



This Week

Saturday	Nov. 7 - Vigil
5:30PM	Lena and James Fusco
Sunday	Nov. 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Fred Galasso
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Dr. Giulio C. Mondini
Monday	Nov. 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
7:00AM	Crocetta Pidi
8:45AM	Mary G.
Tuesday	Nov. 10 - Leo the Great
7:00AM	Peter A. Gatto
8:45AM	Judge Avelino R. Joaquin, Sr.
Wednesday	Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours
7:00AM	John Joseph Herlihy
8:45AM	Henry Schaf, Sr. and Frances G. Schaf
Thursday	Nov. 12 - St. Josaphat
7:00AM	De Andrea Family
8:45AM	Maureen Kostka (Living)
Friday	Nov. 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
7:00AM	Gladys Blumeling
8:45AM	Skutnik Family
Saturday	Nov. 14 - Weekday
8:30AM	Ryan Murphy
5:30PM	Martin O'Malley
Sunday	Nov. 15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Crocetta Pidi
10:00AM	Rocco Conte
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 Gertrudes Vilorio requested by the Vilorio Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Stanley W. Raffa requested by his sister Maria Raff.

The baskets of flowers in the sanctuary for this week is given in memory of Stanley W. Raffa (Brother) and Luigi Raffa (Father) requested by Maria Raffa.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Dominick D. Alba.

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..Susan G. Klarer..Joan O'Leary-Rella
Ann Youngsworth..Debra Portillo..Marie McDermott..Bob Jackson
Al Prisco..Woke Family..Pat O'Connor..Alicia McMahon..Mary M.
John R..Ann O'Neil..Anthony Matarazzo..Ben Zangoglia
Rose & Frank Farrell..Eileen O'Leary..Maria Cruz

Holy Hour – Nov. 15

On Sunday, Nov. 15, following the 12:00 Mass, we will have an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, remembering all those who have gone before us in faith and now rest in the eternal peace of the Kingdom of Heaven. We all have loved ones whom we miss and whose memory we always hold close to our hearts. This time of prayer is a wonderful way to remember them, to pray for them and to rejoice in the knowledge that they now share in God's loving embrace. **Please join us that day and receive the gift of God's consolation.**

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.

Sunday – Nov. 8

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room
Baptism
Food Collection

Monday – Nov. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School

Tuesday – Nov. 10

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 – Nov. 11

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 Finance Council Meeting RCB
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Veterans Day

Thursday – Nov. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Baptism Class SFC
7:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting RCB
7:00PM-9:00PM Transfiguration's Basketball SH

Friday – Nov. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM Women's Spirituality Group Youth Room
7:30PM-8:45PM Yoga Class School Basement
8:00PM-9:30PM Men's Spirituality Evening SFC

Saturday – Nov. 14

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
9:00AM-12:00PM Protecting God's Children SFC/RCB

Sunday – Nov. 15

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Angels Session School
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
3:00PM-8:00PM PALAD's Thanksgiving Prayer UC & Fellowship SH

Women's Spirituality Group

Study books on Mary are available in the parish office. Due to conflicts, the group will meet on two dates, Nov. 13 or Nov. 20. The same material will be covered in both sessions – so come to the session that is most convenient for you.

On Nov. 13 we will meet in the youth room (which is right down the hall from the Spiritual Formation center.) On Nov. 20 we will meet in the spiritual formation center.

Men's Spirituality Evening

We are happy to announce that we are going to have our first evening for the men of our parish to come and to spend some time together praying and sharing their faith with one another. The evening will take place on Friday evening, **Nov. 13, from 8:00 – 9:30 PM**, in the Spiritual Formation Center in the basement of the school. **Tom Connelly**, one of the men of St. Mary's, will speak on **Finding Strength and Healing through Community**. We will begin with prayer, listen to Tom's reflection, spend time sharing our thoughts, and, lastly, share the fellowship of being with one another. **Men of St. Mary's – please consider coming that evening to spend some time with other men of the parish. It can also be a wonderful way to get to know more of the men with whom we share faith.** There is no reason to sign up. All you have to do is show up.

Meetings this week

Our parish Finance Council will meet this Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. Our parish Liturgy Committee will meet this Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 PM, also in the rectory.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you remember **mite boxes**? They were those little containers that we used to receive years ago right before Lent began. We were asked to make sacrifices – to give up something during Lent - and then put the value of that sacrifice into the mite box. At the end of the season of Lent, we would hand the mite boxes in and the parish would use it for different needs. The Gospel that we hear today tells us the story that forms the basis of the mite box, namely, the widow's mite, the money that she puts into the temple treasury as she enters to pray.

This brings to mind a story that a nun that I had in grammar school – Blessed Sacrament in East Orange – told my family when we went to her father's wake to offer our condolences. She related how she grew up during the depression. Like so many other families, her family struggled through those difficult years, especially since her father was out of work. One Sunday, when her father went to Mass, the ushers came around to take up the collection. As I recall what she told us, her father literally had one dollar left in his wallet. As he put that last dollar into the collection basket, he said to God: **I'm giving you my last dollar. Now you have to take care of my family.** She then told us that, the next day, her father got a telephone call, offering him a job.

