

## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

This weekend, Catholic Christians celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, sometimes called “Little Christmas.” In the western branch of the Catholic Church, this feast celebrates the manifestation or showing of the Christ Child to the gentile visitors who followed a star. Scripture says that the wise men brought the Child three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These represent Christ’s kingship, divinity, and death, respectively.



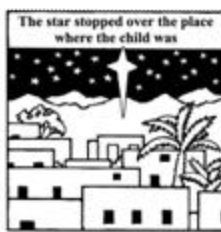
Epiphany is an even older feast day than Christmas in the Catholic Church. In our country, Epiphany is usually not celebrated much. But in many nations of the world, such as many Latin American nations, this is a very big feast day, the day when the Three Kings (Los Tres Reyes) bring presents to children. Here at St. Mary’s, the Three Kings will show up and bring presents to children following the 1 p.m. Sunday Mass as they always do at this time of year. This year, we give special thanks to the Leland Police Department and many others for helping the Three Kings with their presents.

Also this week—Jan. 4-10—Catholic Christianity celebrates National Migration Week. Like the Holy Family that had to flee to Egypt for its well-being, the Church honors those who have migrated to other lands for the well-being of their families. The theme for this year’s celebration is: “Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice.” Here at St. Mary’s, we have been immensely blessed through the decades by thousands and thousands of migrants from every continent of the world (except Antarctica). This week we ask God’s blessings on the newcomers to our land, and we thank God for enriching the Church with the beautiful customs our migrants have brought with them. May we always follow the example of Jesus Christ in welcoming the stranger into St. Mary’s.

Mark your calendars for two wonderful dinners that are coming soon. The first is the Polish Dinner that will be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s, and the other is our annual Mardi Gras Dinner that will be celebrated on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

- *Father Bob*



## Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 3:

- 8:00 am Mass - Mass for the Parishioners  
 4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass – † Emma Jacin  
*Offered by Barbara and Tony Caracciolo*  
 7:00 pm Mass – Faith and Friendship Groups of CDA  
*Offered by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas*

### Sunday, January 4:

- 8:00 am Mass – † Benedetto, John, Sarah, Ben Sr., and Frances Carnevale  
*Offered by Angelo Carnevale*  
 9:30 am Mass – † Elizabeth Riveroll  
*Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary*  
 11:00 am Mass – † John Wheeler Latham, Jr.  
*Offered by Sharon Marren*  
 1:00 pm Mass – † Jerry Hieb  
*Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary*

### Monday, January 5:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Thomas Khoa  
*Offered by Joseph*

### Tuesday, January 6:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Ann H. Fondu  
*Offered by Daniel and Lisa Marconi*

### Wednesday, January 7:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

### Thursday, January 8:

- 7:30 am Mass - † Robert and Mary Shannon  
*Offered by John H. Shannon*

### Friday, January 9:

- 8:30 am Mass – † Emily Chandler Karns  
*Offered by Richard and Diane Evers*

### Saturday, January 10:

- 4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass – † James MAffe  
*Offered by Linda Luchetti and Children*  
 7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### Sunday, January 11:

- 8:00 am Mass – † Mark Kelskey  
*Offered by Sharon and Lee Parker*  
 9:30 am Mass – † Charles Friedrichs, Jr.  
*Offered by Mary Friedrichs*  
 11:00 am Mass – † Barbara Worden  
*Offered by James Worden*  
 1:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### **Weekend Mass Schedule at a Glance**

Saturday Mass in English – 5:30 pm  
 Saturday Mass in Spanish – 7:00 pm  
 Sunday Mass in English – 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
 Sunday Mass in Spanish – 1:00 pm

To schedule a **Mass Intention**, to donate the **Altar Flowers** in memory of a loved one or special occasion, or for information on **Baptism**, please come to the Parish Office or call 762-5491.

