



Saturday	Aug. 9 - Vigil Mass
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Aug. 10 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Maude Frings
10:00AM	Concepcion Santos (Living)
12 Noon	Ralph Dizzini
Monday	Aug. 11 – St. Claire
7:00AM	Benny Volpitto
8:45AM	Helen Stegman
Tuesday	Aug. 12 - Weekday
7:00AM	Elia Miranda
8:45AM	Nila Budnich
Wednesday	Aug. 13 - Weekday
7:00AM	Frank J. Schlichting
8:45AM	Susan Dowling
Thursday	Aug. 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
7:00AM	Betty Russini
8:45AM	Sarah and Joseph Faloon
7:30PM	Rose Buono
Friday	Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30AM	Roberta and Nicole Wanninger (Living)
8:45AM	Vincent Bagliere
12:15PM	Mary Hegarty and Eileen Harkins
Saturday	Aug. 16 - Weekday
8:30AM	Frank Capasso
5:30PM	Carmella Molinaro
Sunday	Aug. 17 – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Josephine Low
12 Noon	Angel Rubio (Living)



In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Mary O'Shea.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Isidro Zingapan requested by Santos-Laya Family.

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 the sick

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

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**

St. Mary's Walking Group

The group started walking Monday, August 4th! You can still join! See you after the 8:45AM mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Sunday – August 10

Monday – August 11

Tuesday – August 12

9:30AM Parents Group B10

Wednesday – August 13

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

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

Thursday – August 14

Friday – August 15

6:00PM Parish Appreciation Picnic

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Saturday – August 16

Food Collection

Sunday – August 17

Food Collection

Mass Schedule – August 14-15

This year, because we are having the **Parish Appreciation Picnic** on Friday evening, Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption and our parish feast day, we are going to change the Mass schedule slightly for this holyday ONLY. **Please note** – Thursday, Aug. 14 – 7:30 PM Mass; Friday, Aug. 15 – 6:30 AM, 8:45 AM & 12:15 PM. **There will be no 7:30 Mass on Friday evening, Aug. 15.** The original intention for that Mass – Rose Buono – will be celebrated at the 7:30 Mass on Thursday evening, Aug. 14.

Parish Appreciation Picnic

This is the last week to call the rectory if you are coming to our **Parish Appreciation Picnic** this Friday evening, Aug. 15, beginning at 6:00 PM. That is also our Parish Feast Day. Anyone who is part of a parish ministry, a parish committee or society or has donated their time and talent to the parish is 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

On Wednesday, August 20th, St. Mary's will be providing the main meal for the guests of the Hackensack Walk-in Center. Food pans will be available at the doors of the church after all masses on August 16th and 17th. Dishes can be brought to the rectory on Wednesday, 9:00am-1:00pm.

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.

Mission Appeal – Aug. 30-31

On the weekend of Aug. 30-31, Father Aloysius Nzekwe, a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Paul, will be at St. Mary's to preach our annual mission appeal. Fr. Aloysius was ordained a priest in 2004 in Nigeria. His current assignment is as treasurer for the Mission Development Office in Houston, Texas. That weekend, our parishioners will be asked to support the work of Fr. Aloysius and his religious community through their own donations. Please pray as to how God is asking you to support this work of evangelizing.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This morning, Monday, August 4, 2008, I read on the front page of *The Record* an article regarding the reduction in Sunday collections that is affecting churches and synagogues in our area. It seems that many houses of worship are experiencing the same situation. As the economy is negatively impacting so many families in our area and throughout the country, it is also affecting their donations to the houses of worship where they gather in prayer. This is truly a domino effect.

We know that our families as well are experiencing the woes that have been brought on by a sluggish economy. So many prices – gasoline, food, and other items – have risen sharply and people are looking for ways to stretch a dollar. So are we here at St. Mary's since we are affected equally by the price increases. Our utilities, our food, our other costs – all of them are impacted by the increased prices.

We thank those who have maintained their giving to St. Mary's. Your consistent giving is a real help to us. When our collections go down, we struggle tremendously to find ways in which we can cut back since our income is lessened. We also have to balance cutbacks with ensuring that our mission as a parish is not negatively effected.

We pray for those families – in our parish and beyond – who are having difficult financial problems. We hope that soon the economy will be strengthened once again and these burdens will be lifted from the shoulders of those who work so hard to support their families.

This Friday, August 15, the Church throughout the world celebrates our belief that Mary, at the end of her life, was taken body and soul into heaven. As always, the feasts of Mary focus our attention on her Son as well as on Mary herself. This feast is no different.

