



This Week

Saturday	Nov. 14 - Vigil
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
Monday	Nov. 16 - Weekday
7:00AM	Ann Reynolds
8:45AM	Bridie and Joe Simon
Tuesday	Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
7:00AM	Robert O'Shea
8:45AM	John Picinic
Wednesday	Nov. 18 - Weekday
7:00AM	Anatalia Laya
8:45AM	Salvatore Ficarra
Thursday	Nov. 19 - Weekday
7:00AM	Paul Scaccio
8:45AM	Czeslaw Gryszko
Friday	Nov. 20 - Weekday
7:00AM	Katherine Waldron
8:45AM	Robert Trennes
Saturday	Nov. 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM	Marino Garcia
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Nov. 22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
7:45AM	Beloved loved ones of Gamaro Family
10:00AM	Hecker and Nolan Families
12 Noon	Dr. Lilia Cipriano Gonzalez

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of O'Neill & Simon Families requested by Patrick & Anne O'Neill.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Thomas Uvenio requested by Maria Raffa.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, John J. D'Anna, Clayton A. Booth and John Neville..

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

Holy Hour – Nov. 15

This 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. 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

Monday – Nov. 16

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

Tuesday – Nov. 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM Parents Group B05
3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School
6:00PM-7:30PM Basketball 18yrs & below SH
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir
7:30PM-9:00PM Basketball 19yrs & above SH

Wednesday – Nov. 18

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-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Nov. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM-9:00PM Transfiguration's Basketball SH

Friday – Nov. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM & 6:00PM Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets LC
6:00PM-7:30PM Basketball 18yrs & below SH
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM Women's Spirituality Group Youth Room
7:30PM-9:00PM Basketball 19yrs & above SH

Saturday – Nov. 21

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Nov. 22

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Saints 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

Feast of Christ the King

Women's Spirituality Group

Study books on Mary are available in the parish office.

On Nov. 20, we will meet in the spiritual formation center. We will be covering the same material as Nov. 13

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.***

Thanksgiving Celebrations

The Dumont Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Avenue, north of St. Mary's, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, at 8:00 PM. Our parishioners are invited to join with members of the other congregations in the borough to offer thanks to the Lord. ***As a parish community, we will have Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 AM. We will bless bread at that liturgy which our parish families can take and share at their own Thanksgiving meals with their loved ones.***



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of our parish Social Life Committee for giving us such a wonderful evening on Friday, Nov. 6, at our annual **International Night**. There was so much that was terrific about it.

First, we had close to 300 people attending the festivities. The food that our parishioners prepared was not only incredibly delicious – there was a tremendous variety from so many different ethnic groups within the parish. And it wasn't only the main meal – it was the desserts as well. The plates we had just did not seem large enough to get a sample of everything. I had to go back a second time for more, something that, I have to tell you, I did not mind doing at all.

Once we finished the main meal, we had entertainment from the different ethnic groups – Italian opera, Irish step dancing as well as dancing by the Hispanic and Indian communities, and a Filipino song from one of our youngest parishioners. The children who were there also led us in singing *God Bless America*. It was a wonderful evening. People were talking to me about it days after it was held.

As I said, it was a great evening and one that showed the unity, which is ours as the family of St. Mary's. A community such as ours, which has such a great diversity of national backgrounds, could also be a community plagued by division; however, anyone who was with us that evening could not help but know that that diversity is a sign of our strength since we are united in celebrating who we are as a parish community.

Thanks to all those who prepared any part of a meal or who entertained us with song and dance. To the members of our Social Life Committee – thanks from the bottom of our hearts for giving us an evening of fun and an evening in which we could rejoice in who we are.

On a different note, our liturgical year is quickly drawing to a close. Next week, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, a day when we look to the Lord's return in glory. We are also heading into one of the most hectic times of our year. Our parish families will soon be gathering for Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones and then it is on to Advent and Christmas.

As we focus in our worship now and in the days to come on the day when the Lord will return in glory, may we do so with confidence and without fear. We can only do that when we use each day well and wisely in the service of the Lord and one another.

Love,
Fr. Bob

Advent Wreath Making

Any family interested in making advent wreath, we will be making them during PACT session on Nov. 22 in Szelest Hall at 8:45AM. Anyone is welcome to come.

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.**

PALAD Corner

Mark your calendar: **SIMBANG GABI** will be celebrated at St. Mary's on Friday, December 18th.

We are now forming various groups and teams of volunteers to assist in the preparation for the celebration. For example, help is needed in the casting of and rehearsals for the Nativity re-enactment and the entertainment program, in the dinner preparations, Szelest Hall setup and decoration, and many other tasks that make up for a successful Simbang Gabi celebration. No special skills necessary or required. If you are available to help, please call Tito at (201) 387-9140.

Altar & Rosary Christmas Party

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society's Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at The View on the Hudson, 7:00PM-11:00PM. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Payment must be in by Wednesday, Nov 25th.

For more information, contact Marie Bauer 201-384-0231.

