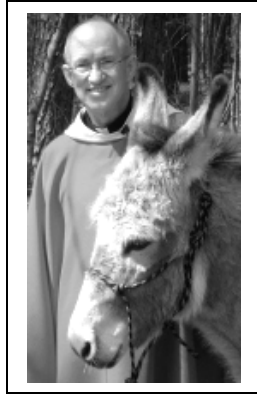


## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

I hope your Lent is off to a good start. Please remember that during the six Fridays of Lent, we have a soup supper in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross led by one of our lay ministers. Everyone is invited.



Many thanks to Clifton Lively for providing such a wonderful Mardi Gras event! Everyone had a great time as always.

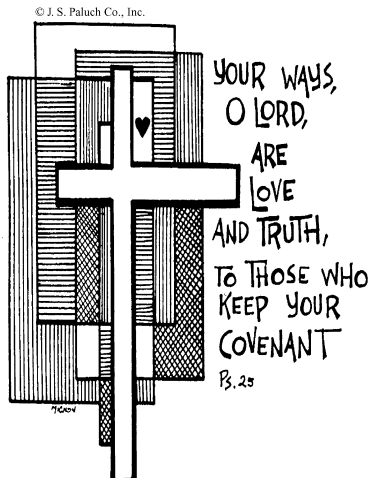
Congratulations to our St. Mary Latino Music Ministry, headed by Pablo Rosales Gómez and Augustín Baltazar, for the wonderful performance they made at Kenan Auditorium last Sunday as part of the multicultural music festival. Their next big performance will be at the Azalea Festival of Cultures. They are doing our parish proud in the Cape Fear Region!

You may have noticed the sheep in the corral by the ambo in church when you came to church the last couple of weekends. Each sheep represents one of the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation. Two out of four First Reconciliation groups have celebrated this sacrament.

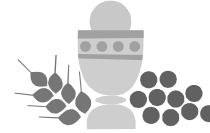
The St. Mary Gospel Choir's Concert raised \$353.44 for Debt Reduction.

Next Saturday evening, before you go to bed, don't forget to "spring ahead" by turning your clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Saving Time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
- *Father Bob*



## Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



### Saturday, February 28:

- 4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass – † Donna Campbell  
*Offered by James and Martha Kenny*  
7:00 pm Mass – Paul Ridilla  
*Offered by Michael*

### Sunday, March 1:

- 8:00 am Mass – Thanksgiving Mass  
*Offered by Grace and Al Mangino*  
9:30 am Mass – † Antoinette Rose Loffredo  
*Offered by Pat and Barbara Gallagher*  
11:00 am Mass – † Bill Decker  
*Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary*  
1:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### Monday, March 2:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Helen Smyth  
*Offered by Patrick and Eileen Skruck*

### Tuesday, March 3:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Frank Twiford  
*Offered by Dorothy Sellers*

### Wednesday, March 4:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

### Thursday, March 5:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Fuller Sistrunk  
*Offered by Dorothy Sellers*

### Friday, March 6:

- 8:30 am Mass – † Richard Hauck  
*Offered by The Aab Family*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 7:

- 8:00 am Mass – Mass for the Parishioners  
4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass – † Kristen Marie Kopko  
*Offered by Vincent and Kathy Rodgers*  
7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### Sunday, March 8:

- 8:00 am Mass – † William Craig  
*Offered by Kathy Craig*  
9:30 am Mass – † Kelly Cregger Reynolds  
*Offered by The Kueblers*  
11:00 am Mass – † Wally Skibinski  
*Offered by Mary, Heather, Nick and Justin*  
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** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;  
 Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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

**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 a Picken at 679-4120 or Catherine Jones at 798-2389 and we will be glad to assist you with Scrip.

