

Pastor's Corner

My dear Friends,

August has descended upon us, so that means Sister Marion and Sister Isaac and the visiting Sisters have gone to Rhinebeck, NY for their annual retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

There is a new ministry that meets after daily Mass in the church for recitation of the Rosary. This ministry, called "Station Eight," is headed by Mary Friedrichs. The group took its name from the Eighth Station of the Cross, "Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem." If you are interested in this wonderful ministry, all you have to do is show up.

Finally, as you know, St. Mary is noted as a wedding church. Because of its great beauty and wonderful history, people come from many places in the USA and foreign countries to get married here. It never ceases to amaze me, though, how many people have strange ideas of what is required to get married. Instead of talking to a priest, they try to get information from everyone else under the sun. Needless to say, sometimes the information is inaccurate. "Well, my friend Brenda has a beautician who has a brother-in-law who works in an office with a woman whose daughter had trouble getting married in the Church because..." If you want to know about the requirements to get married, come and see me, or give my assistant—Ms. Maureen Wiltse—a call. We can answer your questions.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

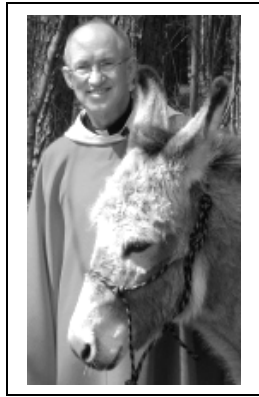
Sincerely yours in Christ,

- *Father Bob*

Remember to check out Father Bob's Sister Parish Corner on the Celebrations Page



June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010
The Faithfulness of Christ,
The Faithfulness of Priests



Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 1:

- 8:00 am Mass - † Juel Ann Loughney
Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary
- 5:30 pm Mass - † All Souls of Nguyen and Ngo Family
Offered by Joseph
- 7:00 pm Mass - † William E. Byron
Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary

Sunday, August 2:

- 8:00 am Mass - † Phyllis Winkeler
Offered by Arthur Winkeler
- 9:30 am Mass - † Charles Edward Pollock
Offered by Ray and Carroll Pollock
- 11:00 am Mass - † Terrilynn Sykes
Offered by Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell
- 1:00 pm Mass - † Mary Lou Hendrick
Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary

Monday, August 2:

- 7:30 am Mass - All living relatives in Nguyen and Ngo Families
Offered by Joseph

Tuesday, August 4:

- 7:30 am Mass - † Ross Fishburn
Offered by Arlene Fishburn

Wednesday, August 5:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, August 6:

- 7:30 am Mass - † George Drengwitz
Offered by Sharon Marren

Friday, August 7:

- 7:30 am Mass - † Rita Dunn
Offered by Tom and Pat DeBello

Saturday, August 8:

- 5:30 pm Mass - † Erma Jacin
Offered by Barbara and Tony Caracciolo
- 7:00 pm Mass - Hispanic Ministry

Sunday, August 9:

- 8:00 am Mass - Sister Parish in Honduras
- 9:30 am Mass - † David A. Bourne
Offered by Lesley Warrender
- 11:00 am Mass - † Paul Bennett
Offered by The Bennett 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 people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
 Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Readings for the week may be found on www.thestmaryparish.org - Click on **Worship**

Lectors Needed for 9:30 Mass

If you attend 9:30 Mass (or could attend once a month) and are interested in proclaiming God's word, the Lector Ministry could use you in this important ministry.

Please contact Patrick McTigue at 256-6713 or patmctigue@ec.rr.com for additional information.

We will be scheduling a short training workshop on a Saturday morning in August.

Camillus Ministers Needed

Please consider becoming a Camillus Minister to bring Communion to Nursing Home residents and At-Home parishioners.

Call D.C. Thompson at 251-1237 for more information.

English as a Second Language Classes

Classes will not meet in July or August but will resume in September.

Sunday mornings from 10:45 am – 12:45 pm.