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalms** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Readings for the week may be found on [www.thestmaryparish.org](http://www.thestmaryparish.org) - Click on *Worship*

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

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| Shirley Ammons      | Andrew Kegl          |
| Robyn Baily         | Josephine Kidney     |
| Charles Baird       | Anna Lenortavage     |
| Evelyn Baird        | Francis Leonard      |
| Stephanie Barrows   | Louise Leonard       |
| Cheryl Bezek        | Patrick Leonard      |
| Arenda Bingham      | Sarah Mairs          |
| Judy Brooks         | Mary Eugenia Mazur   |
| Thomas Bruhn        | Lindsay McDuffie     |
| Lecia Burns         | Elizabeth Militscher |
| Mary Buttigieg      | Kathy Murphy         |
| Mary Cahill         | John Pavolonis       |
| C.J. Carroll        | Gina Petrone         |
| Clara Carter        | Laura Purin          |
| Barbara DeBellis    | David Riker          |
| Karen Kendig Doubek | Geraldine Saburn     |
| Janet Dowell        | Adell Suhoski        |
| Madeline Dowell     | John Leroy Trader    |
| Hayley Fowler       | Felix Usewicz        |
| Lucy Cowen Gawloski | Catherine Veres      |
| Shari George        | Jim Watters          |
| Mildred Gibbons     | Jeff Weeks           |
| Kristal Grant       | Sheila Weeks         |
| Michael J. Gressman | Jeff Wiener          |
| William Grundy      | Sheila Wolfe         |
| Mary Haywood        |                      |

To add or remove a name, please contact: [bulletin@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:bulletin@thestmaryparish.org) or 395-2063.

**St. Mary Nursery News**

The nursery is now open for 9:30 Sunday Mass! We are always in need of volunteers - contact **Allen and Kelly Sanderson** at [nursery@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:nursery@thestmaryparish.org) or you may stop by the nursery before and after the 9:30 Sunday mass.

**Senior Singles Meeting**

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30 am  
 Tileston Building, Room 303  
 For information, call Gloria at 395-4307

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas,**

Court #1036 Wilmington,  
 will hold their next meeting on  
 Monday, January 5 in the Jumpin' Run Clubhouse  
 at 7:00 pm.  
 All Catholic women are invited to attend.



**AAMEN Corner**

See any AAMEN member to obtain your copy of the DVD, THE LEGACY OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & CHURCH. A donation of \$20 is requested.

**A Spiritual Journey to the Holy Land**

Under the Spiritual Direction of Msgr. Tim O'Connor, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church - March 2-12, 2009.  
 Special Cash Discount Price: \$3459 from Raleigh-Durham plus airport taxes, current fuel surcharges & tips.  
 Please contact Msgr. Tim O'Connor at 919-468-6100

**The Shrine of St. Mary Saturday Devotion  
 Saturday, February 7th, 2009**

**8:00 am**

Each First Saturday of the month, Holy Mass will be celebrated on the common remembrance day of our Blessed Mother. This Mass is to provide one more way for the faithful to honor Mary and ask for intercession in our petitions to her Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Get Ignited!**

**7th Annual IGNITED BY TRUTH Catholic Conference**  
 Friday evening, February 13, 2009 and all day Saturday, February 14, 2009. Join us at the Raleigh Convention Center, 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.  
 Visit [www.ignitedbytruth.com](http://www.ignitedbytruth.com) for complete details.



If anyone is interested in buying Scrip cards during the school break, please contact Lisa Picken at 679-4120 or Catherine Jones at 798-2389 and we will be glad to assist you with Scrip.

### Parish Planner

#### Saturday, January 3:

First Saturday Mass – 8:00 am in the Church

Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal\* - 9:00 am in the Church

Gospel Choir Rehearsal\* - 10:15 am in the Church

RCIA Classes – 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Tileston

#### Sunday, January 4:

Share Sunday – All Masses

Nursery – Available at the 9:30 am Mass

Faith Sharing\* - 9:45 am in Tileston

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

English as a Second Language Class - 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in Tileston

High School Youth Group – 6:00 – 7:15 pm in Tileston

#### Monday, January 5:

St. Mary School and Church Offices - Open

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal\* - 7:00 pm in the Church

