

## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate what used to be called "Laetare Sunday," the Sunday of "joy." This is one of the two times per year that the priest may wear rose-colored vestments.

Here at St. Mary's, we always have plenty to be thankful for and joyful about. For example, thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Mary's, we have made our Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) goal. I especially thank Lee & Sharon Parker for their leadership of this year's campaign, and to James Shafer, Chairman of the Major Gifts part of the campaign. Though the diocesan BAA goal was 8% over last year's goal, our parish goal was about 26% higher than last years. This is because of the phenomenal growth of our parish and growth of our offertory, one of the largest increases of any parish in the diocese. That says a lot about what's happening here at St. Mary's!

On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Holocaust Memorial at St. Mary's at 4 p.m. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman of the Temple of Israel is spearheading this memorial.

The St. Mary Men's Faith Sharing Group meets in the RCIA Room where we discuss the coming weekend's Scriptures and how they relate to our lives. All men are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's. This organization is open to any Catholic men of Irish heritage. If you are interested in learning more about this organization, please see me as I'm their chaplain. The Ladies' AOH will also be meeting at St. Mary's on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.

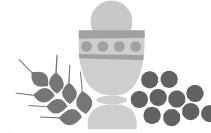
Many have asked to have copies of various homilies. Please note that all of my homilies are available in both English and Spanish on our web site: [www.thestmaryparish.org](http://www.thestmaryparish.org). Allen Sanderson, our web master, posts them after they have been delivered. Thus, the homilies for the weekend should be posted sometime late Sunday. Also on the web site you'll find the Pastor's Corners (Mensaje de Padre Bob) and complete bulletin each week also. If you haven't been to our web site lately, check it out! It's getting more and more interesting every day. Be sure to check out our growing "Photo Gallery" also.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

- *Father Bob*



## Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



### 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*

### Monday, March 23:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Mary Karns and Emily Chandler  
 Karns  
*Offered by Steve and Patty Williams*

### Tuesday, March 24:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Benedetto, John, Sarah, Ben Sr.  
 and Frances Carnevale  
*Offered by Angelo Carnevale*

### Wednesday, March 25:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

### Thursday, March 26:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Father of Virginia Townsend  
*Offered by The Aab Family*

### Friday, March 27:

- 8:30 am Mass – † Ed Fridrich  
*Offered by Barbara and Robert Mee*  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 28:

- 4:00 – 4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm Mass – † Helen and William McGroarty  
*Offered by Art and Pat Patrignelli*  
 7:00 pm Mass – † Thomas Khoia  
*Offered by the Joseph*

### Sunday, March 29:

- 8:00 am Mass – † Anne Arricale  
*Offered by Frank and Jeanne Bua*  
 9:30 am Mass – † Eleanor Antonaccio  
*Offered by The Antonaccio Family*  
 11:00 am Mass – † Ronnie Fullwood  
*Offered by The Family*  
 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 wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:

*1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday**

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]  
 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**

St. Mary School would like to announce that we will be discontinuing the SCRIP program. There are still a few Food Lion and Port City Java cards available for purchase. Please contact Lisa Picken at 679-4120 or Catherine Jones at 798-2389. Thank you for your support of the SCRIP program.

**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) **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**

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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Shirley Ammons    | Janet Dowell        | Lindsay McDuffie     |
| Ashley Ashton     | Madeline Dowell     | Elizabeth Militscher |
| Robyn Bailly      | Shari George        | Kathy Murphy         |
| Charles Baird     | Mildred Gibbons     | John Pavolonis       |
| Evelyn Baird      | Louis Gordon        | Laura Puin           |
| Stephanie Barrows | Kristal Grant       | Celia Rudd           |
| Cheryl Bezek      | Michael J. Gressman | Geraldine Sabum      |
| Arenda Bingham    | William Grundy      | John Slaughenhaupt   |
| Judy Brooks       | Mary Haywood        | Adell Suhoski        |
| Leda Burns        | Dolores Hicks       | John Leroy Trader    |
| Patrick Caporale  | Andrew Kegl         | Felix Usewicz        |
| Florence Carey    | Josephine Kidney    | Paula J. Veltz       |
| C.J. Carroll      | Nancy Lange         | Catherine Veres      |
| Clara Carter      | Anna Lenortavage    | Chris Watson, Jr.    |
| Robert Cary       | Francis Leonard     | Jim Watters          |
| Joyce Christine   | Louise Leonard      | Jeff Weeks           |
| Roy Clifton       | Patrick Leonard     | Sheila Weeks         |
| Jeanne Carrier    | Mary Eugenia Mazur  | Jeff Wiener          |
| Barbara DeBellis  | Gary McDaniel       | 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 would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Stephanie Watts at 799-7623 or

[ewatts1949@aol.com](mailto:ewatts1949@aol.com).

