



*This Week*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 22 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Mary and Michael Martin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 23 - Pentecost Sunday</b>
7:45AM	Bridie and Joe Simon
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Deceased Members of the Rosica Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 24 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Rose Daniello
8:45AM	Henry J. Crowley
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 25 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Federico Buluran
8:45AM	Andrew Prescott
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 26 - St. Philip Neri</b>
7:00AM	Jasmin Cachuela (Living)
8:45AM	Primo Stecco
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 27 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Angel Moyet
8:45AM	Ruth and Michael O'Neill
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 28 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Eleanor Schlichting
8:45AM	Thomas Sweeney
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 29 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Martin Oats
5:30PM	Clayton Boyd
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity</b>
7:45AM	Mary and Paul McDonald
10:00AM	Jim Klarer and Corcoran Family
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 Frank Gallo requested by the Armellino family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Anita Blatt requested by the Schuck family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner John Canavan.

### **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..Maureen G 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..Robert Conboy Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post..Larry Frisby..Carlos Cunha..Hyde Family Carl Cavera..Carole Chittenden..Lorraine Mooney..Donna Gonzalez Helen Griffin..Paul Rodriguez

### **Water and Fire**

As the Easter Season draws to a close this weekend, both the water and the fire that some of our parish families have had on their dining table will now be removed. That does not mean, of course, that our baptismal call (water) now ends or that the light of Christ within us (fire) is now extinguished. It does mean that we carry that call and that light within us. It means that the call and the light must be visible, not only on a table, but also in every action and every word that is a part of our lives. May people see that we are baptized members of the Body of Christ and may they see that light shine forth from us as we live out our daily lives in our homes, at school, at our places of work or wherever we go.

### **Daily Mass in lower church**

Beginning on Monday, May 24, our daily Masses will once again be celebrated in the lower church.

### **Sunday – May 23**

9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC  
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room  
3:00PM Confirmation Bishop da Cunha UC

### ***Pentecost***

### **Monday – May 24**

After 845AM Mass Rosary LC  
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting RCB

### **Tuesday – May 25**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
9:30AM Parents Group B05  
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

### **Wednesday - May 26**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
3:30PM & 7:00PM New Parent Meeting 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 Carnival Meeting RCA  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

### **Thursday – May 27**

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

### **Friday – May 28**

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

### **Saturday – May 29**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

### **Sunday – May 30**

After 7:45AM Mass Veterans Social SFC  
2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ FFL (Mitch) SFC

### ***The Most Holy Trinity***

### **Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates!**



On Sunday afternoon, May 23, at 3:00 PM, 91 of the teens of our parish will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome to St. Mary's Bishop Edgar da Cunha, the regional bishop of Essex County and one of the auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark, who will confirm our candidates. Especially during the last days of the Easter Season, we have Jesus tell his disciples that he would not leave them alone. He would send the promised gift of the Father to them. That gift is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is freely given and must be freely received. We pray that our candidates will allow that Spirit to animate and guide their lives.

### **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.

### **Men's Spirituality Group**

For the month of June, our parish Men's Spirituality Group will meet on the third Friday – June 18 – rather than the usual second Friday. We need to change the date since the second Friday is during the week of the carnival. As always, we will meet from 8:00 – 9:30 PM in the school meeting room next to the Religious Education Office. **During the June meeting, we will view the movie *Romero*, the story of the Archbishop Oscar Romero, the martyred archbishop of El Salvador in Central America.**

### **Memorial Day Mass**

On Monday, May 31, our nation remembers and offers thanks for all of those who have served our nation in the Armed Forces. We will gather for our only Mass at 9:00 AM. Please join us as we pray for our veterans, living and dead, and pray for a just and lasting peace in our world. The parish office will also be closed all day on Monday, May 31.



*My brothers and sisters in Christ,*

The fifty days are over and the Easter Season comes to an end this weekend. The Paschal Candle will be extinguished after the last Mass today and it will be moved to its place near the baptismal font. Our weekly remembrance of our baptism at the beginning of Mass – what we call the sprinkling rite – will now cease. Although we will still wear white on the next two weekends because of the feasts of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of the Lord on those Sundays, we will go back to wearing green during the week. Our celebration of daily Mass will return to the lower church. **But the Holy Spirit, whose descent on the Apostles we remember today, never leaves, never changes, never stops guiding and supporting.**

The feast of Pentecost finds its origin within the Jewish community. That is why the book of the Acts of the Apostles states, "... when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled..." Pentecost was the second most important of the Jewish feasts. It was the closing feast of the harvest and took place 50 days after the celebration of the Passover. Hence the prefix – *Penta* – meaning fifty. The Jewish people would have journeyed to Jerusalem from all parts of the world. That is why the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that "...there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem."

