



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28—Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Sr. Maureen O'Neil
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29—Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Samuel R. Giardina
12 Noon	Deceased Rosica's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 30—Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Daniel Alexander Mara
8:45AM	Pietro Sforza
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 31—Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Edward Lane
8:45AM	Pat Gourdin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 1—Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Sr. Joseph Cremin
8:45AM	Joan Cole
7:30PM	Catherine Crowley
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 2—Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Gregory Soucy
8:45AM	Patricia Schaefer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 3—Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Peter Cataudella
8:45AM	Robert A. Rosica
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 4—Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Rodolfo Val Laya (Living)
5:30PM	Rose and Patsy Caldera
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 5—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Thomas Duffy
12 Noon	Philip, Rita and Raymond Rodin

### In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the Deceased Members of the Rosica Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Sergio Monzolin requested by Lemuel and Wennie Magusara.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Beatrice Winch.

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...Bob Jackson...Jesse Carrizzo  
Patricia O'Connor

#### 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.

#### Chrism Mass

The chrism mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica on Monday, April 6, anyone wishing to go should call Kathy Sylvester at 201-384-0557 -- we will carpool and leave St. Mary's at 6 pm.

#### 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

#### Monday – March 30

After 8:45AM Disciples in Mission (Nancy F.) RCB  
7:00PM Rel. Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School (Confessions)

#### Tuesday – March 31

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

#### Wednesday – April 1

4:00PM & 6:00PM FHC Prep 4 UC/School  
4:00PM-6:00PM Children/Bell Choirs Chapel/UC  
6:00PM Simple Supper Cafeteria  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room  
7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

#### April Fool's Day

#### Thursday – April 2

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

#### Friday – April 3

6:30PM-9:30PM Basketball SH  
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 – April 4

7:30AM Rosary LC  
1:00PM Communal Penance Service Ascension Church, NM  
Food Collection

#### Sunday – April 5

8:55AM Religious Ed PACT Angels 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-4:00PM PALAD's EB Meeting RCB  
Food Collection

#### Palm Sunday

#### Simple Supper – April 1 – 6:00 PM

We are having a second Simple Supper of soup and bread on Wednesday evening, April 1, at 6:00 PM. It will again be held in the cafeteria. Please call and let us know if you will be joining us for this final Simple Supper of Lent.

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### 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.





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.

Campaign Information

This is the most recent information (as of Tuesday, March 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, 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 (\$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), and 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.

Holy Week / Easter Schedule

**Communal Penance Service**

With St. John's and Ascension
Saturday, April 4 - 1:00PM at Ascension, New Milford

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

(Palm to be distributed at all Masses)
Saturday, April 4 - 5:30 PM
Sunday, April 5 - 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
(Solemn Procession at the 10:00 AM Mass)

**Holy Thursday - April 9**

7:30 PM - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Visitation of area churches to follow)
11:00 PM - Night Prayer

**Good Friday - April 10**

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer
3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Youth Group)

**Holy Saturday - April 11**

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer
(Following Morning Prayer, help is welcomed to decorate the church for Easter)
8:00 PM - Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

**Easter Sunday - April 12**

Masses at 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
(Blessing of Easter food at all Masses)

Are you going to the Easter Vigil?

If you are, we will be having a reception afterward to rejoice with the 8 newly baptized members of our Church family. We most heartily welcome you to join us, even if you do not know these 8 newly baptized well. They will soon be part of our family and, as a family, everyone is welcome. We have one request - please let us know if you are coming to the reception by calling the rectory office and letting us know that you want to be there and share in the joy that will continue after the Easter Vigil.

Lenten Giving Tree

When Fr Bob suggested a barren branch be used as the Lenten Giving Tree it seemed an excellent way to represent the spirit of the season. No one, however, anticipated that this "dead" limb placed in nothing but sand would bloom and produce flowers. It's hard to say how long these beautiful, gentle buds will last but everyone should stop by to share this special gift. Maybe you could pick up a tag while you're there, if you haven't had a chance to yet.

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



- Evelyn Elizabeth Gerald
Jonathan Ramon Cintron
Sofia Iris Carmela Parisi
James Michael Sutera

St. Mary's Senior Residence Information

N.B. - In speaking with the construction people recently, we found out that, due to delays caused by the cold weather, occupancy of the Senior Residence building may closer to the end of 2009 rather than October 2009 as was originally thought. Applications will become available four months before 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.

The following offerings are still available:

- Bread & Wine - April 5, 19, & 26; May 3, 10, 17, & 31
Sanctuary Lamp - April 19, & 26; May 3, 17, & 31



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 - two weeks left!



Take some more time thinking about helping others through sacrifice using Operation Rice Bowl. 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



First Communion Wednesday Sessions are underway! We ask your continued prayers for our candidates and their families as they prepare to meet with the Lord Jesus in his Sacrament of the Eucharist this Easter season.

Eva's Village Director Sr. Gloria Perez

Will be our special guest speaker at our Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor/Parent Meeting Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church. This meeting is open to all parishioners interested in the work of Eva's Village in Paterson, which St. Mary's helps to support each year.



Confirmation Service Projects

Candidates should have completed their Confirmation interviews and should continue working on service projects.

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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Each parish family should have received in the mail information regarding the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. 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.

Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

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

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.

Parish Basketball Program: Fr. Raul coordinates open gym basketball for teens of St. Mary's every Tuesday and Friday night from 6:30 - 8:00p in Szelest Hall.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

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.

Sunday, April 5th: - "Way of the Cross 2009" Dress Rehearsal: This is our last rehearsal from 6:00 - 8:30p in the Upper Church. Please come dressed in black.

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

We'll See You At Mass! Charlie & Lesa

Transfiguration Academy

April is Autism Awareness Month

The Catholic Church acknowledges that all people are made in the image of God, and further that all baptized people share in the life and mission of the Church. In affirming this, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the Pastoral Statement on People with Disabilities, which calls for the integration and fuller participation of people with disabilities into parish life.

At all times we should live the example Jesus gave to reach out in particular to people who are excluded and to recognize the gifts that all have to share. During the month of April in particular, please pray the following for families and people living with an autism spectrum disorder.

Loving Creator God,

May the full splendor of your grace abide with all families touched by autism spectrum disorders.

Give your children with autism the strength they need to learn something new today. Give their parents the wisdom to see and nurture their potential.

Bless their teachers, supporters and friends whose commitment echoes your own faithfulness.

Encourage all people who gather in your name to reach out and embrace those with autism.

Help us all to see your image reflected in those who struggle with neurological disabilities.

We ask this in the name of your Son, who loved those on the margins as his very own.

Transfiguration in the FINALS of the CATHOLIC CHALLENGE

Sarah Joseph, 7th Grade, has advanced to the finals of the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Challenge, which will be held in April. We congratulate Sarah and Mrs. Fucilli, our Religion teacher for this wonderful accomplishment.

Which Broadway musical?

If you are interested in going to see a Broadway musical with the parish, please look at the choices here and let us know which one (s) you would want to see. The ones that we are considering are: Guys & Dolls; 9 to 5: The Musical; Shrek the Musical; The Little Mermaid; West Side Story.

If you are interested in any of these (or have a recommendation of your own), please call the rectory and let us know. We are going to be looking into Friday evening, April 24, which is a week or so after Easter.