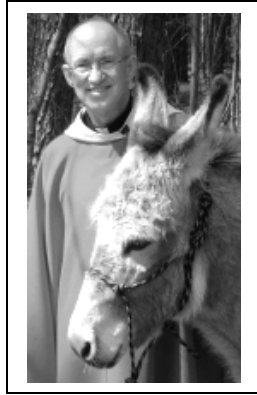


## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

Lots of great things are happening this week.

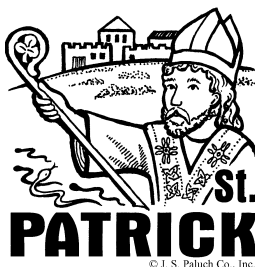
On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. As a boy he was kidnapped by Irish pirates and was forced to serve as a shepherd, enduring hunger and cold. After six years, he escaped. What an honor it must have been to him to one day return to the Emerald Isle and bring Christianity to the people as a missionary. St. Patrick is most famous for using a shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity. Just as the shamrock is one entity with three leafs, we have just One God but Three Divine Persons in this One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



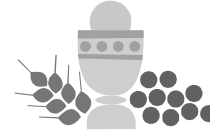
On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Catholic Church. This foster-father of Jesus and husband of Mary led a simple and basically hidden life. Like many fathers, he did his work faithfully every day without praise or glory. Joseph is also the Patron Saint of a "Happy Death." A "happy death" means a person is able to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick before dying. We have a beautiful stained glass window at St. Mary's near the pulpit called "The Death of St. Joseph." Check it out.

This week there are three Lenten Reconciliation Services in the Cape Fear Deanery including a 10:30 a.m. service at St. Mary's this Thursday. The other two services will be held at Sacred Heart in Southport on Tuesday and Sacred Heart in Whiteville on Wednesday, both of them at 7 p.m. Individual Confessions will be available in English and Spanish. Reconciliation is a great way to prepare ourselves for renewing our Baptismal promises at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
- Father Bob



## Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



### 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

### Monday, March 16:

7:30 am Mass – † Florence Miller  
*Offered by The Aab Family*

### Tuesday, March 17:

7:30 am Mass – † Virginia O'Leary  
*Offered by Dan O'Leary*

### Wednesday, March 18:

7:30 am Communion Service

### Thursday, March 19:

7:30 am Mass – Sarah Mooney  
*Offered by The Aab Family*

### Friday, March 20:

8:30 am Mass – † Raymond A. Carey  
*Offered by Jo Carey*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 21:

4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass – † Hazel Seguin  
*Offered by Clifton Lively*  
7:00 pm Mass – † Judy Troyan  
*Offered by the Caracciolos*

### Sunday, March 22:

8:00 am Mass – † Mary Fox  
*Offered by Charles and Patricia Fox*  
9:30 am Mass – † Faith and Friendship Groups  
for the Catholic Daughters  
*Offered by The Catholic Daughters*  
11:00 am Mass – † Lavonne Smith  
*Offered by The Aab Family*  
1:00 pm Mass – † Mary San  
*Offered by Joseph*

### 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 law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**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 31<sup>st</sup>  
 (Some restrictions apply – see in-store ads for details)

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

**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 Keggl	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
		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.

**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.

**Centering Prayer**

Eight people are participating in an hour of contemplating prayer and the Centering practice on Wednesday afternoons, for one hour, in our Chapel in Tileston. From the following web page, you can view a video, in three parts, about Centering Prayer.

<http://www.centeringprayer.com/reachinout.htm>

**When:** Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

**Are you interested in reciting the Rosary after Daily Mass**

Please join us after Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Communion Service, and Friday Masses, All are welcome.

