

Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

This weekend we welcome Fr. Bob Ippolito, M.S. and Fr. Hector LaChapelle, M.S. to St. Mary's. They are the Pastor and Parochial Vicar, respectively, of St. Brendan the Navigator parish in Shallotte, NC. I'll be at their parish celebrating Masses this weekend to help with the BAA.



Please keep our St. Mary youth who are traveling to Washington for the March for Life this week in your prayers. May they return to us safe and sound.

This week, from January 18-25, we celebrate the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" in the United States. We pray that one day all Christians will be reunited under one shepherd. In the meantime, we can work together on various social ministry projects and celebrate common holidays like Thanksgiving.

This Sunday, January 18th, we will have an opportunity to meet with members of other Christian denominations and other religions to honor the American hero, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This is our 9th Annual Community-Wide Interfaith Service. It'll feature Tim Tyson, author of *Blood Done Sign My Name*, as speaker. It'll be held at St. Stephen AME Church at 501 Red Cross Street at 4:30 p.m.

Finally, this week we will celebrate the Inauguration of our nation's 44th President, Barack Obama. We pray that God will shower our new President with many graces so he will be a great leader of a great nation in a time of domestic and global turmoil. And while we're at it, let's also pray that the Spirit will guide our new Congress so that together with our President, our leaders can make this a better country and a better world.

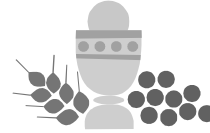
Sincerely yours in Christ,
- Father Bob

Martin Luther King Day



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Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



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

Monday, January 19:

7:30 am Mass – † William Munn
Offered by Arlene Fishburn

Tuesday, January 20:

7:30 am Mass – † William Munn
Offered by Larry and Judy Leadem

Wednesday, January 21:

7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, January 22:

7:30 am Mass – † Mary Ethel Mahoney
Offered by Ed Mahoney

Friday, January 23:

8:30 am Mass – † Peter Cento
Offered by The Richard Keegan Family

Saturday, January 24:

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 25:

8:00 am Mass – † Peter Cento
Offered by The Richard Keegan Family
9:30 am Mass – † Arthur Casale
Offered by Maria and Jack Kacmarski
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 — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

Readings for the week may be found on

**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



Scrip Card Information

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



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.

Please Pray for Our Sick

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| Shirley Ammons | Janet Dow ell | Lindsay McDuffie |
| Robyn Bailly | Madeline Dow ell | Elizabeth Militscher |
| Charles Baird | Lucy Cow en Gaw loski | Kathy Murphy |
| Evelyn Baird | Shari George | John Pavolonis |
| Stephanie Barrow s | Mildred Gibbons | Gina Petrone |
| Cheryl Bezek | Kristal Grant | Laura Purin |
| Arenda Bingham | Michael J. Gressman | Geraldine Saburn |
| Judy Brooks | William Grundy | Adell Suhoski |
| Lecia Burns | Mary Hayw ood | John Leroy Trader |
| Mary Buttigieg | Andrew Kegl | Felix Usewic z |
| Mary Cahill | Josephine Kidney | Catherine Veres |
| C.J. Carroll | Anna Lenortavage | Jim Watters |
| Clara Carter | Francis Leonard | Jeff Weeks |
| Jeanne Currier | Louise Leonard | Sheila Weeks |
| Barbara DeBellis | Patrick Leonard | Jeff Wiener |
| Karen Kendig Doubek | Mary Eugenia Mazur | Sheila Wolfe |

To add or remove a name, please contact: 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 or you may stop by the nursery before and after the 9:30 Sunday mass.

English as a Second Language Classes

Classes are 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.

The St. Mary Altar Guild

Will be meeting on January 19th at Noon
 Macaroni Grill

Mayfair

Please contact Nancy Dasbach if you have any questions.

SISTERS' JUBILEE

You are invited to join the Women Religious of our Diocese to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with Sister Marion McGillicuddy, Society of St. Ursula of St. Mary Catholic Church for the witness of her 65 years of Religious Profession. The date is February 7, 2009 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh. The Liturgy will be at 11 am, celebrated by The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop for the Diocese of Raleigh. Please join Sr. Marion for this extraordinary anniversary.