Watch the bulletin for details in the fall.

Station Eight

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Centering Prayer

An hour of contemplating prayer and the Centering practice Wednesday afternoons in our Chapel in Tileston.

www.centeringprayer.com

When: Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Place: Chapel - Tileston – 1st floor

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

Please Pray for Our Sick

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

To add or remove a name, please contact: 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 or you may stop by the nursery before and after the 9:30 Sunday mass.



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

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.

The St Mary Parish Bookstore

Sunday - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday thru Friday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

INVITATION TO MEN WITH SPIRITUAL HUNGER!

Come join Fr. Bob and a growing group of men who meet each Friday morning from 6:30 am - 7:15 am (summer hours) 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!



**Safe Environment Training
 Sunday, August 23, 2009 8:00 am**

As required for all level C Volunteers, Clergy and Staff in the Diocese of Raleigh we will be having a Safe Environment Training in recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect.

You must pre-register to attend by visiting www.thestmaryparish.org and clicking on the SET registration link or by calling

Allen Sanderson at 910-799-3028.

All are welcome!

The Week Ahead In Our Parish



Saturday, August 1:

First Saturday Mass – 8:00 am in the Church

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

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

Jesus Esteban Perez Garcia and Juana Reyes Morales Wedding –
2:00 pm in the Church

Sunday, August 2:

Nursery* – Available at the 9:30 am Mass

No Faith Formation – (Begin again in the Fall)

Faith Sharing* - 9:45 am in Tileston

No English as a Second Language Class* - (Begin again in the Fall)

Monday, August 3:

Station Eight recitation of Rosary following daily Mass

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, August 4:

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

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

Wednesday, August 5:

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

Thursday, August 6:

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

Renaissance Choir Rehearsal* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Friday, August 7:

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

Summer schedule: Friday Mass at 7:30 am and office hours 9:00 until
Noon

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

Saturday, August 8:

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

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

Angela Leija and Tim Stark Wedding – 11:00 am in the Church

Dillon Perera and Serena Clay Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

Calling all Good Men

I know.....you just don't have time to be a Knight!
Can't you give us just ONE DAY a year?
That's right, only 24 hours!
That's all it takes!

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.

From the Office of Faith Formation

John Walsh, DRE
762-5491, ext. 14

Catechetical In-Service Day

September 19, 2009
9:00 AM—1:30 PM

De Sales Faith Formation Center
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Wilmington, NC

Keynote Speaker
Sr. Mary Agnes Ryan, IHM

Sponsored by
Cape Fear Deanery Faith Development

Who should attend?

This In-Service Day is recommended for
Catechists and Facilitators of Religious Programs for students of
all ages (pre-K through adult),
Directors of Faith Development,
Youth Ministers,
Catholic School Teachers,
Deacons and Priests.

The fee for the in-service is \$10.00 and the deadline for
registration is September 16th. Please contact John Walsh if you
are interested in attending to receive a registration form and
brochure. You may also download the brochure from our website:
www.thestmaryparish.org.

It will be located under the ministry, then faith formation link.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2009

Do not work for food that perishes
But for food that endures for eternal life.

---John 6:27a

From the Office of Social Outreach**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Annual Report – Part 2****By: Sister Isaac**

Last week, reflecting on how God provides for us at all times, I began my past year's report of just what occurs here in the Outreach with respect to our sharing of food. Today we hear how our forefathers and mothers were fed in the desert.

The K of C have held a food drive for us almost monthly during this past year. They received over 2600 bags of food and \$5,176.00 in donations. We use these funds to purchase food from the Food Bank. Each week, Jim Patton and his son Tim go to the Food bank and for 18 cents a pound purchase items that we add to the federal food program.

We also have 12 families pick up on a monthly basis produce, meat, bread and deli food that has been taken off the shelves at the Food Lion in Masonboro Commons. This collection is done every Sunday and Tuesday and provides some fresh produce to our guests, especially those we serve who have diabetes.

