



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 23 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Marie Blizzard
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 24 - Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
7:45AM	John DeBenedictis
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Deceased Rosicas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 25 - Easter Weekday</b>
9:00AM	James O'Brien
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 26 - St. Philip Neri</b>
7:00AM	Anne O'Neill
8:45AM	Maria Miculich
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 27 - Easter Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Sisley Therese Joaquin Carretas (Living)
8:45AM	Ruth O'Neill
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 28 - Easter Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Eileen Conneely
8:45AM	Robert Trennes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 29 - Easter Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Potino Canares
8:45AM	George R. Coberg
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 30 - Easter Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Mary A. Ross
5:30PM	Vito Pidi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 31 - Pentecost Sunday</b>
7:45AM	Rev. Willy O'Connor
10:00AM	Vincent and Amelia Amalfitano
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Sunday – May 24**

7:45AM Veterans Memorial Mass with VFW 761 Reception to follow SFC  
 9:00AM-10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
 11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC  
 11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room  
 Blessing of the Air Conditioning Unit in SFC after 12:00 Noon Mass  
 Treasure Weekend

**Monday – May 25**

10:00AM #1531 Brownie Memorial Day Parade  
**Memorial Day Observed**

**Tuesday – May 26**

9:30AM Parents Group B10  
 7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir Chapel  
 7:00PM Bereavement Support Group RCB

**Wednesday – May 27**

3:30PM & 7:00PM New Parent Meeting UC  
 4:00PM-6:00PM Children/Bell Choirs Chapel/UC  
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
 7:00PM-9:00PM Knitters Youth Room  
 7:30PM Carnival Meeting for Volunteers RCB  
 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

**Thursday – May 28**

7:00PM Confirmation Practice UC/LC  
 7:30PM Baptism Class SFC  
 8:00PM Finance Council Meeting RCB

**Friday – May 29**

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC  
 7:30PM-10:30PM General Meeting for Pistang Pinoy SH

**Saturday – May 30**

Reception for Fr. Peter following 5:30PM Mass Area by Rectory

**Sunday – May 31**

7:45AM K of C Corporate Mass  
 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 UC

**Pentecost****Visitation of the Blessed Virgin****Monday, May 25**

Our nation celebrates Memorial Day on Monday, May 25. We will have one Mass that morning at 9:00 AM at which we will pray for the gift of peace in our world and ask God to keep the members of our nation's armed forces safely in his care. We will also pray in thanksgiving for those who have given their life for the cause of freedom. **Please join us on Monday morning for Mass as we gather as citizens of our nation and followers of the Lord Jesus.**

**Fr. Peter's Mass**

Deacon Peter Iwuala was ordained a priest on Saturday, May 23, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He will be returning to St. Mary's on **Saturday, May 30, to celebrate the 5:30 Mass.** We are going to have a simple reception of "Coffee and..." in the area behind the rectory following the 5:30 Mass. We invite our parishioners to join us for Mass that evening and the reception afterward to extend best wishes to Fr. Peter. **Please call the rectory if you are able to be with us at the reception so that we can prepare enough refreshments for those attending.**

**Prayers for our candidates**

Next Sunday, May 31, our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit at a Mass at 3:00 PM with Bishop John Flesey. These young men and women will now be fully initiated members of this parish community and of the Church. Please pray that they will be responsive to the Spirit's touch – at Mass each Sunday, in the choices that they make, in their service to others, in their willingness to become more involved in the life of the parish.

**In Loving Memory**

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory Richard Delia, Jr. requested by his parents.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Stanley W. Raffa requested by his sister Maria Raffa.

The baskets of flowers in the sanctuary for this week is given in memory of Stanley W. Raffa (Brother) and Luigi Raffa (Father) requested by Maria Raffa

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners.

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 our sick:**

Mary Rosenthal...Ben S...Rose Farrell...Fr. Michael Hansen  
 Baby Amelia Brooke Lombardo...Tamara Sanzari...Bill Cannon  
 Arthur King...Tony Martignetti...Susan G. Klarer...Mary M...John R.  
 Debbie Portillo...Richard Lang...Peter Ramzi...Marie Fitzgerald  
 Richard DeCourcy...Lulu Battista...Bob Jackson...Jesse Carrizzo  
 Patricia O'Connor...Anne O'Neill...Margherita Bonaldo...Tanya B.  
 John Bruton...Mildred Dellner...Freida Perry...Dolores Kiernan  
 Fredres McGinnes...Jack MacDonald...Marie Woehrlé  
 Joan O'Leary-Rella...Marilyn Reynolds-Burg

**Parish Office Schedule**

In observance of Memorial Day, the parish office will be closed all day on Monday, May 25th.





