



Saturday	Jan. 9 - Vigil
5:30PM	Sal and Nancy Manteria
Sunday	Jan. 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
7:45AM	James Boyle and Deceased Members of McGowan Families
10:00AM	Louis J. Garipoli
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	Jan. 11 - Weekday
7:00AM	Daniel Daly
8:45AM	Pilar Magno
Tuesday	Jan. 12 - Weekday
7:00AM	James Boyle
8:45AM	George G. Ross
Wednesday	Jan. 13 - Weekday
7:00AM	Rev. William O'Connor
8:45AM	John Busanic
Thursday	Jan. 14 - Weekday
7:00AM	Rosamma Thalathara
8:45AM	Samson de la Cruz
Friday	Jan. 15 - Weekday
7:00AM	Antoinette Giardina
8:45AM	Thomas E. Dore
Saturday	Jan. 16 - Weekday
8:30AM	Clayton Boyd
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Jan. 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Clayton Boyd
10:00AM	Salvatore Sorce
12 Noon	Kathe Bolhander

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of James Boyle requested by the Boyle Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of James Boyle requested by the Boyle Family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Rose Mary Farrell, Leah Curcio and Alfred Schwartz.

Pray for our Sick

If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the rectory office – 201-384-0557. We will put their names on the sick list once again and continue our prayer for them. If you want their name to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let us know that as well.

Peter Ramzi..Marie Woehle..Joan O'Leary-Rella..Margherita Bonaldo Ann Youngsworth..Debra Portillo..Marie McDermott..Barbara Fawcett Woke Family..Pat O'Connor..Alicia McMahan..Mary M..Eileen O'Leary Ann O'Neil..Anthony Matarazzo..Ben Zangoglia..John R..Maria Cruz Frank Farrell..Genevive DeVirgilis..Hyde Family..Bob Jackson Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post

Daily Rosary

We wanted to announce that each day, following the 8:45 Mass, a group of parishioners stay in church to pray the rosary. If you would like to be part of this group, each day or only periodically, simply come to the church for 8:45 Mass or come once Mass is over.

Hold the Date – Feb. 13, 2010

On **Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010**, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, our parish will have its first **Mardi Gras** celebration. That night, we will have a beefsteak dinner and karaoke for entertainment. The beefsteak dinner will be provided by Nightingale's and the karaoke allows individuals or groups to go up on stage and sing. It's a lot of fun and a great evening. **The cost is \$30.00 per person and tickets are on sale in the rectory office.** There are a limited number of tickets available, so get yours right away. You can reserve a table for your group if you would like to do that.

Sunday – Jan. 10

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Angels Session LC/School
9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
10:00AM Mass 2009 Baptism Families, Social to follow in Rectory
11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room
Baptism

Baptism of our Lord

Monday – Jan. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School

Tuesday – Jan. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:30AM Parents Group B05
3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH
7:00PM Un-decorate the Church
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesday – Jan. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
4:00PM-5:00PM Children's Choir
5:00PM-6:00PM Bell Choir UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters Youth Room
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting RCB
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Jan. 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting RCB

Friday – Jan. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
10:00AM-11:30AM Job Support Meeting Library
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Rosary for Peace UC
7:30PM-9:30PM Women's Spirituality Group SFC

Saturday – Jan. 16

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC
Food Collection

Sunday – Jan. 17

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room
1:00PM-2:00PM Holy Hour UC
Food Collection

Christmas Decorations

As we needed help putting them up, so we can use the help of parishioners in taking down the Christmas decorations in the church. We will do this on **Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, beginning at 7:00 PM.** Anyone who can help, even if it is only for an hour, will be welcomed and their assistance appreciated.

Women's Spirituality Group - Jan. 15

The next meeting of the Women's Spirituality Group will take place on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Formation Center. We will discuss chapters 2 and 3 in the book about Mary. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If you still need the Mary book, there are a few for purchase at the Parish Office

Holy Hour - Jan. 17

On Sunday, January 17, there will be an hour of prayer following the 12:00 Noon Mass. As we pray that our nation will respect life at all stages, from conception to natural death, it is good for us to gather as a faith community to intercede with the Lord and to seek his guidance. We cannot simply speak about respecting life; we must do something and praying is one powerful thing we can do

Bible Study Session

Our next Bible study session will be on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. We will be looking at the letters to the Thessalonians, the letters to Timothy & Titus and the letter to Philemon. If you are going to join us that evening, you may want to read over these letters beforehand. All parishioners are welcome, whether or not you have been with us before. Just bring a Bible with you.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

A New Year's Resolution



We can help bring Christ to the world throughout the year as we work together as Parents And Children Together at St. Mary's. Let's resolve for the New Year to keep PACT Religious Education a real priority for our families and not let our efforts be denigrated by extra-curricular activities, which can cloud our commitment to our Religious Education efforts.

Confirmation



Save the date! Confirmation Retreat here at St. Mary's Saturday, February 27, 2010 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

Candidates should be participating in service projects at this time. Check in around our bulletin for information about the projects such as "un-decorating" the Church this Tuesday, and other parish events.