**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 Week Ahead In Our Parish

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 pm – 5:00 pm in Tileston First Annual
- Knights of Columbus Polish Dinner – 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

Sunday, January 18:

- 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
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* - 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Church
- Middle and High School Youth Group* - 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm in Tileston

Monday, January 19:

- St. Mary School and Church Offices – Closed
- St. Mary Altar Guild Meeting – Noon - Macaroni Grill at Mayfair
- 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 20:

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

- Adult Education* – 6:00 pm in Tileston

Wednesday, January 21:

Thursday, January 22:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* - 8:00 am – 9:00 am in the Church

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

Friday, January 23:

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

Saturday, January 24:

- Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 9:00 am in the Church
- Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 10:15 am in the Church
- Debra Buenrostro – Vicente Buenrostro Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church
- RCIA Classes* – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm in Tileston

*denotes weekly activity



Knights of Columbus 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 Chaplin 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.

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

Sold Out



ST. MARY'S 5TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS

DINNER CELEBRATION

SATURDAY February 21st 2008 6:30 pm
St. Mary school café



Plenty of Beads & Doubloons with Good Louisiana Food, Music & Revelry

CHICKEN & SAUSAGE JAMBALAYA

CRAWFISH PIE

SHRIMP & ANDOUILLE GUMBO

LOUISIANA FRIED CATFISH

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BREAD PUDDING WITH BUTTER PECAN RUM SAUCE

SAUCE

MARDI GRAS KING CAKE

Cash Bar of wine & Abita Beer from Louisiana

COSTUMING & LETTING LOOSE

ENCOURAGED

Tickets \$30 for adults

\$15 for children 6-12

Tickets Available in the

St. Mary Parish office

412 Ann Street



All Proceeds benefit the Tileston restoration campaign

From the Office of Social Outreach

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

By: Sister Isaac

The Christmas Season has been completed and now we are into Ordinary time according to the liturgical calendar of our Church. Isn't it great to have some quiet space? Ordinary time doesn't mean that we sit back and do nothing. It is a wonderful period when we can deepen our understanding of what we recently celebrated, the reality of the Incarnation, the reality that God so loved us that God chose to become one of us.

And our response to this Mystery? In today's reading, Samuel says, "Speak, for your Servant is listening." John's Gospel has Jesus inviting us to "Come and you will see" in response to the disciples inquiry, "Where do you live?"

The Outreach that you support did so many good things during the holiday season. Just before Christmas one of the elders for whom we had paid a deposit with the last of the monies in the Catherine Kennedy Grant, came to thank us for helping her get into her new home. She is 72 and had been selected for one of the apartments in the recently built Taylor homes, which really are very nice. She was so anxious to leave her former place, that once the deposit was paid, she moved right in even though she had no bed and she slept on the floor for days. Now I might be able to get down on the floor, but I sure would have trouble getting back up! We sent a bed over to her home, and she was so grateful for all that she received. We still have requests for about 30 beds, and one of the residents at Hadden Hall is looking for a sofa sleeper. Also, the residents at Hadden Hall were most appreciative for the Christmas boxes – "Yesterday's Children" that were given to them. And to top it all off, Anne Marie and Roy Clifton delivered a piano to the residence, so now there is a lot of joyful song at Sunday services coming from Caswell St.

Four hundred years ago, Anne de Xaintonge founded my Community in Dole, France. Anne asked us to be "extraordinarily ordinary" as we help one another live the Gospel and, like Samuel, to listen to the Lord speak to us. Thank you for all the extraordinarily ordinary living you do here at St. Mary Parish

Special Need of the Week



Children's clothing, especially 4 T's and boys' 14-16.

Diocesan Events

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 for complete details.

Project Rachel Support Group

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 would like more information about the support group contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelinc.org>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

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.



The Annual March and Mass for Life Activities

January 2009

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

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



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January 18, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics we join Christians throughout the world today in observing a week of prayer for Christian unity. As we persevere towards the day when all Christians will be one, our Roman Catholic Tradition reminds us that reconciliation is often accompanied by conversion. It is fitting then that this week of prayer for unity culminates on Sunday, January 25th with the celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the Conversion of St. Paul.

