



Saturday	April 24 - Vigil
5:30PM	Amelia and Vincent Amalfitano
Sunday	April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Kathleen and Charlie McMorrow
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Lucy Mosquera
Monday	April 26 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	John Boland
8:45AM	James McMahon
Tuesday	April 27 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Benjamin Canlas
8:45AM	Frances Tibbs
Wednesday	April 28 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Dr. William O'Reilly
8:45AM	Deceased Members of the Recchio Family
Thursday	April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
7:00AM	Eleanor Schlichting
8:45AM	Deceased Members of the O'Neill Family
Friday	April 30 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick Henderson
8:45AM	Deceased Members of the Joyce Family
Saturday	May 1 - Easter Weekday
8:30AM	Paul DiPaola
5:30PM	Sr. Maureen O'Neill
Sunday	May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Vincent & Amelia Amalfitano
10:00AM	Lucia Amorese
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 James McMahon requested by his family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Felisa DeLapena and Isaac Simpaio requested by Rudy and Helen DeLapena

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Peter Vogel and Brian F. Tell.

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 Woehrle..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 DeVirgilis..Bob Jackson..John Canavan
Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post..Larry Frisby..Carlos Cunha..Hyde Family
Carl Cavera..Carole Chittenden..Nellie Fleming Lorraine Mooney
Maureen G. Donna Gonzalez

Hospital Privacy

As we announced at Mass, please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. **If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.**

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.

Sunday – April 25

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Saints 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

Feast of St. Mark

Monday – April 26

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Candidate Session 2 LC/School
7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Final Session with Parent Mtg. UC/School

Tuesday – April 27

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

Wednesday - April 28

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

Thursday – April 29

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

Friday – April 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Rosary for Peace UC
7:30PM-9:00PM Yoga School's Basement

Saturday – May 1

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC
1:00PM-12:00Midnight PALAD's Line Dancing Fundraising SH

Sunday – May 2

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 SFC

Caring for God's Creation

As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and the beauty and warmth of spring, we look to the earth as it bursts forth into life. We also realize that we are the stewards of creation and given the responsibility to care for God's gift of creation. The Archdiocese of Newark has formulated a program entitled **Caring for God's Creation**. It is a series of seven sessions that seeks to look at issues such as energy, food, water and advocacy on behalf of the earth. The seven sessions are as follows: 1) Creation and Ecology as Sacrament; 2) Consumer Choices; 3) Energy; 4) Food (Part 1); 5) Food (Part 2); 6) Water; 7) Advocacy.

Each session would be held on a Monday evening, beginning on May 3 and would run from 60-90 minutes. If you would be interested in coming to these sessions – one or more – please call the rectory and let us know. **We will have the sessions if parishioners call in order to participate.**

Our Anniversary Year Continues

We have begun our celebratory year, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the church cornerstone in 1961. It seems far off, but please mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 15, 2011**. That day, Archbishop Myers will join us at the **12:00 Mass** to bring this anniversary year to a close. Following that liturgy, we will have a **dinner/dance at the Colonial Inn in Norwood**. We will get you more information, as we get closer. Also, mark **Aug. 15, 2010** as well. That date is the feast of the Assumption, our parish feast day, and a Sunday this year. **We are going to have a parish block party in our parking lot that day after the 12:00 Mass.** There will be food, a DJ and all kinds of fun for the kids. We are also planning other anniversary activities, so please keep watching the bulletin and listening to the announcements at Mass.

The following offerings are still available:

Bread and Wine - June 13 & 27
Sanctuary Lamp - May 23; June 6, 20 & 27.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our anniversary year has begun and it got off to an outstanding start with our Opening Mass and Reception. Last Saturday evening, we welcomed Bishop John Smith from the Diocese of Trenton to St. Mary's to preside and to preach at our 5:30 Mass on April 17. His humor, his exuberance and his love of St. Mary's was obvious as he spoke at Mass of the great history of our parish. We were so happy that he was able to be with us.

So many parishioners spoke to me over last weekend and this past week of the incredible beauty of the opening liturgy and the great time that they had at the reception that followed. It was a wonderful evening for everyone and it will be remembered by so many of us who were there. As I did at the reception itself, I want to thank the members of the 50th Anniversary Committee – Didi Asistin, Peggy Keating, Marge Kenter, Josie Parella, Kathy & John Sylvester, Anne Marie Bishopp, Gwen De Lima, Brian & Dolores O'Dowd, Evelyn Marnell, Steve Pochini, & Emily Sevens.

Of course, I want to offer our particular thanks to Diane & Corey Dorn who did so much for that evening. Diane was responsible for obtaining the tables, chairs, cloths and so much of what we might call "the environment" while Corey took care of getting the food and organized the food prep for that evening. With their time, efforts and help, the evening was a wonderful success. Our hats go off to them and our thanks go out to them.

