



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 3 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Robert A. Rosica
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Abbadessa Family
12 Noon	Dan Schettino
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 5 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Michael Joyce
8:45AM	Louise Del Blanco
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 6 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Paul and Jerome Smith
8:45AM	Dan and Kathleen Daly
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
7:00AM	Hughes Family
8:45AM	Rocco Conte
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 8 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Richard J. DeCourcy
8:45AM	Joseph Price
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct. 9 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Rene and Jasmin Cachuela (Living)
8:45AM	Robert A. Rosica
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 10 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Michael Walters
5:30PM	Lauro Abad
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	John and Margaret Joyce
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Rose Mary and Frank's Anniversary (Living)

### ***In Loving Memory***

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Paul DiPaola requested by Joan, Brian and Michael DiPaola.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dan Schettino requested by Sue Schettino.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Helen Oprandy, Joan Wiese and Anthony Palmieri.

#### **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.

Maureen Brownsell..Peter Ramzi..Marie Woehrle..Susan G. Klarer  
Ann Youngsworth..Debra Portillo..Marie McDermott..Bob Jackson  
Al Prisco

#### **Anointing Mass – Oct. 24**

On Saturday, Oct. 24, we will gather for our fall Anointing Mass at 11:00 AM in Szelest Hall. If you need a ride to the Anointing Mass, please call the rectory (201-384-0557) and let us know. We invite all of our parishioners in need of this sacrament to this wonderful celebration of God's healing, whether that need is due to sickness or age.

#### **Rita Blake Memorial Mass**

There will be a special Memorial Mass on Monday evening, Oct. 12, at 7:30 PM, in the upper church, for Rita Blake, a longtime parishioner of St. Mary. Those who knew Rita are welcome to attend this Memorial Mass.

#### **Monday, Oct. 12**

Our nation will celebrate Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 12. There will be one Mass that day at 9:00 AM and the parish office will be closed all day.



#### **Sunday – October 4**

9:00AM Altar & Rosary Communion Breakfast SFC  
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-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB  
1:30PM Blessing of the Animals behind the Rectory  
2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC  
Baptism

#### **Monday – October 5**

7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Angels UC/School

#### **Tuesday – October 6**

9:30AM Parents Group B05  
3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir  
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting & Installation of New Members LC/SFC

#### **Wednesday – October 7**

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 Confirmation Candidate, Parent & Sponsor Meeting UC  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

#### **Thursday – October 8**

10:00AM Senior Center Lottery SFC

#### **Friday – October 9**

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC  
7:30PM Yoga Class School's Basement

#### **Saturday – October 10**

#### **Sunday – October 11**

9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC  
11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room  
12:00PM Mass Full Communion Lynn Rosica UC  
2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC

#### **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.

#### **Appeal For Help –**

#### **Victims Of Typhoon Ondoy In The Philippines**

Over the weekend of Sept 26, Typhoon Ondoy (international name "Ketsana") hit the metropolitan area of Manila in the Philippines, releasing the largest amount of rainfall in almost half a century. In just 6 hours, it dumped more than twice the amount of rain that Katrina did in New Orleans in 2005. Typhoon Ondoy left 80 percent of Metropolitan Manila flooded, affecting nearly 2 million residents including half a million who were displaced. Many of these places were submerged under 20 feet of water. Death toll is over 300, and is expected to rise in the coming days. The Philippine government has declared a "state of emergency" in Metropolitan Manila, amidst fears of a possible spread of infectious diseases. The already critical situation could further get worse with two more tropical storms expected to hit the country in the next few days.

St Mary's Parish is responding to the international appeal for help in the relief efforts. Next weekend, Oct. 10-11, in every Mass, we will have a second collection for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy. All donations will be sent to a group we know in the Philippines directly working with people in the most affected areas. This will insure that our assistance will go to those who really need them the most. We ask for your generosity in responding to the appeal and in helping the relief efforts.



**My brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Although Oct. 4 is the traditional feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will not be celebrating his feast day this year since Oct. 4 is a Sunday and Sunday always takes precedence over the feast day of a saint. But it may be good to reflect for a moment on the life and the worldview of St. Francis because it most certainly speaks about issues in contemporary society.

To understand Francis, one must begin with the idea of conversion because that is exactly what happened to Francis. Born into a wealthy family, Francis had a somewhat carefree youth. He went to war and was taken prisoner by those against whom he fought. He became ill after his release and, shortly thereafter, he had a vision of Christ that changed his life drastically. He devoted himself to poverty, calling that virtue *Lady Poverty*. The renunciation of his wealth angered his father who disinherited him and his family and friends thought he had gone mad. He was subject to ridicule because he begged on behalf of the poor. However, his concern for those in need led others to follow in his footsteps and this ultimately led to the founding of the Franciscans.

