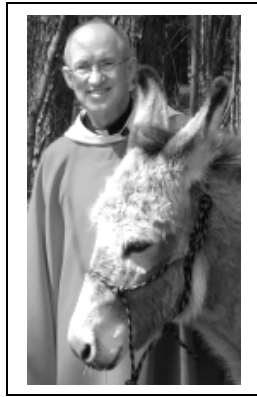


Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

As you came into the church on Ash Wednesday, you may have noticed that we have sand in our holy water fonts. This is to remind us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert. There is holy water available in the large container in the vestibule of the church all through the year.



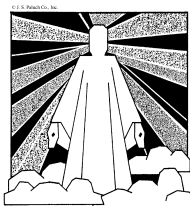
At all four Masses on Ash Wednesday, we had standing-room only. What a wonderful thing it is for a pastor to see so many people coming to celebrate this feast. I thank the music ministries, especially, for the work they did in making this such a fine experience.

The annual retreat for the Cape Fear Deanery Confirmation candidates went very well thanks to our DRE, John Walsh, and his staff. We had over 150 high school students here. Thanks to all who served!

All of the children in the parish have celebrated their First Reconciliation. As always, it was a joyful experience. We had over 120 children do this celebration. You may see their sheep in the corral by the ambo. Many thanks go to the catechists who did such a great job preparing them for this healing sacrament and to their parents who supported them.

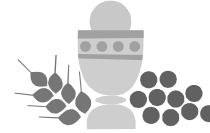
Finally, I thank Sr. Isaac, Macarena López and all the ministers who have assisted them in preparing the catechumens and candidates who will celebrate Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Communion) at the Easter Vigil Mass. We have between 40-50 people who will be received into the Church at that Mass!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
- *Father Bob*



*He was
Transfigured
Before Their Eyes*

Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



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

Monday, March 9:

7:30 am Mass – † Margaret Meehan
Offered by The Aab Family

Tuesday, March 10:

7:30 am Mass – † Robert Daniels
Offered by Frances and Frank Bindewald

Wednesday, March 11:

7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, March 12:

7:30 am Mass – † Gary Parker
Offered by Sharon and Lee Parker

Friday, March 13:

8:30 am Mass – † Vincent Regula
Offered by Michael
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14:

4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass – † Ed Leonard
Offered by Mr. and Mrs. John Ambre
7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioner

Sunday, March 15:

8:00 am Mass – † Anna Shackel
Offered by John and Elaine Andrews
9:30 am Mass – † Rita Lowney
Offered by Bob Lowney
11:00 am Mass – † Andrew Olwert, III
Offered by Eleanor Armstrong
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 — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Readings for the week may be found on 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 Picken at 679-4120 or Catherine Jones at 798-2389 and we will be glad to assist you with Scrip.

**The St Mary Parish Bookstore
 MARCH MADNESS SALE**

Inventory Reduction Sale thru March 31st
 (Some restrictions apply – see in-store ads for details)

Moments figurines (in stock only)	60% off
WillowTree figurines (in stock only)	35% off
WillowTree & "Mama Says" nativity sets (complete sets)	40% off
Creed Medals & Rosaries	up to 40% off
Books (bibles not included – see details)	buy 2 get 1 free
Framed Art	20% off
Mystic Monk Coffee & select Mugs	15% off
DVD Movies	20% off
Music CDs (selected titles NOT included)	20% off
John Michael Talbot CDs	35% off

FREE GIFT WITH EVERY PURCHASE

Sunday 9am – 1pm
 Tuesday thru Friday 10am – 3pm

Please Pray for Our Sick

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

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.

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 am 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 8th 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!

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 – 1st floor

Date: Begins March 4 and continues each week on Wednesday

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

The Week Ahead In Our Parish



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 Sauzamede Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

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

Sunday, March 8:

Share Sunday – All Masses

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

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

Monday, March 9:

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

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 10:

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 11:

Centering Prayer – 1:30 – 2:30 in the Tileston Chapel

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

Thursday, March 12:

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

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

Friday, March 13:

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

7:00 Stations of the Cross in the Church

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

Saturday, March 14:

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

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

Carla Burgo – Stuart Barnes 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

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

The music will be great and the atmosphere electrifying: two good reasons for attending our BIG BAND BLAST, on April 18th. Add to this the fact that the proceeds will go to the continued restoration of Tileston's 3rd floor Upper Room. For your convenience, tickets (\$18.00 each) will be sold outside after each Mass beginning next week. They are also available at the parish office, bookstore, or by contacting Jeanne Bua (799-0164)

From the Office of Social Outreach

Second Sunday of Lent

By: Sister Isaac

The Good News that we constantly hear is that God the Father has given us Jesus to show just how much He loves us. The “transfiguration” we hear about this weekend is perhaps more about our needing to let the light through, than about Jesus revealing to his friends how filled he is with light.

