parishioners have contributed $9,984, to date, for relief to the earthquake survivors in Haiti.

Please remember that the offertory is our main source of funds for paying our daily operating expenses.

Thank you all for your generosity and Stewardship of Treasure.

Human life is sacred because from its beginning, it involves the "creative action of God," and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is the sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being. *Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life*

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. 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-up NOW for the next ARISE session!

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?

Women's weekend of Holistic Spirituality

April 9-11, 2010 - A holistic approach to women's spirituality. There will be time for input, reflection and sharing with other women. Facilitators: Catherine Griffiths, SND and Associates

Weekend Retreat begins with registration on Friday evening at 6PM followed by dinner at 7:00pm. It concludes on Sunday at 1:00pm. Registrations should be received at least two weeks prior to the date of the weekend. Cost: Double - $168; Single - $220; Deposit - $50. For more information: miramarretreat.org or call 781-585-2460.

Bereavement Support Group - A nondenominational, spiritually based support group is sponsored by St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish, in Billerica. The group focuses on loss of spouse siblings, parent, relative, friend, etc. Meetings are held twice per month, on the second and fourth Thursday, 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall located in back of the church. For more information contact Joan Kilday, Group Facilitator, 978-663-3393.

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.

Teen Bible Study

Beginning on Tuesday, February 9th, 7:00-8:00pm, we are going to begin a 5-Week Bible Study on the Gospel of John in Room 7 of the Lighthouse. The Bible Study will conclude on Tuesday, March 9th. This is an opportunity for teens to approach the Word of God in a fun and dynamic way, giving them the opportunity to prayerful discuss and apply the Scriptures to their daily life. We'll learn several different methods of prayerfully reading the scriptures and approaching the Bible. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided. There is no cost for this program. Youth who would like to participate, or adults who wish to chaperone and pray with us, please contact Matt, 978-256-3541 or mmarchand@saint-mary.org.

Pray to End Abortion

40 Days for Life is a National Pro-Life campaign to raise awareness to the evil of abortion. The campaign consists of 40 Days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil. The mission of 40 Days for Life is to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America.

During the fall 40 Days for Life campaign, Abby Johnson, director of the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Bryan, Texas resigned her job after witnessing an ultrasound abortion. Ms. Johnson had a profound change of heart and left the facility where she had been employed for 8 years.

The spring campaign kicks off on February 17th and ends on March 28th. 40 Days for Life is one of the largest coordinated pro-life initiatives in America. Join the other members of our parish and the nation in prayer and solidarity to end abortion. If you would like more information, visit www.40Daysforlife.com.

Volunteer Orientation & Training

Make a difference in the life of a teen mom and her baby by volunteering at My Father's House, a home for pregnant and parenting teens. Volunteer Opportunities: Fundraising, Mentoring a young woman, Babysitting, Yard Work.

Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 9:00am – 12:00pm

My Father's House
83 Middlesex Street
North Chelmsford, MA 01863
Please RSVP @ 978-251-8191
to sign up today!

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.

The next Knights of Columbus Can & Bottle Drive will be held on the weekend of February 13 & 14. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry.

Save the Dates...

- February 27, 2010: Boston Catholic Women's Conference from 9:00am till-5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Visit www.catholicboston.com
- April 17, 2010: Boston Catholic Men's Conference from 9:00am till-5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Visit www.catholicboston.com

March 5-7: A Retreat for Young Adults - Young Adults need Jesus Christ Today! If you are seeking truth, joy and love, they are found in the heart of Jesus. Join with other young adults in their 20's and 30's for a weekend to open up, rekindle or deepen your relationship with Christ. The retreat will combine Mass and Adoration, inspiring Talks and Witnesses, Personal Prayer and many opportunities to meet other young adults throughout the Greater Boston area. The retreat is co-presented by the Antioch Retreat Group and y.H.o.p.e (Young Heralds of Pauline Evangelization) and will be held at the beautiful Daughters of St. Paul Retreat House in Billerica. It begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register for the retreat email Bernadette Michaud at bmich777@hotmail.com or Fr. Michael Harrington at mharrington527@gmail.com.

Praying for those who protect us...

Let us offer our prayers for the following service members who are currently serving: Sgt. Edward Simonds, Afghanistan; Captain Jeffrey Clark, Ft. Hood, TX; Nick Ziminsky, US Coast Guard; USMC PFC Bernard Belauger, Norfolk, VA; Lt. Tif Cline, USN Medical Corps; SSG Rick Bell, 1st Cavalry, Baghdad; Lt. Andrew Cline, USN ACB-1; Stephen J. Coraccio, Kuwait; Andrew Batson, USMC, Iraq; USMC; Captain Brian Gatti; Captain Kristin Gatti; Lt. Brent Holloway, US Navy/VA; Ensign Molly O'Keefe, US Navy Pensacola FL; Sgt. Stephen Comeau, Afganistan; PFC Alex J. Caron, Palms, CA; Lt. William Sheridan, US Navy - Italy; Lt. Michael Robey, Germany; Lt. Eric Bernazani, US Army, Iraq; Brian Ash, US Marines; PFC Gerald Martin, US Army; SrA David S. Maher, AIC, US Air Force, So. Korea; Capt. Greg Connor, USAF, Afghanistan; Jonathan Leslie, US Army, Afghanistan; Pvt. Stephen McDonald, US Army; Mathew Trznadel, USMC, Afghanistan; MSGT Joseph A. Hirt, USAF; Staff Sgt. Chris Borden, US Army, Afghanistan.

To all in our Parish Community who have daughters, sons, family members or friends currently serving in the armed forces - overseas and here in the United States: If you wish for members of this Parish to say prayers for their safe return, Contact the rectory, 978-256-2374 or email msteiner@saint-mary.org. The names of our service men and women will be published once each month, although they are in our prayers each day. Yellow ribbons in their honor will be placed in the vestibule.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Family Mass - 9:00am - Church
- Grade 1 Religious Education - 10:00am - Hall
- Bible Study - 12:30pm - Hall
- Baptism - 2:00pm - Church
- Youth Mass - 6:00pm - Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Gr. 7 Pre-Confirmation I- 5:00pm - Hall
- Gr. 8 Pre-Confirmation II– 6:00pm - Hall
- Gr. 9 Accelerated Confirmation - 7:00pm - Hall
- Liturgy Commission Meeting - 7:00pm - Conf. Rm. B

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- RCIA - 7:00pm - Conf. Rm. B
- Bible Study - 7:00pm - Hall
- Teen Bible Study - 7:00pm - LH Rm. 7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Rosary - 12:00Noon - Church
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00pm - Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Youth Choir I Rehearsal - 4:00pm - Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Lector Preparation Workshop - 8:00am - Church
- Eucharistic Adoration - Following the 9:00am Mass - Church
- Table Ministry - 10:00am - Kitchen
- Reconciliation/First Reconciliation - 11:00am - Church
- Anointing of the Sick - Following 4:00pm Mass - Church
- K of C Can & Bottle Drive - Following 4:00pm Mass - Garage

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- K of C Can & Bottle Drive - Following all Masses - Garage
- Family Mass followed by Hospitality in the Hall- 9:00am - Church
- Bible Study - 12:30pm - Family Prayer Room
- Table Ministry - 3:15pm - Kitchen
- Youth Mass - 6:00pm - Church
- S.N.A.C. - 7:00pm - Hall