



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 26 - Vigil</b> James McMahon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 27 – Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 10:00AM George and Carmella Messina 12 Noon Benjamin Canlas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 28 –Easter Weekday</b> 7:00AM Fr. Juniper Stanley, OFM 8:45AM Deceased Members of the Recchio Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena</b> 7:00AM Dore Family (Living) 8:45AM Ann Trennes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 30 – Easter Weekday</b> 7:00AM Jim Klarer 8:45AM Roland Hamel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 1 – Ascension of the Lord</b> 6:30AM Vito V. Dileo 8:45AM Michael Walters 12:15PM Bernard O'Connor 7:30PM Nicholas Magaraci
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 2 – St. Athanasius</b> 7:00AM Stephen Korovich 8:45AM Mary Skoptes (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 3 – Sts. Philip and James</b> 8:30AM Angela Rosa Arboritanza 5:30PM Donohue & Fitzgibbon Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 4 – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 7:45AM Concordia and Anthony Florio 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12 Noon Mary Scrimizzi



### In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Walter and Dorothea Boettger for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary requested by Kenneth and Joan Cole.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Fernando Asuncion's first anniversary requested by Narcisa Asuncion.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Helen Gordon.

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 the sick

Mariana Cardenas...Rita...George Magno...Peter Ramzi...John R. Arthur Rudolph...Susan G. Klarer... Katherine Marie Mirabile Maria Martinez...Rosa Goffi...Emily Del Vecchio Bill Bochicchio Crocetta Pidi...Anne O'Neill...Margherita Bonaldo...Marion Roe Teresa Colgan...Patricia Marino...Brian Soltas...David Storick

#### Bishop John Moolachira at St. Mary's

I have received word that Bishop John Moolachira hopes to say Mass with us on Sunday, May 18, at 7:45 Mass. You may remember that Bishop John was with us, as Fr. John, during the summer of 2006 and ministered to our parish for the months of July, August and September of that year. Upon returning to his native India, he was named to be the bishop of the diocese where he now serves. The date and time of the Mass he will celebrate are almost certain, but we will let the parish know when it is definite. In the meantime, please pray for Bishop John and the people of his diocese in India.



#### **Sunday –April 27**

10:00AM Mass Baptism Gathering Social to follow in Rectory  
11:00AM-12Noon Adult RCIA SFC  
11:00AM-12Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room  
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ-Christian Life Program SFC

#### **Monday – April 28**

4:30PM-5:30PM Brownies #1531 Cafeteria  
7:00PM-8:15PM Religious Ed PACT-Saints Final Session UC/School  
7:00PM Confirmation Practice UC  
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting

#### **Tuesday – April 29**

9:30AM Parents Group B10  
3:30PM-4:50PM Religious Ed PACT-Saints Final Session with Parent UC/School  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir Chapel

#### **Wednesday April 30**

3:30PM-4:30PM Altar Server Training LC  
4:00PM-6:00PM Children/Bell Choir Chapel/UC  
4:00PM & 6:00PM FHC Preparation UC/School  
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room  
7:30PM Volunteer Meeting SFC  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH  
Hackensack Walk-In Center Dinner Program

#### **Thursday – May 1**

3:30PM-4:30PM Altar Server Training LC

#### **Ascension of our Lord**

#### **Friday – May 2**

7:00PM-8:30PM Yoga Class SH  
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

#### **Saturday – May 3**

7:30AM Rosary LC  
8:45AM-12:00Noon Morning with Jesus  
9:30AM-10:30AM Altar Server Training LC

#### **Feast of Saints Philip and James**

#### **Sunday –May 4**

9:00AM Closing Catechist Meeting SFC  
11:00AM-12Noon Adult RCIA SFC  
1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD's EB Meeting RCB  
1:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ-Christian Life Program SFC  
3:00PM Confirmation UC  
Baptism

#### **Hackensack Walk-in-Center**



St. Mary's has the honor of providing the main meal for the guests of the Hackensack Walk-in Center on Wednesday, April 30th. Food pans will be available at the church on Sunday, April 27th and return them to the rectory on Wed., April 30th between 10:00am to 1:00pm.

