



Saturday	Aug. 28 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Aug. 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Fr. Szelest
10:00AM	Renato Cachuela (Living)
12 Noon	John Sposato
Monday	Aug. 30 - Weekday
7:00AM	Gilberto Perez
8:45AM	Angela Rosa Arboritanza
Tuesday	Aug. 31 - Weekday
7:00AM	Noreen Reilly
8:45AM	Tibbs Family
Wednesday	Sept. 1 - Weekday
7:00AM	Helen Low
8:45AM	Brian Tell
Thursday	Sept. 2 - Weekday
7:00AM	Tom & Mary Monks - 60th Wedding Anniversary
8:45AM	Deborah Carol Shanley
Friday	Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great
7:00AM	Stanley W. Raffia
8:45AM	Katherine & Martin McHale
Saturday	Sept 4 - Weekday
8:30AM	Cael Cachuela (Living)
5:30PM	Joan Wiese
Sunday	Sept. 5 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Ethel and Harry Gunther
12 Noon	Rita Reilly

Special Intentions

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Sharyn D'Silva, in celebration of her birthday, requested by Myra and Kenny D'Silva.

In Loving Memory

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Raquel Castro requested by Maria Castro and Joseph Aversano.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Barbara A. Lopatynski, Brian C. Oates and Marilyn Reynolds.

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..Patrick J. Kiernan

Request from St. John's, Newark

Members of our parish will again be going to St. John's, Newark, on Friday, Sept. 10, to feed the hungry. Barbara Moran, the woman who runs the food kitchen at St. John's, has asked if we could request from our parishioners some of the items that they really need. They always need white socks, men's and women's toiletries (even those small bottles from hotels) and the plastic bags from the super markets. But they can also use new men's sneakers in all sizes. If you see a sale at a store and they have sneakers, could you pick up a pair and donate it so that we can bring it to St. John's, Newark? Your goodness is sincerely appreciated.

Sunday – Aug. 29

10:15AM-11:00AM RCIA Children RCA

Monday – Aug. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Tuesday – Aug. 31

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM Parents Group B05

Wednesday - Sept. 1

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

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

Thursday – Sept. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Friday – Sept. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

Saturday – Sept. 4

7:30AM Rosary LC

Sunday – Sept. 5

1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD's EB Meeting RCB

Labor Day – Sept. 6

On Sept. 6 – Labor Day – the parish office will be closed and we will have one Mass that day at 9:00 AM in the lower church. This day is traditionally a day to bless articles/items that are used in the work that our parishioners do. If you would like to bring to Mass that morning any item that you use at work, we will ask God's blessing upon these items.

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.

Restoration of the Assumption Statue

We want to express our sincere thanks to Myra & Ken D'Silva for their donation of \$5,000.00 for the repair/restoration of the statue of the Assumption. This donation has been made in memory of Myra's mother, Mary Coutinho. We deeply appreciate this generous gift toward the repair/restoration of this statue, which 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.

Parish Mission in October

Beginning the evening of Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, and continuing through Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, as a part of our 50th Anniversary Year, we will come together for a Parish Mission, being offered by a Catholic lay group called *Good News International*. **Each of the four evenings will begin at 7:15 PM and will go for 60-75 minutes.** *There will also be a session on Monday, following 9:00 Mass; Tuesday and Wednesday, following the 8:45 Mass, for those who cannot make it in the evening.* We hope that the families of our parish will mark their calendars so that they will be able to be with us for the mission. You may not be able to be here for all four nights, but we hope that you can join us for at least most of the evenings.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is so hard to believe that the summer, at least unofficially, will soon be coming to an end. With the coming of Labor Day next Monday, vacations for the most part are going to be at an end, if they have not done so already since children will be returning to school within 10 days or so. Many of our older teens and those in their early 20's have already left for college and, in many cases, may have begun their classes already. We do pray for all those returning to school, whether to grammar school, high school or college. It continues to be a time for them to learn more about the world around them and to come to use their God-given talents to broaden their understanding and their knowledge.

I hope that these summer months has also been a time where family ties were strengthened and family members were able to get some time away for rest and relaxation. Once we return to the routines that are so much a part of our year, family members won't necessarily be able to be with each other as much as during the summer. Sports and other extra curricular activities involve our children after school. Work considerations take time for adults and can perhaps keep them from home for longer periods of time. These are all part of the day-to-day experiences of our lives.

