Saint Mary Catholic Parish Family

Established June 30, 2006 - Serving Boxford, Byfield, Georgetown, Rowley
94 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA 01833 - Church & Parish Office
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December 11, 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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Web Site - www.SaintMaryParish.org
Blog - www.StMaryECE.wordpress.com

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Rita Maglione, Barbara DeAngelis, Helen Williams, Frank Tortorella, Thomas Michael Morse, Isabella Mazzone, Deb Baronas, Anne Bergstrom, Barbara Bergstrom, Alanna Casey, John Clark, Vivian Clark, Richard Curry, Cameron Cyr, Dolores Domenico, Phyllis Fischer, Michael Gaunce, Michael Geary, Margaret Hanlon, Vivian M. Hughes, Natalie Keefe, McKinley Rose Nicholas, Marianne Riley, Joan Rollins, Tom Shalkoski, Amber Talbot, Nadine Tuzzalino, and all the ill of our parish.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER
Catherine E. McCarthy (Kathy Ferreira's mother)
Donald A. St. Laurent II (Carol Boutin's Nephew)
Charlotte Casey, Thomas Mulligan
and all our faithful departed.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	December	10	G	4:30 PM	Philip G. Cannon, Sr.
Sunday	December	11	R	9:00 AM	Barbara J. Skinner (3rd Anniv.)
Sunday	December	11	G	11:00 AM	Mary Bigelow (3rd Anniv.)
Monday	December	12	R	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Tuesday	December	13	R	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday	December	15	G	7:00PM	Russell Weaver (X-Mas Remembrance)
Friday	December	16	G	9:00 AM	Bruce Brumfield
Saturday	December	17	G	4:30 PM	Marion O'Neil
Sunday	December	18	R	9:00 AM	Helen Nowicki
Sunday	December	18	G	11:00 AM	Jean Varney

The Parish 411

Coming Events

December 17	ECE Veggie Tales Movie 10:00AM (G)
December 18	Gift Wrap Fundraiser (G) See page 9
December 20	Women's Club Christmas Party See page 7
December 27	Georgetown Church Hall 7:00PM

Weekend Collections

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4 - **$5,328.71**

Thank you for your Faithfulness and Generosity!

Last week's collection for **Monthly Offering** was **$2,475.00**

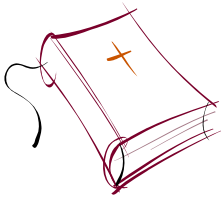
Securing Our Future Together - Capital Campaign
Total Pledges Received - **$356,660.00**
Cash Amount Received To Date - **$323,141.26**

Christmas Flower Donations

Again this year we are accepting donations in memory of your loved ones. The Christmas Masses will be said for these intentions. The Christmas bulletin will have a list of the intention and the person who made the intention. All names will need to be received by **December 19** if you would like them printed in the bulletin.

Envelopes are available in the vestibule of both churches. Please put them in the collection basket or drop them of at the rectory.

St. Mary Parish, Danvers
Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM



St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish welcomes Christians of all denominations to join us for an evening of prayer featuring Sacred Scripture, reflection, silence and beautiful music developed by the monastic community of Taizé, France. The service will be held in the church at 24 Conant Street, Danvers.

Notes from Father Bob

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice." Many remember this special Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, because of the rose vestments the priest wears during the Liturgy or because of the one rose candle on the Advent wreath. At no other Mass do I receive more compliments on a vestment than I do on this Sunday. Something about the color of this weekends vestment puts a smile on everyone's face. This weekend the church spread throughout the world celebrates with great joy the reality that through God's gift of Jesus Christ, He has clothed us with a robe of salvation. Christ is near, let us rejoice.

A great big thank you to Mr. Bill Lucas and everyone who joined us in cleaning both our churches last weekend. We had many families come to join us in preparing our churches for this coming Christmas season. We were able to wash down the pews, clean the floors, walls, windows, all the Altar furniture and appointments. As I celebrated Mass that weekend it really made a difference knowing the love and care that many people put into cleaning the worship spaces. Thank You!

I'd like to congratulate our second grade parishioners who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday morning. We enjoyed a wonderful prayer service and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all the parents, Mrs. Blum our ECE director, and all the teachers for preparing these children for this special day. The young faith of these children is an inspiration to all of us of how much we all need to receive this special gift of God's love and forgiveness. We have that opportunity every Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4pm in our Georgetown church or by calling the rectory for an appointment. Also, on Wednesday December 21st from 6:30pm—8pm every Church and Chapel throughout the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for Confessions. So no matter where you are you can swing by a local Church and receive this great gift of God's mercy.