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
- Brian Collins Alicia Newball Gerald J. Ferra, Jr. Angelica Peji
- James Markert James Phillips Kyle Zownir Wayne Lawton
- Kristine Becker Donald Dickson Danny Hilsdorf...Anthony Duncan
- Edward Bryan Frago Anthony Zangoglia Christopher Cookson
- Joshua M LaBazzetta James R. Melady Robert Dellner
- Walter F. Fawcett David Christopher Pierson Joe Shannon
- Christopher Lynch Zane Campbel Christopher Kishbach
- Robert Challenger, Jr. Ryan Shireman Christian Baierwalter

*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.*

Campaign Information

We now are progressing along with the repairs that we are able to make as a result of our Capital Campaign **Realizing the Dream**. 1) We will soon be hiring an engineer who will look at our drainage problem on the school side of the church. This is caused by the fact that the rainwater from the roof of the church goes into underground pipes. Due to age, these pipes have collapsed and now need to be replaced. The engineer will help us determine what to do. 2) We will need to make repairs to the heating system in the school. We will be replacing return lines as well as steam traps in each radiator. This will cost approximately \$74,000 plus the cost to remove any asbestos. 3) The roofs over the sacristies need to be repaired. These leaks are the reason why there is so much damage to the walls in the bathrooms off of each sacristy. 4) The concrete staircase that leads down to the rectory office and the one next to it going to the first floor of the rectory are both badly cracked and needed to be repaired or, more likely, replaced. **These repairs can be addressed due to the \$220,000+ that we have in the bank at present as a result of pledges that parish families have made and are fulfilling each month.**

Total amount in pledges made -	<b>\$886,776.16</b>
Number of families who have pledge	<b>446</b>
Average pledge per family -	<b>\$1,988.29</b>
Cash collected thus far -	<b>\$344,769.01</b>
Expenses paid thus far**	<b>\$122,916.83</b>
Cash on hand -	<b>\$221,852.18</b>

**Pledges for one time donation are still gratefully accepted.**

**\*\*Explanation of Expenses**

- 1) Total amount paid to Lynch Development Associates for Preliminary Feasibility Study, Actual Capital Campaign and costs related to both - **\$87,970.83**
- 2) Rectory roof repair - **\$15,000.00**
- 3) Church roof repair - **\$17,501.00**
- 4) Lower Church Drains/Leak **\$ 445.00**
- 5) Tree Removal **\$ 2,000.00**

Campaign Prayer

*God of all goodness, in every generation, you gather your people together in peace and bind them as one in prayer, in community and in service. For almost one hundred years, you have united the people of St. Mary's as one parish family. We are men and women, adult and children, coming from the four corners of the earth, speaking different languages, yet bound together through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through your goodness and the generosity of those who have come before us, we have been blessed in our present home – our church – for almost fifty years.*

*Now is the time for us, the people of St. Mary's gathered at this time in our history, to ensure that what we have received from those before us may be preserved for those who will come after us. In prayer and in reflection, we now realize the greatness of your bounty and we accept the challenge of offering our time, our talent and our treasure so that we can preserve for future generations what we have been fortunate enough to receive from those who have built before us in faith and trust.*

*Send your Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be cheerful as we accept joyfully this next phase in the life of our parish. Help us to share a portion of our gifts, so that we, as a parish, may realize the dream and preserve for those who come after us what we have received in gratitude.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Visits to the Homebound

We need to update our listing of our parishioners who are homebound and cannot get to church. If you are a Eucharistic minister who visits a homebound parishioner, please call the rectory and give us their name, address and telephone number. If you know a homebound parishioner who is not being visited to your best knowledge, please call the rectory and let us know. In either case, we want to ensure that these parishioners are being visited on a regular basis by one of the parish priests.

Liturgy Schedule

Below is the listing of readers, Eucharistic ministers and servers for next week for **May 30-31**.

