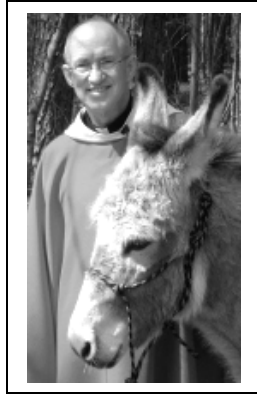


Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

This week and next week, we will be celebrating First Communion at St. Mary's at several Masses, both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking. Congratulations to everyone who is celebrating this special sacrament! If it is true that we "are what we eat," I pray that you will become more Christ-like every day. What a wonderful gift Jesus gave us for our life journey—himself in the elements of bread and wine.



This coming week we will be welcoming members of the Maryknoll Affiliates for their annual Gathering at the Christian Family Living Center on Topsail Beach. The hosts for this event are the Fr. Price Hometown Chapter of the Maryknoll Affiliates and CARE located here at St. Mary's as well as community volunteers. We hope that your visit with us will be a wonderful experience. It was right here in this neighborhood that the co-founder of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers was born and raised—Fr. Thomas Frederick "Freddie" Price. Today he is known as Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price as he makes his way to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

St. Mary's got a wonderful surprise last week when St. Therese's parish at Wrightsville Beach gave Sr. Isaac's ministry \$50,000 for her work with the poor in our Social Outreach Ministry. This ministry serves over 9,000 poor persons each year with food, clothing, furniture, bedding, pots and pans and dishes, bicycles, and many other things.

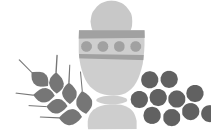
Sincerely yours in Christ,

- Father Bob



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Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 25:

- 5:30 pm Mass - † Ema Jacin
Offered by Barbara and Tony Caracciolo
- 7:00 pm Mass - † Richard Hoffman
Offered by Charlie and Irene DePalma

Sunday, April 26:

- 8:00 am Mass - † Mary Lenz
Offered by Candace McGreevy
- 9:30 am Mass - † Mary Fox
Offered by Gordon and Donna Armiger
- 11:00 am Mass - † Barbara Snedeker
Offered by Marie Ely
- 1:00 pm Mass - † Beverly Fagan
Offered by Patrick and Eileen Skruck

Monday, April 27:

- 7:30 am Mass - † Eleanor Antonaccio
Offered by The Antonaccio Family

Tuesday, April 28:

- 7:30 am Mass - † Allan Waelchli
Offered by Paul and Sue Reeves

Wednesday, April 29:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, April 30:

- 7:30 am Mass - Bob Carey
Offered by Florence Carey

Friday, May 1:

- 8:30 am Mass - † Benedetto, John, Sarah, Ben Sr., and Frances Carnevale
Offered by Angelo Carnevale

Saturday, May 2:

- 8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
- 5:30 pm Mass - 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ray and Carol Pollack
† Grace Franco
- 7:00 pm Mass - Joseph Suy
Offered by Joseph

Sunday, May 3:

- 8:00 am Mass - † Helen Collins
Offered by Sean Kelly and Family
- 9:30 am Mass - † Henry Vespa
Offered by Gordon and Donna Armiger
- 11:00 am Mass - † Sam Caracciolo
Offered by Tony Caracciolo
- 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 author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
 Readings for the week may be found on www.thestmaryparish.org - Click on **Worship**

R U a Secular Franciscan, and looking for a local fraternity?
 or

R U wondering what it would be like to become one?

The local fraternity meets the third Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM
 In the RCIA room, Tileston School.

For more information contact:

Frank Bindewald at 452-7603 or fbindewald@ec.rr.com
 or Linda Perunko at 399-7695 or lperunko@ec.rr.com

Camillus Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming a Camillus Minister, please call Frank Grant at 392-6084

The St Mary Parish Book store

Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1036

will hold their next meeting on
 Monday, May 4 at 7:00 pm
 at the Clubhouse in Jumpin' Run.

All Catholic women are invited to attend.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Stephanie Watts at 799-7623 or ewatts1949@aol.com.

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!

