Saint Mary Catholic Parish Family

Established June 30, 2006 - Serving Boxford, Byfield, Georgetown, Rowley
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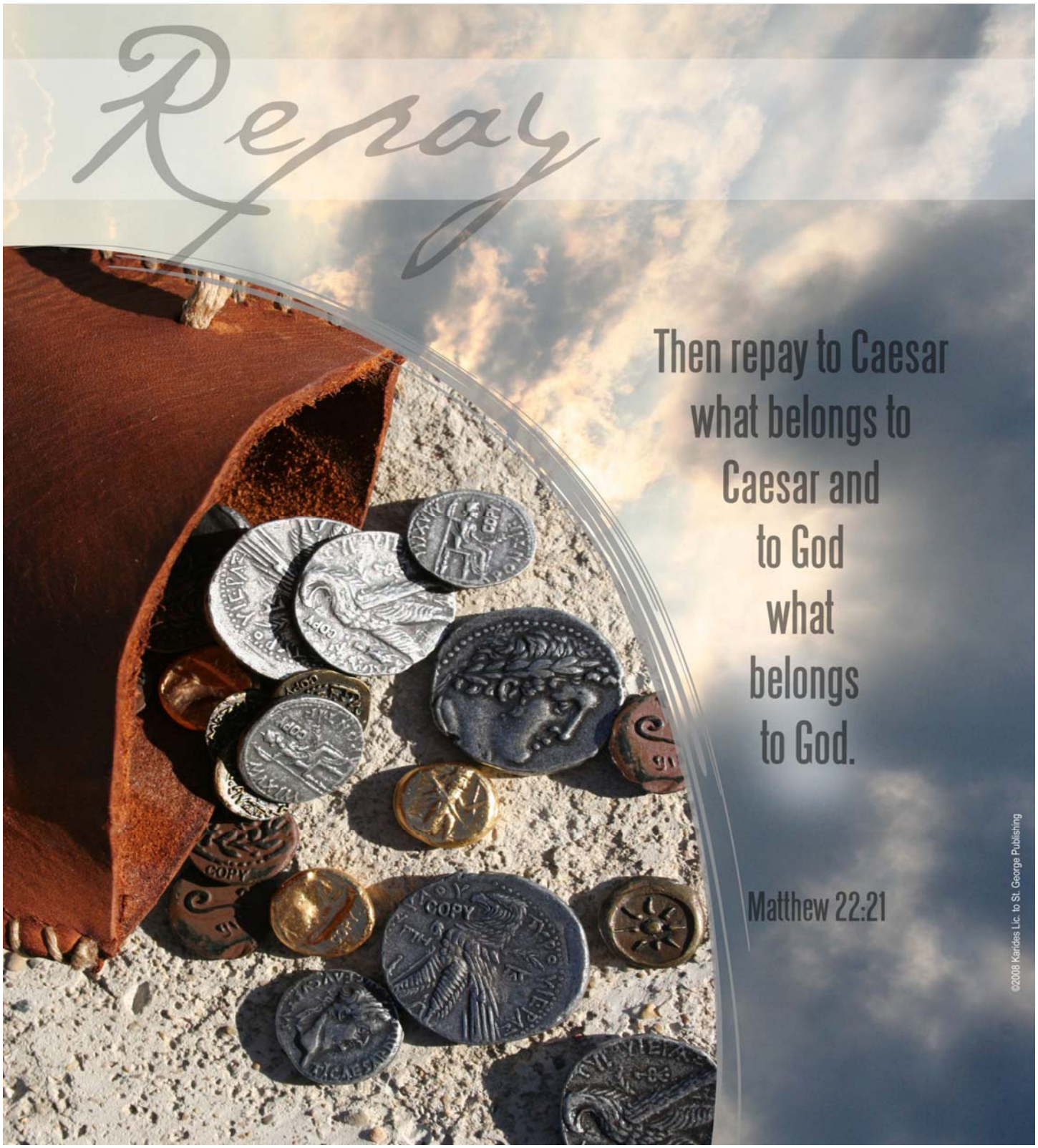
Rev. Robert A. Poitras, Pastor



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October 16, 2011

202 Main Street
Rowley, MA

Saint Mary Parish

Serving Boxford, Byfield, Georgetown & Rowley

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.

