



Saint Mary Parish

Established 1850
Randolph, Massachusetts

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00, 10:00, 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday 9:00am
Holy Day Masses As announced

*Accommodations for the Handicapped
Website: stmaryrandolph.org*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm – 3:45pm in the Chapel, or
by request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparation should be made with a priest at
least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of
the Sick prior to hospital admission or for any
other reason, please contact one of the priests
or call the Pastoral Center.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Saturday following 9:00am Mass until
11:00am.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Pastoral Center.

PASTOR

Rev. Ronald D. Coyne

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Rev. Vincent R. Maffei

Rev. Garrett J. Barry

PERMANENT DEACON

Deacon James H. Eames

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Mrs. Patricia J. O'Connor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Mrs. Julie Pantazelos

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mrs. Judith A. Concannon

CEMETERY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Robert S. O'Connor

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Mrs. Felicia Kopelman-Hayes

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Joseph Sheehan

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center, 22 Seton Way

781-963-4141

781-963-0884 (fax)

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Religious Education Center, 30 Seton Way

781-961-5009

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Cemetery Office, 245 North Street

781-961-9323

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a vibrant faith community committed to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition. As a Eucharistic people, we seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ through the ministries of Word, Worship, Community, and Service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we devote ourselves to the Catechetical Ministry of Youth and Young Adults and to ongoing Adult Faith Formation. We seek to continue the mission of the Church by extending hospitality and outreach to all the People of God.



Second Sunday Of Easter

MEMORIAL MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 29, 2008

4:00pm Irving J. Oser

Sunday, March 30, 2008

8:00am For The People

11:30am Joseph J. Hart

Thursday, April 3, 2008

12:10pm Angelo & Isaura Verdadeiro

Friday, April 4, 2008

12:10pm Suzanne Savage

Saturday, April 5, 2008

4:00pm Paul J. Reilly

Sunday, April 6, 2008

8:00am For The People



EASTER COLLECTION

(Clergy Benefit Trust)

Loose Money/Checks \$4400.00

Envelopes \$4490.00

TOTAL \$8890.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 217.77

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MARY PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

APRIL

4/13/08 Parish Energy

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The SANCTUARY CANDLE in the Church burns this week for HAROLD J. HARTLEY donated by Jean M. Hartley.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE
IN THE ARMED FORCES**

We wish to remember in our prayers those brave men and women who are presently serving our country overseas. *Matthew Rodman, Jeremy Lucier, Antoine Zamy, Michael Rosa, Dennis Goulet, Kevin Ryan, Andrew Caisse.* Please call the parish office if there is anyone you would like to add to this prayer list.

PENTECOST AT ST. MARY'S

Pentecost Sunday is May 11th and since it is the celebration of various cultures and nationalities growing in their understanding of one another through the power of the Holy Spirit we want to celebrate locally. At all the Masses that weekend we would like to plan to highlight our diversity. In order to accomplish this goal we invite any adults from as many countries as possible to come to a meeting on Tuesday night, April 8th at 7pm in the Church Hall. Obviously there are many ways to make our weekend liturgies a celebration of our many nationalities. We know that First Communion will be celebrated at the 11:30am Mass on May 11th and that it is Mother's Day as well. We will be sensitive to both of those events in our planning. Bring your ideas to the meeting. We won't be able to incorporate all at once but it will give us plenty of thoughts for the future as well.

GIRLS CYO SOFTBALL

The Church runs a CYO Girls Softball League in the summer and we would like to enter some teams. In order to do so we need coaches who will take responsibility for practices and games. We would have a home field in Randolph and our away games would be at various towns around the area depending on which parish we play. Practices would begin in May and games would be played June – August. Ages would run from 9-12, 13-15, 16-18 if we have enough girls interested. Before we begin to have sign ups we need those interested in coaching to call Fr. Coyne (781) 963-4141. More info will be forthcoming. Once we have our coaches and have had a coach's meeting, we will then advertise for registration. All girls are eligible regardless of residence or religion. This could be a wonderful experience for our young girls and teenagers.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Friends,

On Palm Sunday weekend I had a discussion with a few of our wonderful parishioners. They asked me what we are supposed to do with the palm branches when we are ready to remove them from our homes etc. My response was to do whatever you feel is right for you. They then asked me if we were supposed to burn them. I said I believed that was true in the past but not necessary now. Others came into the conversation and offered their opinions, which varied from holding onto them for years to not taking any home at all.

After the conversation I continued to think about it. I came to the conclusion that the real issue was that the palm branches were blessed and that has meant that they could not be just thrown out. I know some parishes ask people to bring them back each year and they burn them for the next year's ashes. The response to this request is not too great. Then I started thinking: if the issue is the fact that they are blessed, what about holy pictures or statues or medals that are blessed? How do we dispose of them? Are there any guidelines for these items? What about holy water itself when it is mildew...where do you think that goes?

To me personally, there are much more important things in life! I respect items that represent my faith or the personal devotions of Catholic people but when disposing of those items becomes a cause for worry or guilt then I think we need to channel our concerns in a healthier direction.

Do we have the same concern for the way we treat every other Christian who is baptized or other people of all faiths who have been blessed by God from birth? If we lose sleep over how we treat a broken statue, do we also lose sleep over how we handle a broken person? There is a real lesson to be learned here about what makes us religious? Religious articles are meant to remind us of God's unconditional love, Jesus' call to be members of the body of Christ and the Spirit's presence in our lives. If we have more respect for these articles than we do for humanity, someone has failed.