<u>5:30PM</u>	<u>7:45AM</u>	<u>10:00AM</u>	<u>12:00Noon</u>
H1-E. Moloney	H1-P. Keating	H1-E. Duffy	H1-R. Callahan
H3-A. Breun	H3-V. Criscuolo	H3-M. Truppe	H3-D. Boettger
H4-R. Schmidt	H4-B. Kenter	H4-L. Bishopp	H4-L. Lo
C1-J. Breun	C1-A. DeNoia	C1-T. Ciotti	C1-N. Poznanski
C2-J. Parella	C2-N. Florio	C2-A.M. Bishopp	C2- C. Reilly
C3-E. King	C3-M. Daly	C3-F. Ikalina	C3-H. Flores
C4-G. Tagliareni	C4-J. DeNoia	C4-K. Permyu	C4- M. Pacia

R1-P. Gallagher	R1-J. Schaper	R1-G. Drummond	R1-R. Elwell
R2-B. Martin	R2-K. Florio	R2-T. Osborne	R2-O. Reekie

S-M. Connelly	S-L. Bumatay	S-A. DeJesus	S-N. Bayona
S-M. Kostka	S-C. Schwerzler	S-A. DeJesus	S-E. Flores
S-J. Miloscia	S-M. Vicente	S-C. Ikalina	S-A. Ramos

Are you aware that at St. Mary's...

- ...we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our church building in the year 2011?
- ...beginning this weekend, we will be asking our children who go to the lower church at the 10:00 Mass for their own Liturgy of the Word to take home an envelope and to bring it back next Sunday, listing a good deed that they have done to support St. Mary's?
- ...our parish carnival is held the first week of June each year and that it will be held from June 1-6?
- ...our Confirmation candidates will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit next Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 PM, when Bishop John Flesey confirms them?
- ...we have volunteers who answer the telephone in the rectory office every weeknight from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and on Saturday morning and Sunday morning from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM?

A Great Gift for Father's Day

To honor your father (living or deceased) this **Father's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5.00, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your dad or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese of Newark! Monies received will be used **ONLY** for the purchase of emergency food supplies for the 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to: **EFNN, Catholic Charities, 37 Evergreen Place, East Orange, NJ 07018** or call **1-973-266-7941**. When you send your donation, give your name, complete address, telephone number and the name of the person to be enrolled. Also, give the name and address of the person to whom you want the card sent. *Your dad or the person you are enrolling will be so proud of you for recognizing his caring in such a meaningful way.*

Send a child to summer camp?

The Eddie Gray Camp Fund is seeking funds to send inner city children to Summer Camp. This year, the cost is \$100.00 for one week. However, donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Every donations helps and is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to the *Eddie Gray Camp Fund* and mail them to: Sister Jacinta Fernandez, St. Joseph Social Service Center, 812 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07201.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

PACT 2009-10

Please remember to re-register for next year's program before this school year ends so that we may plan for next year's program.

New Parent Meeting- Spread the Word!

There will be a meeting for parents who will be bringing their families into our program for the first time in September. On Wednesday, May 27th, parents who need information about our programs may attend a meeting in the Upper Church at either 3:30 p.m. after school or in the evening at 7:00 p.m. For more information call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioised@stmarysdumont.org

ME... a catechist?

We need faithful parishioners who attend mass and practice their faith to share that faith with small groups on Tuesday afternoons and Monday evenings. We will also need faithful volunteers for Sundays and sacrament preparation sessions. Pray about it. Think about it!

For more information call (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioised@stmarysdumont.org

Pray for our Confirmation Candidates

Candidate names and some pictures from the Confirmation Retreat are on the bulletin board in the vestibule in the back of the Church.



Practice for the Confirmation Liturgy with candidates, parents, and sponsors will be THURSDAY, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The Confirmation Liturgy will be May 31st, Pentecost Sunday, at 3:00 p.m.; candidates and sponsors arrive by 2:40 p.m.

Forum on Immigration

Calvary United Methodist Church in Dumont will host a forum on immigration issues on Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 PM. Our parishioners have been invited to attend

Retreat for Separated and Divorced

A weekend retreat for those separated and divorced will be given on June 12-14, 2009, in Newton, New Jersey, by a Franciscan Retreat Team. For more information, call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM, at 973-985-9736 or Deacon Milt at 973-271-5097.

