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Parish Charities	Sacraments
The generosity of our parishioners helps to support ACCESS-Aids Care Center, H.E.L.P., Lackey Free Clinic, and Transitions Family Violence Services.	<b>Baptism-</b> Call the parish office for information. <b>Wedding-</b> Contact the office six months prior to your planned wedding day. <b>Reconciliation -</b> Saturday 4:00-5 :00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church or by appointment.
Justice & Peace Ministry	Religious Education
<b>H.E.L.P.</b> — St. Mary collects food and clothing for the needy in our area. Donations of canned goods and other staples are gladly accepted.	The Christian Formation program runs from Sept thru May. Classes for first thru 11th grades are offered on Sundays which include First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation classes. Contact Erin Kearney-Lazar for more information.
Bayview Community	Catholic Schools
St. Mary's has adopted this impoverished rural community on the Eastern Shore. We assist residents during the year with monetary funds, household goods, clothing, school supplies, toys and games for summer fun and Christmas gifts for the children.	St. Mary Star of The Sea School 723-6358 Saintmarystarofthesea.com Peninsula Catholic High School 596-7247 pchs@peninsulacatholic.com
Knights of Columbus, Council #511	
Grand Knight, John Nicholson—Meetings every 2nd & 4th Thurs. of each month at 7:30p.m. in Fr. Helldorfer Hall, The Marian Center of St. Joseph Church. For membership or general information call 838-6239.	



*St. Mary Star of the Sea  
Catholic Church  
Fort Monroe, Virginia*



**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

**November 23, 2008**

Pastor  
**Rev. Peter E. Sousa,**  
 C.Ss.R.  
 Parochial Vicars  
**Rev. William J. Spillane,**  
 C.Ss.R.  
**Rev. Daniel J. Carboy,**  
 C.Ss.R.

Today we call Jesus a king.

We're not used to having kings or royalty around; we don't have a sense of being subjects. Our use of the word *king* is based more in legends and fairy tales than in experience. Church history and Church art show Christ as a king. But where did those images come from? The impact of this particular title for Jesus might come to us more second hand than second nature.

In the passage we read today in Matthew's Gospel, there is a dominant theme—we are challenged to serve Christ by serving people in need. In the Great Judgment scene, it is sobering to see that how we treat others will determine how Jesus recognizes us. Another more subtle message is embedded in the heavenly drama. People in other eras (like the first-century audience of Jesus) would have seen something immediately that we might miss: *This king has a very strange view of power.*

Christian artists have often expressed Christ's coming in power with images drawn from their times and places. These images show a powerful recognition—Jesus Christ is more than the rulers and governors of this world. Our art portrays Christ in the imagery of kings in the world, in the imagery of rulers from the artists' own experiences. These images gave people subject to earthbound rulers great hope. What power do we fear? Christ is more.

Yet in Matthew, Jesus reveals an amazing way in which his power really happens, an amazing invitation for us to recognize him and join him in building his kingdom. He is the hungry, the poor, the lonely.

There's a twist, too, when Jesus recognizes his own. They're surprised. Do *we* know when we are serving him? What sort of kings impress *us*?

Dan Finucane  
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Mass Schedule	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:05 p.m.</b>
Reconciliation	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00—5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>at St. Joseph Church &amp; by appt.</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	
<b>stmarystarofthesea.catholicweb.com</b>	

**St. Mary Star of the Sea, the oldest Catholic parish on the Peninsula and the ninth oldest parish in the Diocese of Richmond holds a unique distinction: It is the only Diocesan Church in the nation located on a military installation. Its upkeep is funded solely by parishioner contributions. Registration Forms are available in the back of Church and at the Rectory.**

**Please remember in your prayers:** Joe Ellis, Sidney Bell, Yvonne Bell, Renaida Duazon, Grace Grant, John Beckno, Edith Gianasio, Rom & Jean Evdo, Ruby Sansone, Emilie Rogers, Mel & Rose Paulhamus, Hiram Bell, Mike Gabany, Tom Hruby, Julie Sager, Maureen Dodge, Patricia Jones, Michael Elgart, Ed Wild, Anne Marie Hacker, and Dick Welsh. **Please notify the parish office of any changes to this list.**

**Homebound or in the Hospital:** If you know any home bound parishioners, or parishioners in the hospital who are in need of the sacraments, please notify the parish office. We rely on you, the families and caregivers, to let the Fathers know who may be in need. A priest will visit them for anointing and see them periodically as needed. A lay Eucharistic Minister will visit the sick weekly bringing the Eucharist. Thank you for keeping us updated so that we may minister to those unable to get to church.

Of the 37 million people considered to be living below the poverty line, 45% work full time but still do not make enough money to feed their families, keep roofs over their heads, and pay for health care. **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** supports community-based projects—founded and managed by the poor themselves—that work toward building a better and more just community where poverty does not exist. You can make a difference. Please donate prayerfully and generously in today's collection.

**Religious Education.....Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**

**Women of Faith.....Wednesday 9:30 a.m.**  
For information contact Anne Barr 637-7859.

**Upcoming Meetings**  
**Parish Council.....Tues, Nov. 25—7 p.m.**

**We would like to thank the Moore Family who provided coffee and doughnuts after 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass last week.**  
A sign up sheet for you to take a turn at treating is posted in the parish hall. We all look forward to visiting after Mass and thank all those who have graciously donated their time and doughnuts.

