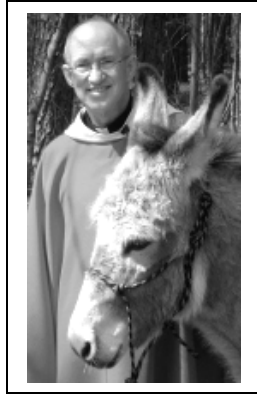


## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Friends,

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and grandpas of our parish! May God shower you with incredible blessings on this special day and be with you as you live this most important vocation on a daily basis.



I hope your summertime is off to a good start. With school out for the summer, our campus is much quieter, and our staff is looking forward to getting lots of interesting projects off the ground. I'll keep you posted on everything.

Speaking of keeping you posted, I have decided to have a little section of the bulletin each week called "Fr. Bob's Question Box." If you have a question that you think I could answer—such as something about liturgy, theology, the parish, or such—please send your question to the bulletin editor at: [bulletin@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:bulletin@thestmaryparish.org). You must include your name and way to contact you, but we will not print your name in the bulletin.

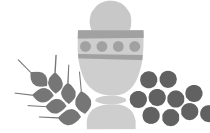
This Wednesday, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the herald and cousin of Jesus. With John's birthday, the days of the year will have less light. At the birth of Jesus, the days of the year will have more light.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
- Father Bob



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## Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



### Saturday, June 20:

- 5:30 pm Mass – † Lawrence Murphy  
*Offered by Regina O'Brien*
- 7:00 pm Mass – † All Souls in Nguyen and Ngo Families  
*Offered by Joseph*

### Sunday, June 21:

- 8:00 am Mass – † Eddie Lapointe  
*Offered by Bob and Jo Senechal*
- 9:30 am Mass – † Members of the Regan and Pareti Family  
*Offered by Joan Regan*
- 11:00 am Mass – † Barbara Worden  
*Offered by James Worden*
- 1:00 pm Mass – † Horacio Arce  
*Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary*

### Monday, June 22:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Margaret Damiani  
*Offered by Ettore P. Damiani*

### Tuesday, June 23:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Brigid Lundy and Family  
*Offered by Richard and Magdalen Twiss*

### Wednesday, June 24:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

### Thursday, June 25:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Thomas Hunley  
*Offered by Gene and Marie Doyle*

### Friday, June 26:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Thomas Hunley  
*Offered by Richard and Magdalen Twiss*

### Saturday, June 27:

- 5:30 pm Mass – † Eleanor Antonaccio  
*Offered by The Antonaccio Family*

- 7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

### Sunday, June 28:

- 8:00 am Mass – † Rev. Gerald Appelby –  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
*Offered by Mr. and Mrs. James Glasenapp*

- 9:30 am Mass – † William Craig  
*Offered by Kathey Craig*

- 11:00 am Mass – † Karen Kendig Doubek  
*Offered by Robert and Barbara Mee*

- 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 Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

**Second Reading** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

**Gospel** — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12;  
 Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26;  
 Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Mt 7:21-29  
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

### Next Sunday

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]  
 Readings for the week may be found on  
[www.thestmaryparish.org](http://www.thestmaryparish.org) - Click on **Worship**

**RU** a Secular Franciscan, and looking for a local fraternity?  
 or

**RU** 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](mailto:fbindewald@ec.rr.com)

or Linda Perunko at 399-7695 or [lperunko@ec.rr.com](mailto:lperunko@ec.rr.com)

### Camillus Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming a Camillus Minister serving the sick at the hospital and hospice, please call Frank Grant at 392-6084

### The St Mary Parish Bookstore

Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

### IMPORTANT - DRIVERS NEEDED

We have parishioners who are no longer able to drive and need assistance getting to Saturday or Sunday mass. Perhaps someone would be interested in starting a new Ministry.

If anyone could help out, please call the parish office at  
 762-5491

Extension 13.