As we get ready to start another "parish year," as always, I am asking parishioners to keep in mind that we are always ready and willing to accept new members into any of our ministries, committees and societies. We are a Stewardship parish, meaning that we are people committed to offering our Time, our Talent and our Treasure to St. Mary's. We have so many parishioners who are already committed to a particular ministry, committee or society; however, there are still so many who are not yet involved in these. There may have been really valid reasons in the past as to why a parishioner may not have become more deeply involved in ministry at St. Mary's. I am asking that all of our parishioners look once again this year at the variety of ways in which we can serve the Lord in one of the many ministries, committees or societies at St. Mary's.

I know that, especially if you tend to be a quieter person, it can be a little intimidating to participate in a ministry, committee or society. You can easily say, *I don't know anyone and I feel uncomfortable*. That can be very true and it can be a little anxiety producing. I hope if you are able to get beyond your uncertainties that you will come to see that people are very accepting and would love to see new faces and meet new people. Often, it is the best way to simply get to know people.

As you can see in the bulletin, each week we highlight a particular ministry, committee or society. As the year unfolds, I hope that many of our parishioners will find some way in which they can deepen their involvement in the life of the parish in one of our ministries, committees or societies. I can guarantee you that you will not be disappointed. You can have a great time simply being with other parishioners here at St. Mary's.

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)

Collection total for Aug. 21-22	\$8,055.00
Total for same weekend in 2009	\$8,058.00
Treasure from our children's envelopes.	\$0.00
Campaign donations received thus far in July	\$27,673.83

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 listened to my mother when she asked me to clean my room."
"I let my brother and sister play with my toys." "I prayed."**

"Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends or brothers or sisters or relatives or wealthy neighbors...No, when you have a reception, invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind. You should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just." from the Gospel of St. Luke. *Our gifts were not given to be bargaining chips in which we expect repayment, e.g., tax breaks, return invitations, recognition. Preoccupation with repayment is not stewardship, but a search for reward.*

Ministry - Social Life Committee

During the course of the year, we as a parish come together for social gatherings, such as our Parish Picnic, International Night, and other similar events. These are times when we gather as a parish family to celebrate our unity as a faith community. While these events certainly have a social quality to them, they are far more important as times for us to strengthen the bonds that unite us as a parish. These events are organized by our **Social Life Committee**, a group of parishioners who come together and do the background work that is needed for these events to take place. As a parish, we are grateful to these men and women who take the time to plan and organize the times when we can build community with our brothers and sisters at St. Mary's. If you want to be a part of this committee and help to build up the community of St. Mary's, please contact us at info@stmarysdumont.org and let us know.

Tithing the Tithes – 2010

For the month of July, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,288.00 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 - \$286.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$286.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$286.00
- Emergency Fund - \$430.00

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.

The Miracle of Christmas at Sight & Sound

On **Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010**, we will be going to see **The Miracle of Christmas** at the Millennium Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The cost is as follows: \$116.50 for those 19 years and older; \$92.50 for ages 13-18; and \$72.00 for ages 3-12. **These prices are based on a minimum of 40 persons on the motor coach. If there are less than 40 persons, the prices would increase and would depend on the number of persons going.** The cost includes: 1) round-trip transportation on a motor coach, 2) time at Kettle Kitchen, 3) Amish family-style dinner at the Good 'N Plenty Restaurant, tax and gratuity included, and 4) reserved seating for *The Miracle of Christmas*. **One-half of the cost must be paid at the rectory in order to reserve a place. The balance would be due by Sun., Oct. 31.**



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

PACT/Religious Education re-registrations

Please re-register for PACT/Religious Education before this school year ends, as we need the registrations in order to plan for our Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Sacrament Preparation programs for the coming 2010-11 school year. Thank you!

Re-registration materials are available in our Religious Education Office in the school building.

Religious Education - New Parents for our 2010-11 Program

All new parents attend an orientation explaining our PACT/Religious Education Program. Please call our Religious Education Office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Do you know of a family who has been away from our Religious Education Program, or maybe a family new in town, or a family with children no longer attending a Catholic School? Put them in touch with our Religious Education Office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Catechists Needed!

We are anticipating a need for catechists for Tuesday afternoons (Grades K-5), Monday evenings (Grades 6,7&8), and Sunday mornings (Family PACT/all grades). Call for more information about how you can help (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Congratulations, newly confirmed!

