

## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

This week the Catholic Church celebrates “National Vocation Awareness Week” in the United States. Although all people have a vocation, this week focuses especially on the Church vocations of priesthood and consecrated life.



In the United States the number of Catholic Christians is rising, the number of seminarians and priests is declining, and the age of priests in active ministry continues to increase. In fact, for every priest ordained, three are dying or retiring.

At St. Mary, we have a group for men discerning a call to priesthood, and in the fall of 2009, I hope some of them will enter the seminary. The harvest is huge but the workers are few. Pray that the Church will correctly discern the whisperings of the Spirit, and that people will choose Church vocations.

Remember that the Knights of Columbus' First Annual Polish Dinner will be held next Saturday in the St. Mary Cafeteria. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, now is the time to do it.

Finally, I thank Robert Ernest and his fellow officers of the Leland Police Department and also the U.S. Marine Corps for their great generosity in helping the Three Kings get plenty of gifts for our Hispanic boys and girls last weekend!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
- *Father Bob*



## Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 10:

8:00 am Mass - Mass for the Parishioners  
4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass – † James Maffei  
*Offered by Linda Luchetti and Children*  
7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### Sunday, January 11:

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

### Monday, January 12:

7:30 am Mass – † Ngyen Families  
*Offered by Joseph*

### Tuesday, January 13:

7:30 am Mass – † Kimberly Cassas  
*Offered by Mary Friedrichs*

### Wednesday, January 14:

7:30 am Communion Service

### Thursday, January 15:

7:30 am Mass – † Mildred Friedrichs  
*Offered by Mary Friedrichs*

### Friday, January 16:

8:30 am Mass – † Emily Chandler Karns  
*Offered by Karen Lawrence*

### Saturday, January 17:

4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass – † Emma Jacin  
*Offered by Barbara and Tony Caracciolo*  
7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### Sunday, January 18:

8:00 am Mass – † Elizabeth Riveroll  
*Offered by Sharon Marren*  
9:30 am Mass – † Eleanor Antonaccio  
*Offered by The Antonaccio Family*  
11:00 am Mass – † Dominick DeBellis  
*Offered by Barbara and Dominique DeBellis*  
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** — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

**Psalms** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

**Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit; he went about doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *1 John 5:1-9*.

**Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

### Next Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;  
 Jn 1:35-42

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

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Shirley Ammons	William Grundy
Robyn Baily	Mary Haywood
Charles Baird	Andrew Kegl
Evelyn Baird	Josephine Kidney
Stephanie Barrows	Anna Lenortavage
Cheryl Bezek	Francis Leonard
Arenda Bingham	Louise Leonard
Judy Brooks	Patrick Leonard
Lecia Burns	Mary Eugenia Mazur
Mary Buttigieg	Lindsay McDuffie
Mary Cahill	Elizabeth Militscher
C.J. Carroll	Kathy Murphy
Clara Carter	John Pavolonis
Jeanne Currier	Gina Petrone
Barbara DeBellis	Laura Purin
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
	Sheila Wolfe

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.



### AAMEN Corner

The next Advisory Board meeting will be held at St. Alphonsus in Wilson on Saturday, January 24th at 10am.

Chapter meeting will be held at 5pm Tuesday, January 27th in the Tileston Building.

### Attention All Middle School Youth!

#### Are You Up To The Challenge?

The Challenge Retreat is an overnight retreat that includes prayer experiences, catechetical sessions and other activities. Middle school youth from all across the Diocese of Raleigh will be participating, so it's also a great way to make new friends. Many of our St. Mary youth have attended this retreat in past years and loved it! If you have attended in the past and would like to come again we would love to have you. Maybe this time bring a friend along!

Permission slips can be picked up in the parish offices during normal business hours and on Sunday mornings. Once completed please return it to my mailbox and I will call you confirming your attendance.

We are in need of chaperones (over the age of 25) for this retreat as well. If you are interested in chaperoning please contact me. Attendance will be on a first come, first serve basis and restricted to the number of chaperones we will have.

**Dates, times, location and cost for the Challenge Retreat:**

**7:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 - 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7**

**St. Mark's Catholic Church**



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

### 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.

### Camillus Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming a Camillus Minister, please call Frank Grant at 392-6084.

