



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 7—Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Vito Pidi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 8—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	John & Eileen O'Neill
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Ante Laurenza
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 9—Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Bridie & John Cleary
8:45AM	Giovani Morin
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 10—St. Scholastica</b>
7:00AM	James & Theresa Serafini
8:45AM	Arthur Rudolph
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 11—Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Arthur Rudolph
8:45AM	Veronica Gorman
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 12—Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Luigi Raffa
8:45AM	Deceased Members of Delmar Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 13—Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Gerald Brennan
8:45AM	Robert A. Rosica
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 14—Sts. Cyril and Methodius</b>
8:30AM	Catherine Hoynes
5:30PM	Christopher and Harriet Hunter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Pat & Frank Conboy
10:00AM	William Chambers
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

### In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Kenneth McGuinness requested by Eleanor and Arthur King.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of James Lydon requested by the Booth Family

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner William F. Tripptree.

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.

#### Old Palm Wanted

Please bring your old palm to the rectory so we can burn them for the distribution of ashes on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009.

#### 2010 Mass Book

The 2010 Mass book will open on Monday, March 30, 2009, at 9:00 AM. Please remember – for the week of March 30, each person coming in may request only 3 daily Masses, one Sunday Mass & one holyday Mass. This allows for everyone to select Masses equally for their loved ones

#### Disciples in Mission Faith Sharing Groups forming now!

Looking for a spiritual activity for Lent? Why not join a Disciples in Mission Faith Sharing Group or start a new group with some of your friends. These group meet once a week, during Lent, at private homes or in the rectory to reflect upon and discuss the Sunday readings. All materials are provided. If you would like to become involved, there are sign up forms at the doors of the Church or you can contact Maryanne Miloscia at the parish office.

This Week

#### Sunday – February 8

8:55AM Religious Ed PACT Saints Session LC/School  
9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room  
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC

#### Monday – February 9

4:15PM-5:30PM #1531 Brownie Meeting Cafeteria  
7:00PM Religious Ed PACT Saints Session & Parent Meeting UC/School

#### Tuesday – February 10

9:30AM Parents Group B10  
3:30PM Religious Ed PACT Saints Session & Parent Meeting UC/School  
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting Silent Auction SFC  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir Chapel  
6:30PM-9:30PM Basketball SH

#### Wednesday – February 11

4:00PM-6:00PM Children/Bell Choir Chapel/UC  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room  
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting RCB  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

#### Thursday – February 12

6:30PM-9:30PM Basketball SH  
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

#### Saturday – February 14

Food Collection  
**Valentine's Day**



#### Sunday – February 15

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC  
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Food Collection

#### Feeding the Hungry in Newark

This Friday, Feb. 13, a group of our parishioners will again be going to St. John's Parish in Newark to prepare and serve a meal to those who are hungry and need to be fed. Our custom has also been to bring warm clothing that has been brought to our parish office for us to take to St. John's. If you have good, warm clothing or white socks or back packs, please bring them to the rectory and we will take them to Newark. We all know how the bitter cold is affecting us and we have warm clothing. Please help us to keep those in need warm

#### Celebration of Marriage Weekend – Feb. 14-15



On Saturday, Feb. 14, society celebrates Valentine's Day. That weekend, Feb. 14-15, our parish will honor all married couples as we rejoice in our **Celebration of Marriage** weekend. At all Masses that weekend, we will invite married couples to renew their marriage vows, we will honor the couple married the longest at each Mass, and we will ask God to bless in a special way the couples who are with us at each Mass. We ask couples to come to the same Mass that weekend so that we can ask God's continued blessings on your married love.

#### Session 3 on St. Paul

Our third session focusing on the letters of St. Paul will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory basement. Those attending are asked to read part or all of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans as a way of preparing for the session. If you are attending, please bring a bible with you to the session

#### The following offerings are still available:

Bread & Wine – Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, & 22  
Sanctuary Lamp – Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 8, 15



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to offer a sincere word of thanks to the parishioners who spoke at our Masses last weekend regarding **Disciples in Mission**, the faith-sharing program that will be a crucial part of our Lenten time this year. Their participation in this program and their willingness to talk about the way in which this program has made an impact in their lives makes it that much more real for so many people.

I hope that many of our parishioners were able to take home the packets that were in the pews last weekend and that they now have a little better idea as to what this faith-sharing program is about. As at least one of the speakers mentioned, there is no obligation to speak at these sessions. There is no pressure to share your thoughts until you feel comfortable enough to do so.

This is the third and final year for this program at St. Mary's. For those who have participated, I know that it has been a wonderful experience and I am sure that they have gotten a lot out of it. I also know that groups where faith-sharing takes place can make some people feel uncomfortable. I hope that some people have found, as they listen to others share their thoughts and feelings that they are not alone in the questions or the concerns or the confusion that they sometimes may experience about their faith.

