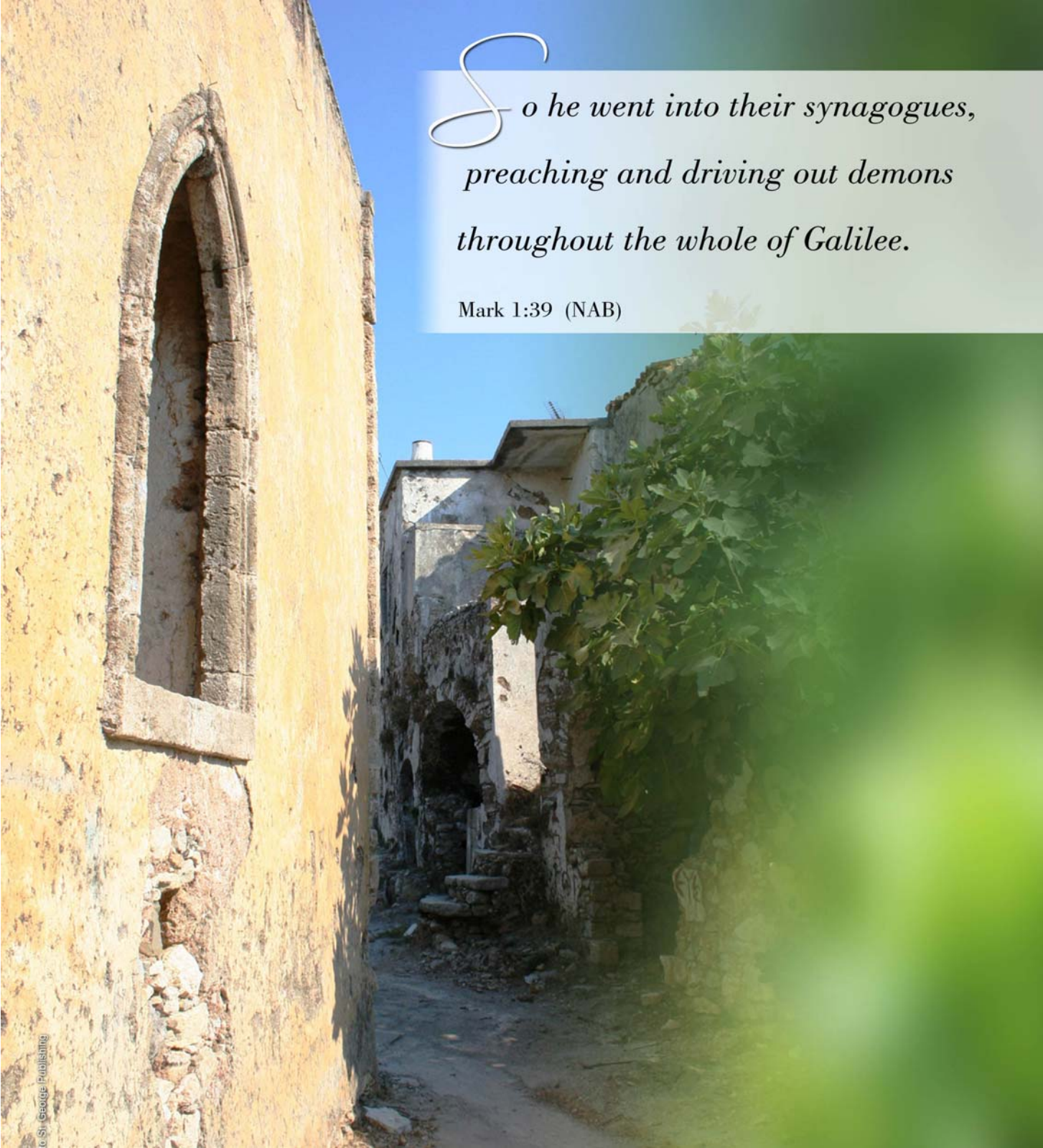


Saint Mary Catholic Parish Family

Established June 30, 2006 - Serving Boxford, Byfield, Georgetown, Rowley
94 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA 01833 - Church & Parish Office
202 Main Street, Rowley, MA - Church



*So he went into their synagogues,
preaching and driving out demons
throughout the whole of Galilee.*

Mark 1:39 (NAB)

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February 5, 2012



**202 Main Street
Rowley, MA**

Saint Mary Parish

Serving Boxford, Byfield, Georgetown & Rowley



**94 Andover Street
Georgetown, MA**

Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Parish is a living and loving community of believers seeking a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We depend on His love to guide and nourish us in our quest for holiness. Gathered around the Word of God and His holy sacraments, we are called to be witnesses of Him by our service to our people, our families, our neighborhoods and our world. We strive to provide a warm welcoming home for all the People of God.

