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St. Mary Star of the Sea, the ninth oldest parish in the Diocese of Richmond and the oldest Catholic parish on the Peninsula holds a unique distinction:

*It is the only diocesan church in the nation located on a military installation.*

This year marks the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of our parish. We have made physical improvements that include a beautiful Casavant organ console and digital pipes to add to the original pipe work, thus making the organ one that can more readily accompany music for Mass, from the quiet sounds needed for the psalm to the larger sounds for congregational hymns, to the grand sounds for wedding recessionals and postludes. The Lucite coverings on the southern stained glass windows have been replaced. The bells have been repaired and now toll the hours and the Angelus daily, making our presence known throughout the fort and surrounding area, and call the faithful to worship before each Mass. We commissioned a unique hand-made anniversary rosary. We produced a parish photo directory, the first in many years.

We have had celebrations all year long, beginning with our Parish Picnic in September, followed by the revival of an old tradition of sharing a Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, followed by special weekend Masses to celebrate weddings, sacraments and the military. Finally it culminates with this Anniversary Mass with several of our pastors, and presided by our Bishop Emeritus, who was an associate pastor here early in his priestly life.

As we celebrate this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we who are currently part of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, stand with those who have gone before, seeking unity and following our faith. We pray it forward to the future generations who will worship in the beautiful and sacred space within this stone church by the sea.

## **St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church**

**Fort Monroe, Virginia**

### **Sesquicentennial Anniversary Mass**

**Sunday, September 12, 2010  
2:00 in the afternoon**



**Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop Emeritus,  
presider**

**Rev. Peter M. Creed, pastor 2003-2006  
Rev. Peter E. Sousa, C.Ss.R., current pastor**

**7 Frank Lane, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1010  
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**First Mass ~ 1823    Founded ~ 1860**

## Order of Service

*This program is dedicated to the memory of our departed member of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee,  
Arthur D. Batten.*

### Prelude

Open my eyes/Amazing Grace, Jesse Manibusan/NEW BRITAIN

*Sunday Choir & Martin Cruz, piano*

medley of Marian hymns

*Martin Cruz, piano/organ*

Ave Maria, Bach/Gounod

*Shannon McCall, soprano & John Siderius, harpsichord*

### Announcements

#### Processional Hymn

Lyrics by Shannon McCall

#### Star of the Sea

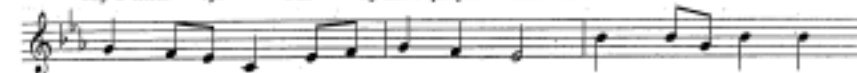
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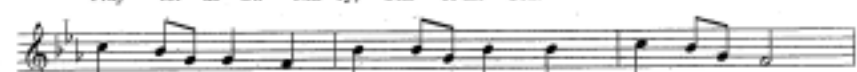
1. Church of wood built on land from Lin - coln, by men of faith from the  
2. Then gray stones, co - lored stained glass ar - ches, be - neath the ease - mates our  
3. Pas - tors have come by boat and horse - back, by car - riage, train, e'en  
4. We count our years as one hundred fif - ty, first Cath' - lic church in our



Isle of Green. They la - bored long out - side the moat  
tow'rs rose tall. Through times of war and years of peace  
cycle and car. One soon to be saint, men of faith all,  
city's histo - ry. Ma - ny have prayed here and more will fol - low.



Their vi - sion soon by all was seen. Vir - gin Ma - ry  
This church has served our de - fend - ers all.  
They've served their faith and taken us far.  
Pray for us St. Ma - ry, Star of the Sea.



Mo - ther mild, Who gave to us thy lit - tle child,



Vir - gin Ma - ry Star of the Sea



Pray for us who pray to thee.

## Introductory Rite

Greeting

Penitential Rite

*Gloria 250*

Bob Moore

Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Is. 56:1, 6-7

Paul Morse

*Responsorial Psalm 950*

Psalm 84

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Reading II

1 Cor. 3:9-13, 16-17

Kate Luke

Gospel Acclamation

Ez. 37:27

My dwelling place shall be with them, says the Lord,  
and I will be their God and they will be my people.