I guess that people will look at this true story in different ways. Some might say that he was very careless, that he could have used that last dollar to buy what his family needed. Others might think that he was a very trusting man, but that they could never bring themselves to do what he did. Still others could pose the question: Did he bother to discuss with his wife and family what he was going to do or did he just decide to do this on his own?

I did not know this gentleman. However, when I heard that story, I remember having mixed emotions. Was he really foolish, playing with his family's needs? Was he trying to bargain with God – giving his last dollar in exchange for a job? I know now that I envy that man. He had a lot more trust than I think I would ever have had as I been in that situation. And I don't think he was naïve or careless. I think that he was a man who was fortunate. Why? Because he was filled with a level of trust that many of us can only hope to have. He was not afraid to take a chance when it came to God. He knew in his heart that God would never let him down.

This man is really a modern day version of the widow in the Gospel passage today. Like him, she gave, not from the extra that she had saved or stored away, but from what she needed to survive. Some may say that she was foolish or naïve, but the Lord clearly saw her as a person to be admired. She was willing to give, as the Gospel tells us, from her want, not from her surplus.

It is always necessary that we need to plan ahead and to ensure, as best we can in these uncertain times, that we will have enough for the future or even for the present, when things become somewhat precarious. The question that today Gospel passage places before us have to do with where God is in the midst of all these plans. Do we see ourselves as the sole source of all that we need to prepare for the future? Do we believe that God cares for us or is it me and no one else who will provide for my family and me?

We always have to determine a healthy balance. I like to call it a partnership between God and us. To believe that we have to take care of ourselves completely with no help from God may border on the sin of despair. To rely on God to the point that we make no effort at all to provide for our needs and those of our family is close to presumption. The bottom line is this – God will always give us what we need even though we may not always have what we want. **God provides the guidance, the grace. We provide effort.** When we put the two together – God's grace and our effort – we will always have whatever we need.

Love,
Fr. Bob

St. John's, Newark

Our parish volunteers will once again be going to the St. John's Food Kitchen on Friday, Nov. 13, to prepare and serve a meal to the hungry who are in need. **That day, Team C will be the team going to Newark. Please** – right now, we have so many clothes that have already been donated that we cannot take everything with us that we presently have. We can always use more of two items – **white socks and backpacks.** If you can bring those to the rectory, that will really help 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 Oct. 31 & Nov. 1	\$8,715.00
Total for same weekend in 2008	\$9,920.00
From our children's weekly envelopes -	\$9.25
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.

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| <i>“I helped a friend.”</i> | <i>“I cleaned up my toys.”</i> |
| <i>“I helped my dad.”</i> | <i>“I washed the dishes.”</i> |
| <i>“I helped my grandmother.”</i> | <i>“I cleaned my room.”</i> |
| <i>“I helped a kid in my class to find a word in the dictionary.”</i> | |

“I say to you – this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” from the Gospel of St. Matthew. Notice that, in the story of the widow's mite, Jesus did not reach into the treasury box and give back the coins to the widow. If he did not exempt her from giving, surely he expects each of us to share what we have to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and promote the work of the Church here on earth.

Ministry – Parish Ministries

Our parish children who are in second grade in different schools have been meeting on Wednesday afternoon with our parish catechists to prepare for the celebration of First Penance by those children. They meet each week to learn about this wonderful sacrament of healing so that, when they celebrate First Penance on Saturday, Dec. 5, they will already know how much they are loved by God and how God shows that love to them in a very special way in the sacrament of Penance. *We thank our parish catechists who work with our second graders so that these children, whom the Lord has entrusted to our care, will know how much God loves them as he forgives them. In the next several weeks, please pray for these children, their parents and families and our parish catechists. You can work with children as they prepare for the sacraments that they will be celebrating this year. Call our Religious Education Office – 201-384-3062 – if you would like to help with these programs.*

Tithing the Tithes – 2009

For the month of October, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,179.00 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 - \$262.00
 St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$262.00
 Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$262.00
 Emergency Fund - \$393.00

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.

Poverty in America

If we haven't felt the pain of a job loss, salary freeze, or health-care benefit reduction, there are families who have. Where once we might have seen the poverty line as something we'd never cross in our lifetimes, we now see how easily it can loom too close for comfort. For more than 37 million Americans, this struggle is nothing new. Among the numbers are families who have recently found themselves one health scare or one downsizing away from the poverty line. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works alongside poor and low-income people to identify their needs and create long-lasting change. CCHD has lifted millions of Americans above the poverty through the support of American Catholics. **The collection for CCHD will be taken on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 21/22. We ask your support so fewer people will live in poverty.**



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

PACT/Religious Education

PACT families are reminded to contact the office when contact information such as cell phones or e-mail addresses change. Call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org

First Penance and First Holy Communion

There are two remaining First Penance Preparation Sessions, November 11th and 18th. Check your child's preparation letter for more details. First Penance will be celebrated Saturday, December 5th.

