



Saturday	Aug. 7 - Vigil
5:30PM	Florence Ryan
Sunday	Aug. 8 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Concepcion Santos (Living)
12 Noon	Allen Bricken
Monday	Aug. 9 - Weekday
7:00AM	Ralph Dizzini
8:45AM	Aniello Dan Schettino
Tuesday	Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence
7:00AM	Michael Traynor
8:45AM	Maude and Dick Frings
Wednesday	Aug. 11 - St. Clare
7:00AM	Benny Volpitto
8:45AM	Peggy Frawley
Thursday	Aug. 12 - Weekday
7:00AM	Timothy and Nora Sheehan
8:45AM	Fred J. Ross, Jr.
Friday	Aug. 13 - Weekday
7:00AM	Frank Messina
8:45AM	Greg Stiles
Saturday	Aug. 14 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
8:30AM	Patrick and Judy Hanley (50th Anniversary-Living)
5:30PM	Charles O'Neill
Sunday	Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:45AM	Virginia, Victor and Anthony Florio
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Allen Bricken

Sunday – Aug. 8

10:15AM-11:00AM RCIA Children RCA
 11:00AM Novena for the Assumption UC
 1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB
 Baptism

Monday – Aug. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:30PM Novena for the Assumption LC

Tuesday – Aug. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 9:30AM Parents Group B05
 7:30PM Novena for the Assumption LC
 7:30PM-9:00PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Aug. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
 7:30PM Novena for the Assumption LC
 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Aug. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:30PM Novena for the Assumption LC

Friday – Aug. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
 7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC
 7:30PM Novena for the Assumption LC

Saturday – Aug. 14

After 8:30AM Mass Novena for the Assumption LC
 Food Collection

Sunday – Aug. 15

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
 2:00PM-6:00PM Parish Block Party
 Food Collection

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Parish Block Party – Aug. 15

If you have signed up to attend our parish **Block Party**, on Sunday, **Aug. 15, from 2:00 – 6:00 PM**, please make sure that you have your red wristband when you come that day. We will have hot dogs, burgers, sausage & peppers; soda/water, Italian ices; a live DJ with music and dancing; kids' games & a dunking booth. Bring your own salads, snacks and desserts for your family's table. If you want to reserve a table for your family and decorate it with your own theme with napkins & tablecloths, please let us know, even if you have already gotten your wristbands. Come to our Block Party and have a great time with other members of our parish family. **The response has been tremendous for the Block Party. We have enough tables, but we are probably going to be short on chairs. PLEASE – if you have lawn chairs at home that you can bring to the block party, please do so. That would really help us out.**

Thank You, PALAD

We want to offer a special word of thanks to PALAD, our Filipino community, for their recent donation of new tables for Szelest Hall. Through their various fund-raising efforts, they were able to donate 66 new tables that we will use for the various parish events we hold in our gym. One of the first events at which we will use these tables will be our **Block Party** on Aug. 15. **Thank you, members of PALAD, for your generous donation of the tables and in helping us to meet the needs of the parish.**

Ballroom Dancing

Due to hot weather, there will be no ballroom dancing for the months of August and September.

Summer Office Hours

The parish office will close at 4:00 PM on the Fridays of August. We ask parishioners to make a note of this change. If you normally would need to get keys, etc., at the rectory after 4:00 PM on a Friday, please know that you will have to come earlier during August.

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased parishioners of St. Mary's.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased parishioners of St. Mary's.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners.

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..John R. 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..Michael Stevens 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..Raul Rodriguez..Kristine Campbell..Vienna Schaper Helen Donnelley..Kelly Markowski..Maria Cruz..Ed Neumuth Laura Chittenden...Ray Olsen...Helen Fritsche

Novena for the Assumption

A nine-day period of prayer - a novena - in preparation for the feast of the Assumption will be held again this year. The dates and times are as follows: Aug. 8 - 11:00 AM; Mon.-Fri., Aug. 9-13 - 7:30PM; Sat., Aug. 14 - following 8:30 Mass. The novena will take place in the upper church on Sundays. All of the other days it will be held in the lower church. We invite all parishioners to come to this nine-day time of prayer as we prepare for our parish feast day, Aug. 15.





My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have to admit that I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful response to our parish Block Party. As of July 29, we have close to 350 people who will be attending. As far as attendance is concerned, this ranks pretty highly as one of the most well-attended events that we have had. I do have a request of our parishioners as we move closer to the Block Party – **PLEASE PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER.** A rain date would be difficult, especially when we are talking about a DJ. Let's just hope that the weather cooperates.

