

Pastor's Corner

My dear Friends,

I hope you got to sign up for the St. Mary e-alerts that will notify you of upcoming events in our parish. If you didn't fill out your card, please take one in the back of the church. They are available in English and Spanish.

This year there is no parish Fall Festival. Rather, there will be a Friday evening devoted to a School carnival. Be watching for information about this event.

Meanwhile, the staff of St. Mary would like to plan for a spring event that allows the whole parish to come together for fun and fellowship. We're thinking of a campus picnic, perhaps on a Sunday after the 1 p.m. Mass. If you have any ideas, by all means contact our Development Director, Jo Ann Daley at 762-5491 Ext. 10 or e-mail her at: jdaley@thestmaryparish.org. She'd love to hear from you.

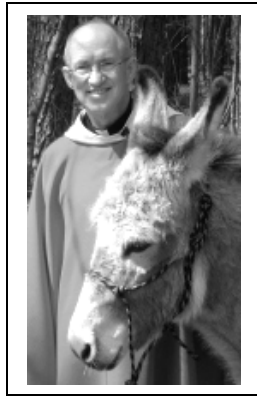
If you are a person living with cancer and would like to be part of our new Living with Cancer support group, please let me know. The purpose of this group is to provide a nurturing environment for people with cancer to share their stories, support each others' life journeys, and grow spiritually.

This week our second collection is for our sister parish in the mountains of Honduras. Please be generous. Thanks!

Welcome members of our law enforcement, firefighters, and EMT's as we celebrate our annual Blue Mass this weekend at St. Mary's! Thanks for all you do to serve us.

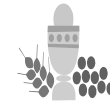
Finally, next Saturday, October 3rd, we'll be having our annual Blessing of the Animals here at St. Mary's. We'll meet at 9 a.m. by the Pre-K playground under the old pecan tree. The general blessing will take place at 9 a.m. and be followed by individual blessings. If you do not have a live pet, you may bring a stuffed animal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
- *Father Bob*



June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010
The Faithfulness of Christ,
The Faithfulness of Priests

Remember to check out Father Bob's Sister Parish Corner on the Celebrations Page



Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26:

- 5:30 pm Mass – † Eleanor Antonaccio
Offered by Antonaccio Family
- 7:00 pm Mass – † Joseph Suy
Offered by Joseph

Sunday, September 27:

- 8:00 am Mass – Barbara Berkley and Jack Donahue
Offered by Tom and Pat DeBello
- 9:30 am Mass – † Edward Dingman
Offered by Susan Reilly
- 11:00 am Mass – † Gene Winters
Offered by Monica Winters
- 1:00 pm Mass – † William J. Woodhall
Offered by Father Bob and Parishioners of St. Mary

Monday, September 28:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Robert McLean
Offered by Tom and Pat DeBello

Tuesday, September 29:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Michael Gressman
Offered by Donna and Harry Gressman

Wednesday, September 30:

- 7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, October 1:

- 7:30 am Mass – † Anna Casale
Offered by Maria Kazmarski

Friday, October 2:

- 8:30 am Mass – † Emily Chandler Karns
Offered by The Williams Family

Saturday, October 3:

- 8:00 am Mass – † Maria Antonaccio
Offered by Caroline Kuebler
- 5:30 pm Mass – † Michael J. Gressman
Offered by Dennis and Rosemarie Dalby
- 7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners
- #### **Sunday, October 4:**
- 8:00 am Mass – † In memory of Tom and Rita Barbera
Offered by their Loving Daughters
- 9:30 am Mass – Social Outreach
- 11:00 am Mass – Honduras Sister Parish
- 1:00 pm Mass – Vocations

Weekend Mass Schedule at a Glance

- Saturday Mass in English – 5:30 pm
Saturday Mass in Spanish – 7:00 pm
Sunday Mass in English – 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Sunday Mass in Spanish – 1:00 pm

To schedule a **Mass Intention**, to donate the **Altar Flowers** in memory of a loved one or special occasion, or for information on **Baptism**, please come to the Parish Office or call 762-5491.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Readings for the week may be found on www.thestmaryparish.org - Click on *Worship*

Camillus Ministers Needed

Please consider becoming a Camillus Minister to bring Communion to Nursing Home residents and At-Home parishioners. Call D.C. Thompson on at 251-1237 for more information.

English as a Second Language Classes

Classes will resume in September. Sunday mornings from 10:45 am – 12:45 pm.