Parish Office Hours

Rectory

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. – Fri. from 9AM to 1PM
(978) 352-2024

ECE Office See page 9

(978) 352-6540

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:30 PM - Georgetown

Sunday - 9:00 AM - Rowley

11:00 AM - Georgetown

Monday & Tuesday - 8:00 AM - Rowley

Thursday - 7:00 PM - Georgetown

Friday - 9:00 AM - Georgetown

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

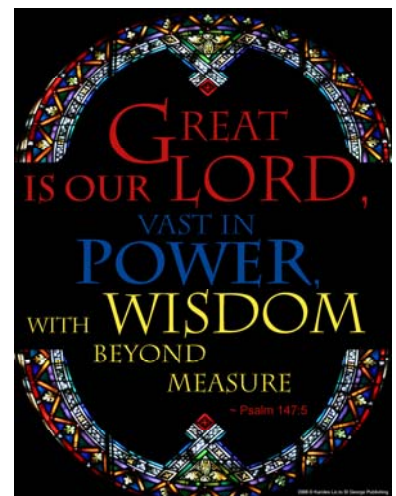
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PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER

Romeo Poussard (father of Janice McGrane),
Mary Francis Curley (mother of Maureen Dow)
and all our faithful departed.

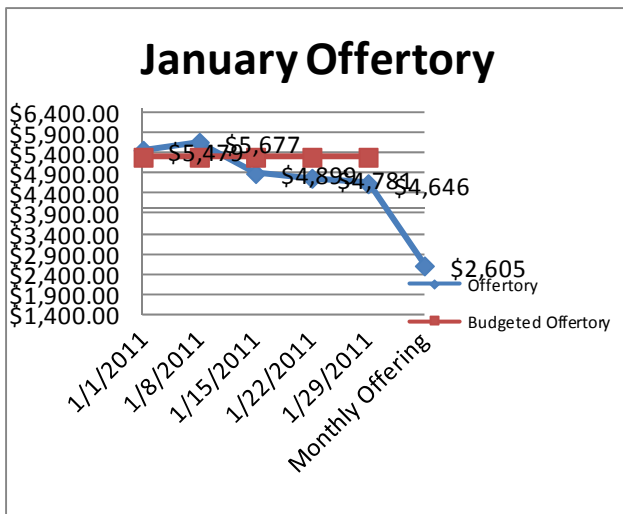
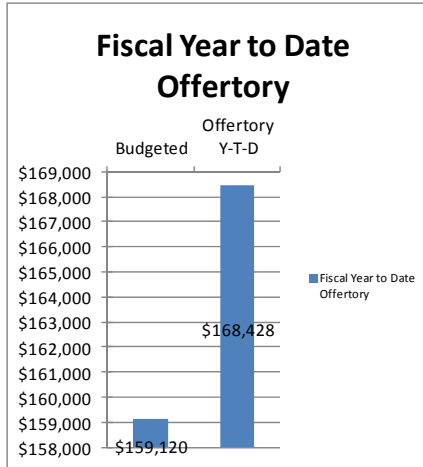
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	February	4	G	4:30 PM	Richard H. Anderson
Sunday	February	5	R	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday	February	5	G	11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Monday	February	6	R	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Tuesday	February	7	R	8:00 AM	Rose Noffle (1st Anniv.)
Thursday	February	9	G	7:00 PM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Friday	February	10	G	9:00 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Saturday	February	11	G	4:30 PM	Jack & Bernadette Barrett
Sunday	February	12	R	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday	February	12	G	11:00 AM	People of the Parish



The Parish 411

Notes from Father Bob



Super Bowl weekend has arrived. Half way through the NFL season I wasn't so sure that we would have much to celebrate this weekend. In the words of Thomas Edward Patrick Brady Jr., "The best team will win." We know who that will be!!!