This Friday, Aug. 13, members of our parish will be going to St. John's in Newark to feed the hungry. This is just one of the newest ways in which we are seeking to live out the Gospel. As we have announced as well, we are now involved with Habitat for Humanity. These two projects are in addition to the many other ways in which we seek to live out the message of the Gospel – **What you did for the least of my brothers or sisters, you did for me.**

That concept is perhaps as difficult for us to grasp as it was for the people of Jesus' time. When he reminded the crowds that doing something for another person was doing something for God, they asked, "Lord, when did we see you in need and care for you?" They had a hard time realizing that concept and, from that perspective, they are not so different from us.

There are many issues that surface within our society that challenge us to see how we are called to respond as disciples of the Lord. So often, they take on a political "face." If we look at an issue from one perspective, we are labeled a conservative. If we look at the same issue from another perspective, we are labeled a liberal. **I have rarely, if ever, heard someone labeled a Christian as a result of the way they view an issue in society. I have never heard someone say about another person, "Wow! They really looked at that issue from a Christian point of view."**

Those issues – usually rather hot topics to discuss – will always elicit a response from almost every person. (As I write this column, the latest hot topic is the issue of immigration and the protests around the nation as a result of the recent Arizona law.) Somehow, we think, or are told, that our religious beliefs are not supposed to impact how we view issues in our society. But how can it be in another way. **How can WE be any other way?** A Gospel way of viewing society, of viewing people, is the way in which Jesus viewed people and society of his time.

When people were considered sinners by his society, Jesus reversed that view. When a person's sickness was thought to be a punishment from God, Jesus overturned that idea. When the poor were considered less valuable than others, Jesus challenged his followers to see in the poor those most dear to the heart of God. This is especially true in the Gospel of Luke. It is also true that, in that same Gospel, women are also viewed in a much more significant light than was true in some societies of the time.

When we look at society through the "lens" of the Gospel, we see people, events and situations in a much different light. Sometimes, we will view issues in society in a way similar to other citizens in our nation. And, at other times, we will be called to stand against the popular tide of opinion simply because we are Christian. Jesus was put to death, not simply because he was charged with treason or some other political reason, but because he was a radical.

That word can have a rather negative connotation in today's society. We often may think of individuals belonging to some group whose purpose is to violently change our world. But that word comes from the Latin *radix* meaning *root*. Jesus was a *radical* because he went to the very *root* of what and how God views people and society. That view became the very foundation of every word he spoke and every act he performed.

A late Chinese writer named Lin Yu-Tang suggested that Christianity in China never made converts by doctrines but did make converts when a Chinese person came into contact with a Christian who truly lived the teachings of Christ. May we do exactly that – live the teachings of Jesus in how we view our world and the people who walk this earth with us.

Love,
Fr. Bob

The following offerings are still available:
Bread and Wine - Aug. 22, 29; Sept. 12 & 26.

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 31-Aug. 1 Will be available next week.
Total for same weekend in 2009 Will be available next week.
Treasure from our children's envelopes. Next week's bulletin.
Campaign donations received thus far in June \$14,791.33

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 our bulletin had to go to the printers earlier than usual, we do not have the good deeds that our children listed on their envelopes on Aug. 1. Look in next weekend's bulletin for those good deeds.

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sell what you have and give alms... Wherever your treasure lies, there is your heart.'" from the Gospel of St. Luke. A good way to examine "where your heart is" is to spend time reviewing your appointment calendars or checkbooks. Where am I spending my time? How am I spending my treasure?

Ministry - Parish Food Pantry

One weekend each month in our parish is designated as our Food Collection Weekend. That weekend, we ask for donations of food or money, which we use to help those who are hungry who come to us for help. That food is taken to our Food Pantry in the lower church where it is stored. Women in our parish keep an inventory of the food so that it is organized on the shelves. They also let us know what we need when our supplies run low. Their work allows us to ensure that we have enough food and a good variety so that we can help those who come to us for help. **If you would be interested in helping with our parish Food Pantry, please contact Fr. Bob at frbob@stmarysdumont.org.**

Tithing the Tithes – 2010

For the month of June, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,033.00 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 - \$230.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$230.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$230.00
- Emergency Fund - \$343.00

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.

Restoring the statue of the Assumption

For many years, the statue of the Assumption of Mary has been in the lower church behind the altar. The statue was originally in the first St. Mary's. Because of its age, it now has some damage and needs to be repaired. We have had it taken to a company that does such repair/restoration. The owner of the company has estimated that the statue's present value is \$38,000.00. The statue could not be made again since the molds used in its creation were destroyed in a fire. That is why we want to repair it – because of its significance to our parish and its value as well. **It will take 2-3 months to repair and would cost about \$5,000.00. If you wish to make a donation for the repair and restoration of this statue, please put whatever donation you would like to make into an envelope marked "Statue Repair/Restoration" and either bring it to the rectory or place it in the Sunday collection.** We would list in the bulletin those who have made a contribution to the statue's restoration unless they indicated that they would not want that. Thank you for whatever help that you can offer for this repair/restoration.