Lent is that wonderful time given to us each year when we are encouraged to make some room in our daily activities to “listen” to God speaking to us. We are being called to renew our Baptismal promises each day so that we can bring light to whatever situation we find ourselves in, whether it be our homes, our cars, our workplaces, school or the super-markets. Will we say “yes” to the challenge? One of the Solemn Blessings Father might pray these days is the following:

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love in the sufferings of his only Son
Through your service of God and neighbor may you receive his countless blessings. Amen.
You believe that by his dying Christ destroyed death forever.

May he give you everlasting life. Amen.

Our ministry continues to feed and clothe and house those in need. Many of you help make that happen, like one of our second graders who asked for donations to the Outreach instead of birthday presents! This 8 year old has a sense of what it means to be aware of those who are in need. Like this youngster, let us be **transfigured** as we help others do the same. I used to play a song on my guitar for the children that says: “Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more”. It’s true!

Special Need of the Week

Children’s clothing, especially ages 1-6

RCIA

In the coming weeks of Lent our RCIA members will be prayed over at the 8:00 am Liturgy. These Rites are called **SCRUTINIES** and an explanation of what they are about is found in the Book of Rites. It is a message we all need to hear:

The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

May we, the community, pray for them and for ourselves. The RCIA members will also receive a copy of two of our most treasured prayers: the **CREED** and the **OUR FATHER**. Let all of us pray these prayers with renewed faith and love.

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



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)

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

Please contact: Paul Wilkes 815-0694 or paulwilkes@ec.rr.com

PRISON MINISTRY NOTICE

Sharon is counting down the days until her April 18th 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.

St. Mary Altar Guild

will hold their next meeting on

March 16th at Noon

Olympia Restaurant

Oleander Drive

All ladies are welcome to join us

Nancy Dasbach – 264-9480

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.

Have you looked at St. Mary’s website lately?

Thanks to our new webmaster, Allen Sanderson, our website has a new and improved look with an interactive calendar and much more.

Make sure you take a look at it. www.thestmaryparish.org.

Diocesan Events

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

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

This LENT 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. For additional information please email: prayforlife247@aol.com

American Cancer Society's 25th Annual Relay for Life

Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th at Ashley High School stadium

Anyone interested in forming a parish team, please contact Rhonda Hager at 392-8668 or teamrelay@yahoo.com

Project Rachel Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion; experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat on May 15-17, at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or projectrachel@nc.rr.com. The cost is \$95 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available. Registration deadline is May 8.

In Sickness and In Health:

Meeting the Challenges of Caregiving

sponsored by Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center.

Free Community Conference

Saturday, March 21, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Watson School of Education

The Cardinal Gibbons High School Online Auction

Put March 15-28 on your calendar to shop for a wide variety of great items from your home computer! For more information, contact Laurette Benton, CGHS Development Office: lbenton@cghsnc.org or 834-1625 x 277.

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 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.

Office of Youth Ministry

John Walsh, DRE

762-5491 ext. 14

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Registration for 2009 – 2010 Faith Formation Year

On Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29 registration for the 2009 – 2010 faith formation year will be taking place. Registration tables will be set up throughout the lower school from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

All children/youth that plan on attending faith formation for 2009 – 2010 must be registered in advance. Any child/youth that registers during the first few weeks of class will not be allowed to attend class until the week after they register. This will allow for proper planning and preparation by our catechists and faith formation staff, so please make every effort to register early.

Please return your registration form to our record keeper Caroline Lyle. Caroline may be found on Sunday mornings in the lower school. Myself, or Caroline will be glad to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have, so please do not hesitate to approach us.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention and consideration in regards to these matters. The faith formation staff of St. Mary's looks forward to helping and serving you.

