



Saturday	Aug. 14 - Vigil
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
Monday	Aug. 16 - Weekday
7:00AM	Susan G. Klarer
8:45AM	John Likely
Tuesday	Aug. 17 - Weekday
7:00AM	Josephine Low
8:45AM	Carmella Molinaro
Wednesday	Aug. 18 - Weekday
7:00AM	Robert Rammelkamb
8:45AM	Eleanor Schlichting
Thursday	Aug. 19 - Weekday
7:00AM	Fernando Bautista
8:45AM	Jim Klarer and Bellamy Family
Friday	Aug. 20 - St. Bernard
7:00AM	Luz E. Tubianosa
8:45AM	Mary O'Shea
Saturday	Aug. 21 - St. Pius X
8:30AM	John Carey
5:30PM	Donato Morena
Sunday	Aug. 22 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Dorothy DeMuro
10:00AM	Anthony Borges
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Hugh Clark requested by Eileen Griffin.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Raymond McGuire, Jr. requested by Maria Raffa.

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 Woehrle..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..Helen Fritsche..Tamara Sanzari..Linda Baker Penny Breslin..Rose Weisberg..Nicole Sorce

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.

The following offerings are still available:

Bread and Wine - Aug. 22 & 29; Sept. 12 & 26; Oct. 10 & 17

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

Monday – Aug. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Tuesday – Aug. 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM Parents Group B05

Wednesday – Aug. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

Thursday – Aug. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:30PM Baptism Class Library

Friday – Aug. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Rosary for Peace LC

Saturday – Aug. 21

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Aug. 22

It's Here – Our Parish Block Party

Our parish **Block Party** will take place this Sunday, **Aug. 15, from 2:00 – 6:00 PM**. If you have signed up for the Block Party, please make sure that you have your red or black wristband when you come this Sunday. 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. **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. Also, depending on the weather, you may want to bring an umbrella for the sun.**

Men's Group – Sept. 17

Our parish Men's Spirituality Group will begin meeting again on Friday evening, Sept. 17, from 8:00 – 9:30 PM, in the meeting room next to the Religious Education Office in the school. This year, we will be using a book entitled **Praying Our Experiences** as the source of our discussions. If you are a parishioner who would like to be a part of our men's spirituality group, please e-mail Fr. Bob – frbob@stmarysdumont.org – and let him know so that we can order a book for everyone. The cost of the book is about \$10.00.

Prayer for Peace - Sept. 19

On Sept. 11 of this year, we will remember the 9th anniversary of the tragedy of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and of the plane crash in Pennsylvania. **On Sunday, Sept. 19, our parish will gather for an hour of prayer for peace before the Eucharist following the 12:00 Mass.** In particular, we will pray the Rosary for Peace during that time. As we remember all those who lost their lives, the families who still grieve and the first responders who still suffer physically, we ask God to bring peace to our world, especially to those who use violence as the means to achieve an end.

Gratitude for Mission Appeal

We want to extend a special word of thanks to all those who contributed to the Mission Appeal on the weekend of July 31-Aug.1 for the Mill Hill Missionaries. Fr. Chris Fox, who came to St. Mary's that weekend for the mission appeal, was most grateful for the response that he received. In his homily, he offered a wonderful image of what it means to work in mission territories. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we are able to send \$2,017.00 to our archdiocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith to assist the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries. **If you did not have the opportunity to offer a donation for their work, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Mill Hill Missionaries" and place it in the collection or bring your donation to the rectory.**



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, the Church honors Mary as we celebrate her Assumption into heaven at the end of her life. We believe that Mary was granted the privilege that her body would know no decay/ decomposition because of the role that she played in the history of our salvation. This feast is very much a promise, held out in hope to the people of God. Why? Because we believe that what happened to Mary at the end of her life – being taken body and soul into the kingdom of heaven – is what is held in store for all of those who live as faithfully as she did.

As a parish community, today is not only a time to rejoice in a promise in which we can place our hope – it is also the day that we celebrate our unity as a parish community. As our Mission Statement proclaims on the front of our bulletin, we gather as a parish family united under the patronage of Our Lady of the Assumption. While it is true that our faith proclaims Mary as the Mother of the Lord and the Mother of the Church, in a very particular way, she becomes for us our special intercessor with her Son and with the Father in heaven.