Our Diabetic Food Pantry was funded in October, 2008, with a Grant from the Cape Fear Community Foundation. On a regular basis our "Diabetic Food Manager", Chris Moran shops with his Mother for this food. To date, we have used about \$6,000.00 from the Grant. On the first Thursday of the Month, volunteers from here deliver about 10 bags of this food (about a \$40.00 package) to the diabetic elders at Walker Apartments and the Taylor Homes. The elders would not be able to carry this food to the bus. On the second Tuesday, the Carlson family, Jeannie, Sydney and Spencer come and fix five bags of groceries for those participating in the Diabetic program at the Tileston Health Clinic and transport it to the Clinic.

Jan Metz organizes for us about 8-10 families that provide sandwiches and fruit to the patients who attend the Health Clinic on Wednesday evenings. Helen Pennington and friends bring sandwiches and snacks for our guests each Wednesday and some come by to get a lunch on their way to work.

Tom Bruhn picks up bakery each Thursday from Apple Annie's and Stephanie Watts, Trish Bennett, Tom Nevin, and Mary Jane Lynch go to Panera's at 9 pm each week to collect bread that otherwise would be discarded.

Our Food programs fed more than 9,000 individuals this year. We are grateful to all who help this happen – it takes time, energy, skill, hard physical labor and money to pull it all together.



RCIA
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The RCIA process for the 2009-2010 liturgical year will begin at 3:30 on Saturday, September 8th. If interested in being a part please call John Walsh, Director of Faith Formation, 762-5491 x14.

Adoration

There will be no Adoration on the First Friday of August or on the five Sundays of August. We will begin again on September 4th, the first Friday of that month.

Diocesan Events**Project Rachel Support Group**

Project Rachel assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion find truth and healing. For more information: (919) 852-1021, projectrachel@nc.rr.com or projectrachelinc.org/

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grants

Applications for the diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development local grants are now available on the diocesan web-site www.dioceseofraleigh.org by clicking on **stewardship office**. Deadline for applications is September 10. Please note the criteria for grants on the application. For more information please contact the Office of Peace and Justice/Respect life at 919-821-9751 or jurski@raldioc.org

Diocesan Website News Updates

The federal government has issued guidelines for human embryonic stem cell research that preclude parents from being informed of all the options available to them regarding their embryos. Additional information on this important issue is available on the Diocese of Raleigh web site, www.dioceseofraleigh.org. There you will also find Pope Benedict's most recent encyclical, "Charity in Truth."

**A Eucharistic Congress
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. All are welcome and it is free of charge. Talks will be offered on priesthood, religious life and marriage. In addition to the talks and liturgies, there will be a Eucharistic Procession, **fireworks, vocation displays**, and a special exhibit of a piece of the **actual tilma of St. Juan Diego**. The Congress is sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR).

For more information about the Congress, visit www.cmswr.org.

PETITION TO HELP PREGNANT WOMEN CHOOSE LIFE

Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis 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. 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.

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

Year for Priests Observance

You are invited to Mass on August 4, 2009 at 12:10 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh marking the Memorial of St. John Vianney, Patron for all Priests, and our continued Diocesan observance of the *Year for Priests*. Bishop Burbidge will be the Principal Celebrant for the Mass and will bless a special pilgrimage statue of St. John Vianney which will be used for Masses and other liturgical prayer during this *Year for Priests*. For more information on our Diocesan Observance of the *Year for Priests*, kindly access our Diocesan website at 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!**

Carolina Catholic Reports from the National Right to Life Conference in Raleigh!

WPBL-LP, 92.7 FM,
Wilmington Catholic Radio.

For our August Carolina Catholic show, we report from the 2009 National Right to Life convention which was held in Charlotte. We had the opportunity to interview Father Frank Pavone, National Director for Priests for Life and Michael Clancy, a photo-journalist who took the photograph of an unborn child undergoing fetal surgery to correct Spina bifida. Father Pavone talks about the current pro-life battles being fought as well as how we as Catholics must stay faithful to the Catholic teaching on respect for all human life. Michael Clancy talks about how his photograph, called the Hand of Hope, changed him from a pro-choice photographer to a pro-life Christian and speaker whose photo has already saved babies from abortion.

