



This Week

Saturday	March 7—Vigil
5:30PM	Ben Picciano
Sunday	March 8—Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	John DeBenedictis
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Thomas and Mary O'Shea
Monday	March 9—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Charles A. Rieck
8:45AM	Frank Fawcett
Tuesday	March 10—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Mrs. Betty Switzer
8:45AM	Timothy Sullivan
Wednesday	March 11—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Eileen Cordo
8:45AM	Sr. Anne Schaf SSND
7:30PM	Jayvee and Josephine Dalmacio
Thursday	March 12—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Mary Ellen Gillespie (Living)
8:45AM	Timothy Sullivan
Friday	March 13—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Anna Mobilio
8:45AM	Joseph Price
Saturday	March 14—Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Sally McGregory (Living)
5:30PM	Edward Berger
Sunday	March 15—Third Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	William O'Shea
10:00AM	Thomas and Mary O'Shea
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 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 parishioners, Albert LaBollita, Victoria Stopa and Emma Tomaino.

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...Bill Cannon
Arthur King...Tony Martignetti...Susan G. Klarer...Mary M...John R.
Debbie Portillo...Richard Lang...Peter Ramzi

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.

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.

Sunday – March 8

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room
1:30PM-5:00PM Pre-Cana School
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC
Penitential Rite

Monday – March 9

After 8:45AM Disciples in Mission (Nancy F.) RCB
4:30PM-5:30PM Brownie #1531 Cafeteria
7:00PM Religious Ed PACT Angels Session UC/School

Tuesday – March 10

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 – March 11

4:00PM & 6:00PM FHC Catechist Meeting Library/School
4:00PM-6:00PM Children/Bell Choirs Chapel/UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – March 12

9:30AM Disciples in Mission (Jean P.) RCB
7:30PM Taize Prayer

Friday – March 13

10:00AM St. John Food Kitchen Newark
7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:00PM-10:00PM Labyrinth SH
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC
8:00PM YAM Meeting School Chapel
All Day Baking of Soda Bread Cafeteria

Saturday – March 14

All Day Baking of Soda Bread Cafeteria
Food Collection

Sunday – March 15

8:55AM Religious Ed PACT Angels Session LC/School
9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC
Feeding Homeless Shelter in Newark
First Scrutiny
Food Collection
Non-Sacramental Penance Service

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

Lenten Giving Tree

Please pick up a tag or two from our Lenten Giving Tree located by St. Joseph's. This will benefit St. Clare's homes in Elizabeth, Jersey City and Neptune, which is an Aids resource foundation for children. Some items that are needed are household cleaning supplies, newborn/infants/children clothes, diapers to name a few.

Who are our new PC members?

For the past several weeks, we have listed the names of those who are now serving as members of our parish Pastoral Council. In a few weeks, we will formally bless them at Masses on the weekend. **But who are they? Read on and find out about some of the members of our parish Pastoral Council.**

Barbara Barba – Barbara has been a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary's. She was baptized in the "little white church," attended St. Mary's School, and received all her sacraments, including marriage, here. She taught kindergarten for one year at St. Mary's School. She has been a lector and a presider at the Children's Liturgy of the Word. She is now an active Eucharistic minister along with her husband Gary. She and Gary have two children: Amanda and Christopher.

Anne Marie Bishopp (Chair) – Anne Marie has been a parishioner of St. Mary's since she was 9 years old. She and her husband Jim were married in our church and their three daughters – Kristin, Lauren & Jaclyn – received their sacraments at St. Mary's. Anne Marie is blessed to be a Eucharistic minister and she coordinates the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 Mass each Sunday. She also was the director of the 2004 Women's Cornerstone Retreat. She works, along with her daughter Jaclyn, as a group leader in the summer at our parish's Vacation Bible School. Presently, she serves as the Chair of our parish Pastoral Council.

Joan Finn Connelly – Joan has been a member of St. Mary's Parish for nineteen years. Over the years, she has been a part of Youth Ministry, the Children's Liturgy of the Word as well as the Pre-Cana team. She and her husband Tom have two teenage children, Megan and Matt. Their daughter Megan works as one of our two weekend sacristans, setting up for Sunday Masses.

Margaret Keating – Margaret, a graduate of St. Mary's School, has been a parishioner of St. Mary's for forty years. She is currently a Eucharistic minister and works very closely on our annual carnival with her mother, Peggy Keating, who has coordinated the carnival for many, many years. Margaret has been on the Carnival Committee for over 10 years and has been involved with the carnival in general for over 20 years.

Rose O'Shea (Secretary) – Rose moved to Dumont in 1977 and began working on our carnival a year later. She worked in St. Mary's School as an assistant teacher and a lunch aide. She is a member of our Altar & Rosary Society and served as president for six years. She is a catechist in our Religious Education program, she works in our Vacation Bible School in the summer, and she also goes to the Family Shelter in Englewood to feed the homeless. More recently, Rose became a Eucharistic minister. **Rose is the present secretary of the Pastoral Council.**

Joe Pidi – Joe has been a parishioner of St. Mary's since 1963. He was baptized in St. Mary's, but in the "new" church. Joe and his brother Lou own and operate a printing company here in Dumont. Joe has worked in a variety of ministries in our parish: helping with Youth Ministry events (The Passion Play, The Way of the Cross, Godspell), as a Eucharistic minister, and in our adult choir. Joe can also be found in one of the booths at the carnival in June. He was also the director of the final Men's Cornerstone re-treat in 2004.

Tom Schreiber (Vice-chair) – Tom is also a lifelong parishioner at St. Mary's, having been baptized in the "little white church" as well. He is the present vice-chair of the Pastoral Council and chairs the St. Mary's New Energies Committee. He is an active Eucharistic minister, a member of the parish Liturgy Committee, and an adult altar server, especially at funerals. He has also volunteered at the Family Shelter in Englewood. Tom and his wife Madeline are members of our Pre-Cana team and our RCIA team. They also help out with the carnival each year.

Beverly Serafini – Beverly joined the parish in the mid 1990's and, more recently, has become involved in St. Mary's. She began by donating 2 hours a week as a volunteer evening receptionist in the rectory, something that she continues to do. She now has become more fully involved in St. Mary's: she is the present president of the Altar/Rosary Society, she helps out in the gymnasium during the carnival, she assists with preparing the luncheon for our two annual Anointing Masses, she cooks for the Family Shelter at St. Cecilia's in Englewood and in Hackensack, she helps at Vacation Bible School in the summer, and is involved in other parish activities.

John Soltes – John has been a parishioner of St. Mary's his entire life. He has served as a reader for nearly ten years and, like Barbara, has helped with Children's Liturgy of the Word. John, a young adult, works in the field of journalism.

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 Challenger, 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.

Campaign Information

This is the most recent information (as of **Tuesday, February 24, 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.

Total amount in pledges made -	\$885,676.16
Number of families who have pledged	446
Average pledge per family -	\$1,985.82
Cash collected thus far -	\$305,775.06
Expenses paid thus far**	\$120,471.83
Cash on hand -	\$185,303.23

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.