**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/reachingout.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 21:**

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

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

### **Sunday, March 22:**

Faith Formation Registration - 8:30 am - 11:00 am - Lower School

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 23:**

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 24:**

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

Adult Education\* - 6:00 pm in Tileston

Lenten Reconciliation Service - 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception (Wilmington)

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

### **Wednesday, March 25:**

Centering Prayer - 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm in the Tileston Chapel

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

### **Thursday, March 26:**

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service - 7:00 pm - St. Stanislaus (Castle Hayne)

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

### **Friday, March 27:**

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 28:**

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

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

Vanessa Metzgar - Francis Metzgar Convalidation - 10: am in the Church

Beth Ann Butler - Ray Soporowski 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**



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

Saturday, March 21

6:30 pm

ST. Mary School Cafeteria

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

## **ANNUAL SPRING DANCE**

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

Tileston Building's Upper Room



Celebrate Springtime in a big way and support a fun parish activity.

Attend the annual UPPER ROOM BIG BAND BLAST. Tickets (\$18.00 each) are being sold outside after each Mass. At other times they can be purchased at the parish office and bookstore.

Parties of 8 may reserve seating by calling  
Jeanne Bua (799-0164)

### ***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

## From the Office of Social Outreach

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

By: Sister Isaac

Our call to live out our Baptismal promises is reinforced this week by our Readings and the symbol of rose-colored vestments. We are getting closer to the resurrection story and we are reminded that God never forgets us.

In one of the books I often use for reflection I came across this passage:

Neil Miller strikes a positive note when he writes in The Christian Science Monitor:

“If tenderness were rare instead of normal wouldn’t newspapers give it headlines:  
Mother Cherishes Family –  
Blind Person Helped Across Street –  
Prisoners Visited -  
Destitute People Cared For...  
And on and on?”  
But thanks to Jesus’ coming on earth,  
“such events are not news;  
They are as common and  
as beautiful as dandelions.”

New life is beginning all around us. Is there something going on in today’s world that fills me with new hope? The fact that God gives us Jesus is a good place to begin. May we all see some beautiful dandelions this week.

### Special Need of the Week

Tables and chairs; (kitchen or dining room)

#### RCIA

At our 9:30 a.m. Liturgy our Anglo RCIA elect and candidates will participate in the second Scrutiny. Father prays:

Almighty and eternal God, may your Church increase in true joy.  
May these candidates for baptism, and all the family of man,  
Be reborn into the life of your kingdom.

#### 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

#### 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).

#### PRISON MINISTRY NOTICE

Sharon was so excited when I told her that she has the promise of a cane back chair and two lovely lamps. I can only imagine how she will feel when and if I can mention the addition of a sofa and perhaps a coffee or end table. If you have any of these items that you wish to donate to Sharon so that her release date of April 18<sup>th</sup> will be joyous in every way please call Jeanne Bua at 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)

#### The Cape Fear Deanery Respect Life Mass

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6 P.M. at

St. Therese Catholic Church, Wrightsville Beach

The Very Reverend Marcus Leon-Angulo V.F., the dean for the Cape Fear Deanery, the K of C, and the Cape Fear Deanery Respect Life Committee cordially invite all Cape Fear Deanery respect life coordinators and parishioners to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25th by participating in a Respect Life Vigil Mass to be held on Wednesday, March 25th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Therese Catholic church in Wrightsville Beach. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. Gratefully, Monsignor Matthew Hendricks of St. Therese and The Knights of Columbus will co-host this event.

The Mass intention is for respect for all life in honor of Mary and to encompass every human heart at its origin in the heart of God and to nurture and support a respect for dignity of all persons. Every human life will be our intention because all are within the reach of God’s love. All local Catholic organizations within our deanery are invited including the Hispanic Ministries, Catholic Daughters, Carmelites, Hibernians, Boy and Girl Scouts, Faith Formation/ Youth Group students, all Ladies Guilds, Natural Family Planning, etc.

Your presence at this Mass will be symbolic of your support for the respect life community, our Knights, and others. Please let me know if you have any suggestions and any special requests.

Please call Bev Jolly at 297-4875 to RSVP for your organization so a reserved area could be designated for your group.

### 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 stadium

Anyone 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 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.

**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.

**Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Baptism of infants and young children (in English)**

As our parish family continues to grow it has become necessary to streamline the baptism preparation class a little bit. In the past the class has been offered on an as needed basis, but it will now be offered on a monthly basis.

Beginning on **Monday May 4, 2009** the mandatory preparation class for the Baptism of infant and young children (in English) will be held on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Amy Bradley Room located in the Tileston building. If the first Monday is a holiday then the class will be given on the next Monday that is not a holiday. The parish website and bulletin will be updated regularly with the latest schedule.

You must RSVP ahead of time with me to take the class. When you RSVP for the class I will discuss with you the necessary steps needed to be completed in order for the sacrament to be celebrated.