This show will air Saturday, August 1st and 8th at 11am and Sunday, August 2nd and 9th at 6 pm. It can also be heard on our website at www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com.
Just click on the Carolina Catholic tab!

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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Office of Youth Ministry

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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.

Attention Parents of Altar Servers**E-mail addresses requested**

If you have not done so already, please provide me with an e-mail address so that I may send you a copy of the monthly schedule. My e-mail address is jwalsh@thestmaryparish.org. The current month's and the upcoming month's schedules may also be found on the St. Mary Parish website (www.thestmaryparish.org).

As always thank you to all of the altar servers and their families for your continued time and talents.

The parish greatly appreciates all that you do.

**2009 – 2010 Faith Formation Schedule
Sundays from 9:30 am – 10:30 am**

Please note classes begin on September 13th

September

6 – no class Labor Day Weekend
13 - class
20 - class - Catechetical Sunday
27 - class

October

4 - class
11 - no class
18 - class
25 - class

November

1 - class
8 - class
15 - class
22 - class
29 - no class

December

6 - class
13 - class
20 - class
27 - no class

January

3 - no class
10 - class
17 - class
24 - no class
31 - class
28 - 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting in Tileston, 7:00 pm (Parents only please)

February

7 - class
9 - 1st Reconciliation, 7:00 pm
14 - no class
16 - 1st Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m.
21 - class

March

28 - class
7 - class
14 - class
21 - class
28 – no class Palm Sunday


April

4 - no class Easter Sunday
11 - class
15 - 1st Communion Parent Meeting in Tileston, 7:00 pm (Parents only please)
18 - class
24-25 - class
1st Communion Weekend (no class for 2nd grade and all 1st Communicants)

May

1-2 - class
1st Communion Weekend (no class for 2nd grade and all 1st Communicants; last week for all other grades)

Celebrations
July 23 – July 26



Wedding
Scott Armstrong and Paula Ryan



Baptisms
Jazmin Escobar García
Ava Elizabeth López
Nicholas Joseph López
Jocelyn Rangel Reyes
Jennifer Serrato Jaimés



Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation
Clara Winchester

Thank you from the Bourne Family

Dear Father Bob and St. Mary Parishioners,

The family of David Bourne extends our heartfelt gratitude for the Masses and prayers offered, and the support extended to us during our time of loss. May God continue to abundantly bless our pastor and parishioners in their many acts of love and charity.

Catholic Question and Answer

To submit your questions please visit
thestmaryparish.org

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

July 19, 2009

Envelopes Mailed:	1282	Children's Envelopes Received:	\$ 0.00
Envelopes Returned:	378	Total Children's Offertory:	\$ 0.00



	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
07/19/2009	\$ 13,177.91	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 140.00
07/01/09 to	\$ 42,412.92	\$ 47,250.00	\$ 2675.65

Liturgical Minister's Schedule
Weekend of August 9 – August 10
For Masses in English
Nineteenth 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	M. Chandler D. Harris J. Malek J. Marchese D. Paparozzi S. Watts D. Wiggins	F. Bua J. Bua B. Grace O. Niles L. Parker S. Parker Y. Sims	J. Demonte L. Dezio T. Graham P. Gross B. Murtagh J. Murtagh L. Vacek	T. Crossland A. Edwards G. Hill D. Linkfield R. Little D. Lotz J. O'Keefe
Lectors	J. Zier F. Walker	N. McDonald R. Shackelford	P. Rogers F. Millitscher	L. Collette E. Mahone
Altar Servers	F. Hutko S. Hutko M. Karg	A. Hudson C. Martinez H. Ozment	B. Jackson E. Hatem A. Oehling	W. Gerbe A. Haden A. Haden

Sister Parish Corner
Walking

In our sister parish, only a small percent of the population own a pickup truck for getting around the mountain roads. Sometimes the people walk to where they're going. The 14-year old boy in this photo walks six hours (round trip) to get to a store to buy food for his family of ten. It is common for people to walk hours to get to church. The woman in this photo, who is a Delegada de la Palabra, walks two hours one-way to get to church. She is in her 60's. Needless to say, there is not a high incidence of obesity in this parish of 72 mountain churches.

