



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 6 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Frank and Dolores Scandiffio
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Jennie and Orazio Maldonato
10:00AM	James O'Shea, Jr.
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 8 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Sr. Margaret Maureen Hoffman
8:45AM	John and Eileen O'Neal
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 9 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Maria Luz Tubianosa
8:45AM	Deceased Members of the Cleary Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica</b>
7:00AM	Sr. Margaret Maureen Hoffman
8:45AM	Julia Horgan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 11 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Arthur Rudolph
8:45AM	Luigi Raffa
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 12 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Linda Rodino
8:45AM	Veronica Gorman
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 13 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Frances Joan Wiese
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Catherine Hoynes
10:00AM	Veronica Gorman
12 Noon	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hunter

**Sunday – Feb. 7**

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Angels Session LC/School  
 9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
 10:00AM Mass Rite of Acceptance UC  
 10:30AM-2:00PM Transfiguration's Bake Sale SH  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room  
 1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB  
 2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ (Mitch) SFC

**Monday – Feb. 8**

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

**Tuesday – Feb. 9**

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

**Wednesday – Feb. 10**

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

**Thursday – Feb. 11**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC  
 7:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting RCB

**Friday – Feb. 12**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 3:00PM Job Ministry Meeting School Library  
 6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH  
 7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC  
 3:00PM and on Set-up Mardi Gras SH

**Saturday – Feb. 13**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC  
 7:00PM-11:00PM Mardi Gras SH  
 Baptism

**Sunday – Feb. 14**

9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
 10:00AM Rite of Sending  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room  
 2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ (Mitch) SFC  
 Baptism

World Marriage Day

Gym Clean-up

**Valentine's Day****Our ministry at St. John's**

We will be going to St. John's in Newark on Friday, Feb. 12, to prepare and serve a meal for the hungry and homeless. **The special need there, especially in winter, is white socks.** Those who come for a meal need the socks to keep their feet warm and dry. **They also need back packs. Sadly, they need these simply to keep their possessions in them.** If you can help with these items – white socks and back packs - that would really do so much good.

**Feb. 13-14 – World Marriage Weekend**

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-14, we will be celebrating World Marriage Weekend and honoring the men and women of our parish who live each day the sacrament of marriage. That weekend, at all Masses, we will ask God's blessing on married couples and honor at each Mass the couple married the longest. We also will pray for those who have lost a spouse and who grieve that loss; we will pray for couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage; and we will pray for couples whose marriages have experienced the pain of separation or divorce.

**Bible Study Session**

Our next Bible study session will be on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. We will continue looking at the letters in the New Testament. All parishioners are welcome, whether or not you have been with us before. Just bring a Bible with you.

**In Loving Memory**

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of James Lydon requested by Patrick and Victoria Booth and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Vito Pidi requested by Joe Pidi.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Frank C. DeCesare and Baby Thomas Catania.

**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..Joan O'Leary-Rella..Margherita Bonaldo 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 Frank Farrell..Genevive DeVirgilis..Bob Jackson..John Canavan Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post..Larry Frisby..Carlos Cunha..Hyde Family

**Old Palms Wanted**

Please bring your old palms to the church or the rectory so we can burn them on Sunday, Feb. 14th following the 12:00Noon mass by the Rectory garage. Burning the palms will provide us ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

**Lenten Giving Tree**

**We will again have a Lenten Giving Tree this year.** As last year, we will have tags on the "tree" with items that are needed in the shelter we will assist. That shelter is dedicated to helping children living with AIDS. In order to honor their privacy and for the purposes of confidentiality, we cannot mention the address of the place we are helping. We can say that it is connected with the Archdiocese of Newark. The items that are needed will be: toothpaste, deodorant, soap, children's blankets, new sheets/blankets (twin size), new pots/pans/cookware, and school supplies/backpacks. **The tree will be up with the tags on it by the first Sunday of Lent, Feb. 21.**



**My brothers and sisters in Christ,**

If you get a chance to look at one of our parish calendars if you have one home, you will notice that there are two items listed on the calendar for this Sunday, Feb. 7. One is **World Day for Consecrated Life** and the other is **Boy Scout Sunday**. Although at first glance it may seem as if there is little connecting these two celebrations, further reflection may help us to see that, in fact, there is one significant connection, namely, that both acknowledge that people are called to serve their sisters and brothers in the world.

There may be a number of people who are unsure of what we mean by **consecrated life**. Simply put, it is the state of life in the Church where a man or a woman professes vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and *consecrates* their life to the service of God and the Church. These individuals are called by a number of names – brother, sister, nun, friar, monk. One other characteristic that marks their way of life is a commitment to live in a community with others who belong to their particular order or congregation.