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Shirley Ammons	Janet Dowel	Jim Murphy
Gordon Armiger	Madeline Dowell	Kathy Murphy
Robyn Baily	Shari George	Katherine Oxx
Charles Baird	Mildred Gibbons	John Pavolonis
Evelyn Baird	Betty Glasenapp	Geraldine Saburn
Stephanie Barrows	Louise Gordon	Byron Saunders
Capt. Gregory Beadore	Kristal Grant	Louise "Pat" Shoemaker
Cheryl Bezek	Michael J. Gressman	John Slaughenhaupt
Arenda Bingham	William Grundy	Adell Suhoski
Bill Boehling	Mary Haywood	John Leroy Trader
Judy Brooks	Andrew Kegl	Felix Usewicz
Lecia Burns	Josephine Kidney	Paula J. Veltz
Bob Carey	Anna Lenortavage	Catherine Veres
C.J. Carroll	Francis Leonard	Caryn Walsh
Clara Carter	Louise Leonard	Chance Watson
Robert Cay	Patrick Leonard	Chris Watson, Jr.
Joyce Christine	Anthony Mancini	Jim Watters
Roy Clifton	Mary Eugenia Mazur	Jeff Weeks
Jeanne Currier	Gary McDaniel	Sheila Weeks
Barbara DeBellis	Lindsay McDuffie	Jeff Wiener
Patricia Carroll	Elizabeth Militscher	Sheila Wolf

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 open for 9:30 Sunday Mass and will remain open all summer

For more information or to volunteer - 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.

### 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/reachin gout.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

### Adoration

Why not "watch and pray" an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? We have Adoration

- Every Thursday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for one hour
- Each Sunday following the 1:00 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.
- The first Friday of each month, following the morning Mass until 3:30 p.m.

If you would like to take part in this devotion please call Sister Isaac on her cell phone: (910) 470-7318.

### English as a Second Language Thank You

Thirty-seven signed up in September with twenty-five students attending on a regular Sunday – men and women, alike. For the most part, they could neither speak nor write our language.

As the program terminates, they leave reluctantly and gratefully, proudly thanking in English, their beloved teachers for all they have received.

The program will resume in the fall. Watch the Bulletin for registration dates.

### 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!

### English as a Second Language Classes

Classes are Sundays from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Tileston Building.

Please contact the Church Office for information

## The Week Ahead In Our Parish

### Saturday, June 20:

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

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

Christine Mancusi and Lawrence Van Vomeran Wedding  
11:00 am in the Church

Sara Fisher and Thanh Vu Wedding  
2:00 pm in the Church

### Sunday, June 21:

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

No Faith Formation – Begin again in the Fall

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, June 22:

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, June 23:

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, June 24:

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

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

### Thursday, June 25:

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

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

### Friday, June 26:

Men's Faith Sharing\* – 7:00 am in the RCIA room in Tileston

Summer schedule Friday Mass at 7:30 am

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

### Saturday, June 27:

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

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

Nina Ruiz and Andres Ruiz Wedding – 11:00 am in the Church

Sarah Burnett and Jonathan Ricci Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

\*Indicates Weekly event



## Knights of Columbus Council 1074

So far this year we have collected over \$2,700 and 1,326 bags of food for Tileston Outreach, collected over \$2600 for the mentally handicapped of the Wilmington area, driven New Hanover Regional Medical Center guests around the campus on 25 Thursdays, delivered countless Meals-on-Wheels to elderly shut-ins, held 50 prayer vigils outside area abortion clinics, put on dinners and raised lots of money for the Saint Mary School,

### AND IT'S ONLY JUNE!!!

The Knights of Columbus Wilmington Council #1074  
is looking for a few good Catholic men.

### HOW ABOUT YOU?

Join us for the fun, fraternity, and the good works.  
Call Dave King at 383-1107 for more information.

### Knights of Columbus College Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus (Wilmington Assembly) invites applications for its College Scholarship. Any Catholic person planning on attending college this fall 2009 as a freshman is eligible to apply. For more information or to obtain an application please contact the KofC Scholarship Committee at (910) 762-6463 or [deniscarter@bellsouth.net](mailto:deniscarter@bellsouth.net). Deadline for applying is June 22.



Presents

## St. Mary's Summer Luau Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm St. Mary School Cafeteria

Pork Barbecue      Fried Chicken  
Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Potato Salad  
Spinach and Strawberry Salad  
with Poppy Seed Dressing  
Rolls      Tropical Sunshine Cake  
Cash Bar of Beer and Wine



### FOR THE KIDS

Fried Chicken  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Tropical Fruit Salad  
Wear Your Best Beach/ Hawaiian Attire  
Hula Contest      Luau Favors

Hawaiian Music and Dancing Encouraged

Adults \$20 Children 5-12 \$5

Tickets sold after Mass and in the Parish Office

## From the Office of Social Outreach

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

By: Sister Isaac

We have returned to Ordinary Time – when we have the opportunity to deepen our appreciation of all those great mysteries we have been celebrating and the Gospel message places us in one of the greatest mysteries we encounter – suffering! The apostles ask, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

Our faith helps us to understand that God does care – He is there even in the silence.

