



St. Mary's Church

224 Franklin St
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Feb 7, 2010
ALL ARE
WELCOME

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 AM—3 PM Monday—Friday

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon—Wed. —Thurs—Friday 7:00AM
Tuesday—9:00 AM
Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2009—2010

Rev. John DeSocio, Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Tunnicliff, Judy Beecher, Mary Ann Cleary, Tony Marks, Cathy Hulser, Alex Granger, Jack Strong Sr., Patti Piegdon, Michael Smith, Laurie Desmarais, David Fagan, Theodore Hertel, Donald Holtz.

Donna Bennett, Faith Formation Coordinator
David Biviano, RCIA Coordinator
Sr. M. Raymond Joseph, Parish Visitor
Anne Bremer, Bookkeeper
Judy Eberle, Secretary
Terry Bruce, Maintenance Supervisor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mary Montanarella, Liturgist/Organist .. 734-6254
Catherine Holtz, Junior/Adult Choir Director 732-4156
Paul Holland, Folk Group Director... 732-4885
Jack Keefe, Cantor..... 733-9016

Toni Brush, Wedding Coordinator.....734-5776
James Berry, Lay Presider
Mary Ann Cleary, Lay Presider
Liz Russell, Funeral Lunch Coordinator
... 570-537-6671

Sacrament of Baptism: 1st and 3rd Sundays 11:30AM

Sacrament of Penance: Individual Confessions, Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 PM and by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage: Six months must precede wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders, Vocation Office 585-328-3210 or www.dor.org/vocations

NEW PARISHIONERS:

WELCOME to our parish family. It is with great joy we invite you to register here at St. Mary's. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH

St. Mary's Parish is a spiritual family united in faith by Christ Jesus, empowered by the love of God and committed to serve all with the help of the Holy Spirit. We are a friendly and inclusive Roman Catholic community that warmly welcomes people of every race, language and way of life to celebrate with us at the Eucharistic Table. Through the intercession of Mary, our patron and model, we strive to be faithful disciples of her Son by living and sharing the gospel message with joy.

May God Bless all who generously support the work of our parish.

1/30 & 1/31/10

Envelopes \$9,514.00 Plate \$512.00 New Years \$15.00

Christmas \$20.00 Immaculate Conception \$3.00

Schools \$40.00

SMILE TRAIN:

Week: 70 [Jan. 24, 2010] \$391.57 = \$17,369.90

71[Jan 31, 2010] \$150.50 = \$17,520.40

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This week:

Tuesday: 7:00 PM Folk Group –Rectory

**Wednesday: Rosary for peace
after 7:00 AM Mass**

**Thursday: 7:30PM Al-Anon-
Rectory Hilda Room**

Regional Mass, Sunday 5 PM St. Patrick's Church. All St Mary's sacrificial envelopes are returned to St. Mary's.

Smile Train: Meet one year old Shivarudrayya (Shiva)

Shivarudrayya (Shiva) was born with a severe cleft lip and palate in a very poor, rural area of Northern India. His father is a laborer who earns about 50 cents a day but only works 10-15 days a month.

Shiva's parents were in shock when she was born with a massive cleft. They thought it was a curse and they blamed themselves. They did not know that clefts could be repaired until a neighbor told them about a Smile Train clinic in the nearby town. Shiva was operated on by one of Smile Train's best partners, Dr. K. Gopal Krishnan in Dharwad, India.

Since he was successfully operated on so early, Shiva was saved from many years of pain and heartbreak. Now, he will never develop the kind of speech impediment that is often impossible to correct in children who have their clefts repaired much later in life.

Thank you, St. Mary's, for helping so many children through Smile Train

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform
Public Policy Petitions Next Weekend**

One of the primary concerns that people have about immigration reform is 'are we going to make all the illegal immigrants citizens and let everyone who wants to come into the country do so'. The church does not seek this. The Church seeks a balance between a person's right to emigrate to find work and the right of a country to protect its boundaries and limit the number of people entering. The Church seeks a *just* system that treats people with dignity and respect, recognizes their rights.

For our petitions next weekend we will be using postcards to congress supplied by the U.S. Bishops. The cards read "I am a concerned constituent and agree with the U.S. Catholic bishops that the U.S. immigration system is flawed and in need of repair. I ask that this year you support immigration reform legislation that keeps immigrant families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status register with the government and begin a path toward citizenship. Our families and communities cannot wait!"