## The Week Ahead In Our Parish



### **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

### **Sunday, March 15:**

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

Easter Concert BEHOLD: Her Story of Easter – 5:00 pm in the Church

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

### **Monday, March 16:**

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 17:**

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

Adult Education\* – 6:00 pm in Tileston

Lenten Reconciliation Service – 7:00 pm – Sacred Heart (Southport)

Wil Marind and Robert Bowlin Concert – 7:00 pm in the Church

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

### **Wednesday, March 18:**

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service – 7:00 pm – Sacred Heart (Whiteville)

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

### **Thursday, March 19:**

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service – 10:30 am – St. Mary Church

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

### **Friday, March 20:**

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 21:**

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

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

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Celebration – 6:30 pm in the St. Mary School Cafeteria

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

\*denotes weekly activity

## Knights of Columbus 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

**Dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to enjoy the  
Upper Room Big Band Blast.**

**WHEN: Saturday, April 18th**

**WHERE: Tileston's Upper Room**

**Why: 'cause it's fun**

**Tickets (\$18.00 each) are on sale outside after each Mass.  
At other times they can be purchased at the parish office,  
bookstore, or by calling Jeanne Bua (799-0164)**

## From the Office of Social Outreach

### Third Sunday of Lent

By: Sister Isaac

Last Sunday we heard the call to be transformed. Today the Word of God to us is all about cleansing the Temple. We might want to take some time to reflect on just what we might still need to do to “clean house” in this spring time, this Lent. We are getting ready to recommit to our baptismal promises and to be messengers of the Good News. What might Jesus need to “overturn” in our lives.

I suspect many of us are prejudiced in our judgments – maybe just a little? This past week as I was leaving the Bank a gentleman approached me and I thought, “how gently can I let him know that I have no intentions of giving him money?” However, he surmised what I was thinking and he said to me, “No, Sister Isaac, I want to give you some money. Several weeks ago you gave me some funds so that I might keep my cell phone on in order to receive calls about possible work. I am now working, even doing overtime, so I want to return to you what you gave me.” I was touched and I was humbled.

So we are mid-way in Lent as we pray, fast and give alms so that Jesus can cleanse us of what needs to be changed... apathy, jealousy, hatred, despair, anger, etc. etc. so that our relationship with Him and with others might be nurtured as we strive to bring about His Kingdom.

### Special Need of the Week

I know that I have mentioned before that whenever we ask for help we receive it. Thanks so much for all the children's clothing – our shelves are no longer bare. We are in need of a family to volunteer to pick up food once a month (**on the 3rd Sunday**) for the coming months. Roy and Ann Marie Clifton have given us this service for the past several years, and Roy is facing some health problems at present, so we need some additional hands. This ministry requires about 2 hours of your time once a month as you pick up food for our pantry at Food Lion – Masonboro Commons. If you can volunteer please call the office (762-5491 x35) for more details.

### **RCIA**

Today some 40 + men and women who are the **elect and candidates** in our RCIA process celebrated the First of Three Scrutinies, asking God for His light to look into their lives and help them see what still needs conversion. We, too, are called to pray for them and for the same grace for ourselves.

### **Wil Maring and Robert Bowlin in Concert**

March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

St. Mary Church

Wil is a singer/songwriter who combines country, folk, and bluegrass to create a sound that is all her own. With the addition of virtuoso guitarist/fiddler, Robert Bowlin she's been able to take her sound to the next level.

The concert is free but a collection will be taken to help send CARE kids to summer camp.

### **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 pm 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](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.

### **St. Mary Altar Guild**

will hold their next meeting on

March 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thestmaryparish.org).

### **The Cape Fear Deanery Respect Life Mass**

**March 25, 2009**

**6:00 pm**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

Please call Bev Jolly to RSVP for your organization so a reserved area can be designated for your group – 297-4875

## *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](mailto:atsmith@ec.rr.com)

**40 Days for Life Spring Campaign**

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)**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 stadiumAnyone interested in forming a parish team, please contact Rhonda Hager at 392-8668 or [teamrelay@yahoo.com](mailto:teamrelay@yahoo.com)**Project Rachel Retreat for Healing After Abortion**Project Rachel weekend retreat on May 15-17, at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com)

The cost is \$95 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials.

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.