When you listen to other people speak of how they sometimes wonder if God is there or that they are angry because they or someone in their family is sick, it can help you to feel that you are not alone if you have had those same questions. The reverse is also true. We can get great support in knowing that another person has made it through a personal struggle because of their faith or that their faith has made such a joyful and significant difference in their lives.

There are many ways in which people can use the coming time of Lent and we will be sharing information about the ways in which we as a parish community will enter into this coming season of prayer and fasting and almsgiving. We hope that many of our parishioners will at least consider **Disciples in Mission** as one way in which they will make Lent a wonderful time to deepen their relationship with God and with others at St. Mary's.

Since we are talking about Lent, even though it is still 2-1/2 weeks away, **I really hope that more of our parishioners will take the opportunity to come to our SIMPLE SUPPER on the evening of Ash Wednesday, beginning at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria.** Ash Wednesday is dedicated to fasting and abstaining from meat and that supper is a wonderful way to do both. We are hoping to have with us that evening, Barbara Moran, the woman who coordinates the food kitchen at St. John's, Newark, where we go each month to prepare and serve a meal. We are hoping that she will be able to come and to share with us some of her experiences from the years she has given to this ministry.

May the Lord be with us as we move closer to the retreat time that Lent offer each of us.

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**St. Mary's Senior Residence Information**

We invite our parishioners to come up and to see the artist's rendition of the St. Mary's Senior Residence being built on our property. **Also, we heard that, although occupancy of those living there will take place in October 2009, the applications would not be available until June 2009, four months before the building is ready for occupancy.** If you have a question regarding the construction, please e-mail [info@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org) with your question and we will seek to get an answer as soon as possible. If we do not know the answer, we will do all that we can to find the answer. **Please pray for the ongoing success of the construction.**

**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. 31-Feb. 1, 2009 \$10,328.00  
Same weekend in 2008 \$10,594.00

**The true purpose of tithing is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you...for God."**

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Paul reminds us today in the second reading taken from his first letter to the Corinthians that his stewardship – his responsibility before God – is to preach the Gospel. He does so because the Gospel message has so touched his life that he had no choice – he has to preach. He has also become a servant to all people, not only to care for them in their need, but so that he may win them over by his generous response to them. **Just imagine – we can win people over to the Lord simply because we serve them in their need, something that we are asked to do by the Lord in any case. ...Fr. Bob**

**Time & Talent**

You hopefully have seen in last week's bulletin and again in this week's the notice indicating that we are re-establishing our **Respect Life Committee**. The role of this committee is to uphold and to support the Church's efforts as she seeks to protect all human life, from conception to natural death. That means that we not only do what we can to protect the unborn, but to ensure that others whose lives are in jeopardy are also supported. And so, we seek to help mothers who have had their children, to do what we can to end domestic violence, to let the homebound know that they are not forgotten, to support an end to the death penalty. These are all life issues and will be part of the work of this committee. If you believe that this is a work that God is calling you to do, call Fr. Bob (201-384-0557) or e-mail him at [frbob@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:frbob@stmarysdumont.org).

**Tithing the Tithe – 2008**

For the month of December, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,292.00 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 - \$287.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$287.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$287.00
- Emergency Fund - \$431.00

**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.*

**Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America**

Archbishop Myers and Bishop Flesey, the regional bishop of Bergen County, have asked us to invite parishioners to join in endorsing the **Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America** of Catholic Charities USA. This endorsement is easy to do. Simply go to their website as follows - [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty). We are going to designate a parishioner to be the contact person for this campaign and that will allow us to continue to give information on how we can end poverty in the United States.

**Divine Mercy Conference**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, at Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, New York. For information and registration, call 1-800 462-7426.

Serving in Iraq

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces, especially in Iraq or Afghanistan. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

- Christopher Iacobino Michael Whitford Michael Bianco
Brian Collins Alicia Newball Gerald J. Ferra, Jr.
James Markert James Phillips Kyle Zownir
Kristine Becker Donald Dickson Danny Hilsdorf
Edward Bryan Frago Angelica Peji John Paul McLaughlin
Joshua M LaBazzetta James R. Melady Robert Dellner
Walter F. Fawcett David Christopher Pierson Joe Shannon
Christopher Lynch Zane Campbel Christopher Kishbach
Robert Challener, Jr. Ryan Shireman Christian Baierwalter
Anthony Zangoglia Wayne Lawton Daniel Rosica

If you have a relative serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please call the rectory so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

Freedom of Choice Act

The material regarding the Freedom of Choice Act is still available at all the doors of the church. This act is pending legislation that will come before both houses of Congress in Washington. If this act is passed, it can reverse many of the pro-life steps enacted in the past, such as parental notification for minors seeking an abortion, a ban on partial-birth abortions, a waiting period before an abortion. This packet is still available at all the doors of the church and includes postcards to be sent to our representatives in Washington: Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Menendez and Congressman Scott Garrett. We ask our parish families to do whatever they can to ensure that legislation does not reduce legal protection for the unborn.

