



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 16 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Clayton Boyd
10:00AM	Salvatore Sorce
12 Noon	Kathe Bolhander
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 18 - Weekday</b>
9:00AM	Deceased Members of O'Neill Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 19 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Patrick Griffin
8:45AM	Mary Coutinho
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 20 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Joseph Lowe
8:45AM	Rubio Family (Living)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 21 - St. Agnes</b>
7:00AM	Paula Villegas
8:45AM	Marco Sciarra
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 22 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Marion Morris
8:45AM	Ralph Dizzini
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 23 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Dorothy McCormack
5:30PM	Arthur and Eleanor King (Living) 50th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Nora Sheehan
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Gary Hahn

### In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Susan G. Klarer requested by Klarer Family.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased parishioners of St. Mary's.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Sarah C. Fitzpatrick and Joseph A. Yon.

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

### 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, simple come to the church for 8:45 Mass or come once Mass is over.

### Funeral Mass vs. Funeral Service

Recently, we are finding that the families of a person who has died are opting to have a service in the funeral home rather than a funeral Mass at church. This trend is rather disturbing. Although it is not something that we find pleasant to discuss, we are encouraging our parishioners to make it known to your families that, when you pass away, you want your body brought to the church for a funeral Mass. There is a simple reason for this. A Mass celebrates the death and resurrection of the Lord, something that is important for us to remember at a time of the death. Our prayers, songs and readings at a funeral Mass all point to the eternal life for which we await. That is not the case when you have simply a service in the funeral home. This is important for the family to hear, especially when they are experiencing the loss of a loved one.

**Please – tell your family that this is what you want.**

## This Week

### 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

### Monday – Jan. 18

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### Tuesday – Jan. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
9:30AM Parents Group B05  
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

### Wednesday – Jan. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
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 Eucharistic Minister Training UC  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH  
Hackensack Walk-in Program

### Thursday – Jan. 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
7:30PM Bible Study RCB  
7:30PM Eucharistic Minister Training UC

### Friday – Jan. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH  
7:30PM Rosary for Peace UC

### Saturday – Jan. 23

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC

### Sunday – Jan. 24

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session LC/School  
9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC  
11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room

### Christian Unity Week – Pulpit Exchange

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Monday, Jan. 18. From the days of the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been asked to offer prayers during that week that the unity for which Christ prayed at the last Supper – "...that they may be one, as you, Father, and I are one..." – would soon become a reality. To bring that week of prayer to a close, Fr. Bob and Rev. Peggy Hayes, the pastor of Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, will preach at each other's parishes. On Sunday, Jan. 24, Fr. Bob will preach at the 10:15 service at Our Redeemer and Rev. Hayes will be at St. Mary's to preach at the 12:00 Mass that same day. We are also hoping that our respective choirs will join each other for those same services at Our Redeemer and at St. Mary's that Sunday. **Let us all pray for the unity of those who call upon Jesus as Savior and Lord.**

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Monday, Jan. 18

In observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., there will only be one Mass that day at 9:00 AM. Also, the parish office will be closed as well on January 18.

### Hackensack Walk-in-Center



On Wednesday, January 20th, St. Mary's will be providing the main meal for over 150 guests at the Hackensack Walk-in Center. Food pans are available after each mass at the doors of the church. If you would like to share your favorite dish, please pick up a pan or two as you leave the church. Dishes can be brought to the rectory on Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 10:00am-2:00pm.

### 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.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last weekend, our homily was visual rather than verbal. And we saw the many ways in which we live out our calling as baptized members of this faith community we call St. Mary's. We saw parishioners involved in teaching the word, in worshipping together, in serving the needs of others and in gathering to enjoy the company of one another. Even as we saw pictures of the many, many people involved in some aspect of parish life, the presentation showed only about one-half of all that we do as a parish. It was both joyful and wonderful to see the many faces that make up our parish family and we hope to see many more the next time as we remain **alive in the Spirit, called to serve.**

Thanks to all those who provided pictures for the **St. Mary's Family Album** presentation and a special word of appreciation goes to Mr. Bill Mascitello who put the entire presentation together. That presentation demonstrated that, in **WORD**, in **WORSHIP**, in **SERVICE**, and in **COMMUNITY-BUILDING**, we seek to live out our commitment to be the presence of the Lord in our parish and in the world.