Station Eight

Meets after daily Mass in the church for recitation of the Rosary. This ministry, called “Station Eight,” is headed by Mary Friedrichs. If you are interested in this wonderful ministry, all you have to do is show up.

Centering Prayer

An hour of contemplating prayer and the Centering practice Wednesday afternoons in our Chapel in Tileston. www.centeringprayer.com

When: Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Place: Chapel - Tileston – 1st floor

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

FAITH SHARING MEN'S GROUP

Meets each Friday morning at 7:00 am in the Tileston Building. Along with Father Bob, we study and reflect on scripture. Come join us as you are able.



The St Mary Parish Bookstore
 Sunday - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Tuesday thru Friday
 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please Pray for Our Sick

Stephanie Barrows	Roy Clifton	Maria Jones
Cheryl Bezek	Robert DeZuba	Anna Lenortavage
Judy Brooks	Anne Donavan	Marion Martinez
Dolores Jane Brown	Lorrie Drinkwater	Mary Eugenia Mazure
May Buttigieg	Nina Esquire	Elizabeth Millischer
Candace Carroll	Mildred Gibbons	Carol Palladino
John Carroll	Lou Gisonna	Anne Potter
Joyce Christine	Phil Gisonna	Fran Reilly
	Jim Hargrove	Marlene Sigler

Prayer List has been updated.

Call the church office or email bulletin@thestmaryparish.org to have a name added or removed.

St. Mary Nursery News!

The nursery is open each Sunday during 9:30 Mass. **We offer a safe and fun environment!** We are located on the main floor of the Tileston Building. There is no cost or requirements for this service. The nursery is open to all children 6 mos. to 5 years old!

New Nursery Opportunities!

We are looking to open a nursery during the other Mass times. However, we need additional volunteers to staff those times. It only takes an hour! If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery during the Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., or 11:00 a.m. Masses stop by the nursery during Sunday 9:30 am Mass or email us at nursery@thestmaryparish.org for more information!



Why not “watch and pray” an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

- Every Thursday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for one hour.
- Each Sunday following the 1:00 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.
- The first Friday of each month, following the morning Mass until 3:30 p.m.

Rides to Church Ministry

One of our parishioners, Ronald Baxendell, has graciously agreed to head our new “Rides to Church” ministry. All who are interested in becoming part of this ministry as a driver should call Mr. Baxendell at 910-599-6229 to discuss arrangements.



St. Mary AAMEN Chapter

will meet in the Tileston Building on the fourth Saturday of each month at 4pm.

The St. Mary Contemporary Choir

Sings Sunday mornings at 8:00. Practices are Monday from 7:00-7:45 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to come make a joyful noise! Instrumentalists are also invited to join our group! For more info, please contact Barbara Gallagher at 452-2949.

Senior Singles Meeting

Sunday, October 4
 12:30 pm
 Olympia restaurant
 5629 Oleander Drive
 For more information, call Gloria Heissner 395-4307

The Week Ahead In Our Parish

Saturday, September 26:

Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 9:00 am in the Church

GospelChoir Rehearsal* - 10:15 am in the Church

Reyna Juarez and Domitilo Santiago Barriga Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

RCIA class – 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in Tileston

First Responders Mass – 5:30 pm in the Church

St. Mary Oktoberfest – 6:30 pm in the St. Mary School Cafeteria

Sunday, September 27:

Share Sunday – All Masses

Nursery* – Available at the 9:30 am Mass

Faith Formation – 9:30 – 10:30 in the Tileston Building and the St. Mary School Building

Faith Sharing* - 9:45 am in Tileston

No English as a Second Language Class Registration* - 11:00 am in Tileston

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* - 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Church

Monday, September 28:

Station Eight recitation of Rosary following daily Mass*

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal* - 7:00 pm in the Church

Hispanic Young Adult Group (El grupo de jóvenes adultos)* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Grupo De Alcohólicos Anónimos* - 8:00 – 9:30 pm en el gimnasio

Tuesday, September 29:

Divine Mercy Chaplet* – 12:30 pm in the Chapel at Tileston

Adult Education* – 6:00 pm in Tileston

Practica de la Banda Latina de Domingo* - 7:00 pm in Tileston

Wednesday, September 30:

Centering Prayer – 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the RCIA Room

Catechist's Toolbox – contact John Walsh for time and location*

St. Mary Children's Choir – 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Amy Bradley Room *

Thursday, October 1:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* - 8:00 am – 9:00 am in the Church

