



Saturday	Oct. 10 - Vigil
5:30PM	Lauro Abad
Sunday	Oct. 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	John and Margaret Joyce
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Rose Mary and Frank's Anniversary (Living)
Monday	Oct. 12 - Weekday
9:00AM	Crocetta Pidi
Tuesday	Oct. 13 - Weekday
7:00AM	Brian Kilkenny
8:45AM	Concetta Esposito
Wednesday	Oct. 14 - Weekday
7:00AM	Special Intention
8:45AM	George R. Coberg
Thursday	Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus
7:00AM	Pilar Magno
8:45AM	Philip Rodin
Friday	Oct. 16 - Weekday
7:00AM	Edmundo Llaguno
8:45AM	Rod Conboy
Saturday	Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:30AM	Nathaniel Ryan Laya (Living)
5:30PM	Mary Plati
Sunday	Oct. 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Crocetta Pidi
10:00AM	Dalmacio Berja
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael Walters requested by his loving family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Frances Bishopp requested by her granddaughters.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners.

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..Woke Family

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.

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.

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

Monday – October 12

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Saints UC/School
7:30PM International Night Meeting RCA
Columbus Day (Observed)

Tuesday – October 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM Parents Group B05
3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesday – October 14

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-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – October 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting RCB

Friday – October 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM Yoga Class School's Basement
8:00PM YAM Y & YAM Center

Saturday – October 17

9:00AM-3:00PM Catechesis with Children Catechist Certification
Library/School
8:00PM-12:00Midnight Transfiguration's Band Night SH

Sunday – October 18

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Angels 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
2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC
Food Collection

Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

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.

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

On Thursday evening, Oct. 15, at 7:30 PM, our parish Liturgy Committee will meet. Members are asked to read over their materials in preparation for the coming season of Advent/Christmas.

Oct. 12 – Columbus Day

In observance of Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12, the parish office will be closed all day. Also, that day, we will have only one morning Mass at 9:00 AM in the lower church.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Monday, Oct. 12, our nation honors the man – Christopher Columbus - who is credited as the one who made possible bringing the Christian faith to the Americas. His story is truly a complex one.

Having sought financial support from a variety of nations in order to purchase the ships and provisions necessary for such a voyage, he ultimately was able to get such support from Spain, and so, sailed under the Spanish flag.

He was a man of tremendous courage and faith. At a time in world history when many navigators were extremely reluctant and tremendously fearful of sailing too far into the Atlantic Ocean, Columbus has the strength of his convictions and the willingness to journey where few had gone before him. Threatened with mutiny during the course of his voyage, his dreams were finally realized and he discovered a world that few Europeans had ever seen before.

His first landing was on an island in the present nation of the Bahamas and he would eventually land on what is today Cuba and the island of Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic). His first step on what is today the continent of South America was in present-day Venezuela. He would make a total of three voyages to what came to be called the New World. He always believed that he had reached what we now call the Far East, especially India. That is why Native Americans today are called *Indians*.

Columbus never did discover a western route to the Far East, but he did land on a part of the world that was virtually unknown to Europeans beforehand. That certainly had mixed results. It did bring wealth and prestige to many of the European nations, but it also brought disease, slavery and oppression to many of the native peoples. They had no immunity to the germs that Europeans carried. They were captured and forced to work as virtual slaves for those who came to the Americas from Europe. In some cases, their cultures were essentially wiped out.

We pray that nations have learned from past historical experiences and that we as a human race will always see the dignity found in other cultures. Hopefully, we will recognize the wonders found in the diversity that is so much a part of the human family. Our world history has seen more than its share of violence, slavery and oppression. To this day, we still experience the sad consequences when a lack of understanding and acceptance leads to conflicts. As we honor Columbus, who sought to discover other cultures and peoples, may we commit ourselves to honoring the various groups in our world whom we may still come to know.

Love,
Fr. Bob

Tri-Parish Advent Evening Prayer

The three parish choirs of St. Mary's, Ascension and St. John's will again present a celebration of Advent Evening Prayer on Sunday evening, Dec. 6, at 4:00 PM, here at St. Mary's. It may seem so far away, but we are hoping that, with sufficient notice, our parishioners will mark this wonderful prayer time in their calendars and join us. With the rush of the coming Christmas preparation, we sometimes forget that Advent is a time of prayerful preparation. **Please mark your calendars and plan on being with us.**

Nov. 2 – Remembrance Mass

On Monday evening, **Nov. 2, at 7:30 PM**, in the upper church, we will be having a special **Mass of Remembrance**, when we will pray in a particular way for those who have been buried from St. Mary's during the past year. We have invited the families of these men and women to gather with us that evening so that, through our celebration of the Eucharist, the Lord may once again console those who mourn. **We invite our parishioners to join us that evening and share in the consolation that God offers through us.**

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 October 3 & 4 \$10,501.00
Total for same weekend in 2008 \$9,985.00
Campaign donations received thus far in September \$14,711.11

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 someone.” “I talked with parents about lesson.”*
- “I helped my dad.” “I helped my mom & dad.”*
- “I cleaned my room.” “I cheered for my football team.”*
- “I said the rosary.” “I put together Bionicle for my brother.”*
- “I gave a toy to a friend.” “I made my baby brother happy.”*
- “I helped my daddy shop.” “I helped a hurt friend.”*
- “I helped my mom pick groceries.”...“I said my prayers.”*
- “I studied hard and got an A.”.. “I slept in my own bed.”*

The children also contributed \$17.38 toward the support of St. Mary's.

