



Saturday	Feb. 27 - Vigil
5:30PM	Mildred and Ed Kostka
Sunday	Feb. 28 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Eduardo Carretas
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Conboy Family
Monday	March 1 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Maria Luz Tubianosa
8:45AM	Ann O'Neill (Living)
Tuesday	March 2 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	David Dunleavy
8:45AM	Anthony Tarabocchia
Wednesday	March 3 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	James and Theresa Serafini
8:45AM	Alfred Barone
7:30PM	Maureen Brownsell
Thursday	March 4 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Isabel Chacon
8:45AM	Joseph Przekop
Friday	March 5 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Marguerite Considine
8:45AM	Anna and Michael Mastriaco
Saturday	March 6 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Richard J. Lorenzo
5:30PM	Joseph and Mary Pric
Sunday	March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Jacqueline Wallstein
10:00AM	Margaret Lynch
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Edward Lane requested by his family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Edward Lane requested by his family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners.

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..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 Carl Cavera..Robert Truppe..Carole Chittenden

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.

Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

During this season of Lent St. Mary's will once again work at the New Jersey Food Bank in Hillside on **Sat., March 13th**. Anyone over the age of 12 (due to insurance regulations) may help in sorting food for use in food pantries throughout Northern New Jersey. We will be leaving St. Mary's at 8:00 and should be back around noon. As space is limited please contact John Sylvester at johns@stmarysdumont.org if you plan to participate.

This Week

Sunday – Feb. 28

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session LC/School
9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room

Monday – March 1

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:30PM PALAD's Disciples on the Journey RCA

Tuesday – March 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM Parents Group B05
3:30PM Rel Ed Angels Session / 5th Grade ACRE UC/School
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting - St. Patrick's Day SFC
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesday – March 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM-5:00PM Children's Choir Meeting Room School
4:00PM & 6:00PM FHC Catechist Meeting School Library
5:00PM-6:00PM Bell Choir UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters Youth Room
7:30PM FHC Parent Meeting UC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – March 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Taize Prayer UC
7:30PM - 9:00PM Ballroom Dancing SH

Friday – March 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM -10:00PM Pre-Cana School
7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC
8:00PM Friday Night Disciples y & YAM Center

Saturday – March 6

7:30AM Rosary LC
8:00AM-12:00PM Transfiguration's Pre-K Family Day SH

Sunday – March 7

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-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB
1:30PM-5:00PM Pre-Cana School

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.

St. Mary's Men's Group

Our parish Men's Spirituality Group will next meet on Friday evening, March 12, from 8:00 – 9:30 PM, in the meeting room next to the Religious Education office in our school building. All men of the parish are invited to attend, even if you have not been able to join us before. We spend some time in prayer, we listen to a presentation made by one of the members, and we spend time-sharing our thoughts with those with us. It's a pretty good way to spend 90 minutes together.

March 14 – St. Patrick's Mass – 10:00 AM

We wanted to announce that the **10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 14**, will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent and honor St. Patrick as well. Following the Mass, we will gather for a social in Szelest Hall. At that social, soda bread, donated by a parishioner, will be available for all to share. Also, our Altar & Rosary Society will have loaves of homemade soda bread for sale. The pipe band – *Clan Na Vale* - will be at Mass and at the social. We thank the parishioner who will provide the pipe band for us.

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



Thomas Joel Murphy
Trinity Rose Aufiero
Luke Thomas Walsh



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to share with you a passage from a sermon that was given centuries ago by one of the popes, St. Leo the Great. I believe that it speaks powerfully about the season of Lent, especially the quality of almsgiving.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and one another is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention...The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

I hope that what St. Leo the Great says will touch those who read it in this column as much as they have touched me. It is especially important to know that we do not all have to give alms in the exact same way – St. Leo reminds us that there are many excellent works of devotion. Nor do we have to give the same amount – the rich, the affluent, those of average means, and the poor are all able to play their part.

The Lord does not tell us an amount – the Lord simply asks to give to such an extent that those in need are cared for, are supported in that very need.

Love,
Fr. Bob

Lenten Giving Tree

Our **Lenten Giving Tree** is now in place. We have tags on the “tree” with items listed that are needed in the shelter we will support. 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.

Tri-Parish Lenten Sessions

As was mentioned in our Lenten calendar, we are going to have several sessions sponsored by the three parishes of St. Mary’s, St. John’s and Ascension. The first will be entitled **Caring for God’s Creation** and will be held on **Saturday, March 27, from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, at St. John’s in Bergenfield**. It will be led by Kay Furlani from the Office of Human Concerns of the Archdiocese of Newark and will focus on how we can take care of the earth, which is God’s gift to us. Please call our parish office – 201-384-0557 – and let us know if you would be attending this session.

April 17, 2010 – Opening of our Anniversary Year

We will open our anniversary, commemorating the 50th anniversary of our church, 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.

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 Feb. 20-21 \$9,872.00
 Total for same weekend in 2009 \$10,673.00
From our children’s weekly envelopes last weekend - \$17.00
 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.

- “I made a card for my Mom & Dad.”
- “I talked with parents about lesson.”
- “I helped my sister build a bionicle.”
- “I took my sister to the restroom.”
- “I made my mom breakfast.”
- “I surprised my mother and cleaned the house.”
- “I helped someone.”
- “I said my prayers.”
- “I helped my mom.”
- “I watched my brother.”