Hispanic Youth Group\* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Grupo De Alcohólicos Anónimos\*  
8:00 – 9:30 pm en el gimnasio

#### Tuesday, January 6:

Divine Mercy Chaplet –  
12:30 pm in the Chapel at Tileston\*

Adult Education – 6:00 pm in Tileston

#### Wednesday, January 7:

#### Thursday, January 8:

Adoration following Morning Mass\*

National Catholic Youth Conference Information Meeting –  
6:30 pm in the Tileston Building

Renaissance Choir Rehearsal\* - 7:30 pm in the Church

#### Friday, January 9:

Grupo De Alcohólicos Anónimos  
8:00 – 9:30 pm en el gimnasio

#### Saturday, January 10:

Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal\* - 9:00 am in the Church

Gospel Choir Rehearsal\* - 10:15 am in the Church

RCIA Classes – 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Tileston

\*denotes weekly activity

#### SAINT MARY PARISH BOOKSTORE

##### Winter Schedule

Your local source for Catholic books and gifts

**Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Tuesday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Wednesday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

#### The Grand Strand Byzantine Catholic Fellowship

Invites all to join in the celebration of the Eastern Rite Divine Liturgy.

St. Michael's Catholic Church, Cypress Avenue,  
Garden City, South Carolina on

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

The celebrant will be Father Conan Timoney, Pastor of the Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church, Baltimore, MD.

A social with a light buffet will immediately follow the liturgy.

For information please call Ed Sulva at 799-9570

#### The Annual March and Mass for Life Activities January 2009

The Diocese of Raleigh has announced the following diocesan observations of the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our country in 1973:

Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at  
St. Joseph's in Raleigh @ 8:00 am on  
Saturday, January 17, 2009.

North Carolina Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the NC Right to Life  
Saturday, January 17, at 9:30 am at the  
Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh.

Rally for Life at  
Nash Square in Raleigh.  
Saturday, January 17 at 1:00 pm.

On January 22, 2009, Bishop Burbidge will be concelebrating a diocesan Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC at 11:30 a.m. with Bishop Jugis from the Diocese of Charlotte. Our diocesan seminarians will serve as lectors and altar servers during this mass.

Busses will leave various locations in the Diocese at proscribed times to arrive at the Basilica for the North Carolina Mass for Life at 11:30. am. Bishop Burbidge looks forward to celebrating the Eucharist with everyone from the diocese.

In case you are interested in going with a group to the March and Mass for Life in DC in January 2009, there will be a bus leaving from Immaculate Conception with overnight accommodations at a local DC convent.

St. Mary Parish Respect Life and Youth Group are sending some parishioners and several of our youth to the Mass and March for Life as we have done for the past three years.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

Please contact Judi Paparozzi at 471-1534 if you are interested in going to DC or would like to help in some way.

## Knights of Columbus Wilmington Council 1074



Come learn a little about your faith with Knights of Columbus Council 1074. On the first Tuesday of each month, we will study the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Our guide will be the Compendium of the Catechism and discussions by Bishop William E. Lori Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. The sessions will start promptly at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers in Tileston. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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The Knights of Columbus is a family, fraternal organization of Catholic Gentlemen. The local council is Council 1074 and covers St. Mary and Immaculate Conception Parishes. If you have any questions or want more information about the Knights of Columbus, please call Charlie Backes at 791.0844.



## St. Mary's First Annual Polish Dinner

*Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 1074*

*January 17, 2009*

*6:30 pm*

*St. Mary School Cafeteria*

*Traditional Polish dinner to include:*

*Kielbasa*

*Pierogi*

*Sauerkraut*

*Cucumber Salad*

*Bread/rolls*

*Homemade nut rolls*

*Golabki (cabbage rolls)*

*Polka music*

*Polish beer and wine*

*\$20.00 per person*

*\$5.00 children 12 and under*

*Tickets will be available after Mass and in the St. Mary Church office.*

*Contact Kenny O'Leary at 395-2063 for more information.*

## From the Office of Social Outreach

### The Epiphany of the Lord

**By: Sister Isaac**

Since the bulletin goes out to printers, those of us who have articles always need to write them a week or two ahead of time. This is a bit challenging on occasion, but for today's celebration of family and the Epiphany, the theme is perfect.