Please Pray for Our Sick

Shirley Ammons	Shari George	Elizabeth Militscher
Ashley Ashton	Mildred Gibbons	Kathy Murphy
Robyn Bailly	Betty Glasenapp	Katherine Oxx
Charles Baird	Louise Gordon	John Pavolonis
Evelyn Baird	Kristal Grant	Laura Purin
Stephanie Barrows	Michael J. Gressman	Geraldine Saburn
Cheryl Bezek	William Grundy	John Slaughenhaupt
Arenda Bingham	Mary Haywood	Adell Suhoski
Judy Brooks	Andrew Kegl	John Leroy Trader
Lecia Burns	Josephine Kidney	Felix Usewicz
Bob Carey	Nancy Lange	Paula J. Veltz
C.J. Carroll	Anna Lenortavage	Catherine Veres
Clara Carter	Francis Leonard	Chris Watson, Jr.
Robert Cary	Louise Leonard	Jim Watters
Joyce Christine	Patrick Leonard	Jeff Weeks
Roy Clifton	Anthony Mancini	Sheila Weeks
Jeanne Currier	Mary Eugenia Mazur	Jeff Wiener
Barbara DeBellis	Gary McDaniel	Anne Williams
Jane Dowell	Linda McDuffie	Sheila Weeks
Madeline Dowell		

To add or remove a name, please contact: thebestmaryparish.org or 955-2063.

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.

Centering Prayer

An hour of contemplating prayer and the Centering practice
 Wednesday afternoons 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 – 1st floor

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

Adoration

Why not “watch and pray” an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? We have Adoration on First Friday from after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm.



AAMEN Corner

The chapter will have its monthly meeting on
 Tuesday, April 28th at 5pm
 in the Tileston Building.

The Week Ahead In Our Parish

Saturday, April 25:

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

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

Jennifer Edralin – Shaym Gelot Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

First Communion – 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 26:

First Communion – 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

Confirmation Rehearsal – 5:00 pm in the Church

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

Monday, April 27:

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, April 28:

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, April 29:

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

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

Thursday, April 30:

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

Renaissance Choir Rehearsal* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Friday, May 1:

First Friday Adoration following 8:30 am Mass

Katie Anthony and Albie Lange Wedding – 7:00 pm in the Church

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

Saturday, May 2:

Share Sunday – All Masses

Brooke Harris and Justin Luttmer Wedding – 10:00 am in the Church

Courtney Carter and Jonathan Kaefer Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

First Communion – 5:30 Mass



Knights of Columbus Council 1074

Come learn a little about your faith with Knights of Columbus Council 1074. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will study the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Our guide will be the Compendium of the Catechism and discussions by Bishop William E. Lori Supreme Chaplin of the Knights of Columbus. The sessions will start promptly at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers in Tileston. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

National Catholic Youth Convention Pilgrims Spaghetti Dinner and Karaoke Night Fundraiser Saturday, May 23 6:30 pm

St. Mary School Cafeteria

All You Can Eat Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Tossed Salad

Italian Bread

Desert

\$6.00 Adult

\$3.00 Children (5-12)

Free – 4 and under

No Family will be Charged More Than \$20.00

Under the supervision of Kenny O'Leary

Proceeds will directly benefit the pilgrims attending the NCYC in November of 2009

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

The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra

Steve Errante, Conductor

Free Family Concert

Sunday, April 26th

4:00 pm

Union Missionary Baptist Church

2711 Princess Place Drive

Featuring the Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra

This Matinee is Free but seating is on

a first-come-first-serve basis.

Sponsored by Wilmington Nephrology,

Wilmington Star News and WHQR 91.3

More information at wilmingtonsymphony.org

From the Office of Social Outreach**Third Sunday of Easter****By: Sister Isaac**

The risen Jesus brings peace to all who follow Him and He asks us to witness this peace to all we meet. Those of us who are involved with the Outreach Center make a sincere effort to share the gifts of peace and forgiveness that we have received from Jesus with all those who come through our doors.

As I write this I have just received news that Tom Hunley is dying. Tom came to the Ministry when we first started in the middle 1980's. He took care of our "truck" and helped set up some of the rooms we are still using, lowering the ceilings. He once said to me;

"Sister, thank you for helping me **see the poor**. For the past decades I left for work while it was still dark in the morning and returned in the darkness of the evening. I just was not aware of my brothers and sisters who live in such need."