Gospel

John 4:19-24

Deacon Jim Wharry

Homily

Most Rev. Walter Sullivan, Bishop Emeritus

*Profession of Faith 142*

Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon Jim Wharry

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Offertory Hymn 520*

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Deacon Chris Colville

Eucharistic Prayer

*Sanctus 147*

Mass of Creation

**Memorial Acclamation 148A**

Mass of Creation

**Amen 149**

Mass of Creation

**Our Father**

**Agnus Dei 152**

Mass of Creation

**Communion Cantic**

**Cantica: Salve Regina**

Lodewijk de Vocht

*Treble voices, Sunday Choir*

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae  
Vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve  
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle,  
Eja ergo, advocate nostra,  
Illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte.  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

Hail Queen, our compassionate Mother  
Our life, our sweetness and our hope, hail  
We cry out to you, we exiles, children of Eve  
To you we send up our sighs, moaning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.  
Therefore, turn to us, you our advocate,  
your eyes of mercy.  
And after this exile, reveal to us  
the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O merciful, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**Communion Hymn**

**How lovely is thy dwelling place**

Brother James' Air

*Festival Choir*

**Communion Hymn 721**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Temple

**Communion Meditation**

**A Gaelic Blessing**

John Rutter

*Festival Choir*

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,  
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

**Remarks**

**Concluding Rite**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star**

Lyrics by Rev. Dr. Lingard

Traditional Melody

3. Sojourners in this vale of tears, 4. And while to Him Who reigns above,  
To thee, blest Advocate, we cry, In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears, The Source of life, of grace, of love,  
And soothe with hope our misery. Homage we pay on bended knee -  
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea, Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me, Pray for thy children, pray for me.

*Please remain for the postlude.*

**Postlude**

**“Toccata” (Symphony no. 5.)**

Charles-Marie Widor

*John Siderius, organ*

*Please sign the Anniversary Mass guest book in the vestibule.  
Join us for a reception in the Parish Hall.*

## **Those participating in today's Anniversary Mass:**

*Presiding Priest* ~ Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop Emeritus

*Priests* ~ Rev. Peter E. Sousa, C.Ss.R.; Rev. Peter E. Creed; Rev. William J. Spillane, C.Ss.R.; Rev. Msgr. R. Francis Muench, J.C.L.; Rev. James Geiger, C.Ss.R.; Rev. Alistair McKay, C.Ss.R.

*Deacons* ~ Rev. Mr. James V. Wharry; Rev. Mr. Chris Colville

*Gift Bearers* ~ Richard Primo, Michael Swisher, Lt. Col. Michael McCall

*Lectors* ~ Kate Luke, Paul Morse

*Altar Servers* ~ Andrew Flores, Brigid Morse, Owen Morse, Thad Moskal

*Ushers* ~ Diane Ford, Larry Kelly, Johon Paul, Solon Paul

*Knights of Columbus* ~ The Honor Guard, John F. Kennedy Assembly 1164, Knights of Columbus

*Organist* ~ John Siderius

*Cantor* ~ Shannon McCall

*Sunday Choir* ~ Enid Housty, Anne-Marie Marivoet, Ed McLarney, Sandra McLarney,

April Painter, Mel Salnoske, Katherine Swisher

*Pianist* ~ Dr. Martin Cruz

*Photographer* ~ Dr. W.J. McCall

## **Music Notes**

Most of the music selected for this Mass represents music written at significant times in the one hundred fifty years of our parish history. In 1859, the year before the establishment of our parish, the French Romantic composer Charles Gounod wrote his famous “**Ave Maria**”. His setting of the Latin text consists of a Romantic melody superimposed over the Prelude No. 1 from Book I of the Well-Tempered Clavier, a composition by the Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach some 137 years earlier. Known as the Bach/Gounod setting, it has become Gounod’s most popular song. It is very dynamic and compelling and most fitting for our celebration today.

For our opening hymn, “**Star of the Sea**”, Shannon McCall has written lyrics describing our parish history and set them to the Marian tune Pleading Savior, “*Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly*”.

The Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125 “Choral” is the final complete symphony of Ludwig van Beethoven. Finished in 1824, it is one of the best known works of Western classical music, and is considered one of his masterpieces. It is the first example of a major composer using voices in a symphony. The words, taken from a poem by Frierich Schiller, were sung during the final movement. The premier was on May 7, 1824, the year after Fr. Hore began sailing across Hampton Roads from Portsmouth to say Mass at Fortress Monroe. “**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**” is a poem written by Henry van Dyke in 1907 which he set to the famous “*Ode to Joy*” melody. Our present stone church was only four years old when these lyrics were written.

“**Cantica**” is a setting of the Salve Regina, the closing prayer of Compline, written for 3 part treble voices by the Dutch composer, Lodewijk de Vocht. He was a Flemish composer, conductor and musician, active between the two World Wars and wrote primarily choral music.

