



Saturday	July 19 – Vigil
5:30PM	Lorraine Rosica
Sunday	July 20 – 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	James O'Shea
12 Noon	Harold Urban and Gemma DeLeo
Monday	July 21 - Weekday
7:00AM	Mattea Morich
8:45AM	Pedro Aviles
Tuesday	July 22 – Mary Magdalene
7:00AM	Anne O'Neill (Living)
8:45AM	Gaby Froidevaux
Wednesday	July 23 - Weekday
7:00AM	Inocencio Sayawan
8:45AM	Elaine O'Brien
Thursday	July 24 - Weekday
7:00AM	Flavia Raffa
8:45AM	Elizabeth and Alice Lewis
Friday	July 25 – St. James
7:00AM	Maricar Laya (Living)
8:45AM	James O'Shea
Saturday	July 26 – Sts. Joachim and Anne
8:30AM	Nora and George Daly
5:30PM	John Coleman
Sunday	July 27 – 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:45AM	John and Bridget Reilly
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Rita Keenan



In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Harold Urban and Gemma De Leo requested by Rosetta Urban.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in Thanksgiving for the Laya Family (Living).

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners John DeBenedictis, Olive L. Early and Charles D. DeVincenzo

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...George Magno...Peter Ramzi...Rita Bob Jackson...Arthur Rudolph...Susan G. Klarer... Rosa Goffi Katherine Marie Mirabile...John R...Maria Martinez...Maureen G. Emily Del Vecchio...Nancy Poznanski...Crocetta Pidi Anne O'Neill...Margherita Bonaldo... Valerie Kana`...Ed Lane Teresa Colgan...Patricia Marino... Mary Ellen Muccarone David Storick... Angela Darata... Mathilde Hartmann George DiCostanzo

Summer Hours - Parish Office

During the months of July and August, the parish office will close on Friday afternoons at 4:00PM. **This change in office hours is for Friday afternoon ONLY**



Sunday – July 20

Food Collection

Monday – July 21

Tuesday – July 22

9:30AM Parents Group B10

Wednesday – July 23

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – July 24

Friday – July 25

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

Feast of St. James

Saturday – July 26

10:00AM Talent Show Audition SH

Sunday – July 27

4:00PM Talent Show Audition SH

Parish Appreciation Picnic



We are planning our **Parish Appreciation Picnic** for Friday evening, Aug. 15, beginning at 6:00 PM. That is also our Parish Feast Day. If you are a part of a parish ministry, a parish committee or society or have donated your time and talent to the parish, please consider yourself invited to our **Parish Appreciation Picnic** that day. Call the rectory and let us know that you are coming so that we can have enough food for those attending.

Hackensack Walk-in-Center



Next month, August 20th, St. Mary's will be providing the main meal for the guests of the Hackensack Walk-in Center. Please mark your calendar.

Family Shelter at St. Cecilia

The week of August 23 to August 30, St. Mary's will be hosting at the Family Shelter at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood. As in the past, we need volunteers each day to prepare and serve the evening meal. We also need two people willing to serve as overnight hosts each evening. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to give a little of your time to help these less fortunate. Please consider volunteering. You will be glad you did. You may call Betty Duffy at 201-384-3381, Sue Schettino at 201-385-1865 and Gwen DeLima at 201-384-6280.

St. Mary's Walking Group



Josie Parrella will be starting a walking group beginning August 4th. The days of the group walk will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after the 8:45AM mass. We will start at St. Mary's and walk to Memorial Park. If anyone is interested, please call the rectory at 201-384-0557.

Realizing the Dream

As of Wednesday, July 16, 2008, our total now stands at **\$792,717.00**. That means that we have now reached **79%** of our goal. This represents the sacrifice of **360 families** who have willingly offered their assistance so that we can realize our dream. You can find the list of the parish families who have already said "Yes!" to a pledge in the insert.