#### **Confirmation - Sunday, May 4 – 3:00 PM**

Next Sunday, at 3:00 PM, we as a parish will welcome into our midst Bishop Edgar da Cunha, one of the auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark, who will preside at our celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. He will call down the Holy Spirit upon our candidates for this sacrament just as the Spirit was given to the Apostles on Pentecost over 2000 years ago. We ask your prayers for these young men and women, that they will be open to the Spirit's guidance in their lives. We pray as well that their parents and sponsors will be an example to them of living out the faith each day. Please remember these young men and women, their families and sponsors in your prayers this week.

#### **Easter Flower Offering - Corrections**

It should read as: Donated by Linda Moreno

In Memory of Salvatore & Bridget Sorce

Donation from Mrs. Rudolph was omitted.

We apologize for the errors.



**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  
 Matthew Pareti Alicia Newball Thomas Brovarone  
 James Markert Mathew Rosica James Phillips Kyle Zownir  
 Brian Collins 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 Stefan Hutnik  
 Christopher Lynch Zane Campbel Christopher Kishbach

*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.*

**PALAD Corner**

**Marian Pilgrimage Update:** Depending upon the number of parishioners joining the pilgrimage, we are planning to rent a bus for the trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in Doylestown, PA, on Saturday, May 3. The bus has a maximum capacity for 50 people. Departure time is 8:00 am, at the lower parking lot. We expect to be back at St. Mary's by 6:00 pm. To reserve a seat, please contact Tito at (201) 387-9140 or send email to [palad@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:palad@stmarysdumont.org). We will be asking for a small donation of \$20 per person to help defray the cost of the bus.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Our pledge total for the 2008 AAA thus far is **\$42,565.00**. Thanks to all those who have made a pledge to the AAA. Your generosity helps us to meet our goal of \$57,251.00, which, as you can see, has not yet taken place. We know that this year is a little more difficult since we are also beginning our capital campaign in the parish. However, if parish families can see their way clear to still make a pledge to the AAA, it is greatly appreciated. **You can place your pledge envelope in the collection any Sunday or bring it to the rectory during business hours or send it to us my mail.** There is no pledge that is too small because the Church can use whatever we receive to serve God's little ones.

**Senior Housing Project**

Below is a current timeline for the St. Mary's Senior Residence project.

**October 2007 – August 2008**

Receive a commitment from HUD to proceed with construction.  
 Work with Borough of Dumont to obtain site and plan approvals.  
 Demolish convent building.  
 Select a contractor and award the contract.

**September 2008 – September 2009**

Complete an estimated 12 months of construction on the 50-unit housing residence.  
 Make tenant applications available – tentatively on July 1, 2009 - at Dumont Borough Hall and at the residence site.

**October 2009**

First tenants move into their units.

**Summer Trip 2008**

**Right now we have 12-14 people who have signed up to travel to the National Parks this summer on our parish trip.** Brochures for this trip are still available in the parish office. The trip will go from July

17-26, 2008, and will include several national parks in Arizona and Utah. We will visit Scottsdale, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion Canyon National Park, and end in Las Vegas where there will be 2 days to relax and enjoy the sun and to take a trip to see the Hoover Dam. There are still spaces available. The cost per person, double occupancy, is \$2,850.00. Those interested can still get a brochure in our office or call Great Experiences at 201-825-3725.