And so, the Apostles, having been told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem and having been promised that they would receive another Advocate, are gathered in Jerusalem in the Upper Room. They hear the sound of a mighty wind (the first sign of the Spirit) and tongues of fires (the second sign of the Spirit) "...come to rest on each one of them."

Unusual experiences begin to take place. They are filled with a new and extraordinary courage. They can speak different languages, languages that they would never have known. They were simple fishermen and a former tax collector. They would not have had the opportunity, in all likelihood, to have learned languages other than their native Aramaic, the spoken language of the Jews living in that region. The Acts of the Apostles is quick to remind us that they spoke these languages "...as the Spirit prompted them." They were misunderstood and people thought they had had too much wine. In short, those hearing them thought the Apostles were drunk.

While it is certainly possible that, if the Spirit prompts and we are responsive, we could go out of church today and begin preaching the Gospel in a language that is foreign to us, I don't know that that will happen. I don't expect that we are necessarily going to experience a mighty wind that will shake the church or that we will see tongues of fire come and rest on each of us. It would be wonderful if that were to happen and I think that it would have a profound effect on us. But I am not sure that it will happen.

Nevertheless, we are no less the recipients of the presence of the Holy Spirit. In both Baptism and Confirmation, we were anointed and we received the Spirit. Perhaps because there were no unusual occurrences that took place when we were baptized or confirmed, such as wind or fire or foreign languages, we may feel that somehow the Spirit was not given. That could not be further from the truth. In point of fact, the Spirit works in our lives in the ordinary and the everyday events.

When we are prompted to help someone and do so, **it is the Spirit.** When we are able to make a correct decision, even though it may be one that goes against what others say we should do, **it is the Spirit.** When we take time to pray in the course of what is a chaotic day, **it is the Spirit.** When we choose to participate in a parish ministry or activity or society, even though we may be a little apprehensive, **it is the Spirit.** When we decide to spend time with our family, even though we have a million things to do, **it is the Spirit.**

There may not be wind or fire or foreign languages, but there is the courage and the strength to do what we know is right because it is rooted in God's call to us. The manifestations of the Spirit are shown today in the people who have been anointed and who are willing to be open to the Spirit's power in their lives.

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**The following offerings are still available:**

Bread and Wine - July 18 & 25  
Sanctuary Lamp - June 27; July 11, 18 & 25

**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 May 15-16	\$8,775.00
Total for same weekend in 2009	\$8,500.00
<b>From our children's weekly envelopes</b>	
Campaign donations received thus far in April	\$16,037.95

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.

**Because of the celebration of First Holy Communion last weekend, there was no Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 10:00 Mass. The Children Liturgy of the Word will resume this Sunday, the feast of Pentecost. We will once again list our children's good deeds next weekend, May 29-30. Please pray for our children, that they will continue to do good deeds at home, at school and elsewhere, always helping others in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."** from the Gospel of John. *The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us and from us. It is good to know that when we are confused by our stewardship responsibilities, we can call on the Holy Spirit to show us the way.*

**Ministry – Special Ministers of Holy Communion**

Since the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, one of the ministries that have been instituted is that of the **Special Minister of Holy Communion.** Before these reforms, the Eucharist was given only by a priest and the Blood of Christ was never offered to the laity. This new way for Catholics to receive the Eucharist is one of the reasons we need these special ministers. The priest would never have been able to minister both the Body and the Blood of the Lord to those at Mass. Those who come forward to be a **Special Minister of Holy Communion** now allow the laity to receive, if they so choose, both the Body and Blood of the Lord and thus take part in the reception of the Eucharist in a much fuller way. For the Lord Jesus did say to us – *Take and eat, this is my Body – Take and drink, this is my Blood.* These ministers also bring the Eucharist to those who are homebound, thus allowing the sick and infirm members of our parish to receive the Eucharist more regularly. Parishioners choosing to be **Special Ministers of Holy Communion** are prepared both by the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese as well as by one of our own Special Ministers. If you believe that the Lord is calling you to be a **Special Minister of Holy Communion**, contact Fr. Bob at 201-384-0557 – or at his e-mail address – frbob@stmarysdumont.org.

**Tithing the Tithes – 2010**

For the month of April, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$899.00 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 - \$200.00  
St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$200.00  
Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$200.00  
Emergency Fund - \$299.00

**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.*

**Help Needed at Holy Name**

Holy Name Medical Center is seeking individuals to bring the Eucharist to hospitalized patients. Training will be provided to those interested in ministering to the sick. For further information, please call Chaplain Maureen Morosco at 201-833-3243.





