



Saturday	Dec. 26 - Vigil
5:30PM	William Ramm
Sunday	Dec. 27 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	John Hecker
12 Noon	Christopher L. Bishop
Monday	Dec. 28 - Holy Innocents
7:00AM	Klarer and Wade Families
8:45AM	David George Kay
Tuesday	Dec. 29 - 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	Richard Delia
Wednesday	Dec. 30 - 6th day in the Octave of Christmas
7:00AM	Vucci Family
8:45AM	Patrick Wade
Thursday	Dec. 31 - 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas
9:00AM	Frances G. Schaf
6:00PM	Aniello Schettino
Friday	Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas
	The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
9:00AM	Catherine, Cornelius, Anna and John Hoynes
11:00AM	Antonio Tarabocchia
Saturday	Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:30AM	Ann Theresa Herlihy
5:30PM	Annie and Florence Fitzgerald
Sunday	Jan. 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:45AM	Charlie McMorrow
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Helen and Herman Latz

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ann Theresa Herlihy requested by John R. Herlihy.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Aniello Schettino requested by The Schettino Family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Pauline Domanski, and Angelina J. Citino.

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..Barbara Fawcett
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..Hyde Family..Bob Jackson
Margherita Bonaldo..Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post

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, simple come to the church for 8:45 Mass or come once Mass is over.

Parish Office Schedule



We want parishioners to know that the parish office will be closed on Dec. 31, 2009 & Jan. 1, 2010.

Sunday – Dec. 27

**Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Solemnity of the Holy Family**

Monday – Dec. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Tuesday – Dec. 29

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:30AM Parents Group B05

Wednesday – Dec. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 31

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary UC
1:00PM-5:00PM Rectory Open House

New Year's Eve

Friday – Jan. 1

7:30PM Rosary for Peace UC
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

Saturday – Jan. 2

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC

Sunday – Jan. 3

1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB
Epiphany

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

6:00PM Vigil Mass

Friday, Jan. 1 New Year's Day

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Dec. 31 – Rectory Open House



Again this year, the priests are happy to invite our parishioners to an **Open House at the rectory on Dec. 31 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM**. Come and share a glass of wine or punch and some cheese and crackers. More importantly, come and wish one another all of God's blessings for 2010. **There is no need to respond – just come to the rectory, join your brothers and sisters of St. Mary's and wish one another the best of this festive time of year.**

Bible Study Session

Our next Bible study session will be on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. We will be looking at the letters to the Thessalonians, the letters to Timothy & Titus and the letter to Philemon. If you are going to join us that evening, you may want to read over these letters beforehand. All parishioners are welcome, whether or not you have been with us before. Just bring a Bible with you.

Hold the Date – Feb. 13, 2010

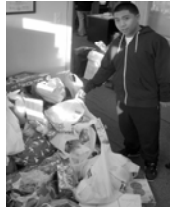
On Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, our parish will have its first **Mardi Gras** celebration. That night, we will have a beefsteak dinner and karaoke for entertainment. A beefsteak is strips of beef on toasted bread with French fries. The karaoke allows individuals or groups to go up on stage and sing. It's a lot of fun and a great evening. Right now, we just want everyone to hold the date – **Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.**

Hold this date, too – April 17, 2010

The year commemorating the 50th anniversary of our church will begin on **Saturday evening, April 17, 2010, at the 5:30 Mass**. We are hoping that Bishop John Smith, the present bishop of Trenton and a former pastor of St. Mary's, will be able to join us that evening. Following the Mass that evening, we will have a **Cocktail Reception in Szelest Hall, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM**. Please hold the date so that you can join in the festivities of the opening of our anniversary year.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates



PACT Advent Giving Project for Eva's Village

Thank you to all who participated in our PACT Advent Giving Project. The gifts were delivered Monday, 12/14/09. The gifts were much appreciated and the staff at Eva's is always impressed by the generosity of St. Mary's.