Many of the stories that surround the life of Francis deal with his love for animals. Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates his view of nature is told in a collection of legends that sprang up after his death. It is said that, one day, while Francis was traveling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "...wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters, the birds." The birds surrounded him, drawn by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away.

Another legend has to do with a wolf that was terrorizing a village. Francis went up the hill to find the wolf and, when he did, he made the sign of the cross over the wolf and said to the animal: *Brother Wolf, you do much harm in these parts and you have done great evil. But, Brother Wolf, I would like to make peace between you and the people.* It was found that the wolf had killed the flocks and herds of the village because it was hungry. The townspeople began to feed the wolf regularly and, in return, the wolf would no longer prey on their flocks.

I said before that Francis has a lot to say to us today. His love of nature and all of creation comes at a time in our own history when people are asked to be more aware of the environment in which we live and to be concerned about our natural resources. We are becoming more concerned about not using animals for scientific research. We are clearly more focused on alleviating the plight of the poor and the needy, something, to which Francis devoted so much of his time and energy.

Francis may have lived in the 1200's, but he speaks loud and clear about the concern that we are all called to embrace, a concern for the poor, the needy, the environment and all of creation.

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**Bible Study Group Meets**

For those who have regularly attended our Bible study sessions and for any and all newcomers, our first gathering this year will be on Thursday evening, Oct. 22, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. Even though we have concluded the year dedicated to St. Paul, we will continue a look at his letters. The Scriptures are such a treasure as well as a key foundation of our faith. Even if you have never come before to our Bible Study, you are well to come and be with us on Oct. 22.

**St. John's Kitchen, Newark**

Our next time for service at St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark is Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. Team B will be the team serving that day. If you are out shopping and can pick up some white socks or backpacks, these are always needed. If you have good, used clothing that you would like to donate, please bring them to the rectory by Thursday, Oct. 8.

**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 September 26 & 27 \$9,174.00  
Total for same weekend in 2008 \$9,227.00  
Campaign donations received thus far in August \$16,159.94.

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 is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

- "I helped give my old clothes that didn't fit me anymore to a little kid."
- "I carried in groceries." "I played with my baby brother."
- "I was good in school." "I cleared the table after dinner."
- "I donated old clothes." "I washed dishes."
- "I helped my friend find her mom."
- "I cleaned up with mommy."

The children also contributed \$18.75 toward the support of St. Mary's.

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ – Amen, I say to you, they will surely not lose their reward." from the Gospel of St. Mark. The Lord's comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time. In Matthew's Gospel, we read: "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Our service and sacrifice to our parish and communities allow us to care for Jesus when he is hungry or thirsty or ill or in need.

**Ministry – Parish Ministries**

At the Last Supper, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: *Take and eat, this is my Body; take and drink, this is my Blood.* Today, we continue to do what Jesus did by offering those who come to Mass the Body and the Blood of the Lord. In order to be able to offer our parishioners both the Body and the Blood of the Lord, we need men and women – 18 years of age or older – to fulfill the ministry of **Special Ministers of Holy Communion**. This is especially true, as we announced a couple of weeks ago, at the 5:30 Mass. We offer a word of thanks and praise to God for raising up men and women who will minister the Eucharist reverently so that all who come to worship with us can share in the Lord's Body and Blood. **Please consider the Lord's call to service as ministers of the Eucharist, sharing the strength of the Lord's Body and Blood.**

**Tithing the Tithe – 2009**

For the month of August, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,337.00 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 - \$297.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$297.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$297.00
- Emergency Fund - \$446.00

**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.





PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

PACT/Religious Education Opening Sessions

Our PACT/Religious Education program continues its opening sessions this week with the SAINTS groups. Remember! Religious Education is not an "extra-curricular" activity; it is curricular... part of what all Catholics do!

Confirmation Preparation CANDIDATE AND PARENT Meeting

Parents and candidates for Confirmation will meet next Wednesday October 7th, 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Church.

Catechist Update



Think about it!