**Senior Singles Meeting**

Sunday, March 1  
 12:30 pm

Olympia Restaurant  
 5629 Oleander Drive

For more information, call Gloria 395-4307



**AAMEN Corner**

Advisory Board meeting will be held at St. Alphonsus in Wilson Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

Shirley Ammons	George Diab	Lindsay McDuffie
Ashley Ashton	Karen Kendig Doubek	Elizabeth Militscher
Robyn Bailly	Janet Dowell	Kathy Murphy
Charles Baird	Madeline Dowell	John Pavolonis
Evelyn Baird	Shari George	Laura Puin
Stephanie Barrows	Mildred Gibbons	Celia Rudd
Cheryl Bezek	Kristal Grant	Geraldine Sabum
Arenda Bingham	Michael J. Gressman	John Slaughenhaupt
Judy Brooks	William Grundy	Adell Suhoski
Lea Burns	Mary Haywood	John Leroy Trader
Patrick Caporale	Dolores Hicks	Felix Usewicz
Florence Carey	Andrew Keg	Catherine Veres
C.J. Carroll	Josephine Kidney	Chris Watson, Jr.
Clara Carter	Anna Lenortavage	Jim Watters
Joyce Christine	Francis Leonard	Jeff Weeks
Roy Clifton	Louise Leonard	Sheila Weeks
Jeanne Currier	Patrick Leonard	Jeff Wiener
Barbara DeBellis	Mary Eugenia Mazur	Anne Williams
	Gary McDaniel	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.

**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 Parish Bookstore:**

**Books & Gifts for All Occasions**

Proudly serving the Cape Fear Deanery, the St Mary Parish Bookstore offers one stop shopping for Lenten, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA gifts.

Please visit us on

**Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm or Tuesday through Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm.**

We are located in the Tileston Building or call 910-762-5491 ext. 59. The St Mary Parish Bookstore is a 100% volunteer staffed ministry of the St Mary Parish.

**St. Mary Gospel Choir CDs are back!**

The St. Mary Gospel Choir has restocked the St. Mary Parish Bookstore. Please visit the Parish Bookstore if you need a copy of the CD.

**2008 Contribution Statements**

are available for pick up in the Parish Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**INVITATION TO MEN WITH SPIRITUAL HUNGER!**

Come join Fr. Bob and a growing group of men who meet each Friday morning from 7:00 am - 7:45 a.m. in the Tileston Building. We study and reflect on scripture and simply share what is on our hearts and minds.

Come join us as you are able. We welcome you!

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact: Stephanie Watts (799-7623) to schedule a short training session.

**Safe Environment Training**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

This is the safe environment training in recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect that is required for all level c volunteers, clergy and staff in the Diocese of Raleigh. Please call Caroline Lyle to RSVP (910-790-0426) so they may be prepared to receive you. All are welcome!

### ***The Week Ahead In Our Parish***

#### **Saturday, February 28:**

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

First Reconciliation (Hispanic) – 9:00 am and 10:30 am in the Church

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

Chris Myette – Valerie Arruda Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

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

#### **Sunday, March 1:**

Nursery\* – Available at the 9:30 am Mass

Faith Formation – 9:30 – 10:30 am – St. Mary School

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

St. Mary Hispanic Music Ministry – 4:00 pm at Kenan Auditorium

Middle and High School Youth Group\* - 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm in Tileston

#### **Monday, March 2:**

Rosary following Mass (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)

Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph (Burgaw) – 7:00 pm

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

Hispanic Young Adult Group (El grupo de jóvenes adultos)\*- 7:30 pm in Tileston

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

#### **Tuesday, March 3:**

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

Adult Education\* – 6:00 pm in Tileston

Practica de la Banda Latina de Domingo\* - 7:00 pm in Tileston

#### **Wednesday, March 4:**

Practica de la Banda Latina de Sabado\* - 7:00 pm in Tileston

#### **Thursday, March 5:**

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Mark (Wilmington) – 7:00 pm

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

#### **Friday, March 6:**

First Friday Adoration – Following Mass until 3:30

Stations of the Cross – 6:15 Bread and Soup in the Cafeteria  
7:00 Stations of the Cross in the Church

Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Therese (Wrightsville Beach) – 7:00 pm

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

#### **Saturday, March 7:**

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

George Chavez – Guadalupe Sauzameda Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

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



### **Knights of Columbus Council 1074**

The Knights of Columbus is a family, fraternal organization of Catholic Gentlemen. The local council is Council 1074.



