



This Week

Saturday	April 10 - Vigil
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
Monday	April 12 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Deceased Members of O'Neill Family
8:45AM	Harry McAllister
Tuesday	April 13 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Ann O'Neill (Living)
8:45AM	Mary Carmella Coppolecchia
Wednesday	April 14 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Noreen Reilly
8:45AM	James McMahon
Thursday	April 15 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Eleanor Schlichting
8:45AM	Florence Whaley
Friday	April 16 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Frances Joan Wiese
8:45AM	Sal Modica
Saturday	April 17 - Easter Weekday
8:30AM	Ann Sernotti
5:30PM	Rose and Patsy Caldera
Sunday	April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Lillian Fleming
12 Noon	Nick Tarabocchia

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Noreen Reilly requested by Ed Reilly and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Noreen Reilly requested by Ed Reilly and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner, Luis E. Morales

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 DeVirgiliis..Bob Jackson..John Canavan
Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post..Larry Frisby..Carlos Cunha..Hyde Family
Carl Cavera..Carole Chittenden..Nellie Fleming Lorraine Mooney

Anniversary Committee Meeting

Our Anniversary Committee will meet this Monday, April 12, at 7:30 PM. This is the final meeting before our Anniversary Mass on Saturday evening, April 17. **Please make every effort to attend.**

April 17, 2010 – Opening of our Anniversary Year

We offer our praise and thanks to God as we gather this coming Saturday evening, April 17, 2010, and celebrate the beginning of our anniversary year, remembering 50 years since the cornerstone of our church was laid in 1961. We welcome Bishop John M. Smith, the present bishop of Trenton and former pastor of St. Mary's, to our parish next Saturday. He will preside at the opening Mass and preach as well. **We ask God to bless us as we remember 50 years of worship, service, unity and proclaiming the Gospel.**

Correction: The Mass offered on April 7 at the 8:45AM mass should have been for Rodolfo Santos, Sr. not Jr. We apologize for the mistake.

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

Monday – April 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School

Tuesday – April 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:30AM Parents Group B05
3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Session UC/School
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH
7:00PM Bereavement Group RCA
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

Wednesday - April 14

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 Finance Council Meeting RCB
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – April 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting RCB
7:30PM-9:00PM Ballroom Dancing SH

Friday – April 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
4:00PM Set-up for Anniversary Year SH
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM-9:00PM Yoga School's Basement

Saturday – April 17

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Opening Mass for Anniversary Year Cocktail Reception to follow in Szelest Hall
Food Collection

Sunday – April 18

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Angels Final 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
2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ FFL (Mitch) SFC
Baptism
Food Collection

Feast of St. Bartholomew

Thanks to so many!!!

The most important days of our liturgical year are the Easter Triduum – from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. This year, they were once again the highlight of our Church year. Thanks go out to –

Kathy Sylvester who coordinates so much of the Triduum – our superb **Music Ministry** and all parts of it: adults and children alike – our **Art & Environment** Committee who spent so much time decorating the church – our **liturgical ministers**: readers, ministers of Holy Communion, servers, ushers/greeters – those who were part of the **foot washing** on Holy Thursday – those who went and prayed at the churches in our area that same evening - our **Youth Group** and their leaders for leading us in praying the Way of the Cross on Good Friday evening – those who came and gathered for **Morning Prayer** on Good Friday and Holy Saturday - our **parishioners** who came and prayed together as we remembered the Lord's Supper, as we "walked" with Christ to Calvary, and rejoiced in the feast of the Resurrection. **It truly was something beautiful for God and for each other!**

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Our Liturgy Committee will also meet this week on Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 PM. At that meeting, we will evaluate the Easter Triduum and plan for the remainder of the year. **Please reflect on our celebration of the Triduum and bring your ideas to this meeting.**



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This coming Saturday, April 17, 2010, at our 5:30 Mass, we as a parish will gather in prayer with one another and in thanksgiving to God as we open our anniversary year and rejoice in the gift of our church building. It truly will be a prayerful time together, one of great joy and remembrance.

Some of us who are part of St. Mary's remember that day 49 years in 1961 when the cornerstone of the church was laid. Many of us were not yet a part of this parish community. **But we are now all part of the family of St. Mary's, rejoicing that God has blessed this place where we gather to pray, to offer Eucharist, to welcome new members in Baptism and to ask for the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, to pray for the healing presence of the Lord as we anoint those who are sick, to unite couples in lifelong love in marriage, to send to the peace of God's kingdom those whom God has called to himself.**

A church certainly is steel and stone and glass and mortar. Our history as a Church community is rich in calling the place where we gather for worship **the home of the Church.** I know that, when I was a child, I was taught that we acted a certain way in church because it was God's house. And that is certainly true. The Lord does reside in this holy place because of the presence of the Eucharist, because the word that is proclaimed here, because Christ promises that **"...wherever two or three gather in my name, I am there in their midst."**

As I have grown, I have also come to truly appreciate that this building is also **our house, our home.** All of us know how important home is. It is the place where we learned love and respect. It is the place where we felt safe and secure. It is the place where we were nourished physically, emotionally and spiritually. It is the place that identifies us as a particular family, a family like no other. It is the place we return to again and again even when we move somewhere else.

That is what this building is. It is far more than glass and mortar and steel and stone. It is the place where I know I am secure in God's love, where I am nourished with word and sacrament, where I bathe in the warmth of old friendships and rejoice in new ones as well, where I return again and again so that I will never forget who I am or the way of life that I have chosen to live.