### Parish Planner

#### 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

#### Sunday, January 11:

Nursery – Available at the 9:30 am Mass

Faith Sharing\* - 9:45 am in Tileston

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

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

#### Monday, January 12:

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 13:

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

Adult Education – 6:00 pm in Tileston

#### Wednesday, January 14:

#### Thursday, January 15:

Adoration following Morning Mass\*

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

#### Friday, January 16:

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

#### Saturday, January 17:

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

First Annual Knights of Columbus Polish Dinner – 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

\*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**

#### 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.

#### The St. Mary Altar Guild

Will be meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Macaroni Grill

Mayfair

Please contact Nancy Dasbach if you have any questions.

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

##### January 2009

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.

A bus will be 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 Pappozzi 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



**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 Baptism of the Lord**

**By: Sister Isaac**

The Christmas Season comes to an end with today's feast of the Baptism of Jesus. So much hope and joy were poured out from this Parish during the past weeks, with lots of stories about God's coming into our lives, often surprising us. As one person told me the other day, when we were able to help him with just the item he needed for someone he was helping, "I don't know why I am surprised". Isn't it exciting to be surprised by God? Thanks to each one who took a leaf from the Giving Tree or filled a shoe-box with hygiene items. More surprises for our people!

And here's another surprise, uttered by God at the Baptism of Jesus, and in turn, at our own Baptisms: "You are my beloved daughter/son; I am so delighted in you." Those words keep us energized as we continue to bring into this New Year the Spirit of Jesus, that calls us forth to feed, nourish and care for all our brothers and sisters. And we all try to do this like the servant Isaiah speaks about in the first reading – not quenching the smoldering wick of hope or bruising the reed. There's a wonderful New Year's resolution for us! Happy New Year as we recall our Baptisms that birthed us into God's family.

**Special Need of the Week**

If you received some new furniture for the New Year, our own "Three Men and A Woman and Our Truck" will be happy to pick-up your old items – especially kitchen tables and chairs.



**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

**Project Rachel Support Group**

Abortion is one of the most common surgical procedures in the US experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a deep wound in post-abortive woman, one that effects them spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Project Rachel assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late February. If you have experienced abortion and would like more information about the support group contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com). For more information go to <http://projectrachelinc.org>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



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January 4, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week. During this special time, we renew our prayers to the Lord of the Harvest asking Him to provide the Diocese of Raleigh with more priests and an increase of vocations to Religious Life. At the same time, we pray with renewed gratitude for the Priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters serving in our Diocese.

As we commemorate the Baptism of the Lord, we are reminded that, through our own Baptism, all of us are called to love and to serve God. Throughout this week and always, we pray daily for the grace we need to know God's will and to live a life worthy of the call we have received.

We are also encouraged to help our children and young people discover their vocations. As we walk with them as parents, teachers, catechists, youth ministers and faith formation leaders, let us strive to help them become aware of God's loving presence in their lives in order that they may hear and generously respond to His call.

To assist you in highlighting this special week in the life of the Church, the Vocations Office has provided materials and plans for your use as a family or as a class. The lesson plans and materials can be found on the vocations website ([www.raleighvocations.org](http://www.raleighvocations.org)) and are available for a range of ages.

With the help of God's grace during this week of prayer for vocations, may we be renewed in our particular vocations and commit ourselves to encourage more individuals to surrender their lives in service of the Lord and His Church. May Our Lord Jesus bless you and your family and keep you always in His care.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

### Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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:

### 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.



### 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

Deposit of \$75.00 due on January 15, 2009

Contact Sandy O'Leary at 395-2063

for more information.

**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)

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

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 3:00pm

Program sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh Offices of  
Campus Ministry and Ecumenism.

For more info contact Bro. William Martyn, SA at 919-468-6174.

A contingent of 40 St. Mary's parishioners traveled by bus on 20 December 2008 to Raleigh to celebrate the Fiftieth Jubilee of St. Mary's former Pastor Msgr. Thomas P. Hadden..