The following offerings are still available:

Bread and Wine: Nov. 16
Masses: Dec. 4,5,10 & 19



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Friday, July 11, seven of us from St. Mary's went to St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark to serve a noon meal to those who are hungry and who go to that parish for nourishment. This is the parish that we support financially each month as part of the tithe of our weekly income. Others cooked the meal, but we prepared the plates and served the meal. That day, we served more than 300 meals. Some days, depending on circumstances, that parish serves more than 400 meals which means that that many people could easily go hungry if St. John's, Newark, and the people who work with them, did not make a decision to feed those hungry who come to them.

The 7 of us who went last Friday were really touched by the experience of seeing so many people who came, looking for help. We were equally touched by the sincere appreciation of those who, as they took a meal from our hands, offered a word of thanks or asked God to bless us for what we were doing. It really made our hearts feel good to know that, in some small way, we had done something to alleviate their desperate need. But, no matter what we do, I know I left there more concerned than ever about the plight of those who are in such need. Even as I take comfort in knowing that we have helped to ease their sufferings, I knew that I was coming back to a roof over my head, food on my table, and decent clothes on my back and those poor souls, in many cases, were going back to living on the street.

While we were there, we were told of ways in which we can help, other than financially or by going there to serve. ***There is a real need for white socks, men's clothing in particular, men's sneakers (any size), backpacks or totes, and toiletries.*** For many of those who go to St. John's for help, all of their possessions are in the backpack that they carry with them. One of our teams of volunteers will be going down to Newark again on Friday, Aug. 8, and we would like to take some of those items with us, if we can. If you would like to donate some of these items for us to bring to Newark the next time we go, just bring them to the rectory and we will take them with us.

Please pray for those who are served by St. John's Parish in Newark and those who serve God's poor ones who come in need.

**Love,
Fr. Bob**

Help at St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark

Fr. Bob received the following note from Msgr. Neil Mahoney, the pastor of St. John's, Newark, for the monthly donation we send to their food kitchen in June.

*Dear Bob and parishioners of St. Mary's,
Your ongoing support for our mission is truly an inspiration and a great support in what we try to do. We are eager to bring the care and comfort of Jesus to those in need. Thank you for being there.*

*Peace,
Neil*

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 July 12-13, 2008	\$9,186.00
Same weekend in 2007	\$9,680.00

The true purpose of tithing is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you...for God."

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The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers – and us – to do the same as this man of compassion and mercy. ...**Fr. Bob**

Time & Talent

As we journey to St. John's Parish, Newark, on the 2nd Friday of each month, we have now taken upon ourselves a new ministry of service – we feed the hungry in whom the Lord dwells. Right now, there are 12 of us in total, but there is always room for more volunteers. Because we are able to create two teams of volunteers, each team will go once every other month. We can still use more volunteers and, if we do receive more names, we can create more teams. No matter how many people we have who are willing to volunteer their time; we will dedicate ourselves to feeding the hungry. We are also looking for cooks to prepare meals and for volunteers to stay overnight when we serve at the Emergency Family Shelter in Englewood. See the article in the bulletin this week for details on that ministry of service and hospitality.

Tithing the Tithes – 2008

For the month of June, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,341.00.00 from what we received in our Sunday collections. We have sent checks to the following people/groups in the following amounts:

- Peter Iwuala – Newark seminarian - \$298.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$298.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$298.00
- Emergency Fund - \$447.00

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.

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.
- James Markert Mathew Rosica James Phillips Kyle Zownir
- 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
- 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.