As many of you read in the papers or saw on the news, Cardinal O'Malley held a special convocation of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston last Monday afternoon. This day was called to begin the consultation process of a new plan for the future of all our parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. As you know we find ourselves in a very interesting point of history. Our Catholic infrastructure is maintained by only 1/5th of the support it was set up to receive many years ago. This is due to the shrinking number of clergy, religious, professional laity and parishioners. I think we can all agree that as time has gone on, the difficulties of ministering, as well as, maintaining so many churches and facilities is not getting easier. To remain in the same system, or to run a business as usual mentality is no longer an option. The Archdiocese Pastoral Planning Commission's working document, Disciples in Mission, proposes a vision for the archdiocese that flows directly from the mission that Jesus Christ has given to His Church, namely, to bring His Gospel to all the nations. An important principle of the document is to form stronger parish communities that embrace the Church's mission of evangelization, faith formation, outreach and service. In the coming weeks more consultation meetings will take place around the Archdiocese so that everyone can see and respond to the new Pastoral Planning approach. The plan that is being proposed for consultation can be viewed by visiting, 2012Planning.org. 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)

Mary Clare Dalzell
Jane Ferrara
Eileen Guerin
Paul Jalbert
Janet Peabody
Dolores Donofrio
Eric Grover
Kathy Haley
Jim McKenney

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)

Joseph Kosciuszek (Vice Chairperson) (978) 352-6173

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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)

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

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	December 11 @ 6:00PM Rowley Church Hall
PFC MEETING	TBD
PFC - Finance Sub Committee MEETING	Monday, January 16 @ 7PM Rectory Dining Room (G)
PFC - Facilities Sub Committee MEETING	To Be Announced
ECE SUPPORT	Monday, December 5 @ 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, December 20 @ 6:30pm Black Swan Country Club

Parish News

PREGNANCY CARE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree to help the Haverhill-Amesbury-Lawrence Pregnancy Care Center's life-affirming ministry invites you to select an angel tag, buy the gift and place it UNWRAPPED with its angel tag back under the tree during Advent.

Last year the PCC had over 1500 service visits helping needy mothers and their babies. Your gifts at Christmas helped provide the Center with client and newborn needs throughout the baby's first year. In addition, with the birth of each baby ,the mom received a splendid array of your new baby gifts in our "Shower in a Bag" presentation. Gifts of office supplies help to reduce PCC overhead expenses to allow more funds for programs and clients.

The PCC feels truly blessed by your prayers and support. We thank you for sharing the love of Christ with our needy mothers who chose life.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to offer the use of its house located at 6064 East Main St Georgetown to Parish organizations looking for a place to meet.
We have limited time slots available; please contact Bill Lucas (978-887-1978), Tim Crateau (978-352-9030) or Kevin Anderson (978-420-7638) for further information.

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 December 11 the lamps are burning in prayer for good health for:

Helen Purcell

People Helping People

It is time once again to start collecting for **Christmas 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.

Christmas Donations due by 12-15-11!

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

MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS WISH COME TRUE

There are approximately **24** children in our community that will need an individual or a family to help make their wishes come true. If you are interested in shopping for and donating gifts to one of these children in need please contact Jeanne Soucy @ 978-352–6326 to find out what is on the child's wish list. We appreciate the effort and time spent to ensure the children in need will be able to have a bright and Merry Christmas!

WISH A WEEK

Our wish this week is
Donations for Christmas deliveries for
our People Helping People Baskets.

Music & Miscellaneous

Music For The Masses

Today we are going to continue singing the new Mass Responses. To help you with this change, a card with the words and music will be available.

PRELUDE: "Advent" –J.S. Bach
PROCESSIONAL: "O Come, Divine Messiah"--52
RESPONSORIAL: Page 39
OFFERTORY: "See How the Virgin Waits"—68
COMMUNION: "Christ Be Our Light"—542
RECESSIONAL: "Sing of The Lord's Goodness"-570
POSTLUDE "Allegro Moderato"—Antonia Vivaldi

Hymn Story

The English translation of "Venez, divin Messie" beginning "O come, divine Messiah" is by Sister Mary of St. Philip, SND, and the name in religion of Mary Frances Lescher (1825-1904). She was one of the first English members of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur when they established their training college at Mount Pleasant in Liverpool, England, in about 1850. She and at least one other SND sister wrote both translations and original hymns and songs over the course of their long professional lives. Although one of her colleagues, Sister Mary Xavier [née Sybil Farish Partridge (1856-1917)], actually published a compendium of her sacred and secular lyrics in 1903, Sister Mary of St. Philip does not seem to have done so, and it has proven very time consuming to try to track down the original sources of her writings, which seems to be taken from the *Peters' Sodality Hymn Book*.

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!

Scripture for the week of December 11, 2011

11	**SUN**	Is 61:1-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-28
12	**Mon**	Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
13	**Tue**	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
14	**Wed**	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
15	**Thu**	Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
16	**Fri**	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
17	**Sat**	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18	**SUN**	2 Sm 7:1-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

The Advent Wreath Prayer Third Week

While lighting the Pink candle pray:

O Key of David, Jesus Christ,
the gates of heaven open at your command,
come and show us the way to salvation.
Amen

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 mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org, or visit us on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org. Sessions fill up quickly!

Camp gives kids a world of good!

2011 Grand Annual

As we continue our 2011 Grand Annual Appeal. We would like to thank the **15%** of our families (286 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!