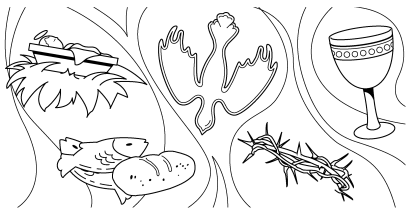
**Celebrations
February 28 – March 1, 2009**



Baptism
David Franklin Malone, III



Presentación en el templo
Eduardo Velásquez Ramos



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*Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2009*

If God is for us, who can be against us?

---Romans 8:31b

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule
Weekend of March 14 – March 15**

For Masses in English
Third 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	D. Bryant J. Chandler M. Friedrichs D. Harris K. Hartung P. Lachance J. Paparozzi	M. Adkins F. Bua J. Bua E. Flewellin E. Grace R. Keegan L. Newton	L. Dezio T. Graham L. Johnson C. Jones H. Latham B. Murtagh J. Murtagh	T. Crossland P. Gross Joyce Price J. Turbevillie C. Walsh J. Walsh J. Young
Lectors	P. Reddy C. Lively	P. Bolan B. Habib	A. Rogers J. Glenn	P. Marriot C. Hite
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

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.

Being Prophetic Voices in Mission

North Carolina Maryknoll Affiliate Gathering
May 1 – May 2, 2009

Second annual Maryknoll Affiliates Gathering, which will be hosted at the lovely ocean front Christian Family Living Center on Topsail Beach.

This gathering will be hosted by the Father Price Affiliate Chapter here in Wilmington, CARE and community volunteers. Come and relax with us as we grow deeper in our Maryknoll commitment and our commitment to one another.

Contact CARE for registration and information at 232-5324

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 22, 2009

Envelopes Mailed: 1219 Children's' Envelopes Received: 1
Envelopes Returned: 385 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 6.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
02/22/2009	\$ 14,427.23	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 105.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 534,040.92	\$ 535,900.00	\$ 19888.54

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



Bulletin Editor
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From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal

On Tuesday, February 24th, our annual **Mardi Gras** celebration parade was led by Mr. Purcell and the SMS Jazz Band. The drums were a great addition this year. Lots of parents joined us as we filled the block with color and the sounds of New Orleans. We even had a mini bead throw in the morning for the Preschool students. Thank you to Mr. Lively, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Watts, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Viorel, and the staff of St. Mary Church and School for providing us with such a fun time.

We are now in the season of **Lent** when we have many reflective activities planned for our students and faculty. Your children will hopefully tell you about the meaning behind the hearts in hands, footprints, pretzels, and Stations of the Cross. On Ash Wednesday, Fr. Bob took time to offer a special offering of ashes to the Preschool students after Mass.

On Friday, I joined the 4th and 5th grade classes who were gathered in the library with their teachers, Mrs. Scrocco, and Mr. Wilkes. We were connected by Skype to the Auxilium School in India. This is the school where we have sent the books to create libraries. Sister Sophie, the principal, was in her office with several of the girls. We watched them on a large white screen as we spoke with them about their favorite animals (elephants), favorite books (*Rebecca*), uniforms, and favorite foods. We sang to them and they sang to us. The adults had a hard time keeping a dry eye. We are so excited about the possible April trip to our school to be made by Sr. Sophie and one of the students. Mr. Wilkes has given us the Skype camera and microphone so that we can continue to communicate with our friends so far away. Perhaps our 2nd graders will have the opportunity to visit with their penpals in England as well. We are very grateful to Mr. Wilkes for that gift.

Chess Club needs some volunteer parent chaperones. Mrs. Penegre is not able to continue helping the club. Could someone help out?

--Edited for Space

8th 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 8th graders trip to Camp Don Lee

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)



Spring Break Surf Camps

April 6-10 April 20-24

- 12-2pm Monday-Friday @ The Oceanic Pier
- 3 to 1 student/instructor ratio
- We use INT softboard technology for safety
- 18 and under

Cost: \$290 per person + \$30 wetsuit rental fee unless you bring your own

Each lesson includes: A copy of the Indo Jax Ocean and Surf Guide, sticker and environmental surfbag.

SIGN UP BY MARCH 25TH TO RECEIVE \$30 OFF YOUR SPRING BREAK SURF CAMP

To sign up call: 910.274.3565 or visit IndoJaxSurfSchool.com, email us at jvsurf21@hotmail.com



Mrs. White's Kindergarten Class

Collected 100 cans of food for Sister Isaac's Social Ministry as part of their 100 day of school celebration!

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.