When I spoke with him last week he again thanked me for "letting him be a part of the ministry." I have no doubt that his reward will be great when Jesus welcomes him into his arms and says, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

And while you are reading this, I am at Marquette University in Milwaukee, receiving the Alumni Service to the Community Award. As I have told many of you, I am receiving this in **your name**. It is the St. Mary Community, along with our volunteers from other faiths, who have served those in need in the Wilmington area for almost 25 years. Your support keeps the lights on, the heat running, the area clean and safe, our shelves stocked with nourishing food and clothing sorted and sized, our furniture exchange operating, and some guests able to receive a small offering to keep utilities on, gas in their cars – or even a car or bicycle, and a roof over their heads, etc. But these material services, as wonderful and needed as they are, pale in comparison to your giving of comfort hope, peace and dignity to our brothers and sisters who come in need. We can certainly acclaim a loud Easter Alleluia!

Special Need of the WeekNext Sunday is **Share Sunday**

Thank you in advance for the food you bring.

We are in dire need of men's short sleeve tee shirts – all sizes.



**Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2009**

You alone, O Lord,
bring security to my dwelling.

--Psalm 4:9

Diocesan Events***Are you Celebrating 25, 50 or more years of Marriage?***

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge invites all couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage to honor their vocation of marriage. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 3 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 2718 Overbrook Dr. Raleigh. Family Members are welcome to attend. Please register through your parish office by Friday, May 1.

**Tileston Health Clinic
Executive Director
Job Announcement**

Executive Director for the Tileston Health Clinic, a free clinic serving the poor and uninsured in this area. Requires successful experience in operations and management in the health care sector. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Benefits package. Email résumé or inquiries to tilestonexecdir@hotmail.com.

Please no phone calls.

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.

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

Registration deadline is May 8.

**International Adoption Information Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2009**

Lewis Room**St. Raphael Catholic Church in Raleigh**

Catholic Charities of Raleigh and Children's Home Society and Family Services of Minnesota are partnering to provide international adoption services to local residents. Representatives from both agencies will be here to discuss several programs, including adoptions from Russia, China, Ethiopia, India, and Korea.

Please call Catholic Charities at 919-790-8533 to register and for directions.

Don't Know Where to Turn?

Catholic Charities' Family Support Services can assist or direct you to assistance with all the difficulties that follow job loss. All programs are available to individuals and families regardless of race, creed, religion, ability to pay. Go to www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/social/regional_offices.aspx for contact information or call the Raleigh Office of Catholic Charities at 919-790-8533 for information about the Regional Office nearest you.

Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese of Raleigh is seeking candidates for the position of Directory of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Responsibilities include assisting parishes by developing, coordinating and administering an effective and comprehensive ministry for both junior and senior high youth and young adults. Requirements include a master's degree in pastoral ministry, theology or related fields, and a minimum of five years of ministry experience.

Send cover letter and resume to:

Sr. Rose Marie Adams, IHM

Directory of Evangelization and Catecheses

Catholic Diocese of Raleigh

715 Nazareth Street

Raleigh, NC 27606

**The May episode of Carolina Catholic
features Joseph Pearce and Brad Watkins**

In May 2009, Carolina Catholic will finish its Ignited by Truth series of interviews with two exciting and fascinating Catholic men: Professor Joseph Pearce and Brad Watkins. Joseph Pearce is an English-born writer and a Writer in Residence and Professor of Literature at Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida. Twenty years ago, he was a radical activist, a twice incarcerated felon, a skinhead, and the editor of two hate-filled, extremist magazines. Today, Joseph Pearce is the author of several critically acclaimed, best-selling biographies of great nineteenth- and twentieth-century Christian authors. He became a convert in 1989. His journey from angry agnosticism to joyful Catholicism is an incredible conversion story.