Respect Life Committee

We want to re-establish our Respect Life Committee at St. Mary's. We would like to meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 12 at 7:30 PM. There are some of our parishioners who were on the committee and may wish to be a member once again. You are more than welcome to do so. We also want to invite other parishioners who may not have been a previous member to be a part of this important parish committee. Please call the rectory and let us know if you wish to be a part of the Respect Life Committee. We want to ensure that we do all that we can for all life, from conception to natural death: for the unborn, the abused, the elderly, those condemned to die.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Because we as a parish are involved in our own capital campaign Realizing the Dream, we will not be having the usual video presentation on the weekend of Feb. 7-8 for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Rather each parish family is being sent a letter with an enclosed copy of an AAA brochure. We are asking each family to make their own decision as to whether or not they can pledge this year to the AAA. If they are choosing to make a pledge, the AAA pledge envelope can be placed in the Sunday collection or returned to the rectory office. Please note - because of our capital campaign, the Office of Development has reduced our 2009 parish goal. Our goal is \$34,144.00. This is one-half of what it normally would be. We sincerely thank any parish family who can see their way clear to making a pledge this year to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

I Love Lucy Night

On Friday evening, Feb. 13, at 7:30 PM, we will gather for another I Love Lucy night at the rectory and enjoy the comic antics of Lucy & Ricky, Fred and Ethel. Just bring a snack or a dessert that everyone can share. Come for an evening of good, clean fun!

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Easter Candy Sale is in progress. Brochures can be found at the doors of the church. We ask that you help support our efforts.

Campaign Information

This is the most recent information (as of Tuesday, February 3, 2009), regarding the income and expenses for our Capital Campaign Realizing the Dream. As good stewards, we seek to inform our parishioners who have pledged about the money that we are receiving on an ongoing basis and how that money is being spent.

\*\*As was announced last weekend, we have completed all repairs to the main church roof and we will be looking at the flat roofs over the sacristies to deal with water leaks on those roofs. Once the warmer weather returns, we will be looking into the cause and repair of the flooding in the lower church as well as repairs to the heating system in our school building.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total amount in pledges made (\$887,086.16), Number of families who have pledge (446), Average pledge per family (\$1,988.98), Cash collected thus far (\$289,061.82), Expenses paid thus far (\$119,382.36), and Cash on hand (\$169,679.46).

Pledges for one time donation are still gratefully accepted.

\*\*Explanation of Expenses

- 1) Total amount paid to Lynch Development Associates for Preliminary Feasibility Study, Actual Capital Campaign and costs related to both - \$86,881.36
2) Rectory roof repair - \$15,000.00
3) Church roof repair - \$17,501.00

Lynch Development Associates was the lowest of three bids that we received for the Feasibility and the Capital Campaign. This cost is approximately 9.8% of the total that has been pledged. That is less than the typical 10% that is projected for the cost of a Feasibility Study and a Capital Campaign.

Campaign Prayer

God of all goodness, in every generation, you gather your people together in peace and bind them as one in prayer, in community and in ser-vice. For almost one hundred years, you have united the people of St. Mary's as one parish family. We are men and women, adult and children, coming from the four corners of the earth, speaking different languages, yet bound together through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through your goodness and the generosity of those who have come before us, we have been blessed in our present home - our church - for almost fifty years.

Now is the time for us, the people of St. Mary's gathered at this time in our history, to ensure that what we have received from those before us may be preserved for those who will come after us. In prayer and in reflection, we now realize the greatness of your bounty and we accept the challenge of offering our time, our talent and our treasure so that we can preserve for future generations what we have been fortunate enough to receive from those who have built before us in faith and trust.

Send your Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be cheerful as we accept joyfully this next phase in the life of our parish. Help us to share a portion of our gifts, so that we, as a parish, may realize the dream and preserve for those who come after us what we have received in gratitude.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Celebrations

Once again this year, the Archdiocese of Newark will be honoring married couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year. These celebrations would be taking place at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark. If you are celebrating 50 years of Christian marriage, you are invited to go to the cathedral on June 7, 2009, at 3:00 PM, and if you are celebrating either 5 or 25 years of Christian marriage, you are invited to go to the cathedral on June 14, at 3:00 PM. If you interested in going to either of these celebrations, please contact our parish office since we need to send your names in ahead of time.