A few weeks ago, my lack of computer skills had me send last year’s article for Trinity Sunday to Sandy, our very capable bulletin editor. In it I wrote about the **Catherine Kennedy Foundation Grant**. I am happy to report that once again, despite these hard economic times, we did receive a Grant for \$20,000.00 to be used to help our elders. We have already begun to do just that and thirteen people to date, over 60+ years of age, have had their utilities kept on, or have received necessary meds.

We also received two grants from my Community, the Sisters of St. Ursula. Both were for \$3,000.00. One went to our **Work for Rent** program, where we hire men to assist our Driver of the Van that goes out to pick up or deliver furniture. The other went to the **St. Mary Dental Clinic** that each week serves over 40 patients. It will help to provide some of the necessary instruments and materials needed for these extractions.

#### Special Need for the Week

We are in need of dressers and small kitchen sets. Please hold on to your winter clothing that you wish to share with us. We have no storage room. If you, too, need space, Good Will on Kerr Ave. and the Bargain Box on Princess Place Drive will take them.

#### Mission Trip Meeting

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm

RCIA Room

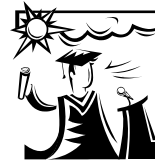
Anyone interested in exploring the possibility of going to visit our sister parish in Honduras in the future is invited to attend this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what is involved in “immersion” mission trips.

#### Inauguration of the Year for Priests in the Diocese of Raleigh

For the priests of the Diocese of Raleigh who dedicate themselves each day to God and to His Church:

For all the priests serving in the Diocese of Raleigh that, especially during this Year for Priests, they may be strengthened by our prayers, nurtured by our gratitude and renewed by our pledge of support.



Jackson Turbeville, a graduate of St. Mary Catholic School, has been named valedictorian of his Senior Class at New Hanover High School. He plans to attend Clemson University in the fall. He was awarded a merit scholarship from Clemson and the Robert C. Byrd scholarship from the state of North Carolina. Jackson is the son of Glenn and Jackie Turbeville, parishioners of St. Mary Church.

### Diocesan Events

#### PETITION TO HELP PREGNANT WOMEN CHOOSE LIFE

Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jucis need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. Helping is as simple as a few clicks on your internet. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/>. No contribution is necessary and petition names will not be used for any other purpose. IMPORTANT: If you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the “Sign Petition” box. If you do not wish to make a contribution to the petition website, simply leave the website after you click the “Sign Petition” box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our Legislature.

#### Catholic Family Retreats

The Christian Family Living Center  
Topsail Island, NC  
910-328-1584

#### 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.

### Director of Retreats

Cardinal Gibbons High School, a college preparatory school of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, seeks a full time **Director of Retreats (DOR)**. Responsibilities include planning and administration of current overnight, off campus retreat programs for current freshman, sophomore and juniors classes. This includes interfacing with various faculty retreat coordinators and training of the student peer leaders. Additional responsibilities include the establishment and administration of a "Kairos" program for the senior class. Candidates must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church and the ideal candidate will possess a Bachelors degree in Theology/Religious Studies or its equivalent, have experience in high school/parish retreat and youth ministry and outreach initiatives. The DOR reports to the Asst. Principal for Spiritual Life. Benefits included, salary commensurate with experience.

Submit resume with references to:

Rev. Scott McCue

Asst. Principal for Spiritual Life

[smccue@cghsnc.org](mailto:smccue@cghsnc.org)

Deadline: June 30, 2009.

Position begins: August, 2009.

### Theology of the Body for Teens Training

The Diocese of Raleigh is providing training on the Theology of the Body for Teens on August 1 at St. Mark in Wilmington. The training is on Pope John Paul II Theology of the Body which provides teens with the knowledge and understanding of the meaning and purpose of human sexuality. This program is for anyone that plans to offer the program or is considering offering the program. The program is open to any adult that wants to learn more about Theology of the Body for Teens. For more information please go to the Diocesan Calendar on the WEB ([www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)).

### For All Involved in Ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh

Mark your calendars now for the Diocese of Raleigh's  
**Catholic Convocation 2009**

#### "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word"

on October 23-24, 2009 at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Raleigh, NC. Bishop Gerard F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, Vice President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be the keynote speaker. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Bishop Kicanas will concelebrate the Convocation Mass on Saturday, October 24 at 9am.