Through his dying, rising and returning to the Father, Jesus redeemed us and made us his own. We believe that, at the end of time, our bodies will rise from the dead and we will be united once again as body and soul for all eternity. In the dogma of the Assumption, what will happen for all men and women when the creation comes to an end has already happened for Mary. She is the first to experience the benefits of her Son's dying and rising as she lives body and soul in the kingdom of heaven.

This is a feast of anticipation and expectation, of present and future. We anticipate what will happen in our own lives at the end of time what Mary lives and experiences now. We expect that we will enjoy then, as she does now, the fruits of the Lord's dying and rising.

We rejoice in knowing that we will come to live the joy and the life of the kingdom of heaven. We give thanks as a parish now for what will be God's gift to all people when the earth as we know it comes to an end and we live – body and soul – in the presence of God forever.

**Love,
Fr. Bob**

Realizing the Dream

As of Wednesday, August 6, 2008, our total now stands at **\$815,904.00**. This represents the sacrifice of **380 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.

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)

	<u>July 26-27</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u>
Collection for 2008	\$ 9,486.00	\$10,692.00
Same weekend in 2007	\$10,504.00	\$11,191.00

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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Elijah recognized the voice of God, not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny, whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear his voice and discern what he is calling us to do and to be. ...**Fr. Bob**

Time & Talent

We are looking for help in two areas this summer – one, we need overnight hosts to be at the Family Shelter in Englewood when we serve there from August 23-30. We also need help when we serve the hungry in Hackensack on Wednesday, August 20. These are ways in which we seek to live out the message of the Gospel, when the Lord commands us to feed the hungry. Either area of service – Englewood or Hackensack – is a way to serve the Lord who lives within those who cannot, at least temporarily, help themselves. Please call the rectory – 201-384-0557 – if you can assist at one or both places.

Tithing the Tithes – 2008

For the month of July, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,187.00 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 - \$264.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$264.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$264.00
- Emergency Fund - \$395.00

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. Joe Shannon
- 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 Campbell 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.

Altar Servers Acquaintance Party



Free pizza, ice cream, and soda! Games! Lots and lots of fun! Come on! Join us on **Monday, Aug. 25, from 2pm to 5pm** at the Szelest Hall (Gym)! Get to know one another and have fun in the process. Call the parish office if you want to attend.

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.

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.**

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.

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



- Dahlia Iuliano
- Jackson Edwin Angeles
- Isabella Hazel Cinelli
- Colin Michael Mescall
- Kiara Mikaela Ygana
- Michelle Amalia Sole

A Bequest Received

We are grateful and happy to announce that St. Mary's has been named in a will of one of our parishioners who has passed away. Erika Olander left St. Mary's \$10,000.00 in her will and we recently received the check for that amount from the executor of her estate. We pray that she may now be at peace in God's loving embrace and we thank her in our prayers for her generosity to our parish. May she rest in peace forever.

St. Mary's Senior Housing Residence

As you have seen already, the tiles have been taken from the roof of the convent. We will be saving some of them in case we need them for use on the roof of the church, rectory or school. We have contacted Catholic Charities to see if parishioners might be able to take a brick as a memento once the convent has been taken down. We have requested that between 200-250 bricks be saved. We will let the parish know when and if this is possible. The asbestos is also being removed from the interior of the building before it is taken down. The stained-glass windows will be removed before then and the crosses on the front of the building as well. Each of these steps brings us closer to the construction of the new St. Mary's Senior Citizens Residence.

Help at St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark

Thank you to those who offered any clothing that we were able to take to St. John's in Newark this past Friday, Aug. 8. Once again, we went there to prepare and serve the noon meal that was given to more than 300 men and women who came because they were hungry. Even if you cannot go yourself because we go on a Friday morning, you can still be a part of this charitable work. They always need white socks, toiletries, backpacks, men's sneakers and good used or new men's clothing. The Lord said to those who stood at the doors of the kingdom of heaven: *When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was naked, you clothed me.* We can do that for others by going to Newark (if we can) or by giving clothing that can be taken there.

Vocation Reflection – 10 August 2008

"Lord, save me!" At various points in life, each person has the same feelings Peter shows in today's Gospel. The loss, fear and need for Christ. At those points, besides in prayer, the Church through her priests, deacons and religious is there to be the presence of Christ to the faithful and unfaithful. Are you willing to act as Christ in the world as the Church begs her ministers to do? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Pray for the saving grace of Christ and contact the Vocation Office at 973-497-4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

Pre-Cana Team

Mrs. Maryanne Miloscia of Family Life Ministries received the following note from Rev. John B. Martin, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, regarding our Pre-Cana program:

Dear Friends,

A couple who will be married here next month told me what a worthwhile experience the Pre-Cana sessions at St. Mary's were!
God bless you for doing such a great job.

Blessing,
Fr. Martin