Picture 1: Final check by Msgr. Thomas P. Hadden on the steps of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh prior to his celebration of his Fiftieth Jubilee.

Picture 2: Msgr. Hadden autographing the mass program for Enid Jenski at the reception in the banquet room at the Clarian Hotel.



**Celebrations  
December 27 – 29 and  
January 3 - 4**



**Baptisms**

Thomas Ryan Brandon  
Charles Harrison Casey Redmond  
Keyshla Alanís Soto

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule  
Weekend of January 17 – January 18**

For Masses in English  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
-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	L. Buker M. Chandler D. Harris W. Harris P. Lachance D. Snell	M. Adkins F. Bua J. Bua B. Grace O. Niles L. Parker S. Parker	E. Flewellin T. Graham P. Gross L. Johnson B. Murtagh J. Murtagh Y. Simms	T. Bennett T. Bruhn D. Linkfield J. O'Keefe Joyce Price J. Walsh D. Paul
Lectors	E. McCormick J. Zier	S. Williams E. Grace	A. Rogers D. Thompson	C. Stiles L. Perunko
Altar Servers	E. Harris S. Hutko C. Lachance	A. Hudson A. Stumph S. Young	E. Hatem A. Oehling J. Schnitzler	P. Miller A. Haden A. Haden



**Wedding**

Donald Smith & Julie Watson



**In Memoriam**

Helen Frances Pacilli  
Antoinette Rose Loffredo  
Dr. John Peter Nasuti  
Felicita Robles Torres

**Carolina Catholic Radio  
92.7 Fm**

In January, Father James Garneau, Vicar Forane for the Newton Grove Deanery, Director for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and pastor of St. Mary Church in Mount Olive, NC will be interviewed on Carolina Catholic.

Father Garneau, a well respected church historian, will speak about how important it is for all Catholics to stand up for what is right. These times are especially critical for the rights of the unborn as we face the greatest challenges to our Church's pro-life teachings with the possibility of the Freedom of Choice Act, commonly referred to as FOCA, which could become a reality in the U.S. FOCA will destroy all legal protections for the unborn that are currently in place. Father will also address what has happened to us as a nation since abortion was legalized 36 years earlier on January 22, 1973, and what we can do, even in the privacy of our homes, to aid in the cause of life.

This show will air on  
Saturday, January 10th and 17th at 11 am and  
Sunday, January 11th and 18th at 6 pm.

This show can also be heard on the Internet at [www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com](http://www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com); just click on the Carolina Catholic tab.

**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 21, 2008**

Envelopes Mailed: 1206      Children's' Envelopes Received: 0  
Envelopes Returned: 388      Total Children's Offertory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
12/21/2008	\$ 19,210.88	\$ 25,850.00	\$ 0.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 389,682.64	\$ 389,050.00	\$ 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@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:bulletin@thestmaryparish.org) or call 395-2063.

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



*From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal  
Will return next week.*



*Cafeteria News  
Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Carpenter*

*A big thanks to all our parent volunteers who work so hard to make lunchtime such a smooth experience. We could not do it without you. We still have a need on a few days, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Hudson in the cafeteria.*

## St. Mary Catholic School

Join us!!  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 25 – 10:00am – 2:00pm

or

Wednesday, January 28 – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Take a tour and discover the benefits of Catholic education!

Open registration begins February 2, 2009

Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Introducing new ½ day Pre-K3 program in addition to 4 year old program!**

Call the St. Mary School office for details!  
910-762-5491, x40  
[www.thestmaryschool.org](http://www.thestmaryschool.org)



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### 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  
[jdaley@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:jdaley@thestmaryparish.org)

### Catholic Schools Week Celebration coming soon!

St. Mary School will kick off the nationally recognized Catholic Schools Week celebration with its annual OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Come discover the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Mary! Watch for announcements of special events during the week-long celebration

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

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
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	Homae	4:00 girls – 5:00 boys

Check webpage for any schedule changes

### Dates to Remember

January 19 – Martin Luther King Holiday – No Class  
January 23 – Noon Dismissal  
January 25 – 31 – Catholic School Week  
January 30 – Report Cards  
February 16 – President's Day – No Class