



Saturday	Feb. 21—Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Feb. 22—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	James Bannon
10:00AM	Carmen Santiago
12 Noon	William Chambers
Monday	Feb. 23—St. Polycarp
7:00AM	Helen Klepacz
8:45AM	Angela Wilson
Tuesday	Feb. 24—Weekday
7:00AM	Charles Curran
8:45AM	Patricia A. Goodman
Wednesday	Feb. 25—Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Gerald Kenter
8:45AM	Bill Ramm
3:30PM	Service Only
7:30PM	Elizabeth O'Shea
Thursday	Feb. 26—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Irene Spina
8:45AM	John DeBenedictis
Friday	Feb. 27—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Erna Demeck
8:45AM	Joan Cole
Saturday	Feb. 28—Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Stella Conboy
5:30PM	Frank and Dolores Scandiffio
Sunday	March 1—First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Arthur Wegener
12 Noon	Julio Gonzalez

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased parishioners of St. Mary's.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased parishioners of St. Mary's.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Catherine DiPaola.

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.

Please pray for our sick:

Mary Rosenthal...Ben S...Rose Farrell...Fr. Michael Hansen
Baby Amelia Brooke Lombardo...Tamara Sanzari

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

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. 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.



Sunday – February 22

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
10:00AM Children's Choir
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room
12:00Noon Filipino Choir
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC
Baptism

Washington's Birthday

Monday – February 23

7:00PM Religious Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:00PM Burning of Palm Rectory Garage

Tuesday – February 24

9:30AM Parents Group B10
3:30PM Religious Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School
6:30PM-9:30PM Basketball SH
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir Chapel

Wednesday – February 25

6:00PM Simple Supper Cafeteria
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room

Ash Wednesday

Thursday – February 26

9:30AM Disciples in Mission (Jean P.) RCB

Friday – February 27

6:30PM-9:30PM Basketball SH
7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC
8:00PM YAM Meeting School Chapel

Saturday – February 28

10:30AM-6:30PM Confirmation Retreat UC/School

Sunday – February 29

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
10:00AM Rite of Sending
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room
1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD's EB Meeting RCB
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC

Burning of Palm

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we will burn the old palm on Monday evening, Feb. 23, at 7:00 PM, near the priests' garages. This will become the ashes we use on Ash Wednesday. If you have old palm and wish to bring it on Monday evening, simply come to the area near the garages or you may simply want to come for the burning of the old palm as we anticipate Ash Wednesday.

Simple Supper – Feb. 25 – 6:00 PM

On Wednesday evening, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria, our parish will sponsor a **Simple Supper** as a way of beginning the season of Lent and of entering into the spirit of sacrifice for the sake of others. This supper will consist of soup, bread, water/soda and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the children. Carol Trabert from River Edge, an 18-year volunteer at St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark, will be with us that evening to talk with us of her involvement with St. John's and the work that they do there. **Please join us for the Simple Supper. Please call the rectory and let us know if you are going to be with us.**

Session 3 on St. Paul

Thanks to all those who attended our latest session on the letters of St. Paul. It is our hope that, as we celebrate this Pauline Year and reflect on all that Paul has given us in his writings, we may come to a greater understanding of this first of the great Christian writers. **Our next session will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory.** If you are attending, please bring a bible with you to the session.

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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.

Sight and Sound Trip - Balance Due

Those going to see the Easter show Behold the Lamb on Saturday, March 28, 2009, are reminded that you need to be at the church parking lot that morning by 7:00 AM. We are scheduled to return to St. Mary's that day at 9:30 PM

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Each parish family should have received in the mail this past week information regarding the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As we have mentioned, we did not make a presentation last Sunday because we are involved in our own capital campaign. We are asking each family to make their own decision as to whether or not they can make a 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.

St. Mary's Senior Residence Information

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 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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2009 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, March 1, 2009 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 7, 2009.

*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.

Campaign Information

This is the most recent information (as of Tuesday, February 17, 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. Includes rows for Total amount in pledges made (\$887,086.16), Number of families who have pledged (446), Average pledge per family (\$1,988.98), Cash collected thus far (\$294,181.29), Expenses paid thus far (\$120,471.83), and Cash on hand (\$173,709.46).

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 - \$87,970.83
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

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.