Brad Watkins is currently the Administrative Secretary to Bishop Burbidge and the Assistant Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Raleigh. Prior to his current positions with the Diocese of Raleigh, he taught at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh. While at CGHS, he began the Frassati Society, a youth group with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati as its patron and model. This foundation led Brad to discern and ultimately enter formation for the Permanent Diaconate. God willing, he will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon, with 14 other men from the Diocese of Raleigh, in June of 2010. His talk will focus on his experience that true peace and happiness are found by discerning and following the path Christ has laid out for your life.

This episode of Carolina Catholic will air the first two weekends of May; that's Saturday, May 2nd and 9th at 11 a.m. and Sunday, May 3rd and 10th at 6 p.m. Carolina Catholic can be heard on WBPL-LP, Wilmington Catholic Radio, 92.7 FM, or you can listen to this or any of our shows at www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com; just click on the Carolina Catholic tab.

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.

Summer Retreats

Come to the ocean and join us for a Catholic family vacation while enjoying affordable, faith-based programming on Topsail Island, NC. All-inclusive packages include private bedroom with private bath, meals and snacks, program material, trained staff and much more.

Options:

5 nights/6 days: \$240 ages 8 and older. \$100 ages 2-7.
Under age 2 are free. The family maximum is \$980.

3 nights/4 days: \$145 ages 8 and older. \$60 ages 2-7.
Under age 2 are free. The family maximum is \$590

Our staff and resident priest lead a Christ-centered program with activities for children of all ages, social time for adults and peer groups. Each day includes prayer time and celebration of the Eucharist. Afternoons are free for families to swim, surf and relax together along our pristine shoreline.

Office of Youth Ministry

John Walsh, DRE
762-5491 ext. 14
jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org

Registration for 2009 – 2010 Faith Formation Year

All children/youth that plan on attending faith formation for 2009 – 2010 must be registered in advance.

Confirmation for Adults

Confirmation classes for adult Catholics who have been baptized will begin in May. Please call Mr. John Walsh if you are interested in attending. Pre-registration is mandatory.

The classes will be held on Thursday evenings in May (beginning on May 7) at 7:00 p.m. in the Tileston building with Confirmation being celebrated on Pentecost Sunday (May 31). You will be required to have a baptism certificate on file with the religious education office.

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

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.



Baccalaureate Mass
Graduating High School Seniors
Sunday, June 7th
11:00 am

All graduating Seniors of St. Mary Parish are invited. You will be recognized for your hard work and will receive a special blessing from Father Bob. A Reception for all family and friends will follow in the St. Mary School Cafeteria. Please RSVP to John Walsh by May 31st. 762-5491, ext. 14



National Catholic Youth Convention Pilgrims
Bake Sale
Sunday, May 10th

Following the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses
The pilgrims and chaperones will be selling goodies to raise money to help pay for this once in a lifetime trip.
Proceeds will directly benefit the pilgrims attending the NCYC in November of 2009

Celebrations
April 18 – April 19

Baptisms



Anthony Scott Coleman
Taylor Grace Netro
Christopher Pérez-Eslava
Jacob Finley Stewart

Wedding



Matthew Mullins & Tricia Di Fiore

Presentation in the Temple



Erik Martínez

In Memoriam



Bettie Nardella

Liturgical Minister's Schedule
Weekend of May 2 – May 3

For Masses in English
Fourth Sunday of Easter

-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 M. Chandler S. Hartung J. Lachance D. Snell D. Thompson D. Wiggins	J. Bost F. Bua J. Bua M. Gittings L. Newton L. Parker S. Parker	L. Dezio E. Flewellin P. Gross B. Murtagh J. Murtagh Y. Sims L. Vacek	T. Bruhn R. Clifton T. Crossland A. Edwards M. Metzgar J. Turbeville C. Walsh
Lectors	C. Lively K. Hartung	P. Bolan T. Connette	P. McTigue F. Militscher	C. Stiles C. Mercer
Altar Servers	L. Strader S. Strader M. Truman	K. Black R. Fry S. Young	J. Daley E. Dowd M. Harris	A. Haden A. Haden C. Marlow

Welcome New Parishioners

March, 2009

Dorothy Allen

Vincent and Jacqueline Arcieri

Jennifer P. Askew

Scott and Rita Braswell

Brian and Cara Costello

Andrew and Jessica Flynn

Christopher and Dawn Gleason

Richard and Dianne Lo tz

Steven and Charlotte Mercer

Ralph and Arleen Mercorella

David and Karry Novotny

Robbie Stauffer

Paula Pimentel

Tina Vucci

Tabatha Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers

Please contact Stephanie Watts at

799-7623 or ewatts1949@aol.com with your email address so the monthly schedules can be sent electronically.