Lenten Bible Study

Fr. Jeff will once again offer a Bible Study this year running from February 21st to March 21st. We will meet in the lower level of the rectory each Sunday at 11:45 a.m. for one hour to discuss the readings of that Sunday. Please look at the readings before you come and bring a Bible with you. Please see Fr. Jeff if you have any questions

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING OF OUR **PARISH FESTIVAL**. The **Festival Committee** would like to have a booth of hand made goods with all the proceeds going to the church. For more information, please call Judy at the rectory —734-6254.

SOCIAL MINISTRY FOOD SUGGESTIONS...

Canned pork & beans, canned vegetables, canned soup and crackers, canned potatoes, graham crackers, canned stew, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, paper products.

Keeping the Spirit Alive

2009-10 Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

The economy continues to struggle. Jobs are hard to find. The same paycheck doesn't seem to go as far. It is a struggle that many people face across our nation and right here at home. Through the struggling economy our weekly collections dipped for a while but have returned to around their normal levels. However, our CMA continues to lag behind last year. As of January 25th, we are about \$1,850 behind last year with 37 fewer households giving. The people who have given have been generous.

We are currently at \$34,594 (76.5%) of our goal (\$45,202). The CMA campaign continues until May so there is still time to give. We do want to remind you that if we do not make our goal the parish makes up the difference out of the weekly collection. You can give online at http://www.dor.org/sd/onlinegift_CMA.htm. If you have any questions about the Catholic Ministries Appeal please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff.

**Lector, Eucharistic Minister,
Altar Server Schedule**

Sat. Feb. 13

4:00 Mass

Lector: D. Spaziani, M. Greven

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread** Barbara Bukowski,
Dave Stearns, Sherilyn Schapa

Cup: Laura Ingle, Ida Maria, Mary Fran Cowley,
Mary Stearns

Sunday, Feb. 14

8AM Mass

Lector: P. Peigdon, J. George

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Sharon Erway,
Mike Girardi, Joseph George

Cup: Eric Lawrenz, Patty Piegdon,
Janet Fundurulic, Josie Ann George

10:30 Mass

Lector: S. Harkness, E. Muccigrosso

Eucharistic Minister: **Bread:** Jim Berry,
Sylvia Berry, David Brush

Cup: John Fracchia, Berb Fracchia, Terry Scalia,
Libby Forte

Feb 13, Altar Servers

4:00 Mass: Dan Stearns, Mike Stearns

Feb 14, Altar Servers

8AM Mass: Kelam Wagdi, Tyler Manning

10:30 AM Brittany Strong, Derek Strong

**June 2009 to June 2010 is the
"Year for Priests"**

This month of February, remember

Father Christopher Linsler in your prayers.

FYI.....

**St. Mary's Confirmation/ First Eucharist will
be May 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM, Rev Joseph Hart pre-**

The **YOUTH GROUP** will be selling CHOCOLATE
ROSES before and after all masses the week-
ends of February 6th/7th and 13th/14th. Choose a
white, yellow, pink, red or brown milk chocolate
rose for your sweetheart...or treat yourself! Cost
is still \$1 each. Part of the proceeds will be do-
nated to the SPCA, in honor of Joan Monachino.



SATURDAY 2/6

4:00 PM Nancy Christofaro—Folk Group & 4 PM
Mass Friends

SUNDAY 2/7

8:00 AM Al Eberle—Judy
10:30 AM Burke LaCombe—SHS Class of 1960

MONDAY 2/8

7:00 AM Bud Cady—Pat Johnson

TUESDAY 2/9

9:00 Peter Ewanyk—Resurrection Choir

WEDNESDAY 2/10

7:00 AM Thomas & Martha Cowley -
Mary Fran & Elizabeth Nash Moore

THURSDAY 2/11

7:00 AM Helen Jane & Jerry Votava -
Craig & Mary Lou Spencer

FRIDAY 2/12

7:00 AM Jean & Frank Zubriski—Bequest

SATURDAY 2/13

4:00 PM Edna Hutchinson—Gail & Connie Sweeney

SUNDAY 2/14

8:00 AM Bob Lambert—Fritz & Mary Alice Clark
10:30 AM Sharon Cantliff—Lulu Hewitt



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of Feb
7, 2010 for Paul Patchadlo as requested by Pat
Johnson.

2010 REGIONAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN SERIES

“OUR CHURCH—LOOKING BACK

and

MOVING FORWARD”

St. Mary’s Church — Gymnasium—across from the Church
224 Franklin St
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Wednesdays during Lent—Feb 24th, March 3 & 10.

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

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ACCESSIBLE!

In the event of school cancellation due to weather conditions,
the evening program will be cancelled. Make up is March 24.