“I am the Lord you brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” from the book of Genesis. Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, he has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home that God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home that he has given to us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our treasure to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?

Ministry – Lenten Giving Tree

We have a variety of ministries of service and one is very visible right now in the church near the statue of St. Joseph. That ministry is reaching to an archdiocesan shelter with needed items, such as toiletries, laundry needs, gift cards to supermarkets. These are not so much gifts, but rather daily items that they need the same as we do. We can always use more people in this ministry, especially if we find that the need is greater than simply one shelter. If you want to assist in this ministry, call the rectory 201-384-0557 or e-mail us at 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.

Simple Supper Thank You!

Thank you to Chef David Cohen from Montammy Country Club for the delicious vegetable soup, and to parishioner, Dave Bauer for his famous tomato soup, which was shared in our annual Simple Supper on Ash Wednesday. We are very grateful to both of these wonderful chefs for preparing these soups for us as we begin our Lenten Season. Thanks also to all who contributed to our free will offering which totaled \$150.00. This money will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to help aide the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Confirmation



Candidates should be participating in service projects at this time. Check in around our Lenten Calendar, e-mails, and the 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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Parents of First Communion candidates will be meeting Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Church.



OPERATION RICE BOWL



"Rice Bowls" have been distributed to all of our PACT/Religious Education children in time for our Lenten observance. Bowls will also be available in the church beginning Ash Wednesday. Each Rice Bowl includes a free Lenten activity calendar. Rice Bowl participation has increased importance this year because of Catholic Relief Service's efforts in Haiti. For more information about ongoing efforts visit www.crs.org.

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. Sessions will be held in the Youth & Young Adult Center on the lower level of St. Mary's School. We'll try to answer some of your questions.

For more information on Young Adult Ministry, contact Brian O'Dowd @ 201-385-2859 or email yam@stmarysdumont.org or visit the parish website.

Transfiguration Academy

Registration for the 2010 /2011 School Year is open!

We would like to invite anyone interested in attending Transfiguration Academy in the fall to call our Lower School in Bergenfield (Pre K - 4th Grades) at 201-384-3627 and our Upper School in New Milford (5th - 8th Grades) at 201-836-7074. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances that make Transfiguration Academy a leader in educational excellence. We are now taking registration applications for the 2010-2011 school year.

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.

Altar and Rosary Society Activities

Candy: Easter Candy sale is in progress. Brochures can be found at the doors of the church. All orders are due on Tuesday, March 2nd. They can be dropped off at the rectory. We ask that you help support our efforts

Bread: Homemade Irish Soda Bread will be on sale after all masses on March 12th & 13th.

Retreat: All women of the parish are invited on a retreat April 30th-May 2nd at St. Alfonso's Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. Carpool is available. A \$50.00 deposit is required and the fee is \$175.00. Contact Rose O'Shea for more information at 201-385-8520.

The following offerings are still available

Bread and Wine - March 7; April 18 & 25
Sanctuary Lamp - March 7 & 14; April 25

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 28th - "WAY OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL": (6:30 - 8:30p) Upper Church

Saturday, March 13th - "FOODBANK": (8:00a - 12:00p). Our parish is going to the FoodBank (http://www.njfoodbank.org). If you want to go, email us by March 7.

Sunday, March 14th - "DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY": (6:00 - 6:30p) Upper Church

This is a Lenten small prayer group for teens. The topic is "God does not give up on anyone."

Sunday, March 14th - "WAY OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL": (6:00 - 8:30p) Upper Church

What Have We Done Recently?



On Sunday, February 21st, we had our third 2010 Way of The Cross rehearsal & first Disciples on the Journey small prayer group. 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 (Article & Podcast)?

"In the Footsteps of St. John Vianney": http://www.cny.org/archive/tdcolumn/tmd021110.htm

"The Logic of Lent":

http://www.archny.org/media/homilies/Audio%20-%202002.21.10.mp3

"Real Faith TV - Connecting Faith With Life":

http://www.realfaithtv.com/RFTV/Home.html

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

Get Your Dancing Shoes Ready!!!

Every Thursday, 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!



Tea Party

The Columbiettes of St John's Council 1345 is hosting their third annual Tea Party on Sunday, March 7th at 2pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 61 Armour Place, Dumont. All women are invited to attend... mothers, daughters and granddaughters, nieces, friends, etc. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children, which includes lunch, a variety of desserts and of course tea. For a reservation or to reserve a table for your group, call Nina D @ 201-338-2617, or email at ninad70@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus Events:

Monday March 1 - Council Meeting @ 8PM
Fridays Mar. 5th & 12th- Lenten Dinners - \$15 - Doors open at 5PM - Call George @ 201-338-2617.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM. Why not stop in and learn more about us!

Concert to Benefit Haiti Earthquake Victims

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters of Tenafly present a "Concert for the Haiti Earthquake Victims" on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 at 2:00PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Auditorium, 10 County Road in Tenafly.

The afternoon will feature singer/entertainer Gabriel Donaghue, Danny Carroll and the Washington Harp Shamrock Orchestra, Cieran Sheehan, Donny Quinn, McLaughlin School Irish Step Dancers and the Bergen Irish Pipe Band.

All proceeds benefit the earthquake victims in Haiti. Donation is \$20.00. For information, please call Sister Trinity at 201-568-0478 or Jim Whelan at 201-385-3855.