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 December 14, 7 - 8:30PM

Middle School December 16, 7 - 8:30PM

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

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

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Parker River Dental

Family Dentistry

Byfield, MA (978) 255-1891

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 Annual Christmas Party

St Mary's Women's Club Annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at Keon's at the Black Swan Country Club.

6:30PM Cocktails - 7:30PM Dinner

A Buffet Dinner is planned, and there will be a $10.00 Yankee Swap. The cost is $28.00 per person.

Please call Sandra Mooney at (978) 948-2415 for further information.

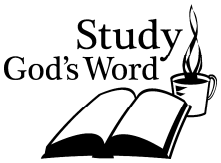
The Women's Club is open to all Women of the Parish over 18. years of age.

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.



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

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 the weekend, of Jan 7 & 8 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

Third Sunday of Advent
Prepare a way to God

Gospel (John 1:19-28)

The Jews sent some priests to John the Baptist to ask him, "Who are you?" "I am not the promised one," he answered.

"Are you Elijah or a prophet?" they asked.

"No, I am neither of these," he replied.

"Well who are you then and why are you baptizing these people?"

John answered using the words of the prophet Isaiah, "I am a voice crying out in the desert, prepare a way for the Lord!"

"I baptize you with water, but there is one you do not yet know, who stands among you, one who is coming after me. I am not fit even to undo his sandals," he said.

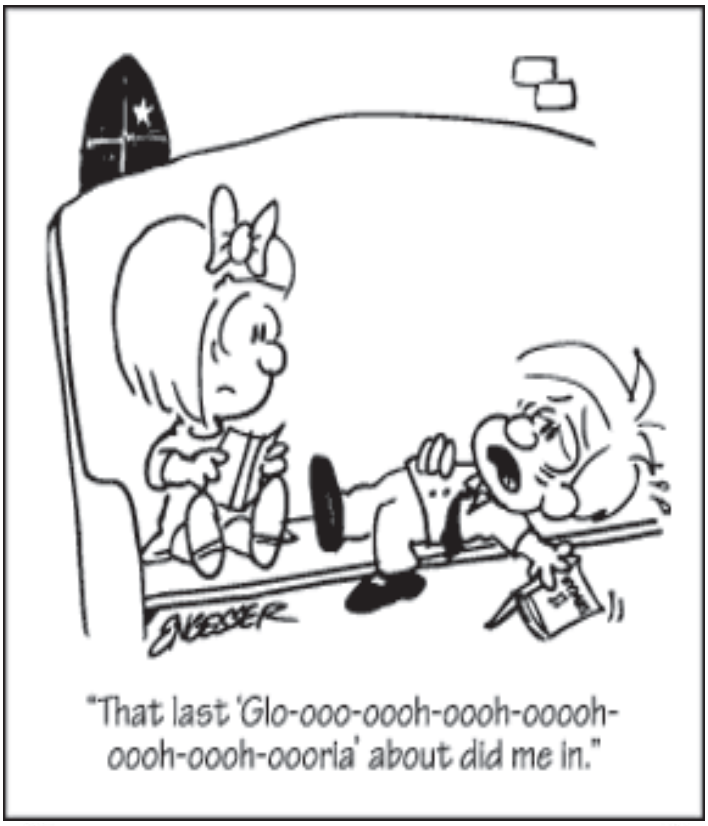
Let's talk about the Gospel

Most people today are baptized as babies rather than as adults, but water is still used at baptism. All life needs water, and the water used at baptism reminds us that as we are now welcomed into the family of God and share in new and everlasting life.

Prayer

Dear God, give us the courage to change our hearts and make us grow strong in love and faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LET'S LAUGH



CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

1. Forgiveness 3. Wealthy 5. Peoples who share the same language and history 8. One thing alone 10. A woman being married 12. A negative 13. It grows from the soil 14. Belonging to us 15. 365 days 17. Request 19. from now on will all ages _____ me blessed 20. Not evil

Last week's wordsearch

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

CLUES DOWN

1. Male people 2. Keep 4. Set apart for God 6. Single 7. Our spiritual part 9. Part of the earth 10. Our physical part 11. It opens to let us through 13. How we talk to God 16. Every one 18. Unhappy

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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

Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser!

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

ECE students will wrap your Christmas gifts and provide To/From tags in the Georgetown Hall on

Today!!!

Sunday, December 11
3-5 pm

And again next week,
Sunday, December 18
3-5pm

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

Feeling generous?

The ECE program could use:

Tissues for runny noses
White copy paper (letter size)
HP Ink 56, 57, 58
Postage - 28 cent postcard stamps and 44 cent 1st class letter stamps
Curling ribbon and scotch tape for gift-wrap fundraiser

Come One and All
to the *Veggie Tales:*
The Little Drummer Boy
Movie Event!

Sat., Dec 17, 10 AM
Georgetown Hall

We will view the movie, have snacks and play games!

A wonderful event for the whole family! All are welcome, no cost!

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.