



Saturday	August 1 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	August 2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary
7:45AM	John DeBenedictis
10:00AM	Frank Miloscia, Jr.
12 Noon	Rolando Aspiras
Monday	August 3 - Weekday
7:00AM	Martin and Nora Joyce
8:45AM	Tessie Urban
Tuesday	August 4 - St. John Mary Vianney
7:00AM	John Svetlin
8:45AM	Peggy Frowley
Wednesday	August 5 - Weekday
7:00AM	Marina Sayawan
8:45AM	June Miloscia
Thursday	August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord
7:00AM	The O'Neill Family
8:45AM	John Cronin and Rev. Daniel Cronin
Friday	August 7 - Weekday
7:00AM	Shirley Fullington Spear
8:45AM	Robert A. Rosica
Saturday	August 8 - St. Dominic
8:30AM	Margaret Frawley
5:30PM	Florence and Annie Fitzgerald
Sunday	August 9 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Ralph Dizzini
12 Noon	Olive "Kay" Earley

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Lillian Dillon requested by her husband John.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Andres Catague requested by Jess and Zeny Tubianosa.

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
Debbie Portillo...Peter Ramzi...Marie Fitzgerald...Marie Woehle
Lulu Battista...Bob Jackson...Jesse Carrizzo...John R....Linda
Patricia O'Connor...Anne O'Neill...Margherita Bonaldo...John D.
Mildred Dellner...Freida Perry...Digna Umadac...Scott D
Fredres McGinnes...Marilyn Reynolds-Burg...Phyllis Herman
Joan O'Leary-Rella...Carole Chittenden...Amelia Carbone
Scanlon Family...Maureen Brownselle...George & Marie W.
Virginia Malone...Barbara Fawcett...Rory Riveria...Emily Arizala



Sunday – August 2

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9:30AM Parents Group B10

Wednesday – August 5

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

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

Thursday – August 6

7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC

Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday – August 7

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

Saturday – August 8

Sunday – August 9

Baptism

Aug. 15 – The Assumption

Since the feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15, falls on a Saturday this year, Catholics in the United States are not obliged to attend Mass that day. Because of this, we normally would have only the 8:30 Mass. However, since it is the feast day of our parish, we are going to have two Masses that day – **the regular Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 AM and an additional Mass at 11:00 AM.** We invite and encourage all of our parishioners to come to Mass that day and to ask the prayers of Mary, the mother of the Lord and our patroness, to bless St. Mary's and to keep all of our families in her loving care

Clothing for St. John's, Newark

A group of our parishioners will be going to St. John's, Newark, on Friday, August 14, to prepare and serve a meal. As in the past, there is always need for white socks and back packs for those who come for a meal. If you can purchase these and bring them to the rectory, we can bring them down to St. John's, Newark. If you have good, clean, used clothing, there is always the need for that as well. Thank you for whatever you are able to do.

Summer Priest

Fr. Devis will only be able to be with us until Aug 15. Sadly, at that time, he will have to leave us since he will have to return to his parish in India. We were hoping that another priest – Fr. Xavier Topno – would be serving at St. Mary's until the end of September. However, due to stricter guidelines from our government regarding a work visa, Fr. Xavier was not able to get that visa in time and so will not be able to be at St. Mary's this year.

Prayers for summer safety

During these summer months, so many of our parish families have the opportunity to get away and to enjoy some much needed rest and relaxation. We pray that our families will travel safely during these summer months and that they will return to us refreshed and renewed. .

College Student E-mail Addresses

If you are one of our parishioners and will soon be returning to college, would you please let us know your e-mail address so that we can keep in touch with you about what is happening at St. Mary's. We don't know how often that communication will take place, but, if we have your address, we can at least try to send you some important information. Please e-mail your address to frbob@stmarysdumont.org. We pray that your years at college will be blessed with joy and success.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, August 2, our parish staff members will be gathering from 2:00 – 5:00 PM to plan for the coming year. This is something that we do on an annual basis so that we can spend time discussing all that we have done in the past 12 months and to look to the future – the next 12 months – to see the areas of parish ministry on which we want to focus in coming year.