## **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

Saturday, March 21

6:30 pm

ST. Mary School Cafeteria

**CORNED BEEF WITH CABBAGE & POTATOES**

**LIMERICK HAM**

**GUINNESS IRISH STEW**

**DESSERT**

**CASH BAR OF BEER AND WINE**

GOOD IRISH FOOD, MUSIC & HOSPITALITY

**\$20 FOR ADULTS**

**\$5 FOR CHILDREN 6-12**

**TICKETS SOLD AFTER EACH MASS &  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

All proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Council 1074 so that we may continue to help and support our community.

#### **ANNUAL SPRING DANCE**

Tickets (\$18.00 each) for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spring dance are on sale now at the church office and the bookstore. The evening will begin with a dance lesson at 7:00PM, which is guaranteed to get you movin' and groovin'. The Wilmington Big Band is back to delight us with their renditions of both the big band era and also the popular music of today. They always play what the crowd wants.

For more information contact Jeanne Bua (799-0164)

## From the Office of Social Outreach

### First Sunday of Lent

By: Sister Isaac

A few days ago we were asked to “Repent and believe the Good News”. Ash Wednesday launched us, once again, on a journey to Jesus!

A few of us might recall when the Lenten Season carried the obligation of daily fasting. This requirement was lifted with the liturgical renewals of Vatican II – but it was lifted as an **obligation**. **Fasting** is still one of the major practices that brings God’s favors to us. As we strive to grow in our spiritual life we know how important it is to say “no” sometimes to good pleasures that surround us. This is not being masochistic – just mature. I once had a professor who told us, “every **yes** demands a thousand “**no**’s. In our quieter moments as we reflect on life, I think we can recognize the truth of this statement.

So while we do our own type of fasting these forty days, we accept the call to not only give up things, but also to “give to”. This is the **almsgiving** component of Lent. But almsgiving is not only giving money to a needy cause. What about giving our **time**, one of the most precious commodities’ we have, to a needy cause? We have 70+ ministries here at St. Mary’s and there are many other wonderful programs in our area that reach out to our brothers and sisters in many stages of their lives.

Then there is **prayer**. Like Jesus, we pray always that His Father’s will be done. Perhaps you and your family can commit to some quiet time each day – maybe before a meal or another family event, to reflect upon the mystery of God’s compassionate love, by using our little reflection booklet as an aid. There are the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening, and daily Mass as well – more formal, traditional ways to praise and honor our God.

How does all this tie in with Social Outreach? Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the very **core** of ministry. Serving others demands an emptying of our selves, our fears, our prejudices so that we may put on the mind of Christ. It cost Jesus His Life and it does the same to us but it is worth it.

### Special Need of the Week

Although we have distributed dozens of beds this year, we still have over thirty requests for additional beds, and the same for kitchen tables and chairs. Thank you for all you have given already.

### **RCIA**

This weekend we rejoice with our 50 men and women who enter into the final stage of preparation for full entrance into our Church Community. This afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, we will be “sent” to join with other candidates and catechumens throughout the Deanery to enter upon the Lenten journey that will lead to reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Celebrate our remembrance of Our Lord’s Life, Death and Resurrection with the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during the Lenten Season.  
6:15 Soup and Bread in the Cafeteria  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

### **Centering Prayer**

“Centering Prayer facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer – verbal, mental or affective prayer – into a receptive prayer of resting in God. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. At the same time, it is a discipline to foster and serve this relationship by a regular, daily practice of prayer.

**Time:** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Place:** Chapel - Tileston – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**Date:** Begins March 4 and continues each week on Wednesday

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

### **Have you heard about contra dancing?**

The Cape Fear Contra Dancers are holding their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Sally Swirl on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from

7:30 - 11:00 pm in our own Tileston Upper room.

Check out their web site –[www.wilmingtoncontradance.info](http://www.wilmingtoncontradance.info) or contact Jeanne Bua @ 799-0164.



### **Love Books? Love the Poor?**

St. Mary is the home of Used Books, New Lives. This unique ministry was founded to help poor orphan girls at the Home of Hope orphanage in India. ([www.homeofhopeindia.org](http://www.homeofhopeindia.org))

We need help to sort the books and/or list them on Amazon.