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Mary Parish you should have received a mailing for our parishes special fuel collection. Each February our parish has a special collection to help us meet the raising costs of the winter weather. While this winter has been mild our costs for heating have stayed pretty flat as compared to previous years. One of the reasons for that has been needed maintenance on our heating systems in both Georgetown and Rowley. We have run into some problems here and there with both furnaces over the past few months. I have been reminded this winter of the famous saying, "you never know you have heating problems until the winter," so true.

I am fully aware of the fact that you are facing unknown costs yourselves. In order to keep our costs as low as possible, we are doing all in our power to conserve our fuel costs for all our parish facilities. Last fiscal year our fuel costs totaled \$39,856.56. To help defray some of this cost 15% of our registered parishioners responded to the 2011 fuel collection raising \$22,738. This fiscal year we are expecting to spend \$31,000 in fuel costs. **Our modest goal for the 2012 fuel collection is \$16,000. I am asking each family to give \$100.00 towards the fuel collection.** Although some may find this amount difficult, others may be in a position to contribute more. An increase in the percentage of parishioners responding to this important collection will allow us to cover the complete cost of our fuel bills this year without having to cut necessary funding to other areas of parish life.

A return envelope was included in the mailing you received. You can mail your donation to the fuel collection in that envelope directly to the rectory or you can make your donation in the envelope during next weekends second collection. I thank you in advance for your generosity in helping our parish reach its goals and cover our fuel costs for this winter.

Also, next weekend we will hear a special message from Cardinal Sean O'Malley at all our Masses. Cardinal Sean has prepared a special message for all parishioners in the Archdiocese of Boston concerning the challenge of the proposed Physician Assisted Suicide ballot initiative in Massachusetts. Until then, peace, Fr. Bob

Upcoming Second Collection

Fuel Offering

Next week is our Fuel collection is taken up to defray the cost of heating our Parish buildings. We make every effort to conserve our fuel costs. This year we have already spent \$14,140.03 to heat our buildings and we expect to spend another \$16,849.97 before the cold season is over. Please be as generous as you can.



BIG GAME BAKE SALE

Get some snacks for the big game!!

This Weekend after all the Masses our **Youth Group** will be selling snacks for the big game! Let the Youth Group help plan your snack menu and be sure to stop and pick up some goodies!

Parish News

This month we welcome the following families that have joined the St. Mary Parish Family!



Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hughes
 Mr. & Mrs. Sean LaBelle
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lane
 Mr. & Mrs. John Mack
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Micalizzi
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Warnat

Today is

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

We celebrate all of our wonderful boy scouts today for their accomplishments and we encourage them to continue their good work in our community.

St. Mary's 5th Annual

Italian Night

And Pasta Sauce Cook-Off

**Saturday, March 3, 5:30
 Georgetown Church Hall**

Tickets available after every Mass on
February 18-19 & 25-26

\$5.00 per family

Includes pasta to sample the sauces, salad, bread and ice cream sundae



Everyone is invited to enter their favorite sauce!
 Vote for your favorite!

Bring your heated sauce in a crock-pot to the hall by 4:30.

Register your entry by email
 Bonnie.lucas@gmail.com
 Or phone (978) 887-1978

WE NEED PRAYER SHAWLS!



If you are currently knitting prayer shawls or have some ready for us, please bring them in. Our supply is very low.

If you are considering knitting prayer shawls for the first time, we can provide you with instructions.

Yarn will be available next week at the rectory. If you are interested, please call to be sure our supply has arrived! (978) 352-2024.

Views from the pews!

Let us know what **you** think!

Our councils and committees are making some very important decisions regarding our Parish. They would like to hear from you.

If you have any suggestions, or questions, please email the councils and committees at Rectory@Parishmail.com.

Bottles & Cans & Ink Cartridges

Please bring recyclable bottles and cans to the Hall. Please bring empty ink jet cartridges to the vestibule or pick up a mailing baggy and send in the ink cartridges for free. These items are recycled, and the money is used to benefit the Religious Education program.

Thank you to all who participate!
PLEASE! NO WATER BOTTLES!

God promises a safe landing,
 not a calm passage.

Sanctuary Lamps



The Sanctuary Lamps next to each Tabernacle in our worship spaces burn brightly to remind us of the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The week of February 5th the lamps are burning in memory of:

Richard H. Anderson

WISH A WEEK

Our wish this week is

People to sign up to shovel and spread salt before each of the Masses when necessary.