**PACT/Religious Education Program Updates**

**PACT/Religious Education Registrations**

Those who did not complete PACT/Religious Education registration forms at a parent meeting should bring them or mail them as soon as possible. We need the registrations in order to plan for our Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Sacrament Preparation programs for the coming 2010-11 year. Thank you!

Re-registration materials are available in our Religious Education Office in the school building.

**New Parents Meeting for PACT 2010-11 Program**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for parents new to our PACT/Religious Education Program. Parents may attend either time, 3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., in the Upper Church.

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.

**Catechists Needed!**

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.

**St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)**

Working With Our Parish Community to Help Our Teens, 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Become Better Versions of Themselves: Physically, Emotionally, Intellectually, & Spiritually

**The Gift of the Spirit:**

Through his Holy Spirit, God accompanies us throughout our lives and actually lives inside each of us! This might be hard for us to believe. After all, we've never "seen" or "heard" the Holy Spirit. However, if we use the eyes of faith, we can see lots of signs that the Spirit is present inside of us. Have you ever been afraid, but managed to find the courage to say or do the right thing? That's the work of the Holy Spirit. Have you started to feel sad about something, but then felt as if someone was comforting you? That is also the work of the Spirit. When Jesus returned to his Father, he promised us that the Spirit of God would always be with us. The Holy Spirit is already helping us to share in the life of God. The Spirit helps us to be faithful to God's word and to grow in patience, joy, & gentleness. He makes us people of God. - *Magnificat*

**What Events Are Coming Up For Teens?**

**"CONFIRMATION" - Sunday, May 23rd:** Church of St. Mary (3:00p). We want to congratulate all of our parish teens who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation today. This is a very important day in your lives. May God continue to bless and watch over you as you move on to high school and young adulthood. We would like you invite you to get involved in SMYM as a continuation of your faith journey. Please see our upcoming events (below) & sign up for our weekly Enewsletter.

**"TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY GRADUATION" - Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>:** Church of St. John (3:00p) Transfiguration Academy is our parish cosponsored school. [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org)

**"ST. MARY PARISH CARNIVAL" - Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, & Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**(7:00p – closing). This is a big parish fundraiser and an opportunity for a fun time. Please meet us at fishbowl booth

**Want To Go Deeper?**

**What we read, watch, or listen does make a difference.**

**"Real Faith TV – Connecting Faith With Life for Teens":**

<http://www.realfaithtv.com/RFTV/Home.html>

**"Jesus Is Still With Us":**

<http://www.cny.org/archive/tdcolumn/tmd050610.htm>

**"Contemporary Christian Music":**

<http://www.spiritandsong.com/> or 99.1 FM

**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**



**Monday - Friday 6:00PM - 10:00PM**  
**Saturday 1:00PM - 5:00PM and 6:00PM - 10:00PM**

**International Food Night**  
**Thursday - Italian Friday - Filipino**

**Don' Forget to:**

**Purchase Pre-Sale Ride Tickets (while supplies last) after each mass and at the Rectory, Monday-Friday, 9:00AM- 6:00PM.**

**Purchase and return chance books by mail or drop them in the collection box at any Mass.**

**We need your help to:**

**Volunteer to work at the booths.**

**Donate items for the White Elephant sale. Drop off items starting Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, after 3:00PM outside the gym (no clothing please).**

**Transfiguration Academy**

**H.S.A. Announces Officers for the 2010/2011 School Year**

Elections for the Executive Board of the Home School Association were held at May 11 general meeting. We are pleased to announce the Executive Board for the upcoming year:

<b>President:</b>	Craig Von der Osten	<b>Members At Large:</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Irene Sanders	Ann Gangi
<b>Secretary:</b>	Phyllis Adams	Caroline Olmo
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rowena Bautista	Carlette Roberts
<b>Marketing:</b>	Lesla Rossmann	
<b>Internal Audit:</b>	Malu Canlas Appointed (Non -Voting)	

**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS BEAUTY and the BEAST (Jr.)**

The Middle School performance of Beauty and the Beast (Jr.) will be performed

**New Milford Campus' Fr. Benedict Center**  
**Friday, May 21 @ 8PM**  
**Saturday, May 22 @ 8PM**  
**Sunday, May23 @ 3PM**



Please join us for a truly outstanding production by our Middle School Students

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5

**IN the NOT TO BE OUTDONE Category**



**The Lower School Presents "THE WIZARD OF OZ" Thursday Night, May 27 @ 7PM At Conlon Hall**

A good will offering of \$5 PER Family is requested

Proceeds to benefit the 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades) at 201-384-3627 and our Upper School in New Milford (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**