



Saturday	Oct. 17 - Vigil
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
Monday	Oct. 19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
7:00AM	Emma Tomaino
8:45AM	Catherine Canonica
Tuesday	Oct. 20 - Weekday
7:00AM	Klarer and Jendrusak Families
8:45AM	Mary G.
Wednesday	Oct. 21 - Weekday
7:00AM	John Lindsell (Living)
8:45AM	Deceased Members of Renaghan Family
Thursday	Oct. 22 - Weekday
7:00AM	Aurora Boyle
8:45AM	John Tarabocchia
Friday	Oct. 23 - Weekday
7:00AM	James McMahon
8:45AM	Marco Sciarra
Saturday	Oct. 24 - Weekday
8:30AM	John and Margaret Joyce
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Oct. 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Oscar Pfeiffer
10:00AM	Joan Cole
12 Noon	Audrey Ward

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Mary Bertolini requested by her family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Crocetta Pidi requested by Walter and Dorothea Boettger.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Victoria Barbagallo, Irene Cardinale, and Sr. Margaret Maureen Hoffman. S.C.

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..Pat O'Connor..Alicia McMahon

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 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

Monday – October 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Angels & Parents UC/School
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting RCB

Tuesday – October 20

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

Wednesday – October 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM & 6:00PM First Penance Prep UC/School
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 Pastoral Council Meeting RCB
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – October 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Baptism Class SFC

Friday – October 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC
Set-up Fall Mass of Anointing SH

Saturday – October 24

11:00AM Fall Mass of Anointing SH

Sunday – October 25

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
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.

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 the Church. **Please remember to bring a framed photo of a loved one to church. These photos, as in the past, will be displayed in our area of remembrance during the month of November.**

Return to Standard Time



We return to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 1. Therefore, please remember to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on the evening of Oct. 31.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the Oct. 4th issue of the *Parade* magazine that is found in *The Record* each Sunday, there was an article entitled: *Has America Become More Spiritual?* For all the obvious reasons, I read the article with a great deal of interest since *the spiritual* is what my work is all about, even when that work is administrative. Articles such as these are always interesting to read. They give a lot of information, yet often have few conclusions. Perhaps that is not a bad thing since it allows everyone to draw their own conclusions from the information given.

The statistical data, which was given was interesting and bewildering at the same time. One goes from being uplifted because of a positive piece of information, and then you feel depressed because of something, which may be perceived as somewhat negative. This article was no different. It gave a lot of data, which is extremely positive, e.g., 69% of Americans believe in God and 75% believe that it is a parent's responsibility to give their children a religious upbringing. Then it gives some disturbing information, e.g., 1/3 of the people who identified themselves as religious were only minimally connected to traditional worship. In other words, only one-third went to their church or synagogue each week.

I found it intriguing that the author of this article thought that the piece of information I just gave was "...not good news for clergy." Isn't it bad news for the laity as well? Shouldn't all of us – clergy and laity alike - be concerned that only 1/3 of people who classify themselves as religious attend traditional services in their respective places of worship? Aren't we all in this together? I suspect that her reason, although not stated directly, for mentioning the clergy in particular may have something to do with financial support of a person's particular faith community. That, however, is only a guess on my part.

There was one piece of information that I found slightly more interesting, namely, that 24% of those who responded to this survey considered themselves spiritual but not religious. According to the author, this is a somewhat new classification. It would seem that people who are spiritual but not religious are those who believe in God, pray on a somewhat regular basis, live a moral life, yet seem to feel no need to have an ongoing connection with a faith community. I suspect that there are a number of Catholics who fit into this category as well as people from other faith traditions.

As I reflect on this article, I suppose that I can accuse myself of doing exactly what this author did, namely, giving information, yet drawing no conclusions. I do remember, however, the weekend after the 9/11 attacks in 2001. Our Sunday attendance at Mass that weekend was significantly higher. That lasted for a few weeks before we returned to the more usual number of people at Mass. Remember that saying – *there are no atheists in foxholes*. It seems as if traumatic events in our personal and communal lives bring us to a renewed visible connection with the Almighty. Sadly, that *burst of faith* seems to be somewhat short-lived.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the everyday people and events of life – our family members or co-workers, the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, the smile on a stranger's face, a kindness shown to us or by us – sparked within us and in others a desire to make sure that God is always recognized by us and recognizable in us?