**Realizing the Dream**

This weekend, we officially begin our parish capital campaign. Over the years, our buildings and grounds have suffered the ravages of weather and age. Now, we are being invited to ensure that, through our sacrifice, the buildings and grounds that we have inherited from those who have gone before us, will be continue to be ready to receive those who come to worship now and in the years to come. We have entitled our campaign **Realizing the Dream** and we thank the co-chairs of the entire campaign who have accepted this position of organizing the campaign with Fr. Bob. They are **Anne Marie Bishopp** and **Tom Ciotti**. They will also be working with Christian Guordin, the campaign director from Lynch Development. The other lay leaders are **Didi Asistin** and **Roberta Elwell** who have accepted the position of co-chairs of the Major Gift Committee. **We promise that we will be in constant communication with the parish so that you know exactly how the campaign is moving along.**

**School Endowment Fund**

As many parishioners know, some years ago, an endowment fund was established for St. Mary's School. In the recent past, we used that money to help families with tuition assistance. We also were able to refurbish the Computer Room and to buy desks for some classrooms. It is true that, two years ago, St. Mary's School merged with two other schools to form Transfiguration Academy. Thankfully, we are still able to use that fund to assist families with tuition in our co-sponsored school. In fact, we will be helping two families with tuition assistance whose children are transferring into Transfiguration for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would like to help us to assist parish families whose children will attend our co-sponsored school, please consider a donation to our School Endowment Fund. We can then offer financial help for those who want their children to attend Transfiguration Academy.

**Altar Servers Needed**

Are you a boy or a girl, in the fourth grade or above?  
 Are you willing to make a commitment to serve at Mass faithfully on the date and time you have been assigned?  
 Are your parents willing to support you in this ministry?  
 Is your family a member of St. Mary's Church?

We invite you to join the Ministry of Serving at Mass.

There will be three training sessions all in the lower church:

Wednesday, April 30 3:30pm-4:30pm

Thursday, May 1 3:30PM-4:30PM

Saturday, May 3, 9:30AM-10:30AM

Please call the rectory at 201-384-0557 if you're interested.

**Compassionate Care of NJ**

Compassionate Care of NJ is seeking mature, caring individuals interested in providing in-home care. Compassionate Care of NJ provides care to the elderly who wish to stay in their home, but need support with the essentials of daily living. For more information, please call 1-732-450-3690

**Annulment Information Night**

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 28 Livingston Avenue, Roseland. The most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a church annulment will be given. Pre-registration is not required. You may call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 1-973-497-4327, for more information.

**Catholics in New York – 1808-1946**

The Museum of the City of New York is having an exhibit from May 16 – Dec. 31, 2008, entitled **Catholics in New York – 1808-1946**. The exhibition will explore the social and political history of the diverse group of people who established the formidable Catholic presence in New York. Although it does not cover New Jersey as such, it still may be of interest to see how the Catholic presence impacted our neighbors to the east. Call 1-212-534-1672 for more information.

**St. Mary's PACT Religious Education Program**

**Final Meetings and Registration Happening Now!**



Our whole parish family can help us to "reach out"! Do you know a family who has moved into Dumont, has transferred children out of a Catholic School, or will have a new 1<sup>st</sup> grader this September? Our PACT/Religious Education Program is for all of the families of the parish with children in Grades 1-8 (optional Kindergarten program) who do not attend Catholic School. Help spread the word, registration has begun! Thank you!

Parents of all new families in our program must attend a new parent orientation. To find out more, just give us a call at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org)

**Weekday PACT Final Parent Meeting Reminder**

Please remember to attend one of the upcoming final PACT Parent Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. in the Upper Church
- Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church

**Tuesday evening is the final opportunity for a parent meeting. Please make it a priority if you have not attended any of the others.**

**Attention all PACT Catechists**

Thank you for your dedication to St. Mary's and our PACT/Religious Education Program! Our year-end Catechist Meetings are scheduled for:

- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**
- Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend the day of your catechetical program, please attend one of the other dates.

**Confirmation Preparation -**



Final Service Project opportunity- help at Morning with Jesus, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> call (201)384-3062 for more information. Be sure to bring in Service Sheets, Sponsor Forms and other paperwork BEFORE the practice.

Confirmation Practice Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. beginning in the Lower Church. Confirmation Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> candidates arrive by 2:40 p.m.