UNC-W Watson School of Education

**Carolina Catholic**

On the March episode of Carolina Catholic, the show features interviews from the Ignited by Truth 2009 conference in Raleigh with Father Larry Richards from Changed Forever and The Reason for Our Hope, and with Catholic apologist Tim Staples of Catholic Answers. This show can be heard on 92.7 FM, WBPL-LP. This show will air on Saturday, March 14th at 11 a.m. and Sunday, March 15th at 6 p.m. It can also be heard at the station's website which is [wilmingtoncatholicradio.com](http://wilmingtoncatholicradio.com); just click on the Carolina Catholic tab.

In April, our show features an interview with Immaculee Ilibigizia, an author of three books and a survivor of the 1994 Rwanda genocide. Immaculee hid in a bathroom with six other women and a seven year old girl for 91 days during which time her mother, father, and two brothers were murdered and the gangs came for her many times. Immaculee prayed 27 Rosaries a day, and she credits the Rosary with her survival and her ability to forgive the man who killed her family members. Her books are Left to Tell, Led by Faith, and Our Lady of Kibeho. You can read more about Immaculee at her website: <http://www.immaculee.com/>.

This show will air on Saturday, April 4 and 11 at 11 a.m. and

Sunday, April 5th and 12th at 6 p.m.

92.7 FM, Wilmington Catholic Radio.

**PIEROGI AND KIELBASA, ANYONE?**

St. Stanislaus Church in Castle Hayne will be selling frozen packages of Pierogi and Kielbasa the weekend of March 28-29, 2009. These delicious stuffed pasta pockets are imported from our supplier in PA, and are available in Potato & Cheese, Cabbage, Jalapeno & Cheese, Farmer's Cheese, and Prune flavors. Each 1 dozen package sells for \$5.00. For you meat lovers, we also offer the 1.25 lb. package of Kielbasa ("Polish Wedding Brand") which sells for \$5.00. St. Stanislaus Parish Hall, 4849 Castle Hayne Road (Hwy 133)

**Saturday, March 28 from 9 to 12 and following 5:30 p.m. Mass.****Sunday, 3-29 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.****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****June 19-21, 2009****Celebrate Father's Day Weekend**

\$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. May	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	Shalotte	7 p.m.



The Diocese of Raleigh announces the postponement of the Formation Day on the Courage and Encourage Apostolates that was scheduled for March 31, 2009.

A recent news story failed effectively to convey that the ministry has been made available in the Diocese at the request of members of the faithful, who recognize the value and support which this ministry provides to them and to their family members. Furthermore, the news story contained references that are of concern to the Diocese and to some of the faithful.

Before proceeding with a conference on the Courage and Encourage Apostolates, the Diocese will work to provide necessary clarifications on the apostolates to our faithful by creating a greater understanding of their spiritual and pastoral mission, which Pope John Paul II called, "The work of God."

**Office of Youth Ministry**

John Walsh, DRE

762-5491 ext. 14

[jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org)**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  
March 6 – March 8, 2009**



**In Memoriam**  
Marion Burn

**Welcome New Parishioners**

Frances Fielding  
Theodore & Patricia LaSalla  
Jeffrey H. & Gina Van Der Wal  
Frank & June DeMonte  
Emily Tardio  
Salvatore & Michele Lucido  
Teresa Rose Sheehan  
Dennis & Carolyn (Lynn) Collette  
Chet S. Nesley  
Christopher Dayette

**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 her 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

Azalea festival parade parking for NCYC  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule  
Weekend of March 21 – March 22**

For Masses in English  
Fourth 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	L. Buker W. Harris R. Little J. Malek M. McCormick S. Watts	J. Cappellino B. Grace O. Niles L. Parker S. Parker E. Teaster D. Thompson	E. Flewellin P. Gross R. Jackson L. Johnson C. Jones M. Reis G. Worsley	C. Bennett A. Edwards G. Hill D. Linkfield F. Metzgar M. Metzgar J. Young
Lectors	H. Pennington J. Lachance	R. Shackelford E. Grace	P. Rogers F. Bailey	C. Stiles L. Perunko
Altar Servers	E. Harris S. Hutko C. Lachance	A. Hudson A. Stumph S. Young	E. Hatem A. Oehling J. Schnitzler	L. Gerbe O. Gerbe S. Gerbe

It is that time of year again! The St. Mary Youth will be holding their annual Azalea Parade Car Parking fundraiser on Saturday April 4 from 7:30 a.m. until spaces are full. We are asking for a \$10 donation per car on the day of the parade, or you may reserve a spot ahead of time for a \$15 donation by calling John Walsh. Parking spots fill up quickly so I highly recommend reserving your spot ahead of time or arriving early on Saturday morning.