Prayer Seminar – 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Tileston Building*

Renaissance Choir Rehearsal* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Friday, October 2:

Men's Faith Sharing* – 7:00 am in the RCIA room in Tileston

First Friday Adoration – Following 8:30 am Mass – 3:30 pm

Grupo De Alcohólicos Anónimos* - 8:00 – 9:30 pm en el gimnasio

Saturday, October 3:

Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 9:00 am in the Church

Blessing of the Animals – 9:00 am by the Pre-K playground

GospelChoir Rehearsal* - 10:15 am in the Church

Cori Hay du and Dan McQueen Wedding – 2:00 in the Church

RCIA class – 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in Tileston

*Indicates Weekly event

Calling all Good Men

The Knights of Columbus Wilmington Council #1074 is looking for a few good Catholic men. Join us for the fun, fraternity, and the good works. Call Dave King at 383-1107 for more information.



Oktoberfest 2009

Saturday, September 26 at
6:30 pm

ST. MARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
A VARIETY OF GERMAN MUSIC

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
ST. MARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA



e-News Alerts

St. Mary Catholic Church is now offering
e-News Alerts directly to your inbox!
Register online at www.thestmaryparish.org

Music for Children at St. Mary Parish: Sing to the Lord!

The Youth Gospel Choir rehearses at 9:00 a.m. each Saturday, and sings at the 5:30 masses on Saturdays.

For children and youth second grade and up.
Please contact Jackie Chandler at 762-0851.

The St. Mary Boys' and Girls' Choir (grades 2 – 6) is directed by Sara Bryant and sings at the 11:00 Sunday mass once a month and one of the afternoon masses on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Call Sara Bryant at 762-5491 ext.18, or email music@thestmaryparish.org.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!!

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

Join Ed Grace, an Associate of the Diocesan Tribunal and a former RCIA and Catechism teacher for a spirited discussion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM
in the Knights of Columbus Chambers in
the basement of the Tileston Building

Call Ed Grace at 392-5692 for more information.

Bulletin Advertisers Past and Future

We are pleased to announce that Liturgical Publications will again publish our Sunday Bulletin, effective 10/11/09. Our much appreciated present bulletin advertisers have or will receive a letter directly from LPI explaining the transition process. The new publication will feature full color ads.

If you are interested in advertising,
please contact LPI at 800-228-8475

From the Office of Social Outreach**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****By: Sister Isaac**

The reading from the Letter of St. James is very strong and perhaps difficult for most of us to swallow. However, James is encouraging the members of the early church to live what Jesus proclaimed...we need to care for one another.

If you drive by this area in the morning, Monday through Thursday, you will see a long line that has gathered before 7am. Oftentimes we have 40 guests with their needs before 8am and we often remark that we close before we officially open at 9:00 am. We are able to help because of the donations we receive from the community. The Stimulus plan has tripled our food supply these last three months and our families appreciate all that they receive – meat included! Thank you for holding on to your clothing and we have been receiving that in abundance as well, and our volunteers are kept very busy each morning sorting it all. Our Communion Antiphon sums it up beautifully:

**“This is how we know what love is:
Christ gave up his life for us;
And we too must give up our lives for our brothers.”**

Special Need for the Week:

As always, some parishioners have stepped forward in response to my request for help in picking up food at Food Lion. Thanks so much. Next Sunday is Share Sunday. **Perhaps just for this month**, instead of a food product, you could bring a hygiene item, such as deodorant or toilet paper?



Our faith journeying has begun for over 20 men and women. Please keep us in your prayers. We meet on Saturdays, from 3:30-5pm in the RCIA room, which is on the first floor in Tileston.

Prayer Seminar

What is your image of God? Do you have a relationship with God? How do you pray? Come join in discussing these questions with others on the Christian journey.
Develop your own most helpful prayer styles.
Together we hope to deepen our relationship with God.

The prayer seminar led by Loretta Brady will be held at Tileston on 5 Thursday evenings in October (1,8,15,22,29) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
For more information, please contact Loretta Brady at 796-0786.

Youth Group News!

Youth Group will be starting back October 4, 2009
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
Come see what all the excitement is about!

Youth Group Volunteers!

We are in need of adult volunteers to assist with our Youth Group.
Please see Allen Sanderson today or email at youth@thestmaryparish.org

St. Mary English as a Second Language Program

St. Mary ESL program has begun.
Registration will be on September 27th at 11:00 am in the Tileston Building.