Stewardship of Treasure

"For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received from you."

---- 1 Chronicles 29:14-16

April 12, 2009

Envelopes Mailed: 1261 Children's' Envelopes Received: 1
Envelopes Returned: 350 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 6.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
04/12/2009	\$ 26,835.78	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 1000.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 656,918.58	\$ 635,900.00	\$ 25519.08

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



Bulletin Editor

Sandy O'Leary

bulletin@thetmaryparish.org or call 395-2063.



From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal

As I sit down to write to you I am completing another week of classroom observations which always reinforces for me the blessing of being at St. Mary School. Along with meeting the goals of our basic curriculum, our teachers are enriching the learning experiences of your children by providing interesting class projects, extra help where needed, and activities which bring forth the use of higher level thinking skills. For years I have loved teaching in my own classroom, but in my position now I have the pleasure of seeing what a day is like from PreK-4 through 8th grade.

To top all of these visits off there is nothing like attending a Friday morning children's Mass with our whole school family. When I walk in just before Mass starts, you can hear a pin drop as all of our students sit reverently awaiting for the bell signaling that Fr. Bob is ready to begin. The beautiful scent of Easter lilies came to me as I sat down with the first grade. As I read teacher planbooks this week, I know that some children were actually observing the windows silently to see what color wings the angels have.

Your Home and School Association Board has planned a terrific event on May 9th. I encourage you to take advantage of this fun evening for adults as it is our major fundraiser of the year. The funds raised will be used to purchase items on the teachers' wish lists which are not afforded through the tuition that you pay. They have been considerate of the times to keep the ticket cost low (\$25) hoping that we will have a wonderful turnout. The windows in the Upper Room have now been replaced and the space is great for a party.

The tickets for the event will buy you heavy hors d'oeuvres and enough chips to have a fun time at the tables. The volunteers have worked very hard to collect wonderful silent and live auction items. We have a D.J. for your dancing and listening pleasure and I am looking forward to the live auction when items created by the grade parents and/or students will be auctioned to the highest bidders. This type of event provides a great evening out as well as raises money for much needed materials within our school. In many Catholic schools I know this type of event is a huge success. I hope that our "Viva St. Mary" night will be the first of many to come.

Tickets will be sold after all the Masses and after school.

St. Mary School Sports News

Spring training for the volleyball team - Wednesdays immediately after school. Please report dressed to play with knee pads and a drink. Practice will run until 4:45 pm.

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

Thursday Basketball

Come and join a group of St. Mary parents who get together every Thursday from 7:00 -9:00 pm for pick-up basketball in the Tileston Gym. Middle school students are welcome, accompanied by a parent.

Dates to Remember

April 20 – 27 – Scholastic Book Fair
April 30 – Sr. Sophy and Raje Assembly, Auxilium School in India

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ST. MARY
Catholic School

Community Events



Spring Surf Camp

910-274-3565 or indojaxsurfschool.com

St. Mary School Teachers:

Jack Viorel (1) and Kevin Murphy (5)



New Beginning Fencing Class Starting

3:30 -4:30 pm

Two days per week until school ends

Mon. or Tue. & Wed. or Thurs.

M-W, M-Th, Tu-W, Tu-Th

Beginning April 13th or 14th

All equipment provided

\$50

2nd grade and up

No experience necessary

Basement of the Tileston Gym on St. Mary campus

For more info contact Greg Spahr

799-8642 or gregoryspahr@yahoo.com

**Viva St. Mary!!!
Vegas Casino Night**



High Rollers and Tacky Tourists Welcome!

May 9th, 2009

7 - 11 pm

Tileston Auditorium
Great Food, Great Fun!!!

Live and Silent Auctions

\$25.00 per person

Price includes heavy hors d'oeuvres

Cash Bar

It is casual and all about fun!

All proceeds 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.