Please contact: Paul Wilkes 815-0694 or [paulwilkes@ec.rr.com](mailto:paulwilkes@ec.rr.com)

### **PRISON MINISTRY NOTICE**

Sharon is counting down the days until her April 18<sup>th</sup> release. She has lined up a two bedroom apartment and has everything she needs with the exception of living room furniture. This is an opportunity to recycle and be a blessing in this woman’s life. Call Jeanne Bua at 799-0164.

### **The Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Wilmington Court 1036 will hold

their next meeting on

Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the

Clubhouse at Jumpin’ Run.

All Catholic women are invited to attend.

### **EASTER CONCERT**

**MARCH 15**

**5:00 pm**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**BEHOLD: Her Story of Easter**

**with the Magdalene Ensemble of Boston.**

BEHOLD is a musical drama that portrays the events of Easter as witnessed through the eyes and words of the women who were there. Having seen the risen Jesus,

Mary Magdalene invites us to rejoice in the reality of spiritual rebirth. The **Magdalene Ensemble-Boston** was formed in 2007 as an artistic collaborative to create sacred musical drama.

**General Admission: \$15.**

**Students and Seniors: \$10 at the door.**

Local Barbara McKenzie is the pianist/organist for the Magdalene Ensemble of Boston.

*Diocesan Events*

**40 Days for Life Spring Campaign**

This LENT, from February 25th-April 5th, our community will join cities nationwide for one of the largest simultaneous pro-life mobilizations in history-the national 40 Days for Life campaign. To learn more, please visit us at [www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh). For additional information please email: [prayforlife247@aol.com](mailto:prayforlife247@aol.com)

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) in Wilmington**

Beginning on Sunday, March 22, 2009 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church in Wilmington. For info & registration call Anthony & Tracy Smith at 910-793-4873 or email: [atsmith@ec.rr.com](mailto:atsmith@ec.rr.com)

**American Cancer Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Relay for Life**

Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Ashley High School stadium.

Many religious organizations have participated in the Relay and plan to come back in 2009. Anyone interested in forming a parish team, please contact Rhonda Hager at 392-8668 or [teamrelay@yahoo.com](mailto:teamrelay@yahoo.com)

**Top of the Mornin'**

Please join us on Saturday, March 7 for the Annual Friends of the Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Wilmington. We step off from Cape Fear Community College at 11:00 am. Following the parade, join us at the Hilton for a full corned beef and cabbage luncheon. Tickets are \$25.00 each (\$5.00 for children age 12 and under). Included with lunch will be lots of Irish music and step dancers. Those of you holding raffle tickets we will be drawing the winning ticket for the trip to Ireland. Please call Steve McEnaney (686-5498) or Jim Quinn (686-5151) for raffle and/or luncheon tickets. Don't miss out on a great day, a great luncheon celebration and a great day for the winner of the raffle.

**Catholic Family Retreats**

The Christian Family Living Center  
Topsail Island, NC  
910-328-1584  
May 8-10, 2009

**Mother's Day Retreat – A Family Affair**

Treat Mom to A Candlelight Dinner and Relaxing Beachfront Get-Away. Ample time for relaxation and strolling the beach. Reconciliation and Mass will be celebrated. \$70 ages 2-7; \$100 ages 8-adult. Family max is \$490.  
June 19-21, 2009

**Celebrate Father's Day Weekend**

Take time to pay tribute to the most important man in your life at this oceanfront retreat center. Reconciliation and Mass will be celebrated. \$70 ages 2-7; \$100 ages 8-adult. Family max is \$490.

**Lenten 2009 Reconciliation Services – Cape Fear Deanery**

March 2	St. Joseph	Burgaw	7 p.m.
March 5	St. Mark	Wilmington	7 p.m.
March 6	St. Therese	Wrightsville Beach	7 p.m.
March 17	Sacred Heart	Southport	7 p.m.
March 18	Sacred Heart	Whiteville	7 p.m.
March 19	St. Mary	Wilmington	10:30 a.m.
March 24	Immaculate Conception	Wilmington	7 p.m.
March 26	St. Stanislaus	Castle Hayne	7 p.m.
April 1	St. Jude	Hampstead	7 p.m.
April 2	St. Brendan	Shallotte	7 p.m.