This past Monday, we entered once again into the season of the liturgical year that we call Ordinary Time, named as such because each Sunday is numbered, coming from the Latin word *ordinus*. These weeks between Christmas and Lent and again between Pentecost and Advent do not focus on one specific aspect of the life and work of the Lord. Rather they seek to look at the many and marvelous ways in which the Lord continues to be present to us.

In the St. Andrew Bible Missal, we read the following:

*We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday.*

*Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week, the Lord of Life was raised up...How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever. What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens, as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday... is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom.*

The Second Vatican Council expressed that last line similarly when it said that the Sunday Eucharist is the source and summit of all that we do. All of our thoughts, words and actions in a given week are focused on the Eucharist on the Sunday to come. And, at the same time, the Eucharist becomes the source of all that we will do in the week to come.

We hope and pray that our parish families will seek to develop ways in which we can make Sunday special. It may be the ways in which we gather as families, the activities we do **together** and not separated into so many different parts. **If we are going to proclaim by who were are as followers of the Lord, we need to ensure that the day of his resurrection, the day when the Spirit came upon the Church, the day when creation began is no ordinary day. It is our day – it is Sunday.**

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

For the 2009 AAA, the Office of Development for the Archdiocese of Newark reduced our goal since we are in the redemption phase of our Capital Campaign. The pledges made to the 2009 AAA by families of St. Mary's allowed us to receive a rebate check from the archdiocese recently in the amount of \$4,905.00. We thank every family who made a pledge to the 2009 AAA. **Our goal for the 2010 AAA is \$37,558.00.** Once again this year, the archdiocese has reduced our goal significantly – approximately 50% - since we are continuing in the redemption phase of our own campaign. We will soon be sending out letters to our families, asking those families who can to make a pledge to the AAA. Whatever you are able to do, thanks for your ongoing generosity to the AAA and our own campaign.

**Offerings Still Available**

Bread and Wine - Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 21, & 28.  
Sanctuary Lamp - Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28.

**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. 9 & 10	\$9,583.00
Total for same weekend in 2009	\$7,361.00
<b>From our children's weekly envelops last weekend - \$11.00</b>	
Campaign donations received thus far in December	\$16,366.94

Here are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

"I helped Grandma with my baby brother." "I helped Daddy."  
"I helped clean with Mommy." "I cleaned my room."  
"I helped a friend at school play with other kids."  
"I helped my mom when she wasn't feeling well."

"To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan, helping to do his work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the God planned for you, no one else can do it.

**Ministry – Prayer Chain**

In our own lives, there are times when we have asked the prayers of others or they have asked us to pray for them. This kind of prayer is good because it helps us to realize that we are not alone in our need and it helps us to remember that there are people who are often in more difficult situations than we are. Prayer for others helps us to put life into a proper perspective. For that reason, we have a **Prayer Chain** in the parish. Parishioners have volunteered to spend time in prayer each day for those whose names they have received because they are in need of prayer. How does this prayer chain start? It's very simple – people call the rectory and tell us the name of someone who needs prayer for any reason. Our secretaries then call the first person on the chain, they call the second, and the prayer chain continues. There is a whole host of people praying for that person. **Now the question – do you have the time each day to pray for someone else in need? If yes, become a part of our Prayer Chain. Call the rectory and tell one of the secretaries that you want to be a prayer, a person who prays for others each day.**

**Tithing the Tithe – 2009**

For the month of December, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,252.00 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 - \$278.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$278.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$278.00
- Emergency Fund - \$418.00

**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.

**2011 Mass Book**

The Mass book for 2011 will open on **Monday, March 15, at 9:00 AM.** We will soon be receiving requests for when Masses will be available for 2011, so we wanted our parishioners to know ahead of time.

**Correct parking in the upper lot**

As was announced last weekend, parishioners are required to park within the lines designated as a parking space. The white lines mark parking spaces and blue lines designate spaces for parking for the disabled. **If you park any place else, especially where there are yellow lines, you are violating fire regulations and may receive a summons and fine.** Parishioners are requested to park only in the correct places.





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.