As Christians join together in observing this important anniversary and look to teachings of St. Paul to guide our work toward true unity, I invite you to attend a series of ecumenical presentations centered on the theme "Conversion: the Beginning of the Gospel Journey." These presentations, sponsored by our Diocesan Offices of Ecumenism and Campus Ministry, will be held in the Alumni Commons Room of Duke University School of Divinity beginning at 3 PM and will include the following speakers:

- Dr. Susan Eastman, Assistant Professor of the Practice of the Bible and Christian Formation at Duke Divinity School who will speak on *"The Conversion of St. Paul as recorded in the Bible."*
- Steve Hinkle, Intersivity Campus Minister for Graduate and Profession Students and Faculty at Duke University who will speak on *"How Evangelical Christians View Religious Conversion."*
- Dr. Paul J. Griffiths, Warren Professor of Catholic Thought at Duke Divinity School who will speak on *"The Roman Catholic Understanding of Conversion."*

The celebrations will then conclude with an Ecumenical Prayer Service at which I will offer reflection. The service will be held at 5 PM in Goodson Chapel of the Duke University School of Divinity, followed by a reception.

As you enter into this week of prayer for Christian unity, may our Lord Jesus bless all of your ecumenical endeavors and St. Paul guide you always as a member of the one Body of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 6-8, 2009

Office of Youth Ministry

John Walsh, DRE

762-5491 ext. 14



National Catholic Youth Conference Grades 9 - 12

"Christ Reigns"

November 19 – 21, 2009

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. Permission slips can be picked up in the parish offices during normal business hours and on Sunday mornings.

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.

First Communion Information

First Communion is celebrated during weekend parish liturgies. This allows for the entire parish to celebrate along with your family and friends. This year, due to our growing population, First Communion will be celebrated over two weekends: April 25 -26, and May 2 – 3. All First Communicant families are asked to choose one of the weekend liturgies that they would like to attend. We can only allow a maximum of 12 families per Mass. Each family will have one row (seats 6-7 people) reserved. Extended family and friends are encouraged to sit in adjacent rows.

Please contact me with your Mass preference and I will do my best to make sure we can accommodate your request. If you have contacted me earlier and reserved your Mass time and date please call me just as a confirmation so I may ensure that all goes smoothly. If I do not hear from you by the date of our First Communion parent meeting (Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.) you will be asked to pick a mass at that time. During the parent meeting we will discuss dress codes, how the Masses will be conducted, what will be expected of First Communicants and of course answer any last minute questions/ concerns you may have.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in making sure First Communion will be a blessed and wonderful experience for all involved. I look forward to hearing from you and helping you in any way that I can.

John Walsh
St. Mary Parish DRE

**Celebrations
January 10 - 11**



Baptisms

Diego Emerson DaSilva Guimaraes
Savannah Alexas Gracya Guimaraes
Maximilian John Foster
Merelin Yuliet Salviano Gorostieta
Asucena Sánchez Hernández
Edson Gael Viveros-Hernández

**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. 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 17th at 11 am and
Sunday, January 18th at 6 pm.

This show can also be heard on the Internet at
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 28, 2008

Envelopes Mailed: 1206 Children's' Envelopes Received: 2
Envelopes Returned: 298 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 2.00

| | OFFERTORY | BUDGET | EDUCATION |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 12/28/2008 | \$ 11,872.65 | \$ 25,850.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| 07/01/08 to present | \$ 416,589.68 | \$ 414,900.00 | \$ 14576.77 |

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

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule
Weekend of January 24 – January 25**

For Masses in English
Third 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. |
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| Eucharistic Minister | D. Bryant A. Doran M. Friedrichs K. Hartung J. Lachance J. Marchese J. Paparozzi | J. Cappellino T. Decker M. Gittings R. Keegan L. Newton E. Teaster A. Winkeler | L. Dezio T. Graham R. Jackson C. Jones H. Latham M. Reis G. Worsley | C. Bennett T. Crossland F. Metzgar M. Metzgar J. Turbevillie C. Walsh J. Young |
| Lectors | A. Cousineau F. Walker | E. Stumph N. McDonald | P. Rogers F. Bailey | C. Hite R. Clifton |
| Altar Servers | P. Lowery K. Malkin D. Paparozzi | C. Martinez A. Stumph H. Ozment | J. Daley M. Szymeczek M. Szymeczek | L. Gerbe O. Gerbe S. Gerbe |