94 Andover Street
Georgetown, MA

Parish Office Hours

Rectory

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon. – Fri. from 9AM to 1PM

ECE Office

by Appointment Only
(978) 352-6540

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

Thomas Michael Morse, Isabella Mazzone, Deb Baronas, Anne Bergstrom, Barbara Bergstrom, Alanna Casey, John Clark, Vivian Clark, Richard Curry, Cameron Cyr, Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy, Dolores Domenico, Phyllis Fischer, Michael Gaunce, Michael Geary, Margaret Hanlon, Vivian M. Hughes, Jonathan Hunt, Natalie Keefe, Catherine E. McCarthy, McKinley Rose Nicholas, Marianne Riley, Joan Rollins, Tom Shalkoski, Amber Talbot, Nadine Tuzzalino, and all the ill of our parish.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER
all our faithful departed.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	October	15	G	4:30 PM	Confirmandi & Sponsors
Sunday	October	16	R	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday	October	16	G	11:00 AM	Robert Duggan
Monday	October	17	R	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Tuesday	October	18	R	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday	October	20	G	7:00 PM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Friday	October	21	G	9:00 AM	Alden Johnson (4th Anniv.)
Saturday	October	22	G	4:30 PM	Jean McKillop(memorial) & Sister Catherine McKillop -
Sunday	October	23	R	9:00 AM	Helen Nowicki Golden Jubilee as Dominican Nun
Sunday	October	23	G	11:00 AM	Kevin Duggan

The Parish 411

Coming Events

October 17	Eucharistic Ministers Workshop (G) 7PM
October 18	Women's Club Meeting See page 7
October 20	Altar Server Training (G) 4PM
October 22	**Parish Halloween Party** (G) 5:30PM
	Recycling Day (G) See page 5
October 24	Lectors Workshop (G)
October 28	Confirmation (G) 7:00
October 29	Recycling Day (R) See page 5

Weekend Collections

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 9 - $3,449.00

Thank you for your Faithfulness and Generosity!

Securing Our Future Together - Capital Campaign
Total Pledges Received - **$355,000.00**
Cash Amount Received To Date - **$319,606.56**

Today's Second Collection
Grand Annual

The "Grand Annual" is a yearly collection to cover any shortfall from the offertory for our budgeted expenses and the rest goes to fund capital improvements our parish needs.

Last year we had 312 of our registered families identifiably participate in our Grand Annual. This year we hope to have 400 of our families identifiably participate.

Check out our website quick link Grand Annual 2011 to see how well we are doing!

Upcoming Second Collections

World Mission Sunday

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information

Notes from Father Bob

Every now and then you get a phone call that changes all the plans you had for the day. That happened to me last weekend, when on Sunday morning a friend called me and said, "Hey, I have extra tickets to the Patriots game this afternoon are you free?" I think you know what my answer to that question. It was a beautiful afternoon for a game, I think I even got a slight sunburn in October. To top off a great day the Patriots beat the Jets. Another great Sunday in the books.

Last week was a rather busy week around the parish. The highlight of the week was our Pastoral Visit from Fr. Arthur Coyle, the Regional Episcopal Vicar of the Merrimack region. As I noted in last week's bulletin, Fr. Coyle made a visit to our parish on behalf of Cardinal Sean. These Pastoral visits are made every three years ands offers the leadership of the parish an opportunity to consult with Cardinal Sean through his representative. Our Parish Staff held individual meetings with Fr. Coyle throughout the day and to wrap up a busy day of visiting Fr. Coyle led a joint meeting of our Parish Finance and Parish Pastoral Councils. It was a good day for all of us, including myself, to spend some time with Fr. Coyle and discuss the future, not only of our parish but of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. Many thanks to Fr. Coyle and for his leadership and presence in our Merrimack Region.

On Saturday afternoon our high school students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation came together for a day of retreat. Many thanks to Mrs. Rhodes for organizing a beautiful and enriching day of prayer for our students. This day of retreat was a great way for the students to enter into a time of final preparation before making their Confirmation. I reminded the Confirmation class that at their Baptism their parents were given a candle and told to keep this flame of faith burning brightly in their child's life. In Confirmation it is the child's turn to take hold of their candle, their light of faith, for themselves and to light up the world with the light of Christ. Our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Friday evening, October 28th with Most Rev. Arthur Kennedy as the presider. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers as they approach the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 28th.