Just before Christmas, with lots of help from you and many elves, the Outreach was able to make Christmas a very blessed one for 60 families. Thirty nine of these families had Christmas entirely provided for them with a ham or turkey dinner and all the trimmings that included fresh vegetables and fruit, a gift for the household and then, of course, for the children. Each child received clothing and a small toy that the Parents told us their son or daughter was hoping to receive. 171 men, women and children were taken care of with this program. We also were able to help twenty families, with food baskets that were filled with all that was needed for a delicious ham or turkey dinner. 60 people were fed with this project.

Then we helped with the elders in our community – our wisdom figures. Each resident of Hadden Hall was visited by Santa and his elves with a beautifully wrapped shoe box filled with hygiene items. There was such an outpouring of love and care that we were also able to serve the men and women at Walker apartments, along with several others. Each day we were open in December forty or more people were given food, clothing, household items and hygiene products, and some received financial help to keep utilities on or a roof over their heads or funds for transportation. Thank you for helping us do all these good things.

Here's a reflection from Bl. Mother Teresa that I believe is lived out by our St. Mary's family:

“Today somebody is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry. Our work is for today, yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come – today, we have only today to make Jesus known, loved, served, fed, clothed, sheltered, etc. Today – do not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow might not come. Tomorrow we will not have them if we do not feed them today.”

### Special Need of the Week

Share Sunday this weekend

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Thursday from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and  
Sunday from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and on the  
First Fridays of the month from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm



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January 4, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) will likely be before Congress in this New Year. FOCA and similar legislation are extreme bills that, in allowing and promoting abortions, go far beyond the fatal Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade*. You will be receiving more information regarding many other facts related to FOCA. I ask you to study this information carefully to see how such legislation will broaden access to abortions and eliminate present safeguards.

The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops Pro-Life Secretariat Office is promoting a postcard campaign opposing FOCA. I ask all parishioners to participate in sending a strong message to our elected officials. Please be prepared to receive these cards for signing on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in your parish.

I look forward to celebrating Mass with Bishop Jugic for the Diocese of Charlotte on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. at 11:30 am followed by the annual March For Life in which people from across the county will provide witness to the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn. It was such a powerful witness last year to pray with the people of North Carolina and I hope you are able to participate this year.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and my Mary Our Mother guide you in readiness to nurture and sustain the precious gift of life!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Michael F. Burbidge*  
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Raleigh

### **Camillus Ministers Needed**

We always have a need for Camillus Ministers at St. Mary because of an ever-increasing number of patients we see. If you are interested in being a part of this dynamic and most rewarding ministry, please call Frank Grant at 392-6084. Camillus Ministers, who are named after the nurse-priest St. Camillus de Lellis, bring Communion to those who cannot make it to church. Though there are over 40 Camillus Ministers of St. Mary parish, we always need more. Camillus Ministers serve New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, several nursing facilities, and private homes. Please give this incredibly blessed ministry your consideration.

- *Father Bob*

**RU** a Secular Franciscan, and looking for a local fraternity?  
or

**RU** wondering what it would be like to become one?  
The local fraternity meets the third Sunday of the month at  
2:00 PM

For more information contact:

Frank Bindewald at 452-7603 or [fbindewald@ec.rr.com](mailto:fbindewald@ec.rr.com)  
or Linda Perunko at 399-7695 or [lperunko@ec.rr.com](mailto:lperunko@ec.rr.com)



**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
**Office of Youth Ministry**  
Invites you to attend  
the National Catholic Youth Conference  
“Christ Reigns”  
November 19 – 21, 2009  
Kansas City, Missouri  
**Information Night**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 6:30 pm**  
**in the Tileston Building**  
Deposit of \$75.00 due on January 15, 2009

Has our society lost a sense of the value of human life? If so, what are some signs of it? What has caused the change and what can we as Catholic lay-people do to re-install and promote the inviolability of life?