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” from the Gospel of St. Mark. These words of Jesus are so harsh that sometimes we are tempted to ignore them, thinking that he really could not have meant them. Yet, when our lives revolve around too many material possessions, it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God's beloved poor.

Ministry – Parish Ministries

We spoke in the last few bulletins about those who minister the Body and Blood of the Lord every time that we celebrate the Eucharist at daily Mass or at Sunday Mass. We also have men, women and teens who proclaim the word of God at Mass as well. They fulfill the ministry of **Reader**. Their love of the word of God and their willingness to proclaim that word allows all of us to hear the word when we gather for worship. The Church reminds us that when the word is proclaimed, it is Christ himself who proclaims it. The reader acts as the instrument of that proclamation. **If you believe that God is asking you to use your gift for proclaiming God's word at either Sunday or daily Mass, please see Fr. Bob, Fr. Raul or Kathy Sylvester and we will gratefully and happily prepare you for this ministry.**

Tithing the Tithe – 2009

For the month of September, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,202.00 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 - \$267.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$267.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$267.00
- Emergency Fund - \$401.00

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.

Save The Date!!!!

St. Mary's International Night is on Friday, November 6, 2009. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

PACT/Religious Education Weekday Parent Meetings

Parents of children in our Monday and Tuesday PACT programs are reminded of our Fall PACT Parent Meetings. The meeting is offered four times for your convenience, we begin in the Upper Church. Choose any one meeting to attend: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. - Oct. 19th or Oct. 26th Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. - Oct. 20th or Oct. 27th

First Penance and First Holy Communion

Parents who missed our opening meeting and whose children are scheduled to receive the sacraments this year may stop by the Religious Education Office this Monday, 10/12 at 8:15 p.m. or this Tuesday, 10/13 at 5:00 p.m. Remember! Religious Education/PACT and Catholic School children are not automatically signed up to prepare for the sacraments because they are a certain age or grade in school.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated by Bishop Edgar da Cunha here at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00 p.m. A candidate and parent meeting was held last week with a discussion of how preparation for the sacrament will take place. If you missed the meeting, please call (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org

Catechist Certification

Catechesis With Children Course

You need to R.S.V.P. in advance! Call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org. This Saturday, October 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Young Adult Ministry

Join us on Friday October 16th in the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Center for Friday night YAM at 8PM. This month, we will discuss current topics that Catholics should be aware of. There are so many...

For more information on Young Adult Ministry, contact Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859, email yam@stmarysdumont.org or visit us on the web at www.stmarysdumont.org/yam.

Transfiguration Academy

An Unsolicited Open Letter from a Graduate's Parent

When my daughter got home yesterday, she was talking a mile a minute about all her former teachers and bringing me up do date. So much of her heart is there (at Transfiguration) with everyone. Makes for a really good mix - she loves where she is and is so proud of where she's been!

I wanted to share this with you -- this past week she had her first CCD class - a Confirmation candidate -- so she's thrilled to be at her "old stomping grounds!"

I was there in my familiar parking lot to pick her up at the end of the night and the FIRST thing she said when she got in the car was, "Thank you for sending me to Transfiguration. It's so much better than the alternative."

While I know she has an edge in being prepared for religious studies, as it's been a part of her core curriculum since forever, it made me smile (inside and out) because she gets it! She is confident, content and eager to share what she has learned. It just made me feel very happy and proud that she realizes how much better off she is for having been a part of Transfiguration.

Strides against Cancer:

On Sept. 27th, Mrs. Conklin, Pre-K-3, (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.

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, Oct. 18th - "YOUTH RECOGNITION SUNDAY!" Each year, the Church sets aside one Sunday to appreciate the importance of Youth Ministry. It is also a day where one youth and one adult are recognized for their outstanding contributions to SMYM over the years. This year, our adult winner is Fr. Bob and our 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 where they will receive their awards. If you want to come with us, please let us know.

Sunday, Nov. 1st - "SIGN UP FOR DINNER & TALENT SHOW (See Nov 22nd below) & MAKE THANKSGIVING CARDS FOR PARISH HOMEBOUND" We need performers as well as help behind the scenes. People of any age may participate in the talent show. If you are going to perform a talent, the only requirement is that selections have a "spiritual" theme and are limited to three minutes. Please be prepared to perform your talent this evening. Meet in Szelest Hall (gym) from 7:00 - 9:00p.

Sunday, Nov. 8th: - "REEL YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL" (at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny): We will leave St. Mary's at 6:00p and return at 10:00p. This is a semi-formal event and our film as well as others will be premiered. Awards will be given out this night too!

Sunday, Nov. 15h: - "TALENT SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL": Szelest Hall 7-9p.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd - "DINNER & TALENT SHOW WITH MOVIE PREMIERE!" This evening takes place from 6:00 - 8:00p in Szelest Hall 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." The cost of tickets is \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a child (5 & under are free).

Video From last Week's Event:

http://www.tangle.com/view_video?viewkey=c2ffb9abbc4e886e77d

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 - Sun., Nov. 1 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM.
3) Paramus Catholic HS, 425 Paramus Rd, NJ 201-445-4466 Open House - Wed., Oct. 14 - 7:00-9:00PM

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.