Are you available to share your faith with children in our Tuesday after school, Monday evening, or Sunday morning programs? Thanks be to God and to the generosity of so many dedicated people at St. Mary's- we have had enough catechists to open our program doors. We are anticipating a few needs for our programs, especially for substitute catechists. Catechists use their time and talent in different settings to spread the Good News by leading groups of children, teens, and adults. If you think you can help us to help others by leading a group as a catechist, call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Catechist Certification

Catechesis With Children Course

Saturday. October 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Transfiguration Academy Celebrates Service

If my words are without action, then I am no more than a clanging bell...St. Paul

Locks of Love:

Crystal Villavicencio, a 7th grader, Alessandra Bontia, and Naria Zuluaga current 3rd graders, wanted to make other people happy. They sacrificed their beautiful, long hair in order to have it made into wigs for people who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer. We commend them for putting their values into positive action. Just for the record, none of these young ladies knew we were going to commend them for their actions. They donated their hair quietly and without any thought of reward, in the true Christian spirit.



Strides against Cancer:



On Sept. 27th, Mrs. Conklin, Pre-K3, (teacher not a student, LOL), walked to raise funds in the fight against Pancreatic Cancer.

On Oct.18th, teachers, administration and students will be taking part in a special event, as they walk to raise funds for research in the fight against cancer. The walk will be held at Bergen Community College. All who would like to join us for this event or wish to sponsor "Team Transfiguration" should contact their school office for information. Lower School: 201-384-3627 / Upper School: 201-836-7074.

Registration:

For more information or to register please call the following:

Lower School: Pre-K to Grade 4 201-384-3627

Upper School: Grades 5 to 8 201-836-7074

High School Entrance Exam

Eighth grade students interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2010 are reminded that the Cooperative Admissions Examination for participating high schools will be administered on Friday, Nov. 6, 2009. Application forms and handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic high schools and their admission requirements are available at the following website - www.coopexam.org or e-mail support@coopexam.org. If you have questions or to obtain a registration form, call 1-888-921-2667.

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

Sunday, October 4th - "SOCK SOCCER NIGHT!" Meet in the gym from 7:00 - 9:00p for Sock Soccer, pizza and 40 Days for Life talk.

Sunday, October 18th - "YOUTH RECOGNITION SUNDAY!" Each year, the Church sets aside one Sunday to appreciate the importance of active Youth Ministry to the vitality of a parish. It is also a day at which one youth and one adult are recognized for their outstanding contribution to SMYM over the years. This year, our adult winner is Fr. Bob and the teen winner is Katie Sylvester. We will honor them at the 10:00 Mass. Later in the day, we will go out to lunch and then proceed to the Cathedral Basilica in Newark for a 3:00 PM Mass at which they will receive their awards. If you want to come with us, please let us know.

Sunday, November 22nd - "DINNER & TALENT SHOW WITH MOVIE PREMIERE!" This evening takes place from 6:00 - 8:00p to raise money for our 2011 pilgrimages to World Youth Day & the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). We will serve a spaghetti and meatball dinner, followed by a talent show and premiere of our new movie "Christ Reigns." People of any age may participate in the talent show. The only requirement is that selections have a "spiritual" theme and are limited to three minutes. Please be prepared to perform your talent at our sign-up on Sunday, Nov 15th, from 7-9p in Szelest Hall. The cost of tickets is \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a child (5 & under are free).

Video From Prior Youth Ministry Events:

"KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR PARTY" http://www.tangle.com/view\_video?viewkey=c2ffbb9abbc4e886e77d

Internet Catholic Resources For Teens:

How do this week's readings affect my life?

http://disciplesnow.faithstreams.com/Home/Celebrate/tabid/19344/Default.aspx

What is the Christian Pop Song of the Week?

http://www.spiritandsong.com/articles/series/14086/current

Faith Questions? Need Answers?

http://disciplesnow.faithstreams.com/Home/OurLife/SinceYouAsked/tabid/20433/Default.aspx

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 email us at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

"You are Christ's disciples today. Shine his light upon this great city and beyond. Show the world the reason for the hope that resonates within you. Tell others about the truth that sets you free!" - Pope Benedict's Address to Youth in NYC.

High School/College Open Houses

We will again be listing Open Houses for high schools that send us information, requesting that we include it in our bulletin. We will repeat these dates and times to the extent that we have space in the bulletin..

1) Regis High School, 55 E. 84th St., New York - 212-288-1100 Open House - Mon., Oct. 12 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

2) Don Bosco Prep, 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey 201-327-8003, ext. 102

Open House - Nov. 1 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Garage and Bake Sale to Benefit the Needy

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters, 253 Knickerbocker Rd in Tenafly is having a garage and bake sale on Sunday, Oct. 18 and Monday, Oct. 19 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. All proceeds to benefit the Office of Concern at St. Cecilia, whose mission is to serve the area's needy - supplementing food, clothing and basic needs of life.

For more information about the sale or donating items in good condition, please call Sister Trinity at 201-568-0478