These important questions will be discussed in the second lecture of the annual **Bishop’s Lecture Series of the Diocese of Raleigh on January 9, 2009 at St. Peter Catholic Church Hall from 7-9 PM.** Join us as Dr. Robert Hambourger, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy at NC State University, speaks on the *Sanctity of Life*. For more information call Becky Goetz, Director of Religious Education, 252-757-3259, ext 202.

### **Carolina Catholic Radio**

Wilmington Catholic Radio, 92.7 FM. If you miss any show, please visit [www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com](http://www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com).

### **4 Stages of Marriage**

The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 6-8, 2009 call 434-793-0242 or email: [retrovailleenc@msn.com](mailto:retrovailleenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrovaille.org](http://www.retrovaille.org)



### **English as a Second Language Classes**

Classes have begun on Sundays from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Tileston Building. **Volunteer teachers as well as clerical help is needed.**

No experience is necessary.  
Please contact the Church office.

**Celebrations  
December 18 -23**



**Baptisms**

Benetton Philip Bookman  
Samuel Marshall Butler  
Ryan Thomas McCormick  
Lilly Serena Santiago

**Presentation in the Temple**

Emily Esperza Martínez



**Quinceañeras**

Gabriela Gutiérrez de la Concha  
María de Jesús Guadalupe Fuentes Barrera



**In Memoriam**

Simpson Fuller Sistrunk, Jr.  
Percy Francis Aloysius Twiford, SFO

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule  
Weekend of January 10 – January 11**

For Masses in English  
Baptism of the Lord

-Schedule does not show substitutions-

	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	S. Babilonia C. Lively D. O'Connor D. Paparazzi D. Thompson S. Watts D. Wiggins	T. Decker E. Flewellin M. Gittings E. Grace L. Newton Y. Sims A. Winkeler	L. Dezio R. Jackson L. Johnson C. Jones H. Latham M. Reis G. Worsley	R. Clifton T. Crossland A. Edwards P. Gross G. Hill F. Metzgar M. Metzgar
Lectors	J. Paparozzi P. Reddy	P. Bolan T. Connette	J. Sheppard N. Burrell	P. Marriot J. Kendig
Altar Servers	C. Andree N. Vaughan D. White	K. Black C. Martinez B. Sheehan	E. Dowd M. Harris B. Jackson	B. Craddock C. Craddock L. Craddock

*Around the Diocese...*

**RCIA Workshop**

How does the vision of the Church's ritual inform the RCIA process in your parish? RCIA team members are invited to register for the workshop "RCIA: Renewing the Vision" to be held at St. Mary, Goldsboro, on Saturday, January 10, 2009.

Details are available on the diocesan web site at <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/events/view>.

Registration with the \$20 fee is requested by January 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Questions? Contact Bea Callery in the Lay Ministry Office ([bea.callery@raldioc.org](mailto:bea.callery@raldioc.org) or 919-821-9715).

**Special program for the 2000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul.**

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 3:00pm Program – Alumni Memorial Common Room, Duke Divinity School.  
Presenters: Susan Eastman, Asst. Prof. of the Practice of the Bible and Christian Formation, Duke Divinity School. Steve Hinkle, Campus Minister, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Duke University. Paul Griffiths, Warren Prof. of Catholic Theology, Duke Divinity School. 5:00pm – Ecumenical Prayer Service - Goods on Chapel, Duke Divinity School, Reflection by Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh Offices of Campus Ministry and Ecumenism. For more info contact Bro. William Martyr, SA at 919-468-6174.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

"For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received from you."  
---- 1 Chronicles 29:14-16

**December 14, 2008**

**Offertory figures will be updated next week**

Envelopes Mailed: 1206 Children's' Envelopes Received: 0  
Envelopes Returned: 377 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
12/14/2008	\$ 15,341.88	\$ 25,850.00	\$ 166.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 359,471.76	\$ 363,200.00	\$ 14301.77

*Thank you for generously supporting the Church with your time, talent and treasure.*



**Bulletin Editor**

If you have news, information and/or events that you want to see in the bulletin, please email them to me at [bulletin@thesmaryparish.org](mailto:bulletin@thesmaryparish.org) or call 395-2063.

