



Saturday	April 3 - Vigil
8:00PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	April 4 - Easter Sunday
7:45AM	Rodolfo Val Laya (Living)
10:00AM	Thomas Duffy
12 Noon	Bernard O'Connor
Monday	April 5 - Monday in the Octave of Easter
7:00AM	Susan G. Klarer
8:45AM	Oliver Reilly
Tuesday	April 6 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
7:00AM	Thanksgiving Mass by the Santos & Laya Families (Living)
8:45AM	John Woods
Wednesday	April 7 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
7:00AM	Fred Eisler, Jr.
8:45AM	Rodolfo Santos, Jr.
Thursday	April 8 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter
7:00AM	Vincent P. Ralph
8:45AM	Anne Connell
Friday	April 9 - Friday in the Octave of Easter
7:00AM	Alberto Santos
8:45AM	Martin Oates
Saturday	April 10 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter
8:30AM	Maria Tarabocchia
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Bridie Cornyn
10:00AM	Ophelia Barba
12 Noon	Angela Ingannamorte

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Anna and Frank Zeisel requested by John and Marie.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Thomas Duffy requested by his wife and children.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Michael J. Coyle.

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..Margherita Bonaldo..Richard Diehl
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 DeVirgili..Bob Jackson..John Canavan
Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post..Larry Frisby..Carlos Cunha..Hyde Family
Carl Cavera..Robert Truppe..Carole Chittenden..Nellie Fleming
Lorraine Mooney..Jean Potenski

The following offerings are still available

Bread and Wine - May 2, 23 & 30.
Sanctuary Lamp - May 2, 16, & 23.

Lenten Giving Tree

We thank all those who have taken a purple cross from our Lenten Giving Tree and purchased whatever was indicated on the cross. These are items that are needed in an archdiocesan shelter for women and children living with HIV/AIDS. The items that are needed will be: toothpaste, deodorant, soap, children's blankets, new sheets/blankets (twin size), new cookware, and school supplies/backpacks. **All items that were purchased need to be returned to the church by Easter Sunday, April 4.**

Sunday – April 4

1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD's EB Meeting SFC

Easter

Monday – April 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:30PM-8:30PM Divine Mercy Novena UC

Tuesday – April 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:30AM Parents Group B05
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting-Election of Officers SFC
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir
7:30PM-8:30PM Divine Mercy Novena UC

Wednesday - April 7

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

Thursday – April 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:30PM Baptism Class RCA
7:30PM Bible Study RCB
7:30PM-8:30PM Divine Mercy Novena UC
7:30PM-9:00PM Ballroom Dancing SH

Friday – April 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM-8:30PM Divine Mercy Novena UC
7:30PM-9:00PM Yoga School's Basement
Set-up for Anointing Mass SH

Saturday – April 10

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC
11:00AM Anointing Mass SH
5:00PM-11:00PM Set-up and Girl Scout's Mother/Daughter SH
7:30PM-8:30PM Divine Mercy Novena UC
Habitat for Humanity

Sunday – April 11

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
10:00AM Adult Confirmation
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room
1:00PM-2:00PM Mercy Sunday Holy Hour UC
2:00PM-4:00PM Mercy Sunday Fellowship SFC

Easter Greetings



The members of our Parish Staff and Pastoral Council wish to extend to all of the families of St. Mary's our prayers and best wishes for a blessed Easter Sunday and Easter Season. The power of the Resurrection has the ability to enliven us and to enlighten us with the reality of the new life that is ours as a result of Christ's rising from the dead. May we allow that light to shine through us and may we be sharers of Easter joy wherever we go.

Easter Collection

Thank you to all who will support St. Mary's by the offering of their treasure on Easter Sunday. As a parish committed to live the Stewardship Way of Life, we know that the donation of our time, our talent and our treasure is a way of thanking the Lord for what God has first given to us. May the Lord touch our minds so that we may see what he has done for us and may he open our hearts to share his goodness with St. Mary's.

PALAD Corner

The Feast of **Divine Mercy** will be next Sunday, April 11. To prepare for the feast day, we will have the 9-day Divine Mercy novena, starting on Good Friday, April 2, at Margaret Yu's home. The daily novena will be held at the Spiritual Formation Center, starting on Monday, April 5, at 7:00 pm. And we will celebrate **Mercy Sunday** (April 11) with the final novena in the Upper Church after the noontime Mass. There will be fellowship afterwards. For inquiries, please call the Rectory at (201) 384-0557 or send email to palad@stmarysdumont.org.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have spent the last forty days, climbing the mountain of Lent that would lead us to the summit, which is Easter. Now we have reached the top. The days of penance and fasting are over - we now enter the next fifty days of rejoicing, of celebrating new life, of enjoying the wonder of nature as it bursts forth in beauty, of realizing that we have been redeemed and we are a people called out of darkness and into the wonderful light of the Risen Lord.

We have heard of the events that led to this great day of rejoicing – the Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the institution of the Eucharist, the service of washing of the feet of the Apostles, the agony in the garden, the Lord’s arrest and trial, his scourging and crowning, his journey to the hill of Calvary, his crucifixion and death, and his burial in a borrowed tomb.