To Sign Up Contact Nanette Hadley at 978-352-2024 or NHadley@Parishmail.com

Music & Miscellaneous

Music For The Masses

There are two aids in the pews: a Mass card with the new words and a new combination missal and Hymn book.

A choir, chorale or chorus is a [musical ensemble](#) of singers. Choral music, in turn, is the music written specifically for such an ensemble to perform.

A body of singers who perform together as a group is called a choir or chorus. The former term is very often applied to groups affiliated with a church (whether or not they actually occupy the [choir](#)) and the second to groups that perform in theatres or concert halls, but this distinction is far from rigid.

The term "Choir" has the secondary definition of a subset of an ensemble; thus one speaks of the "woodwind choir" of an orchestra, or different "choirs" of voices and/or instruments in a [polychoral](#) composition. In typical 18th- to 21st-century [oratorios](#) and [masses](#), chorus or choir is usually understood to imply more than one singer per part, in contrast to the quartet of soloists also featured in these works

Snow CAMPS

March 2 – 4 & March 9 – 11

Parents, are you looking for a high-energy, fun-filled, spiritual-growth experience for your 7th/8th grader? If so, this is it!!!! Snow CAMPS 2012 will be held at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. Teenagers from throughout the Diocese will be participating in what could very well be "the best weekend of their lives!!" Sign-up now as space for Snow CAMPS is limited and will run out. For applications and more information go to www.snowcampsparty.com or contact Sarah or Hannah Thibodeau at (978) 948 7177.

Camp Fatima/Camp Bernadette A Catholic Camp for Boys and Girls

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for 2012 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6 - 15. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email m drumm@campsfatimabernadette.org, or visit us on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org.

Sessions fill up quickly!

Camp gives kids a world of good!



Rite of Initiation of Adults RCIA

If you are not a Catholic and have thought about one with us,

(Or you know someone who has a desire to become a Catholic)

This is the process for you.

Please contact Deacon Paul Dow @ 978-887-5350
paul dow@parishmail.com

Scripture for the week of February 5, 2012

5	SUN	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
6	Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
7	Tue	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
8	Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
9	Thu	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
10	Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
11	Sat	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
12	SUN	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Campion Renewal Center Presents the Following Retreats

Weston, MA - 781-419-1337 email acopponi@campioncenter.org

Day Retreat

Sacred Images

March 3, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Director: Robert Gilroy

This experiential retreat introduces methods of meditation based upon various spiritual traditions and simple art exercises. The day will include group experiences using relaxation and guided imagination exercises. No art experience necessary.

Offering: \$35 includes lunch & Mass

Grieving & Need Help Coping? Hospice of the North Shore can help!

Please visit us at www.griefandhealing.org for our calendar of special events and support groups. 27 Sylvan St, Danvers - Questions or to register, call 978-774-5100.

Parish Clubs & Organizations



Saint Mary's Youth Group

Fun, Faith & Friends

High School - Wed., Feb. 7 - 7:00PM

Middle School - Fri., Feb 9 - 7:00PM

If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Minister, Mary Fretwell at MSoucy@parishmail.com.

We look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Parish Festivities Committee

Join the Festivities Committee and help our parish provide wonderful events for you, our parishioners! We host several events throughout the year in both Georgetown and Rowley. If you like to provide ideas, decorate for parties, or like to help with setting up for events, we could use help wherever your talents shine! If you are interested in volunteering to help, contact Bonnie Lucas at bonnie.lucas@gmail.com.

Church Choir

Our choirs sing at all of the weekend Masses. Anyone interested in participating, please contact the following music directors:

Georgetown: Chandler Noyes (978) 352-8752 or chnoyes@comcast.net

Rowley: Pat McDonough (978) 948-2659 or fivebrothers@comcast.net

BLESSED JOHN PAUL MEN'S GROUP

7:30 – 8:45AM

St. Mary Church Hall, Rowley

Winter Schedule

February 11 & 25

For more information, call Peter Carpentier at (978) 500-2119 or Joe Soucy, at (978) 479-7880.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Sennott Insurance

Topsfield, MA (978) 887-4900

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our local Knights of Columbus chapter is always looking for new members. This Catholic men's organization is known as the "strong right arm of the Church" and also offers wonderful benefits for those who become members. For more details, contact Tom Parisi at 978-352-8880 or www.georgetownkofc.org



Women's Club

The next meeting will be on **February 21 at 7:00 PM** in the Georgetown Church Hall.