As I mentioned in my column in last week’s bulletin, I am overwhelmed (and continue to be so) at the number of people we have signed up to come to our Block Party this Sunday. When we have gathered previously for our Parish Picnics, we always had a good number of people attend and they always enjoyed themselves. However, the number of people attending was never to this extent. It will be wonderful to see so many of our families come together and share a fun afternoon with one another.

It is, however, about much more than simply having a good time. It is about celebrating who we are. We gather as a family, as people united in faith, as people who listen to the same word given to us by God, who come together around one table to share a common meal. We look for ways through which we can serve those whom the Lord challenges us to help.

We certainly will have a great deal of fun at the Block Party. We will get a chance to listen to music and perhaps enjoy some dancing as well. There will be good food to share and wonderful company to enjoy.

I want to extend a word of thanks to the members of our 50th Anniversary Committee for the work that they did in planning for this day. Also, thanks to those who will cook for us - the hot dogs, the burgers, the sausage & peppers and everything else that they have prepared. Thanks to those who shared some of the food they brought for their own table with others at another table. A word of thanks again to PALAD for purchasing the tables that we will use this afternoon.

We pray on this day that Mary, the Mother of the Lord, the Mother of the Church and the Mother of our parish, will continue to intercede for us, for our needs, and for the needs of all who call upon her love and concern.

Love,
Fr. Bob

Washington Pilgrimage – Saturday, Oct. 23

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, the Archdiocese of Newark will again sponsor a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. St. Mary’s will be part of this pilgrimage and we will be sharing a bus with St. John’s, Bergenfield. Please keep the following information in mind:

- we will be leaving that morning from our parking lot at 6:00 AM;
- we will be returning that evening between 10:00 – 11:00 PM;
- each person going would pay \$20.00 to help defray the cost of the bus and for “snacks” on the bus;
- each person would be responsible for the purchase of their own lunch in Washington and their dinner on the trip home.

If you would like to be a part of this pilgrimage, please come to the rectory as soon as possible and sign up. St. Mary’s has 26 seats on the bus since we are sharing it with St. John’s, Bergenfield so you may want to sign up before all the available spaces are taken. **When you sign up, you would need to pay the \$20.00 cost of the trip at that time.**

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)

	2010	2009
Collection for July 31-Aug. 1	\$9,192.00	\$8,008.00
Collection for Aug. 7-8	\$8,768.00	\$8,370.85

Treasure from our children’s envelopes.

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.

“I vacuumed.” “I helped take care of my little brother.”
“When my brother was mean, I was not mean back at him.”

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.” from the Letter to the Hebrews. The key to balancing the everyday demands made on us with the limited amounts of time, talent and treasure we possess is PRIORITY. When we accept Jesus and his message as our priority, we never squander our gifts. That is exactly what Mary did when she said, “Yes!” to the Lord.

Ministry - Altar & Rosary Society

It seems appropriate that, on this feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, we highlight a group within the parish dedicated to devotion to Mary as Mother and Patroness. That group obviously is the Altar & Rosary Society. As a parish society, their primary ministry is to foster devotion to the Blessed Mother through the recitation of the rosary and other Marian devotions. This year, our parish is participating in the archdiocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010. We are hoping that many of our parishioners, especially members of the Altar & Rosary Society, will be a part of this pilgrimage. We pray that, through the prayers and efforts of the Altar & Rosary Society, prayer to Mary, especially in our parish, will deepen and strengthen our individual and communal faith. **If you would be interested in becoming a part of the Altar & Rosary Society, please contact us at info@stmarysdumont.org and we will pass your name on to our Rosarians.**

Tithing the Tithe – 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.

Restoration of the Assumption Statue

We want to express our sincere thanks for the donation of \$5,000.00 made by one of our parish families for the repair/restoration of the statue of the Assumption. This donation has been made in memory of her mother. We deeply appreciate this generous gift toward the repair/restoration of a statue that is so much a part of our parish history as well as being a representation of our parish patroness. At this time, since we have received the entire donation to repair/restore this statue, any other donations for this project are sincerely appreciated, but not needed at this time. We thank all those who had considered donating and we pray that their good intentions will be blessed by God.

Grocery Certificates

ShopRite, Stop & Shop and Jollibee grocery certificates are now available for purchase at the rectory office, Mon.-Fri., 9:00AM to 6:00PM.