We are looking for two good men to add to our faculty.
If you are interested, please contact Sister Marion at 251-3606 and leave a message.

From the Office of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries

What a wonderful start we've had to our new faith formation year, beginning with a great Kickoff Dinner held in honor of all our volunteer catechists and their families. Over 40 volunteers and their families attended the dinner and heard some very inspirational words from Fr. Bob. He really sent them off on the right foot. And a very special thank you to Vickie, Joe and Alice Hudson for providing such a nice meal.

Our first Sunday of classes the Faith Formation program had close to 200 youth enrolled, by far the most we've ever had. The catechists and myself are truly blessed to be able to serve the youth of our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this most important ministry.

I am proud to announce the formation of a new Youth Ministry team here at St. Mary's. Joe Lakotos, Caryn and John Walsh, and Allen Sanderson are the team members and are greatly looking forward to keeping the great strides that have been made over the past few years in youth ministry going. The team members all have a strong dedication to this ministry and a belief that the youth of our parish have unique gifts to offer. It is our mission to help these young people find various opportunities to share these gifts.

I have shared with the team the many ministries that the youth have been involved in over the past few years (too many to mention here!) and they eagerly look forward to keeping those traditions alive as well as adding some more. Our weekly youth group will be beginning again on Sunday, October 4 from 6-8 p.m. in the youth room of the Tileston building. If you are middle-school or high-school age we invite you to come and share in this exciting experience.

Allen Sanderson is the contact person for the team and he is also our parish web designer. He is busy constructing a new web page for the youth and has created a new e-mail for the youth ministry: youth@thestmaryparish.org.

Please keep the youth ministry team in your prayers and be on the lookout for all of the youth group news to come!

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court 1036**

will hold their next meeting on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 pm
in the Clubhouse at Jumpin' Run.
All Catholic women are invited to attend.

RU a Secular Franciscan, and looking for a local fraternity?

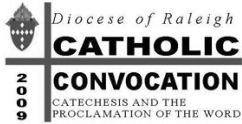
RU wondering what it would be like to become one?

The local fraternity meets the third Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM
In the RCIA room, Tileston School.

For more information contact:

Frank Bindewald at 452-7603 or fbindewald@ec.rr.com
or Linda Perunko at 399-7695 or lperunko@ec.rr.com

Diocesan Events



SAVE THE DATE
Friday, October 23rd and
Saturday, October 24th

For all involved in ministry in the Catholic Church
Friday, October 23, 2009 ~ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Keynote: Donna Glaser, RCL Benziger

Saturday, October 24, 2009 ~ 9:00am-3:30pm
Keynote: Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson
Contact John Walsh for more information

Life Chain Wilmington
Sunday, October 4, 2009
2:30 to 3:30 PM

This year's Life Chain Wilmington will be on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Life Chain is a silent prayer vigil by Christians to communicate their opposition to abortion. The event will be safe, peaceful, and legal. Signs will be provided. Rain or Shine! Our church will be standing in front of K-Mart where we can park close to College Road. Questions or need a ride?
Call Judi Paparozzi@ 910-471-1534.

UNCW Catholic Student Center

If you are a current student or alumni of UNCW and would like to receive news of upcoming events, please send your contact information with your year of graduation to Sr. Rosemary McNamara, SU at uncw.ccm@gmail.com. If you are looking for part-time workers and would like to post positions through the Catholic Student Center call Sr. Rose at 792 -0507.

Project Rachel Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion; experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat on Oct.23-25, at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or projectrachel@nc.rr.com. The cost is \$95 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials.

Registration deadline is October 18.

40 Days for Life

You are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 23rd through November 1st. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of A Woman's Choice of Raleigh for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, : Denise

Medlin at apexforlife@gmail.com or Mary Smith prayforlife247@aol.com or visit the website at www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh All are welcome!

Street of Shops

The Ladies Guild of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport will be hosting its 17th annual "Street of Shops" Fall Craft Bonanza.

Saturday, October 3
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church social hall
Corner of NC Hwy 211 and Doshier Cut Off

The "shops" will offer a variety of holiday gifts and decorations, hand-painted articles, wooden and stuffed toys, needlework, dried flower arrangements, jewelry, baked goods and much, much more.

The Diocese of Raleigh is still accepting resumes for the following positions:

Director of Finance

Director of Human Resources

For further information, contact:

FinanceDirectorSearch@raldioc.org

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh invites you to the celebration of a "Blue Mass" for all First Responders

(Police, Fire and EMS Personnel)

on the Feast of the Guardian Angels, Friday, October 2, 2009 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh at 12:00 PM.