Monday and Tuesday PACT Program Parent Meetings

Weekday PACT parents attend one of the following: Monday, 02/01/10 at 7:00 pm Tuesday, 02/02/10 at 3:30 pm Monday, 02/08/10 at 7:00 pm Tuesday, 02/09/10 at 3:30 pm

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 religused@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.

Theology on Tap sessions

Sessions for Theology of Tap for young adults in the Bergen County area will be held on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 PM, on Jan. 20th & 27th at Carucci's Restaurant, 495 Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook. Go to the website for the Archdiocese of Newark - www.rcan.org - for more information.

Young Adult 2010 Retreat

A retreat, sponsored by the Young Adult Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for single and married young adults in their 20's & 30's, will be held from Jan. 29-31 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny. The retreat begins with Mass at 7:00 PM on Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$85.00 per person. Sometimes, life moves so quickly that we can barely keep pace. Come, join other young adults from the area as we seek to grow in faith and fellowship, to know God in our midst, the God of this city.

Feb. 13, 2010 - Let the Good Times Roll



On Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, our parish will have its first Mardi Gras celebration entitled Let the Good Times Roll. 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.

April 17, 2010 - Opening of our Anniversary Year

We will open our anniversary, commemorating the 50th anniversary of our church, on Saturday evening, April 17, 2010, at the 5:30 Mass. We are hoping that Bishop John Smith, the present bishop of Trenton and a former pastor of St. Mary's, will be able to join us that evening. Following the Mass that evening, we will have a Cocktail Reception in Szelest Hall, from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. Please hold the date so that you can join in the festivities of the opening of our anniversary year.

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 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-probably around 7:00p

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

Sunday, February 28th - "YOUTHVEST": is the Archdiocesan Youth Rally designed for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS held at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. The Day includes a General Session Keynote Talk, Workshops on Teen Topics, Mini Keynote Talks, Prayer, Music, Mass and More!! You can view the flier at http://www.newarkoym.org/forms/Youthfest2010flier.pdf

WHAT WE HAVE DONE RECENTLY?



Part of our parish youth group went Christmas Caroling at the Franciscan Sisters Retirement Home in Tenafly on Sunday evening, December 20th. We also brought cookies, which youth group members baked for the Sisters. Once we arrived, we set up a piano in their chapel and sang for 45 minutes. Afterwards, we shared cookies, drinks, and conversations with the Sisters in their dining room.

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

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



Mario Christopher Armellino
Marielle Forames
Peter Thomas Kounouklos
Norah Kelly Savage

Knights of Columbus Events:

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.

Saturday January 30 - Basketball Free-throw Competition. Boys & girls ages 10-14 are eligible. 8:30AM at St. John's Conlon Hall. Contact Ivan Hannibal at 646-528-9592

Saturday January 30 - Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance - 7-11PM - Contact Charles Hollis at 201-387-9750 (Press #3) for reservations. \$27 per person.

Transfiguration Academy

We are holding our 4th Annual Big Breakfast as a Kick off to Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 31 at the Lower Campus, Conlon Hall in Bergenfield. Breakfast will be served following the 9:00 mass in St. John's until 12:00. Advance tickets are available at a cost of \$8.00 (at the door \$10.00) for adults and \$6.00 (at the door \$8.00) for Senior and Children. The Upper Campus in New Milford will be holding a Continental Breakfast following the 9:00AM mass in Ascension Church until 1:00PM. Please call the school offices, Bergenfield Campus 201-384-3627, New Milford Campus 201-836-7074 or Irene Sander 201-264-9258 for more information and to purchase advance tickets.

We are pleased to bring you "INTERNATIONAL NIGHT", Saturday February 6th, 6:30 - 10:00, St. John's Conlon Hall, Bergenfield. Come sample food from all over the world and be entertained by the children of the school. Admission to the event is \$10.00 for adults (\$15.00 at the door), \$8.00 for seniors and children 5 - 13 (\$11.00 at the door), children 4 and under free. Admission includes: an All You Can Eat International Buffet, Soda, International Coffee and Dessert. Beer and Wine will be available at an additional cost. Advanced tickets are available at the School offices, Lower Campus 201-384-3627, Upper Campus 201-836-7074 and the Rectories of St. Johns, St. Mary's and Ascension, or by calling Irene at 201-264-9258. Full tables of 8 or 10 are also available for purchase. Reserve your tickets early.