Confirmation



Candidates should be participating in service projects at this time. Check in around our bulletin for information about the projects such as "un-decorating" the Church, and other parish events. To help at Religious Education programs on Sunday, Tuesday,

Monday, or special Communion Preparation sessions coming up on Wednesdays, please call the Religious Education office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Service projects may also be worked on in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, aftercare programs, special needs programs, and other places where service is provided for those who need our help.

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 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.



The Transfiguration Academy is closed for Christmas Vacation.

We will re-open January 4th

A happy and safe Christmas Vacation to All

Hospital Privacy

As we announced at Mass, please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.

Health Care Reform Bill

On Nov. 7, the House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortion coverage. It is critical that the Senate adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment language on this issue. The amendment ensures that Americans are not forced to pay for the destruction of unborn children as part of needed health care reform. The Senate must address other essential moral priorities - conscience rights; making health coverage more affordable and accessible for this in need; and ensuring that immigrants do not lose or will not be denied health care coverage needed for the good of their families and the health of society. Contact Senate and House members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters. To send a pre-written instant e-mail to Congress, go the American bishops website - www.usccb.org/action. Call the U.S. Capital switchboard at 202-224-3121 or call your members' local offices. Full contact information can be found on members' websites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

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

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

Sunday, January 10th - "BASKETS FOR BABIES": (6:30 - 8:30p in Szelest Hall) We're sponsoring a basketball shooting contest for the teens, grades 7-12, of our parish in honor of the 37th March for Life on Jan 22nd, 2010. Shooters will be grouped by age and gender. The admission fee is \$5 and all proceeds will be distributed to a local pregnancy crisis center.

Sunday, January 24th - "WAY OF THE CROSS 2010 AUDITION & FRISBEE FOOTBALL": (6:30 - 8:30p in Spiritual Formation Center & Szelest Hall) The auditions will begin in the Spiritual Formation Center at 6:30p. Once a few people are done, we'll go upstairs to the gym and play Frisbee Football.

Sunday, January 31st - "WAY OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL #1": (6:30 - 8:30p)

We're Looking For A Few Good Young Men:

Currently, our Core Team, an advisory board of eight teens in grades 9-12, is comprised of seven young ladies and one young man. We want to expand it to 12, adding four young men. If you or someone you know would be interested, please let us know.

This Week's Feature Articles For Teens & Their Families:

"Thousands of Youths Converge on Kansas City to Celebrate Their Faith":

http://www.cny.org/archive/ld/ld9120309.htm

"Pray With Wonder & Awe":

http://www.cny.org/archive/tdcolumn/tmd121709.htm

Other Resources For Teens & Their Families:

R U Looking 4 Christian Music for Teens on the radio?

Listen to 99.1 FM

R U Looking4 a Catholic website for teens?

Go to http://www.mycatholicvoice.com

What else is happening at St. Mary's?

http://stmarysdumont.org/this-week.html

This Week's Reflection:

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

If you want to be removed from our email list, please reply, "UNSUBSCRIBE."

We'll see you at Mass! Charlie & Lesa

Knights of Columbus Events:

Thursday Dec 31 - New Year's Eve party - 8PM-1AM - This year, the New Year's Eve event is a buffet with a greater value at only \$39.95 per person. Setups & snacks included. DJ Rich will help us ring in the new year with gusto! Contact Bob Dondero at 201-387-2368 for reservations.

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

For more information about St. John's Council, contact Lou Pidi at 201-439-1985 or check out our website at www.kofc1345.org.

Plastic Shopping Bags Needed

Every second Friday of the month, we take to St. John's in Newark the plastic bags that people use when they go food shopping. These are used by those who come for a meal. They carry the meal away in the bags, often saving part of the meal for later. Many people simply throw these bags out, but we are asking for them. If you have any, please bring them either to the rectory or to church on Sunday and leave them in the ushers' room off the vestibule at the main doors of the church.