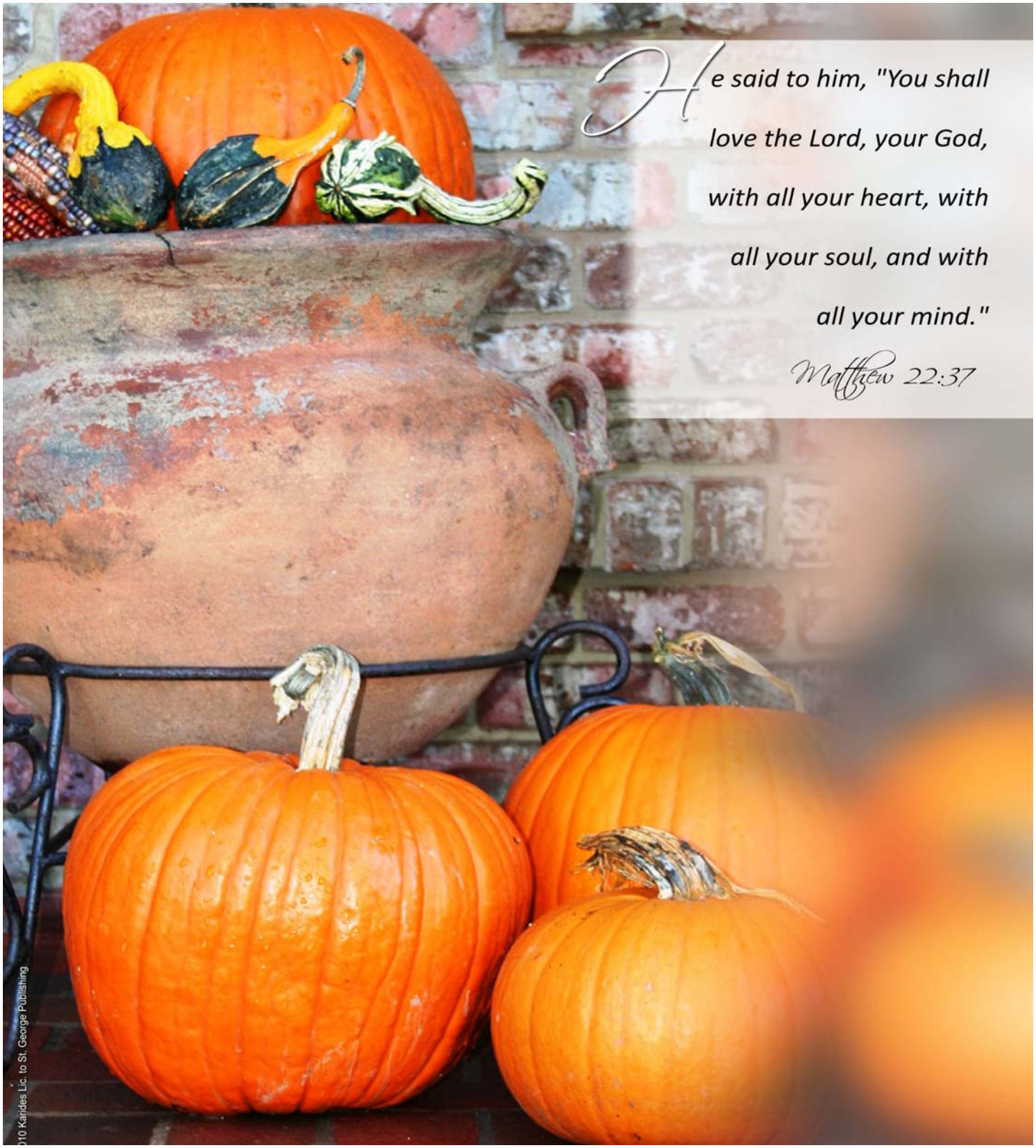
Saint Mary Catholic Parish Family

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



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October 23, 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
Richard Nally
and all our faithful departed.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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	
Monday	October	24	R	8:00 AM	Mary DeVarenne, Robert & Eleanor Sheehan, Sr.	
Tuesday	October	25	R	8:00 AM	Robert Kelly (2nd Anniv.)	
Thursday	October	27	G	7:00 PM	Intentions of the Celebrant	
Friday	October	28	G	9:00 AM	Daniel Guerin (2nd Anniv.)	
Saturday	October	29	G	4:30 PM	Walter & Olive Cullen	
Sunday	October	30	R	9:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Sunday	October	30	G	11:00 AM	Michael Doherty (2nd Anniv.)	

The Parish 411

Coming Events

October 24	Lectors Workshop (G)
October 28	Confirmation (G) 7:00
October 29	Recycling Day (R) See page 5
	Ultreya (G) 5:30
November 5	Friends of Rowley Chili Cook-off. See page 5

Weekend Collections

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 16 - $5,537.00

Thank you for your Faithfulness and Generosity!

Securing Our Future Together - Capital Campaign
Total Pledges Received - **$355,000.00**
Cash Amount Received To Date - **$320,286.59**

World Mission Sunday

This 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.

2011 Grand Annual

Last weekend was the kick off to our 2011 Grand Annual Appeal. We would like to thank the **9%** of our families (170 families) for answering the call to support our parish with their generous donations.

Although the initial response to the Grand Annual has been wonderful, many families have yet to reach a decision regarding their participation and support. Our goal is to have 21% or 400 families respond to this year's appeal. If you have not yet made your donation please mail them in to the rectory or place them in this week's offertory basket in an envelope clearly marked Grand Annual.

Every gift matters! Thank you!

Notes from Father Bob

As you heard at Mass last weekend or read in the letter you received in the mail, last weekend we kicked off our Parish's Grand Annual Collection for 2011. As always I was humbled by your generosity. In the first weekend of our collection we have raised $22,000 towards our goal of $50,000. Thank you to all those who have generously given to our Grand Annual Collection. If you haven't participated in the Grand Annual Collection I ask you to prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in this important collection for our parish.

As many of you know beginning on November 27th, the First Sunday of Advent, the Catholic Church will begin a new phase in it's long history as we begin to use the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal is the book the guides us in our prayers and words for Mass. This past week I had the opportunity to speak a little about the New Roman Missal with our Ministers of Holy Communion on Monday evening and also with the St. Mary Woman's Club on Tuesday evening. We have been using the same wording for forty years and have become so familiar with the responses and prayers ay Mass that we can do them in our sleep. As I mentioned to the groups, this change will be difficult at first, however, I have no doubt that the changes being made will add more depth and spirituality to our Eucharistic Liturgy. I look forward to my upcoming meeting with our Ministers of the Word, (Lectors), on Monday Evening October 24th.

This coming Friday, we will welcome the Most Rev. Arthur Kennedy to our Parish. Bishop Kennedy is the Rector of St. John Seminary in Brighton and one of the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Boston. Bishop Kennedy will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our High School age students. We have a good group of young men and women ready to receive this special Sacrament. Many thanks to the many catechists who have prepared them for this moment. More importantly, many thanks to the parents and families of our students who have encouraged and supported our young people throughout the Confirmation process.

As you may have heard or read our parish rectory here in Georgetown was broken into last Saturday afternoon. The good news is no one was hurt and, although I did lose some personal property, none of the parish property was stolen. It was a good sign for us to look at some security concerns we have around all of our parish facilities. We have made necessary changes to enhance security already and will continue to work on keeping our properties safe and secure. Robberies and crime are becoming all to common in our communities and towns so please take the time to check around your home to make sure everything is secure and safe.

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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Jane Ferrara
Eileen Guerin
Paul Jalbert
Janet Peabody
Dolores Donofrio
Eric Grover
Kathy Haley
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ECE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Anna McGrath & Kathy Killam (PPC Representatives)
Robyn Blum & Annie Rhodes (Staff Liaisons)
Eileen Guerin - Secretary
James Taggart George Fischer
Karen Leff

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

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Leala Ciampa-Fantasia	(978) 352 - 4691
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Call the Rectory if you are interested in being considered.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

Bob Apprich (Vice Chairperson)
Nanette Hadley (Staff Liaison)

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

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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, November 15 @7:00pm Georgetown Hall

Parish News

St. Mary's Electronic Recycling Day!