The topic this month is **Women's Heart Health**. Wear red and come be informed and celebrate women's health with speaker, Carol DeForrest. Heart healthy snacks will be served!

The Women's Club is open to all Women of the Parish over 18 years of age. Come and bring a friend!

For more information, please contact Karen Rowe at (978) 352-2598.

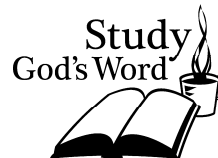
This year knit or crochet someone a gift of love!

Join our prayer shawl ministry!

Directions and information can be sent to you from the Rectory. Call 978-352-2024 or email Rectory@Parishmail.com.



There is some yarn available for pick-up at the rectory.



Study
God's Word

Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings - 11AM - 1PM

OR

Monday Evenings - 7PM - 9PM

Both Classes are in the Georgetown Hall

For more information contact Bob Sullivan at bsully711@comcast.net.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - TODAY

Once a month we offer a blood pressure screening to our parishioners. It is hosted by nurses in our parish who generously volunteer their time. The next clinic is **this weekend, Feb. 4 & 5** at both churches at all of the Masses. **If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory at (978) 352-2024.**

Evangelization & Catholic Education

Children's Gospel

**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jesus cures the sick
Gospel (Mark 1:29-39)**

After preaching in the synagogue, Jesus and his disciples went to Peter's house to share a meal together. When they got there, Peter's wife told them that her mother had been taken ill and was suffering from a high fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and, as he helped her up, the fever disappeared and she felt well again.

That evening, crowds of sick people gathered around Peter's house, and Jesus cured many of them. Early the next morning, Jesus went off to a quiet place to pray. When his disciples found him, they said, "Lord, everyone is looking for your. They have heard of the marvelous things you have done." Jesus told them, "I must go and visit other villages, too, because I came to tell the Good News to everyone."

Let's talk about the Gospel

Often before performing a miracle, Jesus would pray to his heavenly father. Time after time, he reminds us of the importance and power of prayer, and of making time to spend with God. Do each of you remember to spend a little time each day in prayer?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are always ready to make time for others, especially those who come to you with worries or troubles. Thank you for your love and goodness, and help me remember to make time to spend alone with you. Amen

LET'S LAUGH



CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

Last week's wordsearch

W	R	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	C	A	E
W	O	M	L	F	D	E	S	T	R	O	Y
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J	K	F	E	N	S	O	M	L	I	D	P
R	Q	F	E	S	P	T	E	A	C	H	I
V	O	I	C	E	G	V	E	U	T	S	R
B	W	R	X	B	O	D	Y	N	Z	Y	I
C	U	E	B	A	O	W	O	R	L	D	T
E	D	S	F	K	D	G	O	Q	P	N	J
I	H	L	V	M	U	N	C	L	E	A	N

CLUES ACROSS

- Beginning of the day 5. Tied up 7. End of the day 8. Early morning moisture 10. Peter's other name 12. A collection of dwellings 15. A negative 16. Strange 17. Is pulled along with effort; takes a long time 20. Masculine pronoun 21. Large number 22. A faraway sun

CLUES DOWN

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			22							

- Barren land 2. Moving air 3. Happens to dead things 4. Finish 5. We sleep on this 6. Wicked angel 9. Good judgment; sensible thinking 11. At this moment 13. Belonging to us 14. Time of darkness 17. Time of light 18. Great body of water 19. Joining word

Evangelization and Catholic Education

Alleluia



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ECE Blog: www.stmaryece.wordpress.com
Confirmation I blog: www.stmaryalpha.wordpress.com

Office Hours: Mon 6-8pm and Thurs 4-6 pm in the Georgetown Hall
Mon and Thurs 9:30-11:30 am in the Georgetown Rectory

This is **A week** for ECE classes.

Make-Ups & Family Teaching Mon 6-8 pm & Thurs 4-6 pm.

It's time to start making up missed lessons—don't leave it to the last minute!

Students in grades 1 & 3-9 are allowed 2 absences each academic year. Additional missed lessons should be made up during make-up hours with a parent.

Students in grades 2 & 10 should make up **ALL** missed ECE lessons.