Vocation Reflection – 20 July 2008

The Gospel today is one of patience. Christ is explaining the patience God has with humanity by using the parable of the man who sowed good seed in a field. The duty of the priest and religious is to demonstrate that same patience to the flock entrusted to his/her pastoral care. Are you willing to become a priest or religious of patience, just as Christ is? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Pray for the patience Christ demonstrated, even from the cross, and contact the Vocation Office at 973-497-4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

St. Mary's Senior Housing Residence

During the course of the summer, most likely in late July or early August, the next phase of the St. Mary's Senior Housing Residence will begin. That will be a somewhat painful time for many of our parishioners since it will involve the demolition of the convent itself. Hopefully, the fact that the stained glass will be removed from the convent chapel and the cross will be taken down from the front of the building will ease that sadness somewhat. When we have them appropriately displayed within one of the parish buildings, they will still be visible as a vivid reminder of the rich history of our parish. We all know that there is little in life which does not change and that involves our parish as well. ***We turn yet another page in the book which is our parish history. The convent will come down, but senior citizens will be able to now have affordable housing.***

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our pledge total for the 2008 AAA thus far is \$52,335.00. 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.

Broadway Bound in September

We have no more tickets for the musical **Gypsy**, which we will see on Friday evening, **Sept. 12**. ***However, we are creating a waiting list, realizing that many more people want to see this show. We can't guarantee that we can get the tickets, but if you are interested in putting your name on a waiting list, come to the rectory and let us know.*** As always, we will be hiring a bus to take us over to the city and the cost will be approximately \$15.00 per person.

Pauline Year Declared

In preparation for the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Apostle Paul, Pope Benedict XVI decreed a Pauline Year, beginning with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul this weekend, and continuing through June 29, 2009. During this coming year, we will offer prayers, especially in the general intercessions during Sunday Mass, that we will come to a greater appreciation of the writing of this great teacher of the faith, Paul of Tarsus. We also will focus further attention on Paul through afternoons and evenings sessions when we will look at the letters of St. Paul more closely. Look in future bulletins for dates for these times of study and prayer.

New Auxiliary Bishop Named

Pope Benedict has named one of the priests of the Archdiocese of Newark as a new auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese. Msgr. Manuel A. Cruz, the head of hospital chaplains for the archdiocese, will be ordained a bishop on Monday, September 8, 2008, at 2:00 PM, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. There will be light reception to follow. Each parish will receive ten tickets for the ordination and reception. If you would be interested in attending this episcopal ordination, please call the rectory and let us know as soon as possible. **Please note – you would have to provide your own transportation to and from the ordination in Newark.**

Our Food Pantry Needs Items



We will continue to collect items for our food pantry during summer. When you go shopping, if you could pick up some of the following items, it would help us tremendously to re-stock our food pantry. Among other things, we need: Paper Goods-toilet paper, paper towels; Soaps-bath, shampoo & conditioner, dish & laundry detergents, canned fish; gravy-chicken & beef/brown; juices, prepared sauce, tomato sauce, salad dressings, coffee, dry/packaged milk, canned fruits, soup & vegetable, dry/box potato, tuna, beef stew, corned beef, spaghetti O's, canned ravioli, macaroni & cheese, cake mixes. We are blessed with so many parishioners who help keep our food pantry full.

"WE'VE GOT TALENT" AUDITIONS

WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?

Juggle? Sing? Dance? Contortionist? Standup Comedy? Poet? Musician? We're looking for anyone with talent to try out for our "We've Got Talent" talent show competition & dinner evening on Sat., Sept. 27 at Gatsby's of Cresskill.

DATES: Saturday, July 26th @ 10:00am
Sunday, July 27th @ 4:00pm

HOW: Call (201) 439-0229 to schedule an audition time slot (Note: If music is needed for audition, contestants must bring either accompanist or taped music.)

PLACE: Auditions to be held at St. Mary's Szelest's Hall.

Winners to be chosen by a distinguished panel of judges. Prizes awarded!

- 80% of proceeds will benefit the following charities:
- Dumont Ambulance Corp. ~
- Dumont Fire Dept. ~ St. Mary's Food Bank ~
- Beyond Boundaries,
- the Dumont dance school Broadway Bound's program for children with autism

This event is hosted by the Dumont Democratic Club