To help at Religious Education programs on Sunday, Tuesday, Monday, or special Communion Preparation sessions coming up on Wednesdays, please call the Religious Education office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioued@stmarysdumont.org

Service projects may also be worked on in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, aftercare programs, special needs programs, and other places where service is provided for those who need our help.

Young Adult Ministry

January is Young Adult Month. There are three Theology on Tap sessions scheduled for Bergen County, with many others in neighboring counties. Check the YAM section of the parish website for the dates and locations. Contact Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859 or email yam@stmarysdumont.org for more information.

Transfiguration Academy

All of us at the school sincerely hope that your holidays were happy, healthy and safe. We are looking forward to the remainder of the school year with great anticipation.

Planning for next school year is also in full swing. Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, the 31st of January. This is the premier marketing effort for Catholic Schools nationwide. Traditionally, it also marks the opening of our Registration rolls for next year.

In order to prepare properly for the next academic year, we need to know, as accurately as possible, our expected enrollment. We no longer can assume that students will automatically return!

In years past, parents and administration made that assumption. I would like to emphasize that this practice is no longer acceptable. Enrollment is a key factor in the evaluation of a school by the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese, as we have seen is very involved in the registration process.

Current Academy families will receive a letter from me. In this letter there will be a deadline, by which to return the form. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of getting your letter of intent or registration forms in by the deadline given in the letter.

We cannot be satisfied with maintaining our current level of enrollment. We must work to grow. I ask you to join us in the effort, by enrolling as soon as possible and talking up the Academy.

YOU ARE OUR BEST ADVERTISERS. SO, I ASK YOU TO GET THE WORD OUT.

"TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY."

Knights of Columbus Events:

Wednesday January 13 - Rosary for Peace at St. John's Council - 8PM, refreshments follow.

Friday January 22 - March for Life in Washington DC - Mass at 6AM, followed by a continental breakfast. Bus leaves at 7:15 AM from St. John's Church parking lot. Contact Matt Hayes at 201-387-2310 for more information.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

Working With Our Parish Community to Help Our Teens, 7th - 12th Grade, Become Better Versions of Themselves: Physically, Emotionally, Intellectually, & Spiritually

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

Sunday, January 10th - "BASKETS FOR BABIES": (6:30 - 8:30p in Szelest Hall) We're sponsoring a basketball shooting contest for the teens, grades 7-12, of our parish in honor of the 37th March for Life on Jan 22nd, 2010. Shooters will be grouped by age and gender. The admission fee is \$5 and all proceeds will be distributed to a local pregnancy crisis center.

Sunday, January 24th - "WAY OF THE CROSS 2010 AUDITION & FRISBEE FOOTBALL": (6:30 - 8:30p in Spiritual Formation Center & Szelest Hall) The auditions will begin in the Spiritual Formation Center at 6:30p. Once a few people are done, we'll go upstairs to the gym and play Frisbee Football.

Sunday, January 31st - "WAY OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL #1": (6:30 - 8:30p)

We're Looking For A Few Good Young Men:

Currently, our Core Team, an advisory board of eight teens in grades 9-12, is comprised of seven young ladies and one young man. We want to expand it to 12, adding four young men. If you or someone you know would be interested, please let us know.

This Week's Feature Articles For Teens & Their Families:

"In Good Company For the New Year" http://www.cny.org/archive/tdcolumn/tmd123109.htm

"The Church - Our Supernatural Family" http://www.archny.org/about-us/archbishop-timothy-m-dolan/homily/

Other Resources For Teens & Their Families:

R U Looking 4 Christian Music for Teens on the radio?

Listen to 99.1 FM

R U Looking4 a Catholic website for teens?

Go to http://www.mycatholicvoice.com

What else is happening at St. Mary's?

http://stmarysdumont.org/this-week.html

Need To Talk To Us? You can meet us at the music platform after the 7:45 and 10:00 Masses, call us at (201) 385-2936, or e-mail us at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

We'll see you at Mass! Charlie & Lesa

A Letter of Thanks

We received the following letter from The Nurturing Place, the agency where most of the gifts from the Advent Giving Tree went.

Dear Father Laferrera,

On behalf of the children of The Nurturing Place, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the parishioners of St. Mary's for your most generous donation of toys, children's underwear, and gift certificates for our mothers for this Christmas. We are truly grateful for those who selflessly join with us in expressing hope and joy to our homeless women and children.

While so many families are struggling to make ends meet, please know that your compassionate care enabled children to experience the magic and wonder of Christmas.

Thank you for your continual support for our ministry and may you and your loves ones enjoy the warmth and peace of Christmas throughout the New Year.

Gratefully, Sister Barbara Moran Director

We extend our own thanks to all those who took a tag from the Giving Tree and purchased a gift for those in need at The Nurturing Place and those in need in Dumont.

YAM - Santa sends his thanks!

Santa sends his regards to the young adults and confirmation candidates for their assistance at Breakfast with Santa. A special thank you goes to all the boys and girls who behaved so well. The breakfast raised \$372 for St. Mary's Food Pantry, which will go far in helping those who are in need.