**Today at St. Mary Church
Special Collection for St. Mary School**

This weekend you will find a brochure/envelope for donations to St. Mary School in the pews. Please consider a donation to help our parish families who choose Catholic education for their children. The brochure outlines several opportunities for giving, the most urgent of which is tuition assistance for those who may be struggling financially. School tuition, books and material expenses are not covered by the monthly education envelope collection. Please return the contribution envelope via mail or in next week's collection as we begin the annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Catholic School



**Bulletin Editor
Bulletin Update**

You may notice that this week's bulletin has some changes in the format. I am trying to make the bulletin easier for you to read and to find what you are looking for by labeling each section.

Pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 will have St. Mary Parish News
Page 5 and 6 will have News from around the Diocese
Page 7 will remain as Celebrations, Liturgical Minister's schedule, Offertory information and anything else that I need to squeeze in.

Page 8 will still be St. Mary School News
Pages 9 and 10 will remain as Hispanic News
Please be patient with me as I move things around in the weeks to come for an overall better bulletin.
Let me know what you think!!

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 or call 395-2063.

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



From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal

Dear St. Mary School Families,

Happy and healthy New Year to you all! Fr. Bob and I both feel that it's going to be a marvelous year for both St. Mary Church and School as we continue to receive God's blessings while we enjoy the pleasure of working with our school and church families.

As I mentioned in December, this is the month when we offer priority registration to our current families. The registration packets will be going home with youngest or only children.. Please be on the lookout for those.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN! In August we will be opening our PreK3 class. Over the last months there has been lots of interest shown in this program. It will be located in the Lower School building.

Our faculty, staff, and I feel so blessed after experiencing a recent surprise. You may have heard the squeals of joy from us on Monday morning upon returning from Christmas vacation. During the break, several members of H.S.A. rivaled HGTV while giving the faculty/staff workroom a makeover. They took pictures of the before and after so that we will be able to send them out to you via email. The room was merely a dreary storage closet with a copier until last week. Our greatest appreciation goes to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and Alice (6), Mr. and Mrs. Lachance (Chris 8), Mrs. Andrews (John 7 & Emily 5), and our own Clifton Lively who did all the work and to all of you who support us all in such a kind and respectful way. They have provided us a room that is inviting, relaxing, and professional in appearance...Wow!

MORE GOOD NEWS! We send our great thanks and appreciation to Coach Sheridan and Coach Andrews (John 7 & Emily 5) and South Beach Grill. Coach Sheridan provided jackets for the boys basketball team and Coach Andrews provided jackets for the girls basketball team. Blessings to you both.

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

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
|-------|-------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 01/21 | Waccamaw | Home | 4:00 girls – 5:00 boys |
| 01/22 | Cape Fear Academy | Home | 4:00 girls – 5:00 boys |
| 01/26 | St. Mark | Home | 4:00 girls – 5:00 boys |

Check webpage for any schedule changes

St. Mary Catholic School

Join us!!
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

or

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

PreK-3 and PreK -4 Open House on
Thursday, January 29 from 9:00 am -11:00 am
Preschool students must be 3 or 4 years old by
August 31, 2009.

Take a tour and discover the benefits of Catholic
education!

Open registration begins February 2, 2009

Preschool through 8th grade

Call the St. Mary School office for details!

910-762-5491, x40

www.thestmaryschool.org



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Schools Week Celebration

Catholic Schools Week will soon be upon us. During this week Catholic schools across the nation will be celebrating Catholic education in this country. Each school plans special events to celebrate how fortunate we are to have these schools which offer an excellent education to students in a Christ centered environment. Our committee has been busy planning special events as well as planning service projects that we can all take part in while celebrating this year's theme of SERVICE. At St. Mary Catholic School, service is part of the education experience that we offer, so our students are experienced in giving to those who have less than we do.

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