



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 10 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Helen Kostka
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 11 - Baptism of the Lord</b>
7:45AM	James Boyle
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Frances M. Tibbs
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 12 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	James Boyle, William Boyle and Deceased Members of McGowan Families
8:45AM	Albert and Georgianna Spindler
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 13 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Lourdes Tabinga
8:45AM	Anton Busanic
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 14 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Greta Leddy
8:45AM	Rosamma John
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 15 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Frank Pollara
8:45AM	Antoinette Giardina
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 16 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Frank Fawcett
8:45AM	William Ramm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 17 - St. Anthony</b>
8:30AM	Dulcie Borges
5:30PM	Thomas E. Dore
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 18 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Dolores Stas
10:00AM	Sebastian, Paul and Rose Orlando
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

### In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Louis Buonocore in celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday requested by Sam & Madeline Gazzolo.

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 Elizabeth E. Cordo, Paul F. DiPaola, Ralph E. Scelzo and Edward Lane.

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.

#### Please pray for the sick

Mariana Cardenas...George Magno...Peter Ramzi... David Storick  
Bob Jackson...Susan G. Klarer...Kathy Hans...Cecelia Agpalasin  
Katherine Marie Mirabile...Maria Martinez...Maureen G...Baby Jake  
Emily Del Vecchio...Angela Darata...Cecilia Gomes...Donna Tkacz  
Anne O'Neill...Margherita Bonaldo... Valerie Kana...Kendra Wehner  
Teresa Colgan...Patricia Marino...Mathilde Hartmann...Ben S  
John R...Dorothy McDuffy...Angela Petrocelli...Benjamin Zangoglia  
Richard Domenech...Marie Fitzgerald...Sr. Margaret Hoffman  
Tony Martignetti...Mary Coutinho...John Tibbs...Barbara Manz  
Carole Chittenden...Deborah Portillo...Potino Canares...Joan Rella  
Thomas Donnelly...Barbara Wronski...Louis Garipoli...Nina Messina

#### What Goes Up, Must Come Down...

Please join us on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6:30PM to "undecorate" our church. All are welcome! Many hands make light work!



#### Sunday - January 11

8:55AM Religious Ed PACT Saints Session LC/School  
9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
10:00AM Rite of Welcome  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room  
Baptism

#### **Baptism of the Lord**

#### Monday - January 12

4:30PM-5:30PM #1531 Brownie Meeting Cafeteria  
7:00PM Religious Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School

#### Tuesday - January 13

9:30AM Parents Group B10  
3:30PM Religious Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir Chapel

#### Wednesday - January 14

4:00PM-6:00PM Children/Bell Choir Chapel/UC  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

#### Thursday - January 15

#### Friday - January 16

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC  
7:30PM-10:00PM Women's Spirituality SFC

#### Saturday - January 17

Food Collection

#### Sunday - January 18

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room  
1:00PM-2:00PM Respect Life Holy Hour UC  
1:00PM-3:00PM "Empty Bowl" Luncheon SH  
Food Collection

#### Holy Hour - Jan. 18

On Sunday, Jan. 18, we will have a hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:00 Mass. This prayer time will be devoted especially to praying that all life will be cherished. We will pray for an end to abortion and we will also pray for an end to all domestic abuse, an end to the death penalty, and an end to all violence committed against any person, whatever their faith, face, national origin, gender or sexual orientation.

#### "Empty Bowl" Luncheon

On Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, there will be an "Empty Bowl" Luncheon, to be held in Szelest Hall in our school building. Enjoy a bowl of soup while you learn about the causes and solutions around hunger locally and around the world. Those attending will be asked to make a "free-will" offering, which will benefit world hunger relief programs. This luncheon is being held as part of a three-day celebration honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

#### Christmas Collection

As of Monday, Jan. 5, our Christmas collection has reached a total of \$39,506.00. We also received \$3,722.00 toward the decorations, which adorned the church during the Christmas season. We are most grateful to all who tithed when they made their Christmas offering to St. Mary's. As you can see, our collection is significantly lower than years past. We know that so many families are experiencing financial problems. We are also experiencing those same difficulties at St. Mary's. We pray that, as we continue to move through the year 2009, more families will accept the invitation to become tithing parishioners, **offering back to God a percentage of their weekly income as a sign of thanksgiving to God for what God has first given to us.** May this year be blessed with joy and peace and happiness for all of the families of the parish of St. Mary's.



*My brothers and sisters in Christ,*

It seems that, as quickly as the Christmas season came, it has reached its completion just as quickly. We have heard the song of the angels, announcing peace and good will to those on whom God's favor rests. The shepherds journeyed to the manger to see the Christ Child and to return to their fields, praising God for what they had heard, seen and experienced. Last week, the story of the Magi was once again proclaimed. They made their way to Bethlehem by the light of a star, opened their treasures and offered their gifts to the newborn king, the Savior and Redeemer of all.