On Tuesday March 31, 2009, a Formation Day for Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Leaders will take place on the Courage and Encourage Apostolates from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Fallon Center of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Raleigh. The Courage Apostolate is a Catholic spiritual support community to assist men and women deal with same sex attraction after the heart and mind of Jesus in accord with His Church. The Encourage Apostolate is the affiliate support group to Courage that assists family members of men and women with homosexual leanings to develop peace and open communication. Presenters for the Formation Day will be Fr. Paul Check, National Director of the Courage Apostolate, Fr. Jeffrey Keefe, O.F.M. Conv., Courage Chaplain for the Diocese of Syracuse and Reverend James Fukes, O.F.M. Conv., Courage Apostolate for the Diocese of Raleigh. Registration is required. Event information and Registration Form can be found at <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/events>  
An Open Forum for discussion and questions centered on "What the Catholic Church Teaches about Homosexuality?" will be held on March 31, 2009 at The Fallon Center of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church from 7 PM to 9 PM. The presenter for this forum will be Fr. Paul Check, National Director of the Courage Apostolate. The forum is open to all and no registration is required.

**Cardinal Gibbons High School Gala**

March 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a special evening of dinner, dancing and celebration of our school's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the new downtown Raleigh Convention Center. Please contact Laurette Benton, CGHS Development Office, for reservations by 2/27/09: [lbenton@cghsnc.org](mailto:lbenton@cghsnc.org) or 834-1625 x 277.

*Office of Youth Ministry*

John Walsh, DRE  
762-5491 ext. 14  
[jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org)



**National Catholic Youth Conference Grades 9 - 12**

"Christ Reigns"  
November 19 – 21, 2009  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Contact Sandy O'Leary at 395-2063 for more information.



First Communion will be celebrated over two weekends: April 25 -26, and May 2 – 3. Please contact me with your Mass preference and I will do my best to make sure we can accommodate your request.

**Celebrations  
February 21 – February 23, 2009**



**Anniversary  
16 Years**  
Roberto and María Soledad



**In Memoriam**  
Mary Frances Vaughn

**Welcome New Parishioners**

- Mark C. Campbell
- Stephen J. Caracciolo
- Stephen Paul Connolly
- Hentry K. Maurer
- S. Nicole Mittman
- David W. Mueller
- Julio C. Picazo
- Howard H. Seidensticker
- Stanley H. Silas
- Gregory V. Wong
- John C. Zukar



*First Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2009  
Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.*

----Psalm 25:4

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**February 15, 2009**

Envelopes Mailed: 1219 Children's' Envelopes Received: 0  
Envelopes Returned: 365 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
02/15/2009	\$ 13,338.70	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 151.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 519,550.56	\$ 520,900.00	\$ 19738.54

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

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule  
Weekend of February 28 – March 1**

For Masses in English  
Second Sunday of Lent

-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 M. Chandler A. Doran P. Lachance D. Paparozzi D. Snell D. Thompson	J. Cappellino M. Gittings B. Grace O. Niles L. Parker S. Parker D. Thompson	L. Dezio E. Flewellin T. Graham P. Gross R. Jackson M. Reis G. Worsley	T. Bennett T. Bruhn R. Clifton T. Crossland G. Hill D. Linkfield J. O'Keefe
Lectors	A. Cousineau E. McCormick	E. Stumph C. Grant	P. McTigue F. Militscher	E. Mahoney J. Kendig
Altar Servers	L. Strader S. Strader M. Truman	K. Black R. Fry E. Gittings	S. Okonmah H. O'Leary C. Penegre	C. Marlow G. Turbeville J. Turbeville

**NORMS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday, **February 25, 2009** and Good Friday, **April 10, 2009**, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptism Promises at Easter.