Bishop Burbidge will recognize and speak on the importance of the gift of faith to the women and men of our community who serve us as public safety employees, acknowledging the valuable contributions of Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Service along with their families, support staff, and volunteers.

Chief Harry Dolan of the Raleigh Police Department will be present and make remarks on behalf of all First Responders.

October's Carolina Catholic will focus on Respect Life Month, 2009!

Our October 2009 show honors the church's Respect Life month when we will be discussing some right to life issues facing our country in 2009. We will speak to local pro-life leaders in the Cape Fear Deanery including Bev Joly, Chuck Dean, and we will address the current life issues, and we will speak about the hard decisions we must all face as Catholics in this pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia political environment. This show will air the first two weekends of October on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. That's Saturday, October 3rd & 10th at 11 a.m. and Sunday, October 4th & 11th at 6 p.m. This show can also be heard at www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com after its initial broadcast; just click on the CC tab. See you next time on CC!

Do Something Special for Your Marriage Today!

Sign up for the wonderful and enlightening experience of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

The WWME weekend teaches a unique method of communication. It is for couples with good marriages who want to enrich their relationship.

Upcoming dates:

November 13 – 15 2009 Location: Atlantic Beach

February 12 – 14 2010 Location: Charlotte

For More information call (336)274-4424 or visit WWME.org

Educational Forum

Catholic Charities would like to inform everyone of an upcoming event and ask for your help. In conjunction with Voces Latinas, they will be presenting an educational forum for the Hispanic-Latino community on October 17th at 11 a.m. at Cape Fear Middle School in Rocky Point. The forum will provide valuable information on immigration, rights, and safety planning. Catholic Charities will also be providing educational activities for the children. They also hope that with your help it will be possible to send the children home with children's books. Catholic Charities will be accepting donations of children's books through October 12th at their office located at 4006 Princess Place Drive in Wilmington.

If there are any questions or someone would like more information, they may contact Adriana Pridgen at 910-251-8130, ext. 15.

Many thanks!

Celebrations
September 12 – September 15



Baptisms
Ryan Patrick Forman
Samuel Prado Reyes
George Knight Schaffer



Blessing of the Catechists
Catechists of St. Mary Parish

In Memory



Krystal Baker Golden

Thank you

Thanks to all the parishioners who supported the St. Mary Youth at the car wash last Saturday. This group of pilgrims -11 youth and 2 chaperones - are attending the National Catholic Youth Convention which takes place in Kansas City in November. It is estimated that over 20,000 Catholic youth will attend this event.

The pilgrims are still trying to raise funds to cover the cost of their trip. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Sandy O'Leary.
bulletin@thestmaryparish.org
395-2063



Sister Parish Corner
Our Lady of Suyapa

In 1747, a laborer by the name of Alejandro Colindres and an 8-year old boy were working in corn fields on a mountain near Tegucigalpa, Honduras. During the night when they were asleep, Alejandro was awakened by a sharp pain in his side. It turned out that he had been sleeping on a little statue of the Virgin Mary. He took the statue home to his mother's home altar where it remained for 20 years. Then, in 1768, people began attributing miracles to the statue, and by 1777, people constructed a chapel to this statue that became known as Our Lady of Suyapa. People believe that through the intercession of Our Lady of Suyapa, the Football War between Honduras and El Salvador came to a quick end in 1969. In 1925, Pope Pius XI declared Our Lady of Suyapa to be the Patroness of Honduras and made Feb. 5th her feast day. In Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, there are two basilicas in her honor: the old basilica and the new one (seen in this photo – to the left). When the newer basilica was completed, the people took the statue from the old to the new basilica, but Mary didn't like the new basilica, so they took her back to the old. Now she only comes to the new basilica on her feast day when many thousands of people come to pay respects to her. We have a picture of Our Lady of Suyapa in St. Mary's on the side altar near Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Stewardship of Treasure

"For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received from you."
---- 1 Chronicles 29:14-16

September 13, 2009

Envelopes Mailed: 1292 Envelopes Returned: 387

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
09/13/2009	\$ 14,287.76	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 118.00
07/01/09 to	\$ 160,224.44	\$ 164,000.00	\$ 8141.98

Liturgical Minister's Schedule
Weekend of October 3– October 4
For Masses in English
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
-Schedule does not show substitutions-