Today, we hear how that child grew into a man. He went to the waters of the Jordan River where his cousin, John the Baptist, was calling for people to repent and to turn back to God. Jesus came to that river and went down into the waters to be baptized. His cousin was at first reluctant to baptize him since he knew that this man had no need of repentance. Yet John accepted what God has ordained and the Father and the Spirit both testified that Jesus was the one, the Son, chosen to be anointed and to bring salvation to all the world.

The Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate today, is the final manifestation of Jesus as Savior and Lord, which we celebrate during the Christmas Season. He was shown forth to rich and poor, to shepherd and astrologer. Now, having been baptized, he began the work of proclaiming God's message to the world, of healing and forgiving, of spending time with saints and sinners, of going to the cross and of rising from the dead.

Today, we recall our own baptism. We are sprinkled with water as a reminder that we have been cleansed from sin and given new life. We remember that, in the waters of Baptism, we were marked out, like Christ, to be the bearers of God's word and to be the face of God in the world. Just as Christ served God's people through his words and deeds, so we are called to serve, especially by what we do for God's people in our own parish and beyond the boundaries of St. Mary's.

As always, we pray that everyone who is part of the family of St. Mary's will recognize the significance of their call as baptized followers of the Lord Jesus. Baptism anoints us to be **priests**: to pray for one another and to offer the sacrifice of ourselves to the Lord; to be **prophets**: to announce God's word to the world; and to be **kings (and queens)**: to be servants of God's people as the rulers of the Old Testament were called to be.

May we rejoice in the gift of our own Baptism and may we live up to that call by living and serving as anointed followers of the Lord.

**Love,  
Fr. Bob**

**Thank You from the Nurturing Place:**

*On behalf of the families at The Nurturing Place, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your generous donation of children's clothes and toys, as well as gift certificates. Your gifts for the homeless and economically disadvantaged have assisted in bringing about an extra special Christmas.*

*Your advocacy of our ministry is truly a blessing. Your generosity brings smiles, laughter, and delight to the lives of the children and families we serve. It is because of friends like you that we are able to continue to break the cycle of poverty. Your benevolence is a ray of hope in the midst of compromising times.*

*Best wishes to you all for a joyous and peace-filled New Year.*

Gratefully,  
Sister Barbara Moran  
Director

**God's Plan for Giving** – "The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."

(Deuteronomy 16:10)

Collection for Jan. 3-4, 2009 \$ 9,602.00  
Same weekend in 2008 \$10,758.00

***The true purpose of tithing is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you...for God.***

When Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit at his Baptism in the Jordan River, he was marked out as the servant of the Lord, the one who would bring salvation to all by his dying and rising. Just as Jesus gave his life for us, so we are called to give our time, our talent and our treasure for the sake of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. May our own Baptism remind us that we are called, like Jesus, to be servants of God and God's people. ...**Fr. Bob**

**Time & Talent**

So many people make resolutions for a new year – they'll stop smoking, they'll lose weight, they spend more time with family, they'll try and get rid of some of the stress in their lives. This list could go on forever. We hope that as the new year unfolds, more men, women and children will step forward as the need arises and offer their gifts to benefit the parish as a whole. We have seen and appreciated the gifts/talents of those who have already come forward. Now we hope that the grace of God will influence more members of our parish to offer their time and talents to the Lord.

**Tithing the Tithe – 2008**

For the month of December, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,292.00 from what we received in our Sunday collections. We have sent checks to the following people/groups in the following amounts:

- Nelson Bayona – Newark seminarian - \$287.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$287.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$287.00
- Emergency Fund - \$431.00

**Stewardship Prayer**

*Dear Lord,  
I pray that you will give me the wisdom to guide me on this faith journey of stewardship. Help me to understand that everything that I have is a gift from you. Open up my heart and my mind so that I may use these marvelous gifts to give back to you here on earth. I pray, Lord, that you will welcome me into your kingdom at the end of my life and that you are pleased with what I have done with all your gifts. Amen.*

**Liturgy Notes**

Merry Christmas – today the season officially comes to a close. I would like to share with you a Christmas card I received a few years ago. It says it all:  
Peace,  
Kathy S

When the song of the angels is stilled  
when the star in the sky is gone  
when the kings and princes are home  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost...to heal the broken...  
to feed the hungry...to release the prisoner...  
to rebuild the nations...to bring peace  
among the people...to make music in the heart.



**Serving in Iraq**

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces, especially in Iraq or Afghanistan. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

- Christopher Iacobino Michael Whitford Michael Bianco
Brian Collins Alicia Newball Gerald J. Ferra, Jr.
James Markert James Phillips Kyle Zownir
Kristine Becker Donald Dickson Danny Hilsdorf
Edward Bryan Frago Angelica Peji John Paul McLaughlin
Joshua M LaBazzetta James R. Melady Robert Dellner
Walter F. Fawcett David Christopher Pierson Joe Shannon
Christopher Lynch Zane Campbell Christopher Kishbach
Robert Challenger, Jr. Ryan Shireman Christian Baierwalter
Anthony Zangoglia...Wayne Lawton Daniel Rosica

If you have a relative serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please call the rectory so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

**Women's Spirituality**

Would you like to start the year off right and spend some time praying with other women in the parish? Then join us for the Women's Spirituality Meeting on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Formation Center. We will begin with a prayer and reflection and end our evening with refreshments. If you have any questions please contact Maryanne Miloscia or Kathy Sylvester at the Parish Office.