**First Holy Communion Preparation**

Final Wednesday preparation session is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Morning With Jesus, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:45 a.m. - Noon



**Please pray for all of our candidates who are preparing to deepen their relationship with our Lord and his Church.**

**St. Mary's Youth Ministry – for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teens and their Families**

**Spiritual Caffeine: A Weekly Gospel Reflection for Teens**

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**The Strength to Love (John 14: 15-21)**

In the Gospel, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Jesus kept his promise when the apostles received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. You received the same Holy Spirit at your baptism or confirmation. So, who is the Holy Spirit, and how do we recognize his presence? You can tell the Holy Spirit is present by noticing his movements in your heart. The Holy Spirit brings the truth. He is present whenever you strive to be honest. He is your power: not for attacking but for love and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit is god's gift. He gives wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and reverence. The Holy Spirit is near when your heart is filled with joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Above all, the Holy Spirit is the love of God. Where there is love, there is the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit! - Magnifikid

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday, May 4:** No meeting – Confirmation
- Sunday, May 11:** No meeting – Mother's Day & Blaise first Communion at the 10:00 Mass

**St. Mary's Youth Ministry-Upcoming Events Cont'd:**

**Sunday, May 18:** 13th Annual N.J. State Catholic Youth Rally at Great Adventure. Tickets are \$45 per person and include free lunch, free parking, & free return trip. We need adult drivers and chaperones! Please make checks out to the Archdiocese of Newark and they must be turned into the parish business office by Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**World Youth Day 2008, July 15-20 in Sydney, Australia: 500,000 expected to attend!**



Days to go until: 82

**World Youth Day website:** [www.wyd2008.org](http://www.wyd2008.org)

**Song of the Week:** "Grant us Peace"  
[www.disciplesnow.com/spiritandsong](http://www.disciplesnow.com/spiritandsong)

**For more information:** You can email us at [youthmin@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:youthmin@stmarysdumont.org) or call (201) 385-2936.

**IRF Raffle**

The Inter-religious Fellowship for the Homeless is selling raffle tickets for its Super 50/50 Raffle to be held on June 16, 2008, at its annual meeting. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit the Emergency Family Shelter at St. Cecilia's, the New Leaf Transitional Housing Program and the Break the Cycle Scholarship Fund, all sponsored by the IRF. A maximum of 1000 tickets will be sold for \$100.00 each. You can purchase a ticket by call the IRF at 201-833-8099 or online at [www.IRFHomeless.org](http://www.IRFHomeless.org).

**National Swimming Competition**



Two weeks ago one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Zach Pergolizzi, participated in the "Sunkissed Invitational Swim Meet", held in North Carolina.

Young athletes from around the country participated in this event. Zach finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the 50-meter free style and 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the 100-meter breaststroke. We congratulate Zach on an outstanding performance. Zach is a member of the Greater Bergen County YMCA Tides Swim Team.

We also would like to congratulate all of our young gentlemen and ladies of Transfiguration Academy and their coaches who have participated in our Academy's many sports activities. The Academy focuses on developing the entire individual: mentally, physically and spiritually.

***Transfiguration Academy – Strengthening Faith, Enlightening minds, Transforming hearts. One Student at a Time***

**Save The Date!**

Our annual **Tricky Tray** will be held on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 at Conlon Hall, North Williams Street, Bergenfield, and N.J.



Doors open at 6 PM. The 1<sup>st</sup> ticket will be pulled at 7:30PM. Food will be available at the "Tricky Tray Café"

**Transfiguration Academy Project Graduation 2008**

The 8th Grade graduating class is having a **CAR WASH** **Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Conlon Hall, North William Street, Bergenfield, Behind St. John's Church

**Cars \$5.00 Vans & SUVs \$7.00**

**Knights of Columbus:**

Upcoming activities at St. John's Council #1345 Knights of Columbus, serving Bergenfield and Dumont, and celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary include:

**Discussion of Chiropractic Health** - Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> after the 8pm meeting. Dr. David Schwartz will give a talk about Chiropractic health immediately following the meeting. This lecture is open to the general public and we invite everyone in the community to join us for an informative evening. Contact Dave Benson 201-385-1839 and let us know you're coming.