**No Gift is too Large or too Small  
Bishop's Annual Appeal**

The people of the St. Mary parish have a history of great generosity. If you have been a regular supporter of the BAA in the past, I thank you and ask you to please continue your generosity. If you have not supported the BAA in the past, for whatever reason, please prayerfully reconsider and make a pledge or donation to this year's campaign. Checks may be made payable to "Bishops Annual Appeal". Your partnership in the BAA is very much appreciated and is important as another means of sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers and sacrificial gift.



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# ST. MARY

## Catholic School



*From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal*

Valentine's Day was a busy one for many of our students who were involved in the **S.E. Regional Science Fair at UNC-W** and the **Cape Fear Fencing Tournament**.

Five of our students competed in the S.E. Regional Science Fair.

- Cosette Taggart—researched the effect of various coatings on barnacle growth; completed all of her research independently last summer and is already making plans for her next study. We are very proud of her work.
- Sophie Kot—researched whether children could distinguish between candy and medicine; received an award at the Regional Fair for "Outstanding Creativity".
- Chris Lachance—built and tested a buoy generator; received an award at the Regional Fair for "Outstanding Creativity" and has been invited to speak to the UNC-W Marine Quest staff about his project.
- Mary Anne Szymeczek—researched the efficiency and cost effectiveness of solar panels; received a "Women in Science" award at the Regional Fair.
- Joe Daley—tested the strength of various bridge types; won third place in the "Junior Physical Science category at the Regional Fair.

We are proud of all these students who represented our school so well.

At the Cape Fear Fencing Tournament last Saturday, several of our students competed. We congratulate Richard Shindell (6<sup>th</sup>) who won **Second Place and a Silver Medal!** This is Ricky's first year of fencing.

I would also like to congratulate many 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who have recently celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. They have added their sheep to the display in the church.

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### Dates to Remember

March 7 – Doctor's For Tomorrow Event – 7:00 pm  
 March 27 – Noon Dismissal  
 April 6-10 Spring Recess – No School  
 April 13 – Classes Resume (Snow Make-up Day)

St. Mary School is happy to partner with the physicians and medical residents from South East Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC) in a family event offering two teacher vs. student challenge games!

**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

The 7:00 pm game will be between the St. Mary School 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the faculty/parent team followed at 8:15 by a game featuring the SEAHEC residents versus their attendings!

Sponsorship of this event will give great exposure to your business! There are many levels for sponsorship from programs, to t-shirts to entire banners!

Please contact JoAnn Daley for more information at  
762-5491 ext. 10



**We're back..... because you asked**  
**Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Karns**  
**After School Craft Class**

*Thursday in March (5,12,19,26)*  
*3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Art Room*  
*Each class is \$15.00 (supplies are included)*  
*Choose 1,2,3 or all classes*

*March 5: Flying Fairies*  
*March 12: Pasta Planes*  
*March 19: Snuggly Babies*  
*March 26: Brick Birdhouse Doorstops*

*Please make checks payable to Judith Mitchell*

**Viva St. Mary!!!**

**Vegas Casino Night**

High Rollers and Tacky Tourists Welcome!

**Save the Date**

May 9th, 2009

7 - 11pm

St. Mary School Auditorium

Great Food, Great Fun!!!

D.J for Dancing

Live and Silent Auctions

\$25.00 per person includes some "funny money" to start rolling!

Wear your craziest "Tacky Tourist in Vegas" outfit or maybe you are more the James Bond type? Elvis? Or just plain ole t-shirt and jeans. It is casual and all about fun!

All to benefit our teacher's wish list!

"Helping our teachers make our children's dreams come true!"

The St. Mary School Spring Gala committee "Viva St. Mary"

Casino Night is looking for auctions items for this event.

If have any auctions items or talents to donate, please contact

Christy Kramer at 910 - 520 - 4616.

**"Viva St. Mary!"**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade February Fundraising Blast

Please purchase your Chick-fil-a calendar for \$6.00 (contains over \$32.00 in money saving coupons). Please call Chris Neal at 395-5477 or 332-6625 or Caryn Walsh at 795-8764 for details.

All proceeds to benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> graders trip to Camp Don Lee