**The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

Please note that any time you attend Mass at St. Joseph Church and use your St. Mary envelopes, your contribution is forwarded to us. We at St. Mary's do the same.

<b>Financial Report—November 16, 2008</b>	
First Collection	1,945.25
Save our Schools	185.00
Building Fund	130.00
Parish Charities	431.00
Human Development	35.00
All Saints Day/Immaculate Conception	120.00
All Souls Intentions	42.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,888.25</b>

<b>Mass Intentions</b>
Saturday, November 22, 5:00 p.m. <b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday, November 23, 9:30 a.m. <b>Special Intentions of Ed Maben on his 80th Birthday requested by the Sansone Family</b>



As we look forward to Thanksgiving Day, we look forward to the break from our ordinary routine so that we can use this opportunity to pause and express our gratitude to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received. Despite the problems that might face us such as economic difficulties, loved ones deployed overseas in the war against terrorism, sickness, loss of a job, and a hundred other issues that we are not happy with, if we pause and reflect, we can always find thousands of things to be thankful for. On this Thanksgiving Day, my prayer is that our gratitude will increase for the many ways God has blessed us and our families. I thank God for all of you and you being part of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Community. **Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**

*Fr. Peter*

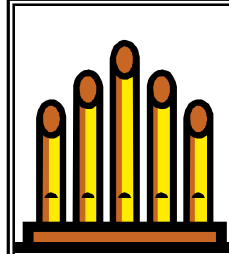
**Thanksgiving Mass will be at St. Joseph Church At 9:00 a.m., November 27.**

**No Mass at St. Mary's on Friday, November 28.**

## READINGS

**Sunday November 23**  
Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King  
Ez 34:11-17 1 Cor 15:20-28 Mt 25:31-46  
**Sunday November 30**  
The First Sunday of Advent  
Is 63:16-19;64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

**The second collection next weekend will benefit the cost of the installation and upgrades to the new organ console.**



One of our organists, John Siderius, has researched and found a used 1989 Casavant Organ Console to replace our old and ailing one. The asking price of \$2,000 is so reasonable that we have agreed to purchase it. However, the cost of the installation and upgrades will be approximately \$12,000. We are asking the good people of St. Mary's to help so that we can all experience the beautiful Christmas Music on the new organ system.

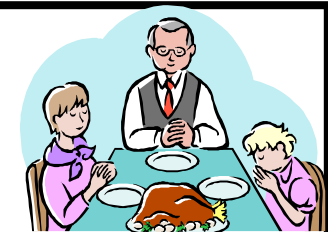
In consultation with the Liturgy Committee, Father Peter has purchased St. Joseph Sunday Missals for the 2009 Liturgical year. They will be kept here to be used in church. The primary purpose of the missals is to help us reflect on the readings in preparation for Sunday Mass. If you wish to purchase a Missal to bring home, they will be available in the parish office for \$4.00.

Also, Seasonal Devotional booklets, composed of excerpts from the late Henri Nouwen will be available for St. Mary's parishioners next weekend. A relevant Scripture verse has been selected to open each Nouwen reflection, and a brief concluding prayer has been added to summarize the daily Advent reflection.

### Waiting for the Lord

Join us in prayer to prepare for Christmas. On the first three Wednesday evenings of Advent we will gather at 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM in St. Joseph Church for prayer, scripture, and Advent hymns.  
**Dec. 3—Entering the Darkness** led by Fr. Sousa  
**Dec. 10—Living in Hope** led by Fr. Carboy  
**Dec. 17—Experiencing Peace** Celebration of Reconciliation led by Fr. Spillane.  
This will be our parish Advent Reconciliation Service with opportunities for individual confession.  
**Mark your calendars!**

Just a reminder—there are no religious education classes next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe



**Admissions Open House at Peninsula Catholic High School**  
**Sunday, November 23—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
See our facilities, meet our students and staff, tour our school, learn about our academic, athletic and co-curricular offerings, and get a glimpse into what the "PC Experience" is all about. The school is at 600 Harpersville Road in Newport News and serves students in grades 8 through 12. Visit our website: [www.peninsulacatholic.com](http://www.peninsulacatholic.com). For additional information, please call 596-7247, Ext. 11.

You are invited to the St. Olaf's Parish Mission from Sunday, Nov. 30 to Wednesday, Dec. 3, to be conducted by Fr. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R. The theme is "Experiencing Jesus". For info call the parish office.

We welcome the newest member of St. Mary's, Josiah Chris Arroyo, son of Christopher and Helen Arroyo, who was baptized here last weekend.

We thank Megan Tiller, a senior at Warwick High School and a member of the Virginia Choral Society, who joined Shannon McCall in singing the "Laudamus Te" from the Vivaldi Gloria at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 22.

### Marriage Blessing Ceremony



If you have been married civilly and are free to marry in the church; there will be a marriage preparation program beginning in November to prepare for a Marriage Blessing Ceremony on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Please call the parish office for further information.

There will be a parish sponsored reception following the ceremony.