If you have already scheduled a class time, then that time will be honored. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

**Holy Week Schedule**

April 4 – 5 (Palm Sunday) – Regular Schedule of Masses with palm distribution

April 6 – Regular Daily Mass at 7:30 am

April 7 – Communion Service at 7:30 am (No Mass)

April 8 – Communion Service at 7:30 am (No Mass)

April 9 (Holy Thursday) - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) at 7:00 pm

Reception of the holy oils and Washing of the Feet

Adoration in Tileston – 8:00 pm until Midnight

April 10 (Good Friday) – Church opens for silent meditation at Noon

Veneration of the Cross, Passion, Communion Service (in English) – 2:00 pm

Outdoor *Via Crucis* - Hispanic Youth Group – 4:00 pm

Veneration of the Cross, Passion, Communion Service (in Spanish) – 7:00 pm

April 11 (Easter Vigil) – Rehearsal for RCIA – 9:00 am

Blessing of the Easter food baskets – 10:00 am

No 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm Masses

Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual) begins with Blessing of the New Fire – 8:00 pm

April 12 (Easter Sunday) – Regular Mass schedule with an addition of 6:30 am Mass (in English)

**Celebrations  
March 14 – March 16, 2009**



**In Memoriam**  
Sydney Faith Moctézuma

**Presentation in the Temple**  
Jahir Rodríguez

**Wedding**  
Stuart Townsend Barnes &  
Karla Elizabeth Burgos Atarama

**Welcome New Parishioners**

- Ryan K. Beebe
- James C. & Lydia D. Braye
- Joseph & Denise Brugnone
- Eric L. & Wendy D. Cole
- Dominick Jr. & Jo Ann Falank
- David A. Gagliano
- Michael B. & Heather M. Hostetler
- Stephen C. & Kristin R. Karas
- Lester & Phyllis Latka
- Nicholas & Karen Lian
- Vincent A. & Jennifer L. Lopez
- Michael T. Lyons
- Michael Roth
- Jennifer Latka
- Lawrence R. Van Zomeren
- Christine Mancusi

<b>Liturgical Minister's Schedule Weekend of March 21 – March 22</b>				
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

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers**

Please contact Stephanie Watts at  
799-7623 or [ewatts1949@aol.com](mailto:ewatts1949@aol.com) with your email address so  
the monthly schedules can be sent electronically.

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

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.

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 8, 2009**

Envelopes Mailed: 1230      Children's' Envelopes Received: 0  
Envelopes Returned: 402      Total Children's Offertory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
03/08/2009	\$ 13,680.63	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 125.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 565,986.84	\$ 561,900.00	\$ 22178.33

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



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*From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal*

Congratulations to Jack Knott (1V) who won a contest sponsored by WGNI. The contest entries needed to state their ultimate show and tell. His was to have a Harlem Globetrotter come to his class. He won! Buckets Blakes, No. 15, came to Jack's class on March 11th and then stayed to share his C.H.E.E.R. program with the entire school in the gym. The character building values that he spoke about fit right in with those of our school. Your children were a wonderful audience as he demonstrated some of the special Globetrotter techniques along with Madison, Christian, Xavier, Sherry Lyn, and Mrs. Scrocco.

We also congratulate Mrs. Hudson for scoring a "100" from the Health Dept. for our lunch program. She does a wonderful job with Mrs. Carpenter and all of their volunteers to bring our students and staff a balanced hot lunch program everyday.

Thanks to all who rode and walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lovitt (Blair Bigham 7) for providing the flatbed truck and driver for our float. Special thanks also to Mr. Moore, our resident parade cheerleader, and to Mr. Goulding who dressed as St. Patrick. We couldn't have been blessed with more perfect weather with the Marine Band right in front of us.

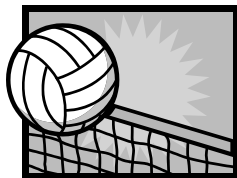
We appreciate all the parents and teachers who played in the basketball fundraiser. It was so much fun to see the parents playing with their children along with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Viorel. Money was raised for science equipment for our school. We hope that this event will grow to attract more people next year. It was a great family night out.

Next week our Lenten focus is on prayer and thanking Jesus for sacrificing Himself for us. You may see hands and hearts mounted in the shape of a cross around school symbolizing His love for us.

Looking ahead to the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month your children will have an all day Health Expo. The purpose is to teach students about good life-long health habits. The expo will be set up in thirty minute interactive stations: Make your Own Smoothies, Surfing, Dental Health, Dance, Computer, Fencing, Yoga, Exercise, and Healthy Snacks and Healthy Hearts. The students are to wear comfortable work-out clothes and gym shoes.

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**St. Mary School Sports News**



We are sorry to announce that we will not be fielding a boys Lacrosse team this year. We are hopeful for more participation next year.

Spring training for the volleyball team will begin Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Team members should report to the gym immediately after school, dressed to play with knee pads and a drink.

Practice will run until 4:45 pm.

Boys tennis is off to a great start! There are 3 - 1!

All athletes should check the website weekly for updates on practice and games. Click on weekly events link.

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**ST. MARY**  
Catholic School

**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

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.

**Dates to Remember**

March 24 - All School Health Expo

March 27 - Noon Dismissal

April 6-10 Spring Recess - No School

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

April 20 - 27 - Scholastic Book Fair

April 24 - Field Day (Hugh McRae Park)