Author of The Shack

William P. Young, author of the acclaimed novel, The Shack, will be at St. Andrew's Parish, 125 Broadway, Bayone, on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in the Parish Center at the corner of Broadway and 4th Street, to speak about this book, his first novel. Besides the lecture, he will entertain a question/answer session and will also provide a book signing. The event will include coffee, tea and dessert. Please call Betty Zywicki at 201-426-2730 for more information.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

"You are Christ's disciples today. Shine his light upon this great city and beyond. Show the world the reason for the hope that resonates within you. Tell others about the truth that sets you free!" - Pope Benedict's Address to Youth in NYC.

Junior Youth Group: 7th & 8th Grades
Senior Youth Group: 9th - 12th Grades

May Vocation Prayer: Faithful God, you created us to love you and your people. You have chosen some to serve by responding to the call to priesthood and religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of those you called to follow this path of spiritual leadership. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Benedict XVI's Call to Youth: "Now is the Time to Be Missionaries"

VATICAN CITY, (MAY 4, 2009). - Benedict XVI is inviting kids as young as 8 years old to "enthusiastically speak about Jesus" so as to bring the light of the Gospel to those who do not know him. The Holy Father told the kids to "grow in friendship with Jesus, the friend who never fails, through prayer and the sacraments, so as to speak of him with enthusiasm to those who have perhaps not had the joy of knowing him." The Pontiff also invited the kids to "observe the various parts of the earth, to become aware of their beauties and necessities." And, he encouraged the youngsters to "take on already from now the responsibility of bringing to all of them the light of the Gospel and its message of peace, as well as fraternal aid, especially to those who are most needy."

May Pro-Life Activity: We are going to donate the over \$100 we collected in our annual January Baskets for Babies project to Several Sources Shelters, homes for mothers who have nowhere to go. Their website is http: www.lifecall.org. Please take a look at the great work they do.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

Sunday, May 31st: - "Confirmation & Pentecost Sunday": All of our parish eighth graders, including some in SMYM, will be Confirmed at a 3:00p Mass by Bishop Flesey.

Tuesday, June 2nd & Thursday, June 4th: - "Parish Carnival": The parish carnival is our church's single biggest fundraiser of the year. We'll work in the fish bowl booth from 7-10p.

Sunday, June 7th: - "End of the year & Confirmation PARTY!!" This is our big year end bash with food, music, and games from 6:30 - 8:30p in the rectory yard. We want to offer a special invitation to all those eighth graders who were confirmed last Sunday. For all, please let us know if you are coming so we can buy food.

Need to talk to us? email: youthmin@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 385-2936.

We'll See You At Mass! Charlie & Lesa

Transfiguration Academy

Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, All eligible students, Pre-K through 7th grade, may be enrolled by visiting the school office at the appropriate campus. Please call the Lower School, Grades Pre-K 2 Plus at 201-384-3627. Or the Upper School, Grades 5 through 8, at 201-836-7074. We invite you to visit our website: www.transfigurationacademy.org

Knights of Columbus:

Corporate Communion Mass - Sunday, May 31st at 7:45am. Please join us back at the Council after Mass for fellowship and a buffet breakfast. Call George at 201-384-0972 to make your reservation.

Jim Rush Memorial Golf Classic - Monday, June 8th at the Rockleigh Golf Course. The cost for the day is only \$95.00 for golfers; and \$25.00 for those who just wish to attend the awards dinner later that evening. Please contact Mike Cremin at 201-384-2543 or GK Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 to make your reservation.

Beef and Brew Dinner Dance - Saturday, June 13th at 7pm. Come join us in celebrating the final bash of this Columbian year. There will be steak, burgers, sides, salads, cold beverages and hot music. In addition to the normal festivities we will be paying tribute to our Centennial Grand Knight Ivan Hannibal. The cost is \$27.00 PP. Please contact John McGill @ 201-384-7511 for reservations.

St. Mary's Carnival 2009 June 1-6

Don't Forget to:

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

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

Donate items for the White Elephant sale. Drop off items starting Friday, May 29th, after 12:00noon outside the gym (no clothing please).

We Need Your Help:

Volunteer to sell chances at local supermarkets.

Volunteer to work at the booths.