Now, we gather in joy and hear with faith and gratitude that **HE IS ALIVE AND HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.** The tears of sadness are wiped away, the emptiness of grief is replaced by the fullness of joy, anxiety is turned into peace, despair gives way to hope and **death is transformed into life.** We know and believe that this has happened. As Paul reminds us, if Christ did not rise from the dead, we are the most pitiable people in the world because we are living a lie.

How do we allow the life of the Resurrection to animate our lives, especially in these difficult times? Because, it is in times such as these, when we are uncertain where life will take us, that the Resurrection must take hold of us and allow us to believe that God will take care of us, that God has not abandoned us.

As Christ hung on the cross, one sentence that he uttered came from psalm 22 – **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?** That sentence is the first line of that psalm. The New American Bible calls that psalm – *the Passion and Triumph of the Messiah.* If we were to read that entire psalm, we would hear in verse 25 - *...nor did he turn his face away from him (the wretched man); but when he cried out to him, he heard him.*

That example of trust in the Lord reaches its fulfillment in the Resurrection. The Father would not leave his Son in the grip of death. He would not allow the tomb to keep Jesus captive. As the psalmist says, *he (the Father) did not turn his face away from him (the Son).* The Father would raise his Son from the sleep of death and awaken him to eternal life. **And the great thing is – what he did for the Lord Jesus, he will do for us, not only at the end of time, but here and now.**

Death comes not only at the end of our lives. It can show itself in a variety of ways – the end of a relationship, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, an addiction that can destroy our life, the break-up of a family, an illness that causes our life to be dramatically changed. These can “kill” us or we can allow the power of God to so transform our lives and our way of thinking that, while they may impact my life, they will never destroy my life because, as we hear in the book of Job, *I know that my Redeemer lives...and in my flesh shall I see God.*

This day, perhaps above all else, reminds us that we have hope. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians reminds us that, because of the Resurrection...*we do not give into grief like those who have no hope.* This is not pie in the sky – it is faith in the Lord. **Allow his rising and new life to give you hope and allow what we celebrate today to impact every day of your life.**

Love,
Fr. Bob

Water and Fire

These two symbols of Easter are key to what this season is about. Water represents the new life that is ours in the sacrament of Baptism. Fire shines forth as the symbol of Christ, the light of the world. The Paschal Candle stands next to the ambo where the word of God is proclaimed each day of the Easter season. The water runs in the baptismal font, not still or stagnant, but flowing and alive. These are symbols that can be used at home, especially on the table around which your family gathers to eat. **Have a candle lit in the middle of the table, symbolizing Christ our Light. Have a bowl on the table with water, taken from our font. Light the candle when your family gathers to eat. Bless yourselves with the water when you pray before your meal. Make Easter alive in your home for the days of the Easter Season.**

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 March 27 - 28 Will be in next week’s bulletin
Total for same weekend in 2009 Will be in next week’s bulletin
From our children’s weekly envelopes last weekend -look next week
Campaign donations received thus far in February \$20,590.00

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.

(Our bulletin had to go to the printer before last weekend so we can’t put in our children’s good deeds until next weekend.)

“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” from the Acts of the Apostles. *His commands are real. As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, we must realize that, in rising from the dead, Jesus declares to us that he is truly God and his way is the real way. We must throw off our chains of greed, materialism, and selfishness and rise to a new level of giving and doing good, just as Jesus calls us to do.*

Ministry – Art & Environment Committee

Very often, parishioners do not realize how our church comes to be decorated so beautifully for the different liturgical seasons. Sometimes, they think that an outside company comes in and does all the work. That is simply not so. Our church is decorated because of the hours of time and the donation of talent that our parish **Art & Environment Committee** offers. Because of their goodness, whenever we come into St. Mary’s whether on Christmas, Easter or any time during the liturgical year, the church is beautifully decorated and becomes a fitting place where we can gather together for our common prayer. Some members of our **Art & Environment Committee** really have a talent for decorating. Others who help out are simply there to do whatever is needed. Both are necessary for us to have a church beautifully prepared for our festive times of year. **If you have a talent for decorating and would like to be a member of our parish Art & Environment Committee, please e-mail Fr. Bob frbob@stmarysdumont.org - or call the rectory (201-384-0557) - and let us know.**

Tithing the Tithes – 2010

For the month of February, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,155.00 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 - \$257.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$257.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$257.00
- Emergency Fund - \$384.00

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.