	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	J. Lachance J. Malek S. Watts	E. Grace L. Paker S. Parker	R. Mercorella B. Murtagh J. Murtagh	D. Linkfield D. Lotz J. Zukar
Lectors	C. Lively J. Paparozzi	P. Bolan R. Shackelford	A. Rogers N. Burrell	P. Marriott T. Smith
Altar Servers	A. Tosoni M. Truman N. Vaughan	K. Black R. Fy C. Watson	M. Harris E. Hatem B. Jackson	O. Gerbe L. Gerbe S. Gerbe

Bulletin Editor

Bulletin Deadline for publishing is Friday at Noon. This will be for the following weekend bulletin. Any information received after deadline will be published in the next week's bulletin.

Please submit information to:
Sandy O'Leary:
bulletin@thestmaryparish.org,
395-2063, or

By placing information in my box in church office

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ST. MARY

Catholic School



From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal

Thanks also to all who have replied to the **high school survey**. Whether pro or con, the committee needs to receive a certain percentage of responses to consider the survey to be valid. We are beginning to write the narratives that will later include the data to be reported to Bishop Burbidge. As I mentioned yesterday, the survey may be mailed in or it may be completed online as the link is on our school website.

Our **tennis and volleyball teams** are now in full swing, both experiencing some wins. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson (Alice, 7th) are working with other volunteers to renovate the concession area on the 2nd level of the gym. We are in need of a new refrigerator for that space. Our estimates so far are around \$350. If you are able to help us in any way, please contact Mrs. Vicki Hudson at 762-5491x41.

St. Mary School Calendar 2009 – 2010

September 8 – 25 – Innisbrook Wrap Sale
 September 28 – October 2 – IT BS/Cogat Testing, Grades 2 – 8
 September 30 – Interim Reports to Middle School

Community happenings...



Fall Fencing Classes
Beginning Classes 3:30-4:30
Mon or Tues & Wed or Thurs
Returning Fencers 3-5 pm
Mon-Thurs as fits your schedule.

\$50.00 covers all of September, October, and November
 \$25 per month thereafter
 All equipment provided
 Competition possibilities

Questions? Contact Head Coach Greg Spahr
gregoryspahr@yahoo.com or 799-8642



Indo Jax presents fall two day camps, These camps include 4.5 hours of professional instruction with our outstanding and experienced surf instructors, all necessary equipment including wetsuits if needed. Only \$120/person. Call 274.3565 or email jack@indojaxsurfschool.com for more information!

*Wrightsville Beach / 8:45-11:00 AM - Saturday and Sunday
 Access# 10 (Mallard St.)*

Oct. 3,4 -- Oct. 10,11 -- Oct.17,18 -- Oct. 24,25

Muscle Men

See how much fun pulling for each other can be.
 Get stronger every day in Cub Scouts.
 Join today.
 Contact: Andrew Zeldin 395-1100 ext. 21
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Respect Life Month is celebrated throughout the Church during October, I ask you to commit yourselves to lifting up the sacredness of all life. This year's theme for Respect Life Month is "Every Child Brings Us God's Smile" and is taken from the words of Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. In his 2009 Homily on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Holy Father said, "Every child ... brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment."

Recognizing all life as God's gift and each person as created in God's image and likeness, we are called upon to love our neighbor by extending charity and concern to all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society. Our Catholic faith and our love of neighbor require us to speak out for justice when the unborn are denied life and when embryonic stem cells are used for research. Respect Life Month is a special time to renew our commitment to safeguard life at all stages.

To formally initiate Respect Life Month, I will be celebrating Mass at Saint Ann Parish in Fayetteville at 11 :00 a.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2009. If you cannot be present at that celebration, I ask you, wherever you participate in Sunday Mass, to pray for a world where all human life - especially the unborn, the elderly, the frail, the poor, the immigrant, and the marginalized - is respected. As you gather this month as individuals or in families, I invite you to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to pray the family Rosary, or to pray briefly each day for the defense of all life and especially for the unborn.

Many of you will be actively participating in the 40 Days for Life Vigil, as I will. I also look forward to joining together with you for the Raleigh March for Life on January 16, 2010 and for the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 22, 2010. I pray that we will have a record turnout for these events in order to show the tremendous witness by the Catholic faithful of our Diocese for the sanctity of all human life.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you with a heart that is dedicated to the sacredness of life and may Mary Our Mother watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
 Bishop of Raleigh*