“**How lovely is thy dwelling place**”, the text of today’s Responsorial Psalm 84, is set to the tune “Brother James’ Air”. The hymn tune was composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain, the Scottish healer, mystic and poet known as Brother James. It was written in 1915 during the pastorate of Fr. Thomas Wilson who began raising funds for the parochial school in Phoebus.

The hymn, “**The Prayer of St. Francis**”, speaks to us of peace and harmony with words most fitting to our gathering and celebration. Its appearance in the United States dates from 1936 when

Cardinal Francis Spellman distributed millions of copies of the anonymous French prayer that was based on words attributed to St. Francis.

The lilting setting of “**A Gaelic Blessing**”, whose beautiful text comes from an ancient Irish rune, honors the Irish workers who built the moat, fort, and the first wooden church, and were among our first parishioners. It also honors many of our priests, who were from Ireland or of Irish descent, who have ministered in the parish. Its creator, John Rutter, is a living composer of great renown and wrote this lovely piece of music just a few years before our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The closing hymn “**Hail, Queen of Heaven the Ocean Star**”, from the St. Gregory hymnal, was written at the turn of the century, coinciding with the construction of our present stone church building. The lyrics have been used on the Sesquicentennial Holy Cards and also appear on the beautiful quilted banners hanging from the sconces along the side walls of the sanctuary.

The Widor “**Toccata**” (**Symphony no. 5**) is the best-known single piece written for the organ, and is often played as a wedding recessional and even at the close of the Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City. It is the first of the toccatas characteristic of French Romantic organ music. This joyful piece showcases the beautiful newly refurbished organ, which combines the original 1940s pipes with 21st century digital sounds and new Casavant console. Widor wrote this magnificent work in 1879, at the time of the building of our Parish Rectory.

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

Rev. Peter E. Sousa, C.Ss.R., pastor

Ann Marie Batten, Arthur Batten, Nicole Camhout,

Charles Edgette, Sue Edgette, Barbara Kelly, Larry Kelly,

Dr. W.J. McCall, Shannon McCall ~ chairman, Kim Primo, Imelda Salnoske

## **Quilt Group ~ Anniversary Banners**

Solveigh Corley, Dorothy Engelbright, Betsey Lisenbee, Maddie Lisenbee,

Kate Luke, Kathi Pollard, Kim Primo, Joedy Riederer, Barbara Wild

*Our thanks go to our Bishop Emeritus and current and former pastors for being with us today to celebrate this Anniversary Mass. Many thanks go to Shannon McCall, chairman, and the members of the Anniversary Committee for their work, support, and dedication. Thank you to the Quilt Group whose members made the tablecloths, squares and runners for the tables in the hall, and the quilted banners used to decorate the walls of the sanctuary. The banners display the Anniversary logo, designed by Shannon, and the opening words of our closing hymn, “Hail, Queen of Heaven the Ocean Star”. Thank you to Mike and Rosemarie Swisher for the generous donation of our new processional crucifix. We thank Kate Luke for making the commemorative stoles for the pastors who are concelebrating today. Thank you to Father Sousa for securing the Apostolic Blessing. Thank you also to Art and Ann Marie Batten for the Holy Cards they had made for this Anniversary Year. Thank you to Bill McCall for the panoramic picture taken at the beginning of the year, and for taking pictures at all the events and special Masses throughout the year. Thank you to Sue Edgette for heading the parish Photo Directory project. Thank you to Erin Lazar for decorating all the bulletin boards. Thank you to Mel Salnoske for her brass and wood polishing skills. We thank Mary Elizabeth Rhodes for making the wreaths for the doors. Thank you to Dusty Rhodes for his work on the grounds and buildings. Thanks Erin Lazar, Shelah Moskal, and the Eighth Grade class from St. Mary’s School for spreading mulch in the beds. Thank you to Nikki Camhout for researching our parish history. Thanks to Barb Kelly for the upkeep of our website and collecting recipes for a future parish cookbook, and to Larry Kelly for handling the commemoratives and raffle sales. Thank you to all the musicians for their special musical contributions. Thank you to Shannon for writing the lyrics for our Anniversary Hymn, “Star of the Sea”. Thank you to everyone who participated in the events and Masses during the year and in today’s Anniversary Mass. And we offer special thanks to Arthur Batten who laid the groundwork for the Proclamation just a few days before his sudden death, and in whose memory we offer this service program.*