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

Website Sponsorships Available!

- In the weeks ahead, our parish representative from Solutio, Inc., will be setting up the advertising for our website for the year.
- Please consider participating in this effort since the revenue from the ads is what makes the website possible at **no cost** to the parish.
- It's a great way to get your name in front of the families in the parish. Advertisements may be purchased for a business, family memorial, or you can sponsor an ad supporting Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus, Vocations, etc.
- Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested or just curious as to prices and want more information, please contact 978.379.6608 or Sponsorship@SolutioSoftware.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 23 the lamps are burning in memory of:
Margaret & Richard McGown

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!

10th Annual "Some Like it Hot!" Chili Cook-off

Sponsored by Friends of the Rowley Public Library

Saturday, November 5, 5:30-8:30 pm
St. Mary Parish, Rowley

Tickets are $15 per person, $25 per couple, $5 for children Under 12. Tickets available at Rowley Public Library, Salt Marsh Antiques & 1st Nat'l Bank of Ipswich, Rowley.

Contestants who wish to enter the contest can download the entry form and rules at rowleylibrary.org. Deadline for entries is Friday, October 21, 2011. For more information, please contact Janet Peabody at jbpeabody@comcast.net or send email to friends@rowleylibrary.org.

Admission includes cornbread, veggies, hot dogs, dessert and, of course, chili. Beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase. There will be music, contests, crafts, raffles and door prizes.

Proceeds from this always fun community fundraising event will benefit Rowley library programs.

WISH A WEEK

Our wish this week is
Donations of Soap, Toothpaste, & Laundry Detergent for our People Helping People Baskets.

Music & Miscellaneous

Music For The Masses

The Hymns are the same in both churches.

PRELUDE: "St. Denio"—Diane Bish
PROCESSIONAL: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"--689
RESPONSORIAL: Page 49
OFFERTORY: "Bread of Life"—613
COMMUNION: "We Remember"—641
RECESSIONAL: "We Are Called"--772
POSTLUDE "Allegro"—George Handel-(Organ & Guitar)

Hymn Story—ST. DENIO

The hymn tune *St. Denio* appeared first in its current form in the 1839 Welsh volume, *Caniadau y Cyssegr* (*Hymns of the Sanctuary)*. Though its origins are uncertain, the tune most likely had a prior life as a song or a ballad, and there are several cited examples that are likely sources. If it seems odd that a Welsh hymn tune should bear the name of the patron saint of France, note that the Welsh think so too; they refer to the hymn as *Joanna*. The text is from Walter Chalmers Smith, and appeared in his *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*, published almost thirty years later, in 1867. This tune was paired with the text, "Immortal, invisible, God only wise," by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the *The English Hymnal* (1906). The final stanza was crafted from two stanzas of the original by Percy Dearmer; there is an additional alteration for Inclusive language in *The Hymnal 1982*.

St. Mary of the Annunciation School
14 Otis Street, Danvers, MA 01923

Open House
Wednesday, November 9, 9:30 - 11:00AM

An inclusive co-ed Catholic elementary school
Preschool through Grade 8

For information
Genevieve Fiorente
978 774-0307 ext. 301
gfiorente@stmaryschooldanvers.org

Scripture for the week of October 23, 2011

23	**SUN**	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
24	**Mon**	Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
25	**Tue**	Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
26	**Wed**	Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
27	**Thu**	Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
28	**Fri**	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
29	**Sat**	Rom 11:1-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
30	**SUN**	Mal 1:14-2:10/1 Thes2:7-13/Mt 23:1-12

Campion Renewal Center Presents
the Following Retreats
Weston, MA - 781-419-1337 email acopponi@campioncenter.org

Day of Prayer/Reflection

Blessed are they who Mourn,
for They Shall be Comforted

November 12, 9:30am - 4:00pm
Director: Judith LoGerfo

November is named a special time to remember those who have gone before us. Honor this tradition in quiet prayer, ritual and companionship as we seek od's healing and peace in the midst of grief old or new.