**Make this the year you listen to your  
Baptismal Call to proclaim your faith!**

### A Eucharistic Congress, to be held September 11-12, 2009

All are invited to attend a Eucharistic Congress on September 11-12, 2009 in Washington, DC at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Congress, entitled *Sacrifice of Enduring Love*, is sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR). There is no charge for admission to the two-day event that will explore three vocations in depth — the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Marriage. In addition to other displays, a piece of the actual *tilma* of St. Juan Diego will be exhibited. For more information about the Congress, visit [www.cmswr.org](http://www.cmswr.org) or write: P.O. Box 4467, Washington, DC 20017.

## Office of Youth Ministry

John Walsh, DRE

762-5491 ext. 14

[jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org)

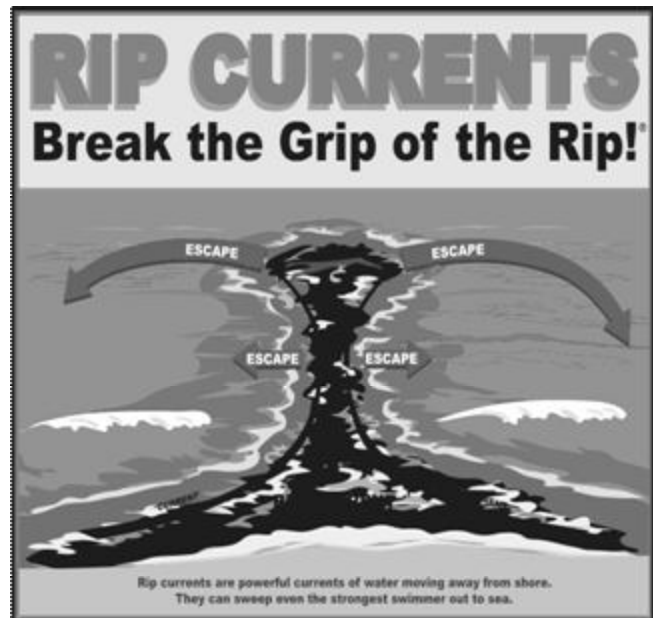
### Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Baptism of infants and young children (in English)

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.

You must RSVP ahead of time to take the class.



### Summer Safety Reminder



### IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

### SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

[www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov](http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov)  
[www.mnls.org](http://www.mnls.org)



**Celebrations  
June 12 – June 14**



**In Memoriam**  
Mary Isabelle Higbee  
Janine "Nini" Moroney



**Presentaciones en el templo  
Presentations in the Church**  
Kemy Done  
Daelynn Morgado Morales



**Wedding**  
Jesús Domínguez Aguilar and Lorenza Áviles Villegas



**Twelfth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
June 21, 2009**  
*Whoever is in Christ is a  
new creation.*  
--2 Corinthians 5:17

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule  
Weekend of June 27 – June 28**

For Masses in English  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
-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	J. Chandler E. Flewellin D. Harris S. Hartung P. Lachance C. Lively M. McCormick	F. Bua J. Bua B. Grace L. Parker S. Parker Y. Sims E. Teaster	J. Demonte L. Dezio T. Graham P. Gross B. Murtagh J. Murtagh L. Vacek	T. Bruhn R. Clifton D. Linkfield D. Lott F. Metzger D. Paul Joyce Price
Lectors	H. Pennington P. Reddy	P. Bolan C. Grant	F. Bailey F. Millitscher	A. Maglione L. Perunko
Altar Servers	D. Paparozzi L. Strader S. Strader	H. Ozment B. Sheehan A. Stumph	C. Penegre J. Schnitzler M. Szymeczek	B. Craddock C. Craddock L. Craddock

**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.

**National Catholic Youth Convention Pilgrims  
Father's Day Bake Sale**

**Sunday, June 21**  
Following the 5:30 pm, 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 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

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**June 7, 2009**

Envelopes Mailed: 1270 Children's' Envelopes Received: 0  
Envelopes Returned: 388 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
06/07/2009	\$ 14,633.04	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2287.50
07/01/08 to present	\$ 772,386.20	\$ 750,150.00	\$ 30556.19

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

**Bulletin Editor**



Sandy O'Leary  
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[bulletin@thesmaryparish.org](mailto:bulletin@thesmaryparish.org) or call 395-2063.



***From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal***

This will be my last column for the 2008-2009 school year. We are presently working on an end of year report which will share many of the highlights of the school year. Each day presents its challenges and joys.