**Due to an early publishing deadline, some information was not available for printing.**

Sandy O'Leary  
Any errors and/or omissions are solely my mistake.



# ST. MARY

## Catholic School



### *From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal*

I loved seeing you at our annual Advent Program. It was such a joy to see our church overflowing with our wonderful families and friends. I hope that you enjoyed seeing and hearing how your children's God given gifts are being developed here at St. Mary's. I am truly blessed to be part of such a talented and dedicated faculty.

Congratulations to our girls and boys basketball teams who played St. Mark School. The girls just lost by 1 point and received great compliments for sportsmanship from the refs. The boys won their game.

Now we look to the New Year while asking God for blessings of good health. We will begin re-registration of our current students in the middle of January, so please look ahead to that. At this time open enrollment will begin at the first of February. We'll let you know of all the deadlines in plenty of time.

Catholic Schools Week is always celebrated nationally during the last week of January. Our faculty CSW committee has been hard at work planning lots of fun activities for our students as well as outreach projects we always plan to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. That week we will begin with celebrating Mass at 9:30, followed by a School Open House, 10-2. We will also have an Open House on that Wednesday, 10-2. We are advertising on T.V. and in Wilmington Parent Magazine. Please share these opportunities with friends who may have shown an interest in our wonderful school.

We have some fun to look forward to : National Geographic Bee , SMS Basketball Games , Science Fair, and a basketball fundraiser in February: SMS Middle School Students vs. SMS parents and faculty!!!!!! New Hanover Hospital is also involved with a game this evening as well. We'll have more news later.

--- Edited for space

### St. Mary School Falcons Sports Boys and Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
01/05	Myrtle Grove	Home	4:00 girls – 5:00 boys
01/08	Harrells	Away	4:00 girls – 5:00 boys
01/12	Wilmington Christian	Home	4:00 girls – 5:00 boys
01/21	Waccamaw	Home	4:00 girls – 5:00 boys
01/22	Cape Fear Academy	Home	4:00 girls – 5:00 boys

Check webpage for any schedule changes

### *Ms. Molly and Ms. Amy's Pre-K Class News.....*

The St. Mary Pre K class has had a busy year. Each day during the month of December, the children added an ornament to the Jessie Tree. They have been learning about Jesus' family. On December 19, the Pre K had a program for their parents. The children love to sing and the program was a lovely time to share with our families.



### **Development Office News**

#### **You Can Make a Difference – St. Mary Catholic School**

As we enter the New Year at St. Mary School we look forward to re-registering our school families for the coming school year. We will show our school facility to many, many new families looking for education for their children, this year from 3 years old to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade! Many of them, both returning and new families, will face financial challenges in the coming year. Some of them may not be able to afford Catholic education for their children without financial assistance. ***That's where you can make a difference!***

As St. Mary School enters its 140<sup>th</sup> year of providing Catholic Education, please consider assisting with a tuition, uniform costs or books fees with your donation to the school. Your investment in today's children is an investment in tomorrow's church leaders.

Envelope brochures describing specific ways St. Mary School can use your contributions are available on the "School News" bulletin board in the back of the church.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Mary School.

JoAnn Daley

Development Director

762-5491 ext. 10

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### **Catholic Schools Week Celebrations & OPEN HOUSE coming soon!**

St. Mary School will kick off the nationally recognized Catholic Schools Week celebration with its annual OPEN HOUSE and tours of grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> on Sunday, January 25, 2009 and Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 10:00am to 2:00pm both days. Preschool tours will be on a separate date, TBA. Come discover the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Mary! Watch for announcements of special events during the week-long celebration

### **Dates to Remember**

January 5 – Classes Resume

January 19 – Martin Luther King Holiday – No Class

January 23 – Noon Dismissal

January 25 – 31 – Catholic School Week