**PALAD Corner**

Correction: the feeding of the homeless at the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen in Newark, NJ is next Sunday, January 18 (not January 20 as previously announced). If you wish to help, please call Marichi at (201) 385-8529 or send an email to palad@stmarysdumont.org. The group meets at St. Mary's lower level parking lot and leaves at around 7:30 am. We expect to be back at St. Mary's before noontime.

- Congratulations to recent winners of the Lucky Weeks Club raffle:
Gerry Canlas Bergenfield \$50
Peggy Keating Dumont \$150
Juliet Baican Dumont \$150
Maria Moscoo Egg Harbor Twnship \$150
Pamela Cassidy Bergenfield \$150
Adonis Vargas Fairlawn \$50
Rosauro Inciong New York \$50

**Sight and Sound Trip - Balance Due**

If you have reserved a ticket for the Easter show Behold the Lamb at Sight & Sound's Millennium Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, March 28, 2009, the balance is now due. This is for those who did not pay the entire amount when they made their reservation. We still have seats and tickets available for this trip in March. The total cost is \$117.00 and must be paid in full at this time if you would like to go. Simply come to the rectory and you can reserve a ticket and a seat for this trip.

**Summer Trip 2009 Brochures**

Brochures are now in the parish office for our trip to California from July 18-27, 2009. We will spend time in San Francisco, Sonoma, the Sierra Nevadas, Yosemite National Park, Carmel, Monterey, San Simeon, Santa Ynez, Solvang, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles, including Hollywood (Mann's Chinese Theater, Sunset Strip, Rodeo Drive). The cost per person, two to a room, is \$2,900.00. The cost includes 1) transportation to and from St. Mary's/Newark Airport; 2) departure taxes/fuel surcharges; 3) round trip airfare Newark/San Francisco & Los Angeles/Newark; 4) 8 nights hotel accommodations; 5) sightseeing as described in brochure; 6) daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners. An optional excursion at the end of the trip would include a trip to San Diego, hotel accommodation w/full breakfast, sightseeing and entrance/service fees. This would cost an additional \$300. If you are interested in this trip, please come to the rectory and pick up a brochure.

**Campaign Information**

We want to give updated totals for the Capital Campaign Realizing the Dream so that the parish will know the pledges/actual money that we have received thus far and how the money has been and is being spent.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total amount in pledges made (\$886,066.16), Number of families who have pledged (440), Average pledge per family (\$2,013.79), Cash collected thus far (\$216,127.99), Expenses paid thus far (\$114,148.36), and Cash on hand (\$101,979.63).

Pledges for one time donation are still gratefully accepted.

**\*\*Explanation of Expenses**

- 1) Total amount paid to Lynch Development Associates for Preliminary Feasibility Study, Actual Capital Campaign and costs related to both - \$86,881.36
2) Rectory roof repair - \$15,000.00
3) Church roof repair - \$12,267.00

Lynch Development Associates was the lowest of three bids that we received for the Feasibility and the Capital Campaign. This cost is approximately 9.8% of the total that has been pledged. That is less than the typical 10% that is projected for the cost of a Feasibility Study and a Capital Campaign.

**Campaign Prayer**

God of all goodness, in every generation, you gather your people together in peace and bind them as one in prayer, in community and in ser-vice. For almost one hundred years, you have united the people of St. Mary's as one parish family. We are men and women, adult and children, coming from the four corners of the earth, speaking different languages, yet bound together through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through your good-ness and the generosity of those who have come before us, we have been blessed in our present home - our church - for almost fifty years.

Now is the time for us, the people of St. Mary's gathered at this time in our history, to ensure that what we have received from those before us may be preserved for those who will come after us. In prayer and in reflection, we now realize the greatness of your bounty and we accept the challenge of offering our time, our talent and our treasure so that we can preserve for future generations what we have been fortunate enough to receive from those who have built before us in faith and trust.

Send your Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be cheerful as we accept joyfully this next phase in the life of our parish. Help us to share a portion of our gifts, so that we, as a parish, may realize the dream and preserve for those who come after us what we have received in gratitude.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St. Mary's Senior Residence Information**

As you can see, the work on the St. Mary's Senior Residence continues and we want to be sure that we answer any questions that you may have. If you have a question regarding the construction, please e-mail the rectory at info@stmarysdumont.org with your question. If we do not know the answer, we will do all that we can to find the answer. Please pray for the ongoing success of the construction

**Intersection Work**

Father Bob contacted Mayor McHale to get an update regarding the work that will be done to the intersection of Washington and New Milford Avenues. The mayor communicated that the county of Bergen is expected to bid the project during the winter with the projected start date in the spring of 2009. The work should coincide with the construction of the St. Mary's Senior Residence building. However, it seems as if the project will be completed in 2010, after the Senior Residence is completed. We wanted to pass this information on to our parishioners since some have asked about the new intersection.