Lastly, this weekend we kick off our Parish Grand Annual Collection. You should have received a letter from me this past week asking for your families support in this important financial appeal for our parish. Because of your generosity in last years collection we were able to not only meet our financial responsibilities but also work on a few projects to repair our parish facilities. St. Mary Parish needs your help again this year in reaching our goal of $50,000. All money donated to this collection remains in our parish. I'm asking each family to prayerfully consider giving $200. Some families will find this to be difficult and others may be able to give more. Whatever your current financial situation may be, please do what you can to support this important parish collection. I thank you in advance for your sacrificial generosity and prayers.

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Bob

Parish Meeting Information

FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Bonnie Lucas (Chairperson)
Maureen Cannon (Staff Liaison)

Cathy Baldwin
Peter Baldwin
Bill Lucas
Ray McManus

Meetings are open to ALL volunteers and parishioners.
Email event suggestions to Rectory@parishmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Kurt Annen (Vice Chairperson)

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ECE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Anna McGrath & Kathy Killam (PPC Representatives)
Robyn Blum & Annie Rhodes (Staff Liaisons)
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Looking for MORE Members!
Email stmaryece@Parishmail.com

E-MAIL MEMBERS OF COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail such correspondence to
Rectory@parishmail.com

Please let us know if you wish to become a member of any of these committees or councils .

Please remember to check out our web site for important information!

www.SaintMaryParish.org

Parents Don't forget to sign up for our blog!

www.stmaryece.wordpress.com

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Call the Rectory if you are interested in being considered.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

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Don Coleman
Tom Delmonaco
Chuck Trotta
Kevin Bisson
Frank D'Aloisio
Diane Loehle
Tom Parisi

Call the rectory if you are interested in being considered.

PARISH MEETINGS

All meetings are in the Georgetown Hall unless another location is specified.

PPC MEETING	TBD
PFC MEETING	TBD
PFC - Finance Sub Committee MEETING	To Be Announced
PFC - Facilities Sub Committee MEETING	To Be Announced
ECE SUPPORT	Monday, November 7 @ 7:30 Rectory Dining Room (G)
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	First Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in the K of C Hall on East Main St.
WOMEN'S CLUB	Tuesday, October 18 @7:00pm Georgetown Hall

Parish News

St. Mary's Electronic Recycling Day!

Saturday, October 22 9AM – 2PM
Georgetown Church Parking Lot

Saturday, October 29 9AM - 2PM
Rowley Church Parking Lot

We take all electronics!

Fees:	Televisions:	$10
	TVs over 19":	$15
	Projection TV & Console	$20
	Computer Monitors:	$5
	Appliances:	$10
	Console/Wood TVs:	$20
	Misc. Electronics:	$5

Cell phones, digital cameras, car batteries & bikes: FREE!

Also accepting lawn mowers and snow blowers (gasoline removed) & grills (w/o tank), exercise equipment, stereo equipment and copy and fax machines.
Appliances include refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, ac units, microwaves, etc. Anything with an electrical cord.

A portion of the proceeds from your unwanted electronics will be donated to the parish! For questions contact J.wood36@yahoo.com

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" ROSE FOR LIFE "

Respect Life…..Thank you

The Mass. Citizens for Life sincerely thanks all who gave time and dollars to the recent "Rose for Life" drive. Your generous donation of **$613.31** will help MCFL pro-life efforts to protect LIFE.

A special thanks to Audrey Allen and her committee!

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are making an effort to have email addresses to reach everyone with the information they need.

If you are interested in getting information relevant to you please submit your email address to
Rectory@Parishmail.com

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 October 16 the lamps are burning in memory of:

Robert Duggan

People Helping People

It is time once again to start collecting for Thanksgiving baskets! Please consider donating something on the following list and place it in the bins at the back of the churches or in the hall with ECE.

Thanksgiving Donations due by 11-17-11!

Bisquick,	Sugar
Canned Fruits	Pasta Sauce
Cake Mixes	Mac & Cheese
Cereal	Soup
Coffee & Tea	Flour
Graham cracker pie crusts	Frosting
Pasta	Crackers
Peanut Butter & Jelly,	Cooking Oil
Tuna	Oatmeal
Pudding, Pie Filling & Jell-O	Boxed Pie Crust
Rice	Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
Stuffing Mix,	Instant Potatoes

Any other non perishable items including Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues. Please donate individually wrapped products.

Grocery Store Gift Certificates to buy perishable items and Cash Donations. All monetary gifts should go to the rectory. Checks should be made out to St Mary Parish with a notation for People Helping People

Thank you for your generosity & thoughtfulness!