I also want to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the St. John's Council of the Knights of Columbus who gave of their time to help in the food preparation that evening and in serving during the reception. They gave so many hours so that those who came to the reception would be able to enjoy themselves. Your help is sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Now, our anniversary year has begun. There will be parish events that will be part of this year of remembrance and thanksgiving. They are mentioned in an article below. One in particular will take place on the day of our parish patronal feast, August 15, 2010, the Assumption. That event will be our parish "block party." It will take place in the parking lot and we hope that, even though it is in the summer, many of our families will be able to be there. So, please, mark it down now so that you can hopefully be there.

As this year unfolds, we pray that it will truly be a time of prayerful thanksgiving and remembrance, especially to those who made our church building possible. Through their sacrifices, they have provided us with a place of prayer and worship. We now are given the responsibility to ensure that future generations will be able to come here and worship as we do.

May this anniversary year be a time of grace for us. May it strengthen our bonds as the people of God who worship here at St. Mary's.

**Love,
Fr. Bob**

Easter Collection

Thank you to all who supported St. Mary's by the offering of their treasure on Easter Sunday. Our Easter collection for 2010 amounted to \$29,187.00. 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.

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 \$1,375.00 toward the purchase of the stand. We want to offer parishioners the opportunity to memorialize the remaining cost of the candle stand. **We still have the possibility of 1 donation of \$200.00 each to take care of the balance of the cost of the candle stand.** Please contact the rectory and let us know if you are interested.

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 April 17-18 \$9,936.00
 Total for same weekend in 2009 \$9,609.00
From our children's weekly envelopes last weekend - \$6.30
 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 helped clean around the house."
 "I helped with my baby brother."
 "I put the garbage can lid back on."
 "I read and listened to God's word."*

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." from The Acts of the Apostles. Because the disciples had heard the Lord's call, they were able to spread the message of the Gospel with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to listen to God, to ask for his direction and to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

Ministry – The "Clean-up" Crew

Last Saturday evening, April 17, following the cocktail reception that was held in Szelest Hall, there were so many people who stayed around and helped to take down the reception tables and chairs and to generally clean up the gym area. They also put up our tables and chairs so that we could use the gym on Sunday morning for our PACT Religious Education program. Because of the number of people who volunteered their time, we were able to get the gym ready so much faster. **If you stayed and helped out, we thank you for giving of your time and your efforts. You made it so much easier to get the job done and for that, we thank you very much.**

Tithing the Tithes – 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.

Water and Fire

These two symbols are key to what the Easter 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 Easter 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.**

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



Jack Matthew DeVito Justin Gerard Reilly
 Adrian Alexander Serna Tyler Alan Bautista



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.

Weekday program: Monday April 26th, 7 p.m., Upper Church

Tuesday April 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.



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

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.

PALAD Corner

Line Dancing /Ballroom Dancing Showtime! In celebration of the 15th year anniversary of PALAD, we are hosting a fund-raising event for St. Mary's on Saturday, May 1st, starting at 7:30 pm over at the Szelest Hall.

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.

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?

Sunday, May 2nd - "BANKING 101 FOR TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS / INTRODUCTION TO FLOCKING": (6:30p - 8:30p) Spiritual Formation Center

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!

"The Church is Alive": http://www.archny.org/news-events/columns-and-blogs/archbishop-dolans-column/index.cfm?i=16090

"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

A Special Bereavement Mass

A Mass for those whose children have died will be offered at Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ, on Friday, May 7, 2010, at 7:30 PM. All who grieve the death of a child are invited to attend. This Eucharistic liturgy can provide another step in the ongoing process of healing after the death of a child.

Mass for Firefighters

The Archdiocese of Newark will hold its annual St. Florian Mass for firefighters on Sunday, May 2, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ. The Mass will be at 3:00 PM. Come to honor those who serve to protect our communities from the dangers of fire.

If you have any questions about this information, please email Brian O'Dowd @ bodowd@oncontact.net or call 201-385-2859.

Transfiguration Academy

Registration for the 2010/2011 School Year is open

We would like to invite anyone interested in attending Transfiguration Academy in the fall to call our Lower School in Bergenfield (Pre K - 4th Grades) at 201-384-3627 and 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.

We are now taking registration applications for the 2010-2011 school year.

Special Offer from the Garden Café for Transfiguration and our Co-Sponsoring parishioners.

The Garden Café located on Henley Ave, New Milford is offering all Members of St. Mary's, St. John's and Ascension parishes, as well as, all members of Transfiguration Academy 10% off Breakfast, the last Sunday of every Month. Good food, good friends, good atmosphere.

Mark Your Calendar - St. Mary's Carnival - June 7-12

We will announce soon when pre-sale tickets will be available and when you can bring your items for the white elephant sale.



Knights of Columbus Events:

Friday April 30 - Hot Dog & Movie Night - 9PM

Monday May 3 - Membership meeting @ 8PM

May 14-15 - NJ State Convention in Wildwood

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM. Why not stop in and learn more about us!