Confirmation

Candidate information and registration forms are past due. Remember! No one is automatically signed up to prepare for the sacraments because they are a certain age or grade in school.

Catechist Certification Opportunities

We are offering many different opportunities for catechist certification this year. It is important to keep updated and learn new tips for helping our children (and teens and adults) to grow in faith. We have received a notice that two different opportunities are being offered for Methodology Certification (Usually the 2nd level after Basic Certification):

Fulfill your requirements for the Methodology Level of Catechist Certification all in one day. In the full day workshop you will examine and discuss various theories of development by psychologists such as Piaget, Kohlberg, Erikson, Fowler and Westerhoff. You will also be exposed to the unique characteristics of the grade level child you catechize as well as appropriate activities to be used in your catechetical setting. \$40 per person (St. Mary's will cover this cost for our catechists) Registration Deadline: One week before session. Call the PACT/Religious Education office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.

Choose one (workshops are from 9 am to 3 pm):

November 14, 2009 at Queen of Peace, Maywood
December 5, 2009 at Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights.

Transfiguration Academy - Pre-K-2+, Pre-K-3, Pre-K-4

If you are looking for a pre-K program for your young children, we would like to suggest that you look into the Early Childhood Program at Transfiguration Academy, our co-sponsored school. Brochures are at the doors of the church. Please take one home with you.

For your information, following are the tuition rates for the present 2009-2010 school year:

Full day: 5 days - \$4,500; 4 days - \$4,000; 3 days - \$3,300;
Half day: 5 days - \$2,700; 4 days - \$2,200; 3 days - \$2,100.
Registration fee - \$170.00.

While the tuition rates for the 2010-2011 school year have yet to be determined, this information will give at least an idea of this year's tuition rates.

Our Trip to Lancaster Is Set

We are going to the Living Waters Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009. We will be seeing the show Voices of Christmas, a 90-minute presentation of Christmas hymns, dances, colorful costumes and thought-provoking stories. This theater is part of Sight & Sound where we have gone before to see their Christmas and Easter shows. The cost of the trip will be \$91.25 person, ages 13 years and up & \$59.00 per person, ages 3-12. The cost includes: 1) round-trip motor coach transportation; 2) a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village; 3) a reserved seat for the 2:00 PM performance of Voices of Christmas; 4) dinner at Good 'N Plenty Restaurant, including the tax and gratuity for dinner. We will leave St. Mary's at 7:15 AM and return at 9:30 PM. The deadline for reserving a seat and bringing in the cost of the trip is Sunday, Nov. 15.

St. Mary's Gym Open Again for Basketball!!!

Once again, we are opening basketball to all parishioners of St. Mary's only starting Tuesday, Nov. 17. Games will be played every Tuesdays and Fridays. The schedule of plays will be 6:00pm-7:30pm 18yrs and below; 7:30pm-9:00pm 19yrs and above.

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

WREATH & CEMETARY BLANKET SALE:

We are once again selling wreaths and grave blankets to raise money for our 2011 pilgrimages to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain & National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN. The decorated cemetery blankets are \$26, decorated wreaths are \$21, and undecorated wreaths are \$12. Orders, which can be placed at the parish office, must be submitted by Tuesday, November 24th and should be available for pickup Sunday, December 6th.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

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 6:30-8:30p (This is a NEW time)..

Sunday, Nov. 22nd - "DINNER & TALENT SHOW WITH MOVIE PREMIERE!" This evening takes place from 6:00 - 8:30p 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). Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office in the rectory.

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.

PALAD Corner

To All Filipino Parishioners: as a sign of solidarity with our families, relatives and friends who have been deeply affected by Typhoon Ondoy (and Pepeng) in the Philippines, there will be an afternoon of Panalangin at Pasasalamat (Prayer and Thanksgiving) on Sunday, November 15. The celebration will begin with Holy Mass at 3:00 pm in the Upper Church, followed immediately by fellowship and potluck at Szelest Hall.

In order for us to plan and prepare for the salo-salo, please confirm if you are coming by calling any of the following: St Mary's Rectory (201-384-0557); Tony Abad (201-244-5774); Lorena Lo (201-338-2734); Lito Bautista (201-387-1143).

Archdiocesan Announcement

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious sisters and brothers and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of any act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Health Care Issue

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic Bishops of the United States strong support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

Linen Schedule for the Month of November:

11/15 Roz Callahan 11/22 Madelyn Kerner 11/29 Eileen Moloney

Annual "Blue" Mass - Nov. 12

The annual Mass for Law Enforcement Personnel will be celebrated by Archbishop Myers at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 AM. All members of Law Enforcement Agencies, their families, friends and supporters are invited to attend. All those attending should be seated by 9:45 AM for the Presentation of the Colors.