CATHOLIC APPEAL
PLEDGE REPORT

The monthly pledge reminders for the Catholic Appeal pledges will be mailed during the first week of the month. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal.

Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, 25% of the additional funds raised are returned to our parish for use in our ministries.

PARISH GOAL: $30,000
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $16,546.00
REMAINING BALANCE $13,954.00

WISH A WEEK

Our wish this week is

Candy Donations for Halloween Party
Please place your donations in the bins at the back of the church if you can make this wish come true.

Music & Miscellaneous

Music For The Masses

The Hymns are the same in both churches.

PRELUDE: "Abbot's Leigh"—Don Hustad
PROCESSIONAL: "Lord You Give the Great Commission"--738
RESPONSORIAL: Page 47
OFFERTORY: "Lord of All Hopefulness"—784
COMMUNION: "We Have Been Told"—805
RECESSIONAL: "We Are Called"--939
POSTLUDE "Bouree"—George Handel

History of "Abbot's Leigh"

The original Middle English name was Lega and the village became Abbots Leigh in the mid 12th century when Robert Fitzharding (first Earl of Berkeley), who acquired the village as Lord of the Manor, gave the income to the Abbey of St Augustine, Bristol which he founded.
The manor house here, also named Abbot's Leigh or Leigh Court, was a resting place of Charles II during his escape to France in 1651. He arrived on the evening of 12 September, staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Norton, who were friends of the King's travelling companion, Jane Lane. The Norton's were unaware of the King's identity during his three-day stay.
A description of the house appears in the book "The Escape of Charles II, After the Battle of Worcester" by Richard Ollard: "Abbots Leigh was the most magnificent of all the houses in which Charles was sheltered during his escape. A drawing made in 1788, only twenty years before it was pulled down, shows a main front of twelve gables, surmounting three storey's of cowled windows; a comfortable, solid west country Elizabethan house."
While staying at Abbots Leigh, Charles deflected suspicion by asking a trooper, who had been in the King's personal guard, to describe the King's appearance and clothing at the Battle of Worcester. The man looked at Charles and said, "The King was at least three inches taller than you."
The King's escape route is commemorated in the Monarch's Way long distance footpath which passes through the village.
In 1942, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991) published a hymn tune named "Abbot's Leigh". The tune fits the words of a number of different hymns, and is commonly used with the following hymns: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken", "Father Lord of All Creation", "God is Here", "Go My Children, With my Blessing" and "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Scripture for the week of October 16, 2011

16	**SUN**	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
17	**Mon**	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
18	**Tue**	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
19	**Wed**	Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
20	**Thu**	Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
21	**Fri**	Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
22	**Sat**	Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
23	**SUN**	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

KOC Soccer Challenge Today!!

The Knights of Columbus will be having its Annual Soccer Challenge today Sunday October 16th at 2:00 at West Street Field in Georgetown. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate. For any questions, please call Tom Parisi at 978-352-8880.

Espousal Retreat Center Presents the Following Retreats
Waltham, MA - 781-209-3120 or admin@espousal.org

Women's Retreat
October 21 - 23
Open Your Heart - Step Into My Life
And Be Filled With the Holy Spirit

Presenters: Sr. Miriam Patrice McKeon SCH,
Jerri Lou Buffo & Sue Gormley

Begins Friday at 7PM and ends Sunday at 1:00PM
Offering: $145 for 2 overnights, $100 commuter
Meals included

Registration in advance required

40 Days For Life

Come, Pray and Fast for the Unborn!

It's not too late to participate in 40 Days for Life's fall campaign. Join us in peaceful, prayerful vigil outside Merrimack Valley Women's Health Services, 288 Groveland St., Haverhill, MA, through November 6. To Learn more, to register for daily prayers and updates, or to volunteer, visit 40daysforlife.com/Haverhill, or contact John Fleury at prolifemethuen@aol.com or 978-685-8754.

Thank you for helping God's precious children.

"I came that they may have life." John 10:10

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS
Spiritual Bouquets (Mass cards) are available at the office for single Masses as well as for 5 & 10 year enrollments. Flowers benefit us. Prayers benefit the deceased.

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

Parish Halloween Party Sat., Oct 22, following the 4:30 mass (Gtown Hall)
High School - Wed., Nov. 2 - 7:00PM
Middle School - Fri., Nov. 4 - 7:00PM

If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Minister, Mary Soucy 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 – 8:15AM
St. Mary Church Hall, Rowley
Fall Schedule
October 22; November 12: December 10
For more information, call Peter Carpentier at (978) 500-2119 or Joe Soucy, at (978) 479-7880.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week
Conte Funeral Homes
Honoring traditions & memories one family at a time.
978 687-6190 www.contefuneralhomes.com

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

St. Mary Parish Women's Club

St. Mary's Women's Club will be hosting Fr. Bob Poitras:

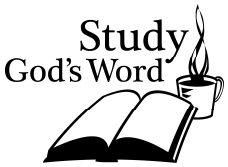
Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm
Georgetown Hall

Fr. Bob will discuss the New Roman Missal and the Changes in the Liturgy that will take place on the first Sunday of Advent this coming November. The Women's Club would like to extend a special invitation to all the women of the parish to come to this special evening and share in this informative discussion. Light refreshments will be served.
This month we are requesting voluntary donations of postcard postage and regular first-class "Forever Stamps" for the parish's ECE program.
For more information, please contact Sue McDonough at 352-5282 or Kathy Ferreira at 352-8023.

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.

Yarn is once again available for pickup at the rectory!



Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings - 11AM - 1PM
Starting September 7th
OR
Monday Evenings - 7PM - 9PM
Starting September 12th
Both Classes are in the Georgetown Hall

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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 will be **Nov. 5 & 6** at all of the Masses. If your are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory at (978) 352-2024.

Evangelization & Catholic Education

Children's Gospel

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year
Give to God what belongs to God

Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21)

The Pharisees wanted to trick Jesus into saying something which would get him into trouble. So they went to him and said, "We know that you are honest and are not afraid to speak the truth. Tell us then should we give our money to the Romans or to God?"

Jesus answered, "Why do you want to trick me? Show me your money." They gave him a Roman denarius and he asked them, "Who is the person on this coin?" "Caesar," they answered.

Then Jesus said, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to him, and give to God what is God's."

Let's Think About the Gospel

If not money, what do you think Jesus wanted the people to give to God? He wanted them to return the love which God gave to them. We, too, can share everything with our heavenly father by giving him the gift of ourselves: all that we are and all that we have.

Prayer

Father in heaven, I give you today, all that I think and do and say. Fill me with grace and make me strong; with you at my side I won't go wrong. Amen

LET'S LAUGH

?

What will you offer God today with praise and thanksgiving?

CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: P = G, and N = E.

Crossword solution from last week

A	L	L		S	E	C	O	N	D
R		O			A				E
M	O	R	E		T	E	A	R	S
Y		D	A	Y			N		T
	F		R	O	D		O	U	R
	E			U			I		O
W	A	T	E	R	S		N	A	Y
	S		V		A		T		
I	T		I		V			W	E
N		E	L	D	E	R	S		

PREN CX LJNBJA FQJC

RB LJNBJA'B KDC PREN

CX PXM FQJC RB PXM'B.

ANSWER

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's.

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Evangelization and Catholic Education

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Confirmation I blog: www.stmaryalpha.wordpress.com
Fall 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

Today is B Week

Youth Alpha meets tonight -
6 - 8 pm in the Georgetown Hall.

Bring a friend, bring a parent!

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their sponsors in their last 2 weeks before the Confirmation Mass!

Help shape Children's Catholic Education at St. Mary Parish - join the ECE Support Committee!

We meet monthly in the Georgetown Rectory. Our next meeting is Nov 7 at 7:30 pm.

Contact: ARhodes@parishmail.com
Or call (978) 352-6540

School shopping & feeling generous?
The ECE program could use:

White all purpose or white paper
White cardstock
HP Ink 56, 57, 58
Postage - 28 cent postcard stamps and 44 cent 1st class letter stamps

Saints Parade and Bible Blessing!

Sunday, October 30, the parish's first graders are invited to dress up as their favorite saint and join in the Processional at the 11am Mass.

Also, bring your new bibles to Mass and have them blessed by Fr. Bob!

For more info. Contact rblum@parishmail.com

Confirmation III Students:

Confirmation will be on October 28 at 7 pm in the Georgetown Church. Candidates should arrive with sponsors no later than 6:15 pm.

Rehearsal will be at 8 pm PROMPTLY on October 27, in the Georgetown Hall. All candidates and sponsors are expected to attend.

Subscribe to the Blog!

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Sign up to receive email alerts when we post to the blog by clicking on the "Subscribe Me' button,

ECE: www.stmaryece.wordpress.com

Confirmation I:
www.stmaryalpha.wordpress.com

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.