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.**

**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 10 & 11	\$10,731.00
Total for same weekend in 2008	\$10,856.00
From our children's weekly envelopes -	\$20.00
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 my family." "I said my prayers."
- "I prayed with my mom." "I played with my baby brother."
- "I went to see my nana." "I helped someone."
- "I shared my stuff with my brother." "I helped my sister."
- "I helped my mom with the dishes."

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." from the Gospel of St. Mark. Jesus came on this earth to serve. Anyone who wishes to follow him must also be willing to give time, talent and treasure to serve God's people, just as Jesus gave his very life for us. True disciples are true stewards, giving service and sacrifice, just as Jesus taught us to do.

Ministry – Parish Ministries

Each month, we as a parish community are called to offer the consolation of God's peace to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one who is being buried from our church. A part of that consolation is a simple, loving gesture. Members of our parish community take a cake or something else to eat to the home of those who are grieving. It is far more than simply food – it is a way of saying that we care and that we are with you during this difficult time. ***If you feel that you would like to be a part of this ministry that seeks to touch the hearts of those who grieve, call the rectory and let us know and we will pass your name on to those who participate in this ministry of healing and care.***

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.

Visits to the homebound

We need to update our listing of our parishioners who are homebound and cannot get to church. If you are a Eucharistic minister who visits a homebound parishioner, please call the rectory and give us their name, address and telephone number. If you know a homebound parishioner who is not being visited to your best knowledge, please call the rectory and let us know. In either case, we want to ensure that these parishioners are being visited on a regular basis by one of the parish priests.



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

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 religious@stmarysdumont.org

Transfiguration Academy Wins Environmental Grant for the Second Year in a Row



For the second year in a row the Academy has been awarded an environmental grant from the Bergen County Utilities Authority. The \$1,000 grant was awarded in recognition of and to expand our recycling program. Going green is just another example of teaching our students the value of Stewardship by caring for the precious resources God has bestowed on all of us.

Catholic High School Entrance Exam Scheduled for Nov. 6th



All 8th grade students interested in attending Catholic High School in the fall must take the Cooperative Entrance Exam on November 6th. Public School students may register on-line at www.coopexam.org and selecting "Online Application Registration". The online application registration deadline is October 30th. The website can be accessed twenty-four hours a day. Payment of the non-refundable \$40 application fee must be completed by using a credit card at the time of the on-line 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

International Night on Friday, November 6, 2009, 6:30-10:30PM

We are inviting parishioners to celebrate our cultural diversity. Enjoy an evening of food, fun, music and dancing!! Tickets: \$7.00 per person FREE - children 5 & below (only 25 tickets are available) You can purchase tickets by calling the community leaders listed below or the rectory at 201-384-0557, Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 6:00PM.

Table with 3 columns: Community, Leaders, Phone #. Lists various ethnic groups and their contact information.

Don't be left out. If your community is not listed, call Malu at 201-387-9140 and join in the celebration. No tickets are available at the door. You have to purchase your ticket in advance and bring it that night. No one will be allowed in without a ticket.

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.

St. Joseph Regional High School - Montvale, NJ 201-391-3300 Open House - Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7:00-9:00P.M.

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. You can find spiritual music at www.omegarock.com or by listening to 99.1 FM.

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets

It is time to start collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets. We will need the following and we ask that if everyone brings one or two items between now and when we distribute the baskets on Nov. 20th, we will be able to fill the baskets:

Canned fruit, juice, instant potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, spaghetti sauce, tea, coffee, paper towels, toilet paper, soap, hot chocolate packets, baby food, and diapers. Most of all, if anyone can contribute a TURKEY please do so. Turkey can be brought to the Rectory and we will store them in our freezers.

Thanks again for your kind generosity. Let's help our neighbors so they will have a bountiful Thanksgiving.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Encounter is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones - and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make. If you would like more information about Marriage Encounter, call Sal & Sylvia Vassallo at 1-800-823-5683 or e-mail them at sylvia12@aol.com.