Bulletin Editor
Sandy O'Leary: bulletin@thestmaryparish.org or call 395-2063.



Our Mission

The mission of the St. Mary School is to ensure learning for all our students within the framework of Catholic Christian values. Our aim is to help our students grow in a manner consistent with their needs, interests and abilities, preparing them to live in a changing world as self-directed, caring, God-loving, responsible citizens. It is our responsibility to challenge our students to develop their potential in the trust-filled atmosphere of a Catholic, Christian community, whose curriculum includes instruction in the precepts of the Catholic faith and practice in the Christian call to service. The development of critical thinking skills, knowledge and reasoning are more important than the mere accumulation of facts and data.



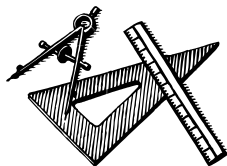
From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal

New PreK-3 Program at St. Mary School

Here we GROW again! We are excited about adding a PreK3 program to our school. As we begin to outfit the new classroom, there are some items that we are hoping to have donated. We would be grateful to you for providing any of the items on the list:

Wish list for the PreK3 class

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|--|----------------|
| Little Tikes Double Easel | Pretend Food |
| Small Wooden Blocks | Lacing Cards |
| Dress Up Clothes | Duplo Blocks |
| Kitchen Play and Pretend Dishes and Cookware | Sorting Toys |
| Cookie Cutters (plastic) for Play Dough | Children Books |
| Kitchen Table with Chairs (children size) | Play Phone |
| Sand and Water Table Toys | Tool Kit |
| Magnetic Numbers or Letters | Cash Register |
| Thistle Blocks | Wooden Puzzles |
| | Matching Games |



BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FACULTY

Middle School Geometry Teacher
(6 hours per week)
Minimum / B.S. Mathematics

Send resume to : principal@thestmaryparish.org

Community Events



Surf Camps
910-274-3565 or indojaxsurfschool.com
St. Mary School Teachers:
Jack Viorel (1) and Kevin Murphy (5)



Summer Fencing
2nd grade and up
No experience necessary
All equipment provided

Basement of the Tileston Gym
August 3-7 Full day advanced epee/sabre camp 9-5 \$195
August 10-14 Full day beginner camp 9-5 \$195

Greg Spahr at 799-8642 or gregoryspahr@yahoo.com

Proclaiming Faith Activities for Primary Grades

Gospel [John 6:24-35](#)
August 2nd, 2009

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus does what he often did as he taught people. He moves them to ever deeper levels of understanding. They had eaten the loaves that Jesus had miraculously multiplied. Now Jesus invites them to consider the "food which endures to eternal life." Finally, Jesus tells them, "I am the bread of life." This bread, then, is the bread they need in order to be able to "work the works of God." We can move to deeper understanding with Jesus too. Consider the food we eat and how, ultimately, every morsel is a gift from God. As food nourishes our bodies for our life and work, so the Bread of Life strengthens us to do God's work.

Discussion Questions for Gospel

The people in today's Gospel took boats so that they could seek Jesus.

What do you do to seek Jesus in your life?
How does the Bread of Life, Jesus, satisfy your hungers?

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St. Mary School Calendar 2009 – 2010

- August 24 – Parent/Student Orientation (PreK3&4, K) 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- August 25 – Parent/Student Orientation (1-8) 6:30 pm
- August 27 and 28 – Half Days of School - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- August 31 – Full Days of School - 8:00 am – 3:00 pm