Due to the February break, there will be no ECE classes on Sunday, Feb 19.

There will be no Family Teach/MakeUp Hours on Mon, Feb 20 or Thurs, Feb 23

Regular ECE Schedule resumes on Sunday, Feb 26.

Please Note:

Due to the big football game, grades 6-10 will **NOT** meet tonight, Sunday, February 5.

Grades K—5 classes **will** meet as normally scheduled.

Middle School Service Day!

ALL ECE Students Gr. 6-8 (*both A and B week students*) will meet on **Sun, February 12** for an in-house Christian Service day.

High school students can sign up to help for Service Hours and parent help is appreciated.

Questions? Sign up?
Call or email Annie Rhodes

ECE Support Committee Meeting This Monday

February 6, 7:30 pm in the Georgetown Hall.
New members welcome!

Outreach & Sacraments

OUTREACH MINISTRY



Are you interested in being an Outreach Volunteer?

Please contact the Office (978) 352-2024 or email Rectory@parishmail.com

One of Mother Teresa's Quotes on Love - God told us, "Love your neighbor as yourself." So first I am to love myself rightly, and then to love my neighbor like that. But how

can I love myself unless I accept myself as God has made me?
—Mother Teresa

Communion Calls – Eucharistic Outreach Ministers will regularly visit the sick, homebound, and disabled.

It is our joy to provide this gift, so please call!

Hospitals – We take the Eucharist to the Anna Jacques & Merrimack Valley hospitals on a weekly basis.

Nursing Homes – Monthly, our ministers visit Oxford Manor, Seaview Retreat Center and Carleton House. If you know of another facility in our parish that would need this ministry, please let us know.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – This ministry is led by Jacquelyn St. Martin. The Prayer Shawl provides the comfort of hand-knitted shawls to the ill; they not only keep them warm physically but remind them that they share in the prayers of the community. ***Call the Parish Office for someone you love today... heal their hearts and bodies!***

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one is hospitalized. This is very important to us. We want to know that you or a loved one is in need of our support. Please indicate when being admitted that you wish to have visits from family, friends, or clergy. HIPAA will not allow us to inquire otherwise. ***If we are not informed, we can not reach out, and we want to be there!***

Looking for Friendly Visitors

Looking for volunteers, families, or individuals to share an hour a month with a nursing home-bound senior at Baker-Katz in Haverhill - just for conversation, reading, or walking. There is a need, and it's a beautiful way to shine Christ's love. Many never get any company at all. For more info., call Joel Boutin at (508) 294 8337. **God Bless You.**

Remember Saint Mary Parish Family

When making your final wishes known, please remember Saint Mary Parish Family. To make sure your final wishes are the way you want them, have your attorney contact the Archdiocese for precise wording (617) 245-0100.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are typically scheduled on the Fourth Sunday of the month.

Odd months - Georgetown Site 1:00 PM

Even months - Rowley Site 1:30 PM

To schedule, please contact the rectory at 978-352-2024.

CRITERIA FOR GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS FOR CONFIRMATION

1. At least 16 years of age
2. Already Confirmed
3. A practicing Catholic (Leads a Catholic lifestyle)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

A marriage ceremony is relatively brief - the marriage is for a lifetime. The Church wants couples to prepare for the marriage - not just the ceremony. Please address the following:

- Notify parish at least **SIX MONTHS in advance**
- Request a personal interview with priest to set date & time
- Complete the necessary paperwork
- Attend marriage preparation sessions
- Plan ceremony and set time for rehearsal

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM - Georgetown site

If you would like to make an appointment for a time during the week, please call the rectory at 978-352-2024.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK



The Sacrament of the Sick is a sacrament given for healing and recovery. Those who are ill or entering a hospital and wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to admission may do so by calling the rectory.

Bringing Up Altar Gifts

If a Mass is being said for a family member and you would like to bring up the gifts, please let the ushers and greeters know on your way into church.

Contact the rectory to have a Mass said for your family member, 978-352-2024.

Harness Your Energy

in service to the Gospel!

This was the message Pope Benedict XVI gave to youth during his visit to New York City in 2008. Are you ready to follow that call to harness YOUR ENERGY to share the life source of all? Harness your energy to serve God's people as a priest, brother, sister or deacon. Be in service to the Gospel.

For more info., call the Vocation Office at (617) 746-5436.