This is an important part of our work as parish staff. Without this time together, we may not always realize the good that was accomplished in the various areas of parish ministry at St. Mary's. This time spent talking with each other also allows us to examine areas of ministry where we need to concentrate more effort.

However, this work - this review and planning - is never done in a vacuum. When the fall comes and the parish Pastoral Council begins to meet again, the parishioners that form that council will also look at all that we are doing and offer their input as well. When the ideas and reflections of the parish staff are blended with the input of the Pastoral Council, we get a much broader idea, not only of what we are called to be and to do as a parish, but what the needs and concerns of the parish at large are. These two groups – parish staff and Pastoral Council – allow us to blend in a much better way the theoretical and the practical.

Please pray for our staff as we gather this Sunday. Ask the Lord to guide us as we look at all aspects of who we are as a parish. We pray that we will be open to the Spirit, who has guided the people of God for generations, and who is always a key part of any discussions regarding parish ministry.

I also ask your prayers for the priests who serve you here at St. Mary's. This Tuesday, Aug. 4, is the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. As I wrote in last week's bulletin, this year has been designated by Pope Benedict as the **Year for Priests**. As the universal Church remembers and honors St. John Vianney this Tuesday, I ask, in my own name and on behalf of Fr. Raul, Fr. Devis and Fr. Michael, for your prayers for us, that we may serve the needs of all the parish and that we may be one way in which Christ makes his presence known and felt in this community.

Through the Sunday Eucharist and the other sacraments, may those who gather for prayer at St. Mary's be nourished and graced by these celebrations. I also ask your prayers for those parish communities in our own country and throughout the world that do not have the opportunity to gather for Sunday Eucharist because they have no resident priest. In this part of our nation, there really is no shortage of priests. There are few, if any, parishes in the Northeast that do not have Sunday Eucharist each week.

And so, I ask you to remember two groups in your prayer – the priests of our parish and the parish staff of St. Mary's. May the Lord be with them and bless all that they do for the people of God.

**Love,
Fr. Bob**

St. Mary's Senior Residence Information

If you have a question regarding the construction, please e-mail info@stmarysdumont.org with your question and we will seek to get an answer as soon as possible. If we do not know the answer, we will do all that we can to find the answer. Please pray for the ongoing success of the construction.

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)

	2009	2008
Collection for July 18-19	\$8,070.00	\$8,644.00
Collection for July 25-26	\$8,395.00	\$9,486.00
Campaign donations received thus far in June	\$24,420.90	

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 is for God and for us. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

- “I helped my friend do the ABC's.”*** ***“I helped my mommy.”***
- “I cleaned the table after dinner.”*** ***“I listened to my mom.”***
- “I visited my aunt in the hospital.”*** ***“I prayed for my aunt.”***
- “I said my prayers.”*** ***“I did chores.”***
- “I helped my dad paint again.”*** ***“I did my work.”***
- “I helped my parents paint the house.”***
- “I helped my grandma by watching my cousins.”***
- “I was nice to my friends.”***

Although their good deeds are more than enough for them to do, the children also gave \$13.00 to help us at St. Mary's.

“Each day, the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” God frowns upon it when we take or keep more than we need. When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna that which they hoarded away became wormy and rotten. In the same way, God calls us today to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.

Ministry

Each month, our parish designates one weekend as our Food Collection Weekend. On that weekend, we ask parishioners to do one of two things – either to bring in food for our parish food pantry or to make a monetary donation with which we can purchase food certificates that people can use to buy perishable items, such as bread or milk. We thank those who consistently share what they have so that we can help those who come to the rectory in need of help. We also thank those who work in our parish food pantry so that it is organized. This allows us to know what we need.

Tithing the Tithe – 2009

For the month of June, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,199.00 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 - \$267.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$267.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$267.00
- Emergency Fund - \$398.00

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.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Time and talent: catechists...!