April 17, 2010 – Opening of our Anniversary Year

The deadline for getting your tickets for our cocktail reception is this Monday, April 5. If you are planning on going to the cocktail reception that will follow the anniversary Mass on Saturday, April 17, please come and pick up a ticket. The number who can attend the reception is limited due to fire regulations. For that reason, those attending must obtain a ticket at the rectory office. **Please get your tickets ASAP if you are going to attend.**

Bible Study Session

Our next Bible Study will take place on **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 7:30 PM**, in the rectory. Just bring a Bible with you. We will continue our look at the letters of the New Testament.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Registration and re-registration for the upcoming 2010-11 Religious Education year are beginning. Do you know of a family with children who have been away from our Religious Education Program, or maybe a family new in town, or a family with children no longer attending a Catholic School? Put them in touch with our Religious Education Office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Will you help spread the Good News about the risen Lord? We are anticipating a need for catechists for Tuesday afternoons (Grades K-5), Monday evenings (Grades 6,7&8), and Sunday mornings (Family PACT/all grades). Call for more information about how you can help (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

First Communion here at St. Mary's



Our candidates will receive First Communion during this Easter season, at our liturgies on the weekends of May 8/9 and May 15/16. Please pray for our candidates, their families, and our whole community here at St. Mary's that we may be strengthened to love and serve the Lord and each other as we receive the risen Lord in the Eucharist.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Please return rice bowls to the Church, Rectory/Parish Office or at the next PACT session. Catholic Relief Services is an important organization which allows us to effectively reach out to our brothers and sisters affected by disaster, hunger, and disease throughout the world. One-time donations and checks made out to Catholic Relief Services may be returned with rice bowls. The program has increases importance this year because of disasters worldwide, especially in Haiti (pictured here), Chile, and elsewhere. For more information visit www.crs.org.



Confirmation



Confirmation candidates should have completed their Confirmation Interviews. Candidates/parents who still need to set up an interview appointment should call (201) 384-3062.

Candidates should be finishing service projects at this time. Check in around our 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.

Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Mary's on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00 p.m. with Bishop Edgar M. DaCunha, SDV

Eva's - Where Hope Begins...

Sister Gloria Perez, PBVM, executive director of Eva's Village in Paterson will give a presentation about the mission and ministry of Eva's on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church. This is the Confirmation Candidate, Parent, and Sponsor Night, however all parishioners are invited to attend.



St. John's, Newark

We will once again be going this Friday, April 9, to feed the hungry and the needy at the St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark. Team B will be going this time. As always, we can use plastic food bags to take with us. There is also a need for white socks by those who come to the food kitchen for a hot meal. If you can also give us backpacks to bring with us, they are also needed. Thanks for whatever help you can offer.

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?

Friday, April 16th - "HELP NEEDED": (6:30p - 8:30p) Szelest Hall Our parish begins its celebration of the 50th anniversary of our church building with a reservation only cocktail reception after the 5:30p Mass on Saturday, April 17th. Fr. Bob and his committee need help climbing and setting up. If you can help, please email him at frbob@stmarysdumont.org

Saturday, April 17th - "OPENING OF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR": (5:30p Mass)

Bishop Smith of Trenton and former Pastor of St. Mary's Church will be the celebrant.

Sunday, April 18th - "EASTER PARTY & CAR SHOW": (6:30p - 8:30p) Spiritual Formation Center

Friday, April 23rd - "ARCHDIOCESAN COTILLION": (6:30p - 11:30p) This night is a chance for Parish Youth Ministry Programs to honor two teens from their parish for their contributions. The semi formal event includes dancing, dinner and the award ceremony. The cost is \$39 and we need your money by April 18th. This event is high school students only. Our honorees are Colleen Booth and Beth Miloscia.

Sunday, May 16th - "N.J. STATE CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY - 'CALLED TO BE WITNESSES'": Great Adventure. For \$50, you get admission to the park and safari on May 16th, an admission ticket for another day of your choice, free lunch, and an outdoor Mass with thousands of other teens with a New Jersey Bishop celebrating. Registration deadline is May 2nd.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

"Real Faith TV - Connecting Faith With Life for Teens":

The April 3rd episode is "Hope for Heaven." http://www.realfaithtv.com/RFTV/Home.html

"Contemporary Christian Music Song of the Week":

http://www.spiritandsong.com/

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



The Administration, Faculty and Staff of Transfiguration Academy wish you and your s A Blessed and Happy Easter

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, Pre K 2 Plus through 7th grade, for the 2010/ 2011 school year.

All eligible students may be enrolled by visiting the school office at the appropriate campus. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances, which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence. If you wish to arrange an appointment to tour the facilities and see the school in session please call the Lower School, Grades Pre-K 2 Plus at 201-834-3627 or the Upper School, Grades 5 through 8, at 201-836-7074.

We invite you to visit our website: www.transfigurationacademy.org

Habitat for Humanity

Most people are familiar with Habitat for Humanity, an organization devoted to the repair or rebuilding of homes for the homeless and needy. Our Pastoral Council had made a commitment to support a parish outreach to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project when such a project becomes available. We are looking to participate in such a project on a Saturday in May. When a date becomes available, we will let the parish know. There are no specific skills required to participate in such a project. We will announce when a date is available for our parish participation and we are hoping for a great response.

St. Mary's Men's Group

Our parish Men's Spirituality Group will meet this Friday evening, April 9, 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.

St. Mary's invites you to join us in a Bereavement Support Group Tuesdays, at 7 pm in the Rectory, beginning April 13th. Meet with others who are dealing with loss, in a caring, spiritual atmosphere. You are welcome to share your thoughts - or just listen - as we work through the emotions we are experiencing. Please call 384-0557 for more information.