The proceeds raised this year will help to fund our St. Mary Youth who will be making a pilgrimage to this year's National Catholic Youth Convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo in November 2009. We have 11 youth and two adult chaperones making this pilgrimage. They will be joining over 20,000 other youth and young adults from across the country to celebrate and live out their call to be Disciples of Christ.

What is National Catholic Youth Convention? More than anything else, NCYC is about pilgrimage, or holy journey – a journey of thousands of miles to Kansas City, a journey of several miles by foot to all of the varying venues and activities in Kansas City, and an infinite journey to the core of yourself and your faith.

Our pilgrims will be fundraising on a monthly basis to help defer the cost of the trip (approximately \$850 per pilgrim/ chaperone). We have a bulletin board set up inside the Tileston building with pictures and names of all the participants and how they are doing on achieving their goals.

Thank you so much in advance for your prayerful consideration on supporting our Azalea Parade Parking fundraiser and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday April 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

**March 1, 2009**

Envelopes Mailed: 1230 Children's' Envelopes Received: 0  
Envelopes Returned: 404 Total Children's Offeratory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
03/01/2009	\$ 16,221.24	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2164.79
07/01/08 to present	\$ 552,306.21	\$ 548,900.00	\$ 22053.33

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



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*From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal*

During Lent, our focus has been on what we can do to follow Jesus. Perhaps it's something we can sacrifice, something positive we can do, or even a way we can "die to self" during this season. You will see footprints in our cafeteria with our thoughts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to students in Grades 3 – 8.

Enrollment is continuing and I would like to remind everyone about the deadline for application to FACTS Grant and Aid. No tuition assistance will be given without these forms being filled out. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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## Community Events



Spring Break Surf Camps

April 6 – 10

April 20 – 24

12 – 2 pm Monday through Friday

Oceanic Pier

910-274-3565 or [indojaxsurfschool.com](http://indojaxsurfschool.com)

St. Mary School Teachers:

Jack Viorel (1)

Kevin Murphy (5)

## 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.

## Middle School Band News



The middle school marching band played for our annual St. Mary Mardi Gras parade and celebration on Fat Tuesday. The band leads the parade through the neighborhood playing New Orleans style Jazz and Blues.

Well done, band!

## Library News

The library media center has been full of activity during March. The third, fourth and fifth graders have been perfecting their computer skills by creating and manipulating spreadsheets, and by designing a newsletter telling all about Wilmington. They have also played games utilizing print and non-print sources to answer various research questions.

The lower elementary classes read The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flourney and constructed a "friendship quilt" by combining wonderfully drawn self-portrait squares. They are also developing their computer skills by learning keyboarding strategies and creating brochures using word processing software.

We would like to thank Paul Wilkes for the donation of a webcam, which enabled the fourth and fifth graders to have a remarkable videoconference with the girls from Home of Hope Orphanage in India. We look forward to videoconferencing with pen pals and others in the future.

## Young Author's Celebration

*New Hanover County Reading Association*

*Young Authors Contest*

*announces the following are winners from Mrs. Ever's First Grade at St. Mary School:*

*Conrad Young*

*Patrick TooToo*

*Madison Swawrt*

*Thomas Moore*

*The poems/short essay will now be published in a booklet with all New Hanover County school winners.*

*We celebrate these fine young students with a ceremony*

*Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*

*6:00 pm*

*Northeast Regional Library*

*Congratulations!!!*

## Dates to Remember

March 27 – Noon Dismissal

April 6-10 Spring Recess – No School

April 13 – Classes Resume (Snow Make-up Day)