We need dedicated catechists for Tuesday afternoon, Monday evening, and Sunday programs. We will provide initial training and required background checking for you! Catechists use their time and talent to spread the Good News by leading groups of children, teens, and adults. Can you help us to help others develop their faith in Jesus Christ and his church? Think about it, pray about it! For more information call (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiously@stmarysdumont.org



PACT Religious Education 2009-10 re-registration

Thanks to so many families for your re-registrations for next year's PACT/Religious Education program. If you haven't done so, please remember to re-register for next year's program before this school year ends so that we may plan for September, which gets here pretty fast! Don't forget the VOLUNTEER FORMS, too! As always, we need your help to keep our program strong.

Religious Education is Curricular!

PACT/Religious Education program is curricular... part of what Catholics at St. Mary's do... it is not an "extra-curricular" activity! Our program is in place for our families with grade school children through 8th grade who are not attending Catholic schools. For more information call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiously@stmarysdumont.org

Young Adult Ministry

As we start the fall season of St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry, we welcome Auxiliary Bishop John Flesey, who will address us with his thoughts on Spirituality. We will be meeting on Friday, September 11th, the anniversary of a day we all remember, when we all looked to God for guidance and support. Bishop Flesey: "... said he believes in the "power of prayer to transform one's own experience, to digest life. Prayer enables me time for questions to be answered, to have a relationship with Christ." " There will be a time for Q&A after the presentation.

Please join us on September 11th in the Spiritual Formation Center at 8PM. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on Young Adult Ministry, contact Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859, email yam@stmarysdumont.org or check the parish website.

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.

St. John's Food Kitchen

We now have three teams who will minister at St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark. The dates and teams will be as follows: Aug. 14 – Team C; Sept. 11 – Team A; Oct. 9 – Team B; Nov. 13 – Team C. Schedules with names and telephone numbers of those going to St. John's in Newark were mailed this past week. We have parishioners who have already brought in clothing for our next trip to St. John's. If you have GOOD used clothing or you can purchase white socks for us to take, please bring them to the rectory.

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

July Vocation Prayer: Loving God, you speak to us and nourish us through our Church. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your spirit to us so that believers will respond to your call to service and leadership as priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. May those who open their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen.

June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010 is the Year of the Priest – the 150th Anniversary of the Death of St. John Vianney – Patron of the Priests of the World.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

World Youth Day 2011: August 15 -22

We'll publicize our September 2009 events as soon as the calendar is settled.

Internet Catholic Resources for Teens:

Song of the Week: <http://disciplesnow.faihtstreams.com/music/tabid/19347/default.aspx?>

Our parish bulletin: <http://stmarysdumont.org/this-week.html>

Need to talk to us? You can meet us at the music platform after the 7:45 and 10:00 Masses, call us at (201) 385-2936, or email us at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

We'll See You At Mass! Charlie & Lesa

Transfiguration Academy

Car Wash



As part of their fundraising for graduation the 8th Grade will hold a car wash on Saturday, August 8th from 9am - 3:30pm in front of Conlon Hall, Williams Ave. Bergenfield.

Car wash sales are \$5 per vehicle, **regardless of the cars size.** Tickets may be purchased at the car wash that day and advance sales are available through any of the 8th graders or by contacting Mrs. Cris Gallagher at (201) 338-8026 or by email at cfg81564@optonline.net.

Registration

Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, **Pre-K 2+ through 7th grade.** Transfiguration Academy is offering a **new Pre-School program** for children who miss the cut off date for Pre-K 3. **Children who will be 2^{1/2} years old by May 1st, 2010 will be eligible to enroll in our new 2+ Program.** For more information and to register, please call Sr. Madeline at the Lower School, 201-384-3627. Please note that children accepted into this program will enter the Pre-K 3 Program the following year, due to New Jersey, Department of Education requirements.

All eligible students, Pre-K through 7th grade, may be enrolled by visiting the school office at the appropriate campus. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances, which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence. If you wish to arrange an appointment to tour the facilities and see the school in session 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