The work in which they are involved also varies. Some are educators; others are in the medical profession; still others work with their hands as craftspeople or they work on the land; some are devoted to a life of contemplative prayer. Some have a religious habit while others have chosen to wear more everyday clothing.

Though their work or their clothing or the places where they live may differ, they are all called to live as Christ did – poor, chaste and obedient and living out the virtues found in the Gospel. They proclaim to the world by the very donation of their entire lives and by all that they have sacrificed that the message of the Gospel is possible to live each and every day.

I remember when I was a religious brother, living a consecrated life, we had a retreat one time where our vows were explained in very positive ways. The vow of poverty was not just about giving up the free use of money; it was about donating our talents to serve God's people. The vow of chastity or celibacy was not just about giving up the right to marry; it was donating our love, especially to those who were not always lovable. The vow of obedience was not only about giving up the right to do as I would like; it was about donating my free will in order to serve the needs of God's people. Years later, that concept of religious vows as *donation* has still stayed with me,

This Sunday, we also recognize the **Boy Scouts of America** and the **Girl Scouts** as well. For the past 100 years, young boys and girls have become part of an organization that seeks to help them to grow into healthy, mature adults, learning various life skills and realizing that they are called to be people who serve others. Scouting does teach a boy or girl to be self-reliant, but that self-reliance does not make them so independent that they fail to see that they are part of a larger community in which there are people who need their help.

We pray that scouting will always be a part of the fabric of the American way of life, offering boys and girls the chance to grow into a well-balanced adult who is willing to accept the responsibility of serving others in the communities where they live.

These two groups – men and women in consecrated life and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts – remind us all of the value of service. They challenge us to remember, both as Catholic Christians and as Americans, that meeting the needs of others is a valuable and vital part of our lives. It is something that we need to honor, not just one day a year, but every day of every year.

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**Relief for Haiti**

This past week, we send a check to Catholic Relief Services in the amount of \$13,286.00 for the Haitian relief effort. We know that many people have given to bring assistance to those so drastically affected by this natural disaster. Because of that, we are so gratefully to those who chosen to help those in Haiti through our collection for Catholic Relief Services. **Please – do not forget these men and women in the weeks to come. The relief is only beginning and there is still much that has to be done. They will continue to need emotional, spiritual and financial support.**

**2011 Mass Book**

The Mass book for 2011 will open on **Monday, March 15, at 9:00 AM**. We will soon be receiving requests for when Masses will be available for 2011, so we wanted our parishioners to know ahead of time.

**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 Jan. 30-31	\$9,093.00
Total for same weekend in 2009	\$10,328.00

**From our children's weekly envelopes last weekend - \$00**

Campaign donations received thus far in January \$32,669.05

*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 truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.*

**"In the store, someone dropped their things and I helped them to pick them up."**

**"I gave a classmate my YooHoo."**

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'Send me.'" from the book of the prophet Isaiah.** Every day – in little ways and big ways – God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is some to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am; send me."

**Ministry – Knitters & Crocheters**

This winter has been remarkably cold and we feel that whenever we step outside. However, we have coats or gloves or scarves or hats to keep us relatively warm. There are many who do not and a number of our parishioners seek to provide that warmth by making afghans that we give to those who need that warmth so desperately. These talented women meet each Wednesday evening in one of the rooms in the basement of the school and knit and crochet for others. If you are talented in that way, call the rectory and let us know and we will pass your name on to the group that knits and crochets. Not only do you get the change to help others, but you also get the chance to sit and chat with other women of the parish. Please contact the rectory and let us know if you would like to be a part of this group that provides warmth for others – 201-384-0557 or info@stmarysdumont.org.

**Tithing the Tithe – 2010**

For the month of January, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,427.00 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 - \$317.00
St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$317.00
Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$317.00
Emergency Fund - \$476.00

**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.*

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

There are brochures at the doors of the church for our co-sponsored school **Transfiguration Academy**. Brochures are available for both the pre-school program and for grades K-8. Please feel free to take a brochure and to call the school during this week – **Catholic Schools Week** – for an appointment with one of the school administrators or for an appointment to visit the school.

**Transfiguration Academy Bake Sale**

Transfiguration Academy's 8th Grade will be holding a bake sale Sunday, February 7th in Szelest Hall after the 10am and 12pm masses. Please come to support us and enjoy some treats and refreshments.