All this being said, I called the Archdiocese and asked about the guidelines and for those interested, this is what I was told by the Office For Worship/Office For Canonical Affairs:

The issue is respect for sacred objects (those that display or represent religious affiliation). These items should be disposed of with concern. So, it is still held that "palms should be burned and other sacred objects destroyed and buried".

How people interpret this in their own situation is a personal choice. As I said earlier, I have the utmost respect for religious devotion and articles that symbolize

that devotion but our faith is centered in God's unconditional love, the Resurrection of Christ and the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a very important distinction.

Enjoy Life!

Fr. Coyne

INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION

The next meeting for our Interfaith Clergy will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 12 noon at St. Mary's Rectory. We are making plans for a wonderful community celebration in the Spring bringing together those of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Faith as we did last Thanksgiving. We have developed a wonderful rapport among us and we are determined to be a positive presence in our town.

SPECIAL THANKS

We are so blessed to have a wonderful choir at St. Mary's Parish. There are over 30 voices who contribute to making our liturgies more celebratory and uplifting. Holy Week is the most solemn time in the Church year and the members of our choir under the direction of Felicia Kopelman-Hayes help us to celebrate the sacred days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Every Sunday our 10am Mass is enhanced by their presence and leadership. A choir knows how successful they are if they are an inspiration that encourages more of us in the Congregation to sing. Our leaders of song (cantors) by being present before us also invite us to raise our voices in song. We know how much time and effort our choir members put into their practices. We can't thank them enough for their dedication to St. Mary Parish. At this time of Easter we take the opportunity to let them know how vital they are to our worship services.

EASTER APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all those on our staff and within our parish who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations meaningful and spiritually uplifting. That includes the beauty of the Church, the music, the flowers and the congregation. We are grateful to those who work so hard behind the scenes to assure that everyone who worships at St. Mary's experiences an encounter with the sacred. Our Liturgies and those who serve at the altar in any capacity are vital to our future. Those who donated toward the Easter Flowers in memory of their loved ones enabled us to make the visual experience, one that speaks of new life which is what Easter is all about. May we all continue to celebrate the Easter Season together.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Holy Saturday evening we had the privilege of welcoming 8 new members into the Church and our parish (3 adults and 5 children). They have been involved in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program since September as they have been preparing for this momentous occasion. It is such a privilege for our parish to welcome them and be blessed with their presence. We are so grateful to our team who has worked with them over this period of time by sharing the Catholic Faith and being examples of Christian life. Our RCIA team includes Deacon Jim Eames, Dave and Jayne Fahy, Rose Eames and Fr. Vin Maffei. We welcome into our parish family Rubens Pierre, Tim Cao, Dave Austin who were baptized, received the Eucharist and confirmed along with Daniel Adams, Corliss and Forbes Lau and Sabrina and Fara Accime who were baptized and received the Eucharist. The 5 children will be confirmed as they continue in our Religious Education Program. We thank God for the privilege of welcoming them into the Body of Christ.

THANK YOU FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We are so grateful to this entire parish for celebrating with us throughout the most sacred week of the year. Our Liturgies were meaningful experiences that made us all more aware of God's presence in our lives and the privilege of being Catholic Christians. There is a lot of preparation that assures us that our celebration will be spiritually uplifting for everyone present. We appreciate Felicia, our leaders of song and our choir, the beautiful Church enhanced with Easter Flowers donated in memory of your loved ones, the faithful liturgical ministers and the faith that so many share by your presence.

Special words of appreciation to those 12 parishioners who were willing to represent all of us in the traditional *washing of the feet*: Solange Bienaime, Gerry Czerniawski, Joshua Deslouches, Patrick Duplan, Hermione Jaen, Marie Laud, Harold Marius, Karisa Moore, Noris Perez, Alice Price, Angelo Reyes and Seidu Sumani.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Sean Carinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. Invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2008 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, April 13th 11:30am Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the

general public, are welcome to attend. It is not too late to sign up. Please contact the parish staff this weekend if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary and would like to attend this celebration. A formal invitation will then be sent from the Archdiocese to celebrating couples.

SENIORS OF ST. MARY'S

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Don't forget our next meeting – April 4th following the 12:10 Mass. See you all then.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Peer Leaders will be meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd and on Wednesday, April 9th from 6pm to 7:15pm to begin plans for our April LARGE GROUPS! What is a LARGE GROUP? Our peer leaders pick a catechetical theme and turn it into a Youth Ministry-type event by using skits, ice breakers, witness talks, discussion, video clips or maybe even song. Our next LARGE GROUPS are scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th for high school students and Wednesday, April 16th for junior high students.

A reminder to the parents of our First Eucharist students, our Workshop day entitled, ABC Day, is fast approaching on Sat., April 12th from 10am to 1pm at the Religious Education Center. Students will be treated to four – 30 minute exciting workshops including banner making, the Feast of Cana theater production, the drama of the Last Supper, and guided imagery meditation in the Prayer Room with Jesus. Parents, just wait till you see what we have in store for you during our parent's workshop! All parents will leave the day equipped with all the information needed for their students First Eucharist. We do expect all our families to attend.

We are in need of some bakers for our Family Masses! How exciting it is that we are running out of donuts. Our next Family Masses are scheduled for Sunday, April 13th and 27th and if you love to bake simply create your favorite and drop it off on your way into the 10am Mass on these Sundays.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our tenth grade project making Easter Baskets for the Evelyn House. Over 30 lovely baskets were dropped off during Holy Week.