We thank God for those who sacrificed so much so many years ago so that this building – this home of the people of St. Mary's – could be built. We are equally blessed with parishioners today who continue by the generosity of their stewardship of time, talent and treasure to ensure that we will be able to pass to future generations this home, this church, for their prayer, for their nourishment, for **a place to call home as the people of God.**

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.

Easter Collection

Thank you to all who supported 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 throughout the year.

We will publish on the weekend of April 17-18 how our parishioners offered to St. Mary's a portion of their treasure in the Easter collection.

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 \$12,022.00 (Palm Sunday)
Total for same weekend in 2009 \$9,023.00
Collection total for Easter Sunday will be in the bulletin for April 17-18.
From our children's weekly envelopes last weekend - \$14.00
Campaign donations received thus far in March \$17,915.95

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 talked to my parents about my lesson."

"I helped my parents with our baby brother."

"I helped dye eggs."

"I helped my sister."

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" from the Gospel of John. Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. As Jesus sent the Apostles out into the world to share his peace and Good News, he also sends us. The Church provides countless opportunities to share his peace with our brothers and sisters next door to us and in the far corners of the Archdiocese. In giving to help support these programs, you will receive the peace of Christ.

Ministry – Children's Choir and Bell Choir

For the three days of the Triduum, we had so many members of the parish – young and not so young – who added so much to our worship together by their voices and musical talent. Our adult choir and our Filipino choir sang during various parts of the Triduum, adding the beauty of their voices to the beauty of our liturgies. We also are very happy to have so many of our children involved in our liturgies. Whether they are singing in the choir or playing the hand bells, they are an integral part of the beauty of our worship together. There is always room for another boy or girl in the choir or play-ing the hand bells. All you have to do is to talk to Mr. Pochini after Mass on any Sunday and he will let you know how to join and when practices are held. It does not matter what age a person is – whether they are an adult, a teen or a child. They always praise God and add so much to our liturgies.

Tithing the Tithe – 2010

For the month of March, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,143.00 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 - \$254.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$254.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$254.00
- Emergency Fund - \$381.00

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.

Our New Easter Candle Stand

As we hope our parishioners have seen, we have a new Easter Candle and Easter Candle stand. We chose to purchase a larger Easter Candle because our church is so large and we wanted the candle to be seen from all parts of the church. We thank the parishioners whose companies give them cash incentives for the volunteer work that they do. Due to those incentives, we were able to put approximately \$1,375 toward the purchase of the stand. We want to offer parishioners the opportunity to memorialize the remaining cost of the candle stand. **We are asking for 4 donations of \$200.00 each to take care of the balance of the cost of the candle stand.** We will also accept donations for the Easter candle itself the same as we do for the sanctuary candle each week. **That also would be 4 donations of \$200.00 each for the Easter Candle.** Please contact the rectory and let us know if you are interested.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Final PACT Sessions/Parent Meetings

PACT/Religious Education parents are reminded that there is a parent meeting at this year's final session of PACT/Religious Education.

Sunday program: Sundays April 18th & 25th 8:45 a.m.
Weekday program: Mondays April 19th & 26th, 7 p.m., Upper Church
Tuesdays April 20th & 27th, 3:30 p.m., Upper Church

PACT 2010-11 Program/ New Registrations

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?

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).

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.



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 this 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.



Knights of Columbus Events:

- Wednesday April 14 - Rosary for Life - 8PM
Friday April 16 - Pizza & Karaoke Night
Monday April 19 - Lecturer Meeting - Lecture begins at 9PM.
Saturday April 24 - Special Children's Dance & Show 7-11PM. \$30pp.- Contact Charles Hollis at 201-387-9750 (Press #3) for reservations.

Hackensack Walk-in-Center

On Wednesday, April 21st, St. Mary's will be providing the main meal for over 150 guests at the Hackensack Walk-in Center. Food pans will be available after each mass at the doors of the church next weekend. If you would like to share your favorite dish, please pick up a pan or two as you leave the church. Dishes can be brought to the rectory on Wednesday, April 21st, 10:00am-2:00pm.



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.

We Have Seen The Lord!

"Real Faith TV - Connecting Faith With Life for Teens": The April 10th episode is "What Are You Worried About?" http://www.realfaithtv.com/RFTV/Home.html

The Knights of Columbus are praying a novena for Pope Benedict, beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, and concluding on Monday, April 19, the fifth anniversary of the Holy Father's election. Please consider praying it with them. http://kofc.org/un/cmf/resources/Communications/documents/papal_novena.pdf

"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 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

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

We have people coming to St. Mary's on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER OF ST. MARY'S? If you are not, it becomes more complicated if you need some kind of form to be filled out stating that you are a parishioner of our parish. The best way to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter. PLEASE - save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble - come to the rectory office and register!

St Mary's Softball team

Anyone interested in playing on St Mary's Softball team please contact Maria Bernard at 201-385-2094 or e-mail me at sportsrus72@aol.com. The team is open to St Mary's parishioners over the age of 16, male or female. Games are played Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings in Dumont or Bergenfield during the months of June and July. Don't let your ability to play govern your decision. All are welcome. Let us build community while we get some exercise and laughs. Looking forward to welcoming a new group of players.



Wedding Anniversary Masses

On June 6, a Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 PM in the cathedral for couples in Bergen County celebrating 50 years of marriage. You need to call our rectory and register if you plan on attending this celebration. We offer our own prayerful congratulations to couples in St. Mary's celebrating this significant anniversary and ask God's continued blessings on them.