**Offerings Still Available**

Bread and Wine - March 7; April 18 & 25  
Sanctuary Lamp - Feb. 21; March 7,14, & 21; April 25





PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Monday and Tuesday PACT Program Parent Meetings

Weekday (Not Sunday) PACT parents attend one of the following: Monday, 02/08/10 at 7:00 pm Tuesday, 02/09/10 at 3:30 pm

OPERATION RICE BOWL



"Rice Bowls" are being distributed to all of our PACT/Religious Education children in time for our Lenten observance. Bowls will also be available in the church. Each Rice Bowl includes a free Lenten calendar. Rice Bowl participation has increased importance this year because of Catholic Relief Service's efforts in Haiti.

Confirmation



Save the date! Confirmation Retreat here at St. Mary's Saturday, February 27, 2010 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Candidates should be participating in service projects at this time. Check in around our bulletin for parish events and projects to help with.

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.

Young Adult Ministry

St. Mary's YAM is for men and women from college age, through their 20's and 30's. While this wide group of ages is at different stages of life, many of the same questions remain. Questions of faith, morality and that age-old question - why? As Lent approaches, YAM offers Friday Night Disciples on each Friday during Lent, starting February 19th.

Need a night out? St. John's Council Knights of Columbus in Dumont is hosting a Catholic Singles night on Friday February 12th from 8-11. For more information on Young Adult Ministry, contact Brian O'Dowd @ 201-385-2859 or email yam@stmarysdumont.org or visit the parish website.

Knights of Columbus Events:

Sunday, February 7 - Super Bowl Party - Doors open at 5PM. Cost is \$15 pp for advance reservations or \$20 per person at the door. Plenty of food and beverages. Call Steve @ 201-262-2764 for reservations.

Sunday Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Family Celebration - 1-5PM - Football wedding style, with gourmet heroes, sides and salads, hot & cold beverages, desserts, and chocolate! - \$15 per person, children under 10 are free. For reservations, call 201-387-9750, Press #3.

Feb. 13, 2010 - Let the Good Times Roll



The deadline for purchasing tickets for our Mardi Gras celebration is Monday, Feb. 8. Tickets will not be sold at the door on the day of the Mardi Gras. The Mardi Gras will take place on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, from 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Our theme is Let the Good Times Roll. We will have a beefsteak dinner and karaoke for entertainment. The beefsteak dinner will be provided by Nightingale's and will include: olives, etc. on the table along with family-style salad (to be refilled as needed), beefsteak and French fries, and ending with coffee/tea with ice cream and cakes.

Get Your Dancing Shoes Ready!!!



Beginning Thursday, Feb. 18, and every Thursday thereafter, St. Mary's is having ballroom dancing lessons at Szelest Hall from 7:30pm through 9:00pm. We will start with the basic steps for Latin Ballroom Dances for beginners. First few lessons are free! No need to register. Just come!

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

WHAT EVENTS ARE COMING UP FOR TEENS?

Sunday, February 7th - "CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD": (10:00 Mass) Often during the 10:00 Mass, children go to the lower church to experience the Liturgy of the Word in words they can understand. Our Core Team, youth ministry peer leaders, will help us preside this week

Sunday, February 14th - "WAY OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL": (6:30 - 8:30p) Upper Church

Sunday, February 21st - "WAY OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL": (6:30 - 8:30p) Upper Church

Sunday, February 28th - "YOUTHVEST": is the Archdiocesan Youth Rally held at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. The day includes a Keynote Talk, Workshops on Teen Topics, Prayer, Music, Mass and More!! You can view the flier at:

http://www.newarkoym.org/forms/Youthfest2010flier.pdf

Mrs. Labetti & Mrs. Valentino are chaperoning this trip. The registration deadline is Sunday, Feb 21.

What Have We Done Recently?



On Sunday, January 24th, we had our 2010 Way of The Cross auditions as well as open gym in Szelest Hall. Here is a picture of some of the teens who attended.

Did You Enjoy Our "Christ Reigns" Talent Show?

We are taking orders for DVD's of the event. Please bring a check for \$10 to the parish office to reserve your copy.

Want To Learn More?:

"From Why to How to Whom in Haiti":

http://www.cny.org/archive/tcdcolumn/tmd012810.htm

"Moving From Nazareth To Cana":

http://www.archny.org/media/homilies/Audio%20-%202001.31.10.mp3

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 e-mail us at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

We'll see you at Mass! Charlie & Lesa

Trip to Sight & Sound

We are looking into a trip to see the show Joseph at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, May 1, 2010. This new show is the Old Testament story of Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob. This story is about the young man who is given a multi-colored coat by his father, sold into slavery by his brothers, and winds up as the Pharaoh's right-hand man in Egypt. We do not have tickets yet, but wanted those who would be interested in going to know the possible day and date in advance.

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2010 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1.The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2.The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3.The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4.The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2010.

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.