We had a large turnout for the first Suzuki Playathon after school. The students began the program with the most difficult pieces and then gradually brought up each level of accomplishment until the very youngest of kindergarteners was part of the group. It was a lovely one hour program with refreshments to follow. Congratulations to all of the players and to Mrs. Westermarck.

On Wednesday morning, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, our first annual PreK4 program for parents took place. The children performed songs for their families which shared some of what they have learned this year. Experiencing that brought to mind how very important it is to become involved in your child's education. Observing the joy that these children had for sharing their knowledge brought us all such joy in our day. Thank you to Ms. Molly and Ms. Amy for organizing those happy moments.

The last week was filled with events surrounding the graduation of our 26 eighth graders. They enjoyed a lovely luncheon given to them by the Catholic Daughters. A special guest was Fr. Charles Johnson who is a graduate of St. Mary School. He shared some of his experiences here and told about his life as a priest in Ecuador where he is currently stationed.

On Tuesday morning, the whole school gathered on the map playground for our yearly group photo shoot. We moved into the formation of the number 139 (What a feat!) and Mr. Frank Bua, our resident photographer, climbed to the roof of the lower school and took the picture. We'll have it framed and ready to share at Orientation in August.

On Wednesday, Mr. Murphy taught the whole school a lesson about Rip Currents. Through a powerpoint presentation, he taught us how to react and proceed should we get caught in one. The goal is to keep everyone safe during our trips to the beautiful beaches of our area.

Baccalaureate Mass was held Thursday for the graduates and their families and it was also the last school Mass of this school year. This was followed by a delicious breakfast for the graduates and their guests hosted by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and Mrs. Hudson. The graduates each received a book from Bishop Burbidge, a gift from the school, and one from the Rosary Guild. They also received a copy of "Reflections" in which are printed their reflections about their time at St. Mary Catholic School. Thank you to Mrs. Cordon for organizing that project which continues another one of our traditions. The class also presented their gift to the school which is a bench for our grounds. Thank you to the eighth grade students and their families for their years of dedication to this school.

At graduation on Thursday evening, I was happy to have Mrs. Barbara Bourne and Sr. Michele Lezon, both who had been principals during the years of our graduates attending St. Mary School. Eight of our students received pins for attending K-8 of St. Mary Parish schools and six received pins for attending Grades 1-8 of St. Mary School.



**ST. MARY**  
Catholic School

***Congratulations to the St. Mary School Class of 2009***

Caitlin Mary Bogart  
Caroline Anna Brewer  
Andrew Sutton Brown  
David John Calhoun II  
Sydney Marie Carlson  
Joseph James Daley  
Kelsey Marie Hamm  
Cothran Ross Harris  
Bodil Alice Behn Kenny  
Sophie Fiona Kot  
Christopher Joseph Lachance  
Leah Marguerite Marley  
Benjamin Michael McConnell  
David Thomas McConnell  
Blake Montana Migliara  
Peter Duntou Miller  
Samuel Thomas Moody  
Carson Quinn Neal  
Mary Garner Oden  
Stephanie Esosa Chiedu Okonmah-Obazee  
Abigail Christina Reimel  
Estelle Sylvia Rohr  
Justine Taylor Schnitzler  
Brianna Teresa Smith  
Stephen Jeffrey Strader  
Evan Walsh

***The following students received special awards :***

***Presidential Award for Educational Excellence***

- 95<sup>th</sup> % -ile in Reading or Math on ITBS
- Received 95<sup>th</sup> % -ile or more in at least one other core curricular area
- Maintained an average of 90 or better in 5 core academic subjects during 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Andrew Brown	Sophie Kot
David Calhoun	Blake Migliara
Kelsey Hamm	Abigail Reimel

***Thomas P. Hadden Academic Achievement Award***

*Highest level of academic achievement. Beyond the standards above, this person achieved the 95<sup>th</sup> % -ile in 5 core subject areas on ITBS and received a national % -ile of 99.*

David Calhoun

***Academic Achievement Awards***

*Highest average during 8<sup>th</sup> grade year*

Religion – Abigail Reimel
Math – Sophie Kot
Science – David Calhoun
Language Arts – Sophie Kot
Literature – Sophie Kot
Social Studies – Sophie Kot
Music/Band – David Calhoun (Saxophone)
Music/Violin – Brianna Smith

***Citizenship Award – Abigail Reimel***