Offering: $35 includes lunch

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

Relationships, Communication &
Our Spiritual Path
Sunday, November 13, 9:30am - 5:00pm

The day will be an opportunity to explore and enhance your relationships with self, God and others, broaden communication style, address conflict, enrich closeness & intimacy, discover more fully God's "call" to you and re-establish your personal spiritual path.

Presenter: Jacqueline M. Sitte, RN, CARN, LADCI

Offering: $45 includes lunch and Mass

St Basil Salvatorian Center
Christian Women's Weekend
November 11-13

Put Out Into The Deep
Growing in Jesus Christ

Jesus calls us t "Put Out Into The Deep (Luke5:4)." It is a call to be mature in Christ, to walk in His Word, and to embrace His truth and surrender to His will in all we do.

The Weekend is a Catholic Christian Weekend open to all Women (juniors and seniors in high school and older). The cost of the Weekend is $95.00. (A $25.00 non-refundable processing fee is requested with registration.) Please be at the Center by 7:30 p.m. Friday. The women's weekend will end at 2 pm on Sunday.

For more information call 683-2959 or www.saintbasils.org.

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., 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
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

Digital Hearing Healthcare

Newburyport Georgetown Bradford

978 462-6250 www.digitalhearinghealthcare.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

Annual Auction & Raffle
Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm
Georgetown Hall

Come start your Christmas shopping early! Innovative gifts at bargain prices! Like-new pieces of furniture, Christmas decorations and dishes, handmade afghans and gift baskets for people of all ages! Doors open at 6PM for viewing, bidding will start promptly at 6:30PM! Raffle items will include more than 20 gift certificates from local vendors and artists! Bring your address labels for the raffle tickets!
All men and women are invited to attend. Complementary refreshments will be served.

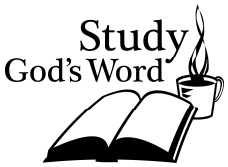
Donations for auction and raffles are greatly appreciated! Please call Ann Collins at 352-2684 or Jill Benas at 352-6354

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

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year
Living love

Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)

Again the Pharisees asked Jesus a question which was meant to trick him. "Which of the commandments is the greatest?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "You must love God with all your might; this is the first and most important commandment. The second greatest commandment is that you should love your neighbor as yourself.

All the other rules are based on these two commandments."

Let's Think About the Gospel

Jesus showed us how to love God and our neighbor. He put his words of love into action every day, and this is what he wants us to do.

Prayer

Lord, I have only one life and shall not live this day again. Help me to remember that everyone is my neighbor. If I can do something good or show my kindness, then help me to do it today, for unless love is shared it cannot grow.

Amen.

LET'S LAUGH

? How will you love God today with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. You shall not _____ or _____ an alien, for you were once _____ yourselves in the land of Egypt.
2. Praised be the Lord, I _____, and I am _____ from my _____.
3. The word of the Lord has _____ forth from _____ _____.
4. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had _____ the Sadducees, they _____ in a _____.
5. You shall love the Lord your God with your whole _____, with your whole _____, and with all your _____.

ANSWERS

1. molest, oppress, aliens 2. exclaim, safe, enemies
3. echoed, you, resoundingly 4. silenced, assembled, body
5. heart, soul, mind

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Evangelization and Catholic Education

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ECE Blog: www.stmaryece.wordpress.com
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 A Week

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.

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

Join the St. Mary Parish ECE Support Committee!

Our next meeting is Nov 7 at 7:30 pm in the Georgetown Rectory Dining Room.

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

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

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

Gift-Wrapping!

Support the ECE Program and get your gifts wrapped at the same time!

Come to the Georgetown Hall on **Sundays, December 11 and 18, 3-5 pm** and our Middle School students will wrap your Christmas gifts and provide To/From tags for you to label them!

Free will offering donations will go to support the ECE program!

Subscribe to the Blog!

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.