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 Nov. 7 & 8	\$10,625.00
Total for same weekend in 2008	\$10,708.00
From our children's weekly envelopes -	\$
Campaign donations received thus far in October	\$20,239.28

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 a friend."*
- "I cleaned up my toys."*
- "I helped my dad."*
- "I washed the dishes."*
- "I helped my grandmother."*
- "I cleaned my room."*
- "I helped a kid in my class to find a word in the dictionary."*

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great glory and power." from the Gospel of St. Mark. Some people think that we should give until it hurts. However, true stewards give until it feels right. Our giving feels right when we know that we can stand before God when he comes in his glory and say to him, "Lord, I gave all that you asked me to give."

Ministry – Parish Ministries

One Sunday of each month, we as a faith community welcome new members into our family in the sacrament of Baptism. These infants are brought to the font of new life by their parents, who ask that their child(ren) be initiated into the Church. One of our staff members, Maryanne Miloscia, speaks with these parents when they contact the parish, she meets with them to help them better understand what the sacrament of Baptism is all about, and she also explains the great meaning that is found in the actual celebration of Baptism. Maryanne also works with parishioners who volunteer their time to go to the homes of these parents and speak with them about our celebration of Baptism. **If you would like to work with Maryanne in helping prepare couples for the Baptism of their child(ren), please call her at 201-384-0557 and she will welcome your participation in this ministry.**

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.

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



- Johanna Mulunesh Ciotti
- Luciano Muffoletto
- Olivia Rae Emanuel
- Luca Arevalo Rosen

Bible Study Session

We will gather on Monday evening, Dec. 7, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory, to continue our look at the letters of the New Testament, addressed to the early Christian communities. You are invited to join us, even if you have not come to Bible Study before. **All you have to do is to bring a love of the God's word and a Bible.**

2010 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available. The cost is \$3.00 for each missal.



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 religioised@stmarysdumont.org

First Penance



First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession will be celebrated with our young candidates on Saturday, December 5th. Parents should check their information letter for the time of the celebration. There is one remaining First Penance Preparation Session on November 18th.

Please pray for our candidates and their families as they approach the Lord asking for forgiveness that this may truly be a time of God's grace for our candidates, their families, and for our parish family. Pray also that we all may remember what we tell our candidates- that Jesus forgives us as soon as we are sorry for our sins!

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.

Priority of Religious Education



Parents are reminded that we no longer have a Religious Education program which meets every week. Since we come less frequently it is important not to schedule routine doctor appointments, extra-curricular activities, and other commitments during our PACT/Religious Education sessions. We rely on you to keep our program a success-, as we are Parents And Children Together at St. Mary's Religious Education.

Breakfast with Santa



Save the Date! Santa will be making a stop in Dumont on Saturday Dec 19th. It's a great opportunity to show Santa that you've been a good little boy or girl. Breakfast with Santa begins at 9AM and includes fruit, juice, bagels, munchkins, cereal, coffee and tea. There will be projects to keep the little ones busy while they wait for the arrival of our guest of honor. Admission is \$6 and children under 2 are free. Reservations are required.

Forms are available in the church, through the Religious Ed office or online at the parish website. Breakfast with Santa is sponsored by St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry. Questions? Contact Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859.

Our Trip to Lancaster Is Set

There are still seats available for our trip to the Living Waters Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on 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 this Sunday, Nov. 15.

Linen Schedule for the Month of November/December:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Rows include Nov. 22 Madelyn Kerner, Dec. 6 Margaret Kennedy, Dec. 20 Catherine Kelly, Nov. 29 Eileen Moloney, Dec. 13 Eileen O'Leary, Dec. 27 Mary Conboy.

Married Couples' Reflection Day

The Office of Family Life Ministries will hold A Day of Reflection for Married Couples on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, at Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley, NJ. Rev. John Gordon, the parochial vicar for Holy Family, will be the director for the day. The cost of \$95 per couple (in advance) includes lunch. For further information, please contact the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323. Pre-registration is required.

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. 15h: - "TALENT SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL": Szelest Hall 6:30-8:30p (This is a NEW time)..

Sunday, Nov. 22nd - "CHRIST REIGNS 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.

FEATURE ARTICLES:

"Our Church Home, Even in Death":

http://www.cny.org/archive/tdcolumn/tmd110509.htm

"Who are the faith heroes living among us today?":

http://disciplesnow.faithstreams.com

CHRISTIAN MUSIC & WEBSITES FOR TEENS:

R U Looking 4 Christian Music for Teens on the radio? Listen to 99.1 FM

R U Looking 4 a Catholic website for teens? Go to http://www.mycatholicvoice.com

What is NCYC? http://ncyc.nfcym.org/ncycpromo.htm

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.

We'll see you at Mass! Charlie & Lesa

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

The Giving Tree:



Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. Gift tags become available the weekend of November 21 & 22. If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Tom Ciotti at 201-385-7424 or Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

Knights of Columbus Events:

Sunday Nov 15 – Blood Drive at the Council Headquarters in coordination with Community Blood Services – 10AM to 1:30PM

Sunday Nov 29 – Corporate Communion at the SMA Mission – 8AM – followed by breakfast at the Council

Tuesday Dec 1 – Dumont Creche lighting – 8PM in front of Dumont Borough Hall.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM.