



Saturday	March 21—Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	March 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Fr. William O'Connor
10:00AM	Maxima Aldana
12 Noon	Leonor Canlas
Monday	March 23—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Margarita Santos
8:45AM	Rainey/Ramm Families (Living)
Tuesday	March 24—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	John T. McCann, Jr.
8:45AM	Helen Murtha
Wednesday	March 25—Annunciation of the Lord
7:00AM	Eileen Cordo
8:45AM	Frances Tibbs
7:30PM	Seamus Murphy
Thursday	March 26—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Anne Coleman
8:45AM	Helen Murtha
Friday	March 27—Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Benita Heller
8:45AM	Joan Cole
Saturday	March 28—Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Anthony Athayde
5:30PM	Sr. Maureen O'Neill
Sunday	March 29—Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Samuel R. Giardina
12 Noon	Deceased Rosica's

Sunday – March 22

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-2:00PM Holy Hour UC
 1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC
 Non-Sacramental Penance Service
 Second Scrutiny

Monday – March 23

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

Tuesday – March 24

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

Wednesday – March 25

4:00PM & 6:00PM FHC Prep 4 UC/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

Annunciation of the Lord**Thursday – March 26**

9:30AM Disciples in Mission (Jean P.) RCB
 7:30PM-8:30PM Taize Prayer UC

Friday – March 27

7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC
 7:30PM-9:00PM YOGA Class SFC
 8:00PM YAM Meeting School Chapel

Saturday – March 28**Sunday – March 29**

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
 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
 Third Scrutiny

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 able to be with us for this coming 3rd session, please look over both of **Paul's letters to the Corinthians**. If you are attending, please bring a bible with you to the session.

Lenten Penance Service – April 4

The parishes of St. Mary's, St. John's and Ascension will have a joint Lenten Penance Service on Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 PM. **The service will take place at Ascension Church in New Milford.** To get to Ascension Church, go down Boulevard toward New Bridge Road. You will see signs right before you get to New Bridge Road directing you to Ascension Church. **THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS THAT DAY AT ST. MARY'S.** We encourage our parishioners to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance as a prayerful way to prepare for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

Altar and Rosary Society Retreat

All women of the parish are invited on a retreat April 3-4-5 at St. Alfonso's Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. This year's theme is based on St. Paul. Fee is \$175, contact Mary Murphy 201-384-9762 or Beverly Serafini 201-387-6764.

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the special intentions of Mary Rosenthal requested by Lou and Joan.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the Deceased Members of the Rosica Family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners.

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...Marie Fitzgerald
 Richard DeCourcy...Lulu Battista

Food Collection

The food collection for this month will be primarily used for our Easter distribution, which will be Friday, April 3rd, 9:30AM and 6:00PM. If you can donate a turkey or ham, you can drop them off at the Rectory by March 27th. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**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.

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 Campbell Christopher Kishbach
 Robert Challenger, Jr. Ryan Shireman Christian Baierwalter
 Anthony Zangolia 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, March 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, 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 -	\$886,176.16
Number of families who have pledged	446
Average pledge per family -	\$1,986.94
Cash collected thus far -	\$321,755.95
Expenses paid thus far**	\$120,896.83
Cash on hand -	\$200,859.12

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**
- 4) Lower Church Drains/Leak **\$ 425.00**

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 service. 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.

Who are our new PC members?

Last week, we introduced and blessed the nine members of our Pastoral Council at the 5:30 and 7:45 Masses. This weekend, we will do the same at the 10:00 and 12:00 Masses. We ask your prayers for them and we invite you to speak with them about your hopes, your dreams and your concerns for St. Mary's. The members of our parish Pastoral Council are:

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 Bishop (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 yrs. and has been involved with the carnival in general for over 20 yrs.

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 retreat 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.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Children in our weekday PACT/Religious Education programs will be participating in penance services with the opportunity for individual confessions.

All of our families are invited to participate in our *Tri-parish Penance Service*, this year hosted at Ascension Church:

Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 P.M. at Ascension, New Milford (with St. John's and St. Mary's participating). *Note this means there will be no confessions at St. Mary's on that day; we will be at Ascension.*

Operation Rice Bowl - a few weeks left!



Speaking to the PACT/Religious Education sessions, we always remind our children and families that Catholic Christians make sacrifices, especially during Lent. We aren't doing this just to suffer because we like to suffer, or just "for the heck of it". United with Jesus, we sacrifice for the good of others. Participating in *Operation Rice Bowl* will assist Catholic Relief Services. 25% of the *Rice Bowl* proceeds will stay within our archdiocese for food relief efforts. The remainder is used for food, clean water, disaster relief, and self-sufficiency programs throughout the world. Be a part of it... put more than loose change in your Rice Bowl this year! For more info: www.crs.org

First Communion Wednesday Sessions



Sessions began Wednesday, March 18th. Please pray for the program that we may prepare our candidates to meet with the Lord Jesus in his Sacrament of the Eucharist this Easter season.

Candidate, Parent & Sponsor Meeting:

Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

Confirmation Candidate Interviews:

Candidates- please call for an interview time if you have not had one.



Teacher/Technology Showcase

Transfiguration Academy presented a teacher/student technology showcase. Samantha Gangi, 3rd grade student of Ms. Michelle Vogel shows her project on Italy to parents and faculty. The team of Joseph Canlas, John Tan and Gregory Mendoza also presented the winning Future City Ms. Ann Benson, Math teacher of the lower campus, demonstrates



the use of Smartboard technology to the parents of Transfiguration Academy. The use of technology helped engaged students in various disciplines at both campuses where all teachers are computer literate and are assisted by fulltime computer teachers at each campus. Transfiguration Academy currently has 9 Smartboards at both campuses and continues to invest in the future of these digital natives—our students!

Transfiguration Academy Celebrates Dr. Seuss



The reading celebration takes place each year on March, the birth month of Dr. Seuss. Transfiguration Academy had their Dr. Seuss celebration last Wednesday, March 11.

The celebration was spearheaded by Mrs. Carrie Delescinskis, the school librarian, with the volunteer parents and Sr. Madeline Mary Hanson, SSND, director of the lower campus dressed as Cat in the Hat character.

Registration for the 2009/2010 School Year is open

Call our Lower School in Bergenfield (Pre K – 4th Grades) at 201-384-3627 or 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

Friday Night Disciples for Young Adults

On the Fridays during Lent, why not give up a little time for the Lord and join us for Friday Night Disciples - prayer & discussion of the readings coming up each week. We will meet in the Chapel of St. Mary's School at 8PM, and we'll be using Renew's *Word-on-the-Go*. RSVP is requested but not required. You don't have to commit to coming all six weeks either; just know that we'll be there for you every Friday of Lent through April 3rd.

For more information on St. Mary's Young Adult program, contact Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859 or email yam@stmarysdumont.org or visit our Facebook page - search for SMYAM

St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

Junior Youth Group: 7th & 8th Grades
Senior Youth Group: 9th – 12th Grades

Last Day for Palm Crosses!!! We are selling Palm Crosses to raise money for our pilgrimage to WYD 2011 in Madrid. They are \$10 each. Please bring your checks, payable to **St. Mary's Church**, to the parish office by March 22. The crosses are expected to be available for pick-up after the 7:45 & 10:00 Masses on Mar 29th.

Way of the Cross 2009!!! We will be presenting our annual Way of The Cross prayer service on Good Friday, April 10th, at 7:30p. This year, we will be using an adaptation of the script used at World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney! We need to begin raising money for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain. Baskets will be at the doors of the Church for free will offerings.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

Sunday, March 22nd: – “Disciples in Mission”: As part of our Lenten journey, we will gather in the upper Church from 6:00 – 6:30p for small group prayer and reflection specifically geared towards teens. All teens are welcome.

Sunday, March 22nd: – “Way of the Cross 2009” 4th Rehearsal: There will only be 6 rehearsals total so try not to miss. All rehearsals will be in the Upper Church from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Friday, March 27th: – “Annual Cotillion Ball”: The Cotillion is a semi-formal dinner dance held each year to honor teenagers in the youth ministry programs throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Teenagers gather from all over our Archdiocese to dance, eat, praise our Lord, and we will honor one boy and one girl from St. Mary's parish. The cost is \$39 per person. (Senior Youth Group Only)

Sunday, March 29th: – “Pro Life Initiative”: Help prepare the Easter food baskets for our Dumont neighbors in need. Meet in the lower church after the 12:00 Mass. Anna Markert will be coordinating this. We will be unable to attend.

Need to talk to us? email: youthmin@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 385-2936.

We'll See You At Mass! Charlie & Lesa

Nights of Columbus:

St. Patrick's Dance - Saturday, March 28th at 7pm. Come join us and celebrate as we wrap up the lucky month of March. We will be serving bangers & mash, corned beef and cabbage, as well as scones. Dance the night away with the sounds of Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. The cost is \$27.00 PP, which includes cold beverages. Please contact Al Moriarty @ 201-385-6601 for reservations.

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

Yoga Classes

Anyone interested in joining a beginners Yoga class to be held in the Spiritual Formation Center for 6 Fridays beginning on Friday, March 23rd at 7:30pm, please call Anne Marie Bishopp at 201-501-8474