Did you get the letter asking you how you want to be involved at St. Mary's? If not, call (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Catholic H.S. Entrance Exam

The Cooperative Admissions Examination for those interested in attending a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Newark in September 2011 will be administered on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010. Application forms and handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic high schools and their admission requirements are available at the following website - www.coopexam.org and e-mail support@coopexam.org. If you have questions or you want to obtain a registration form, call 1-888-921-2667 or go to the website given above.

Fair Trade Speaker in River Edge

One of the projects of Catholic Relief Services, the social service agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is **Fair Trade**, where small farmers are given a good price for their products and the consumer is guaranteed that the workers have been treated in a fair and just way. On Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, St. Peter's Parish, River Edge, will be hosting Senor Pedro Ascencio, a farmer and marketing manager of the Las Colinas Coffee Co-operative in El Salvador. He will be speaking about the lives of the farmers in his community and their compelling history of organizing and nurturing their co-operative. Our parishioners are invited to go and hear Senor Ascencio's presentation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Bertani at St. Peter's at 201-783-3885.

Dumont Day Race Events

On Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 - Dumont Day - there will be several race events open to different age groups. There will be a Dumont Day 5K Run, a 1-1/2 mile run for children in the 8th grade and younger, a 1/2 mile sprint for ages 5-10, and a 1-1/2 mile health walk for all ages. On Friday evening, Sept. 10, 2010, there will be Pre-Race pasta dinner. The Knights of Columbus have donated their facility, all food and drink and staff in order to help raise money. All money raised will go to help Dumont families that are in need. If you have any questions about the races, the pasta dinner or if you would like to help out, please call the borough hall for information.

The following offerings are still available:

Bread and Wine - Sept. 26; Oct. 10 & 17; Nov. 14; Dec. 26
Sanctuary Lamp - Dec. 12

Broadway Bound

We have no more tickets to see the musical comedy **Promises, Promises** on Friday evening, **Sept. 10, 2010**. As usual, we will have a school bus to take us to the show. The charge will be \$15.00 per person and will be collected on the bus that evening.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

Where our teens, 7th - 12th, grade can find peace and discover God's great plan for their lives.

"My friend, move up" (Luke 14: 1, 7-14)

Is it wrong to want to be first? That's what Jesus seems to say in this Sunday's Gospel. But what is Jesus really talking about? He is not talking about getting good grades in school! He is talking about sharing a meal, and this is a symbol for sharing life with God in heaven. And there, to be sure, none of us can decide for ourselves that we can be the first, or the favorite, or the one best loved by God. Who would dare say to God: "I have done everything necessary, and I deserve the first place." Life with God is not a right that we demand; it is a gift that we receive from God himself. It's God who says to us: "my friend, move up, come closer to me." The good news is that God invites each one of us to come close to him. The great mystery of God's love is that each one of us is first; each one of us is his favorite. All you have to do is accept his invitation! - Magnifikid

What Events Are Coming Up For Teens?

"Opening Night for parents and teens!" - Sunday, September 19th (6:30 - 8:30p) JP11 Youth Room

Activities will include an overview of our September to December schedule, with appeals to parents for help, as well as fun activities. Sensei Brett Paton, a 6th degree Black Belt in Karate and 2nd grade teacher at Transfiguration Academy, will be giving some practical self defense tips for parents and teens in Szelest Hall.

Why should I bring my teen to youth ministry?

In 2005, the University of North Carolina conducted the most extensive study of teen religiosity, across multiple religions, to date. The National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry published the following commentary on the results: "The National Study of Youth and Religion reports that generally, young people are incredibly inarticulate about their faith, their religious beliefs and practices, and its meaning or place in their lives. This was true even for teenagers who regularly attend church. On most measures of religious faith, beliefs, and practices, Catholic teens as a whole show up fairly weak."

Vitamins for the Mind: Encouragement

"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit." Albert Schweitzer

Are you looking for Internet resources to help you parent teens?

"Family Life Center International - Faith & Family."

<http://familylifecenter.net/>

How about our weekly email? Are you signed up? It has different resources than this column

Need To Talk To Us?

You can meet us at the music platform after the 10:00 Masses, call us at (201) 385-2936, or e-mail us at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

We'll see you at Mass! Charlie & Lesa.

Separated/Divorced Program

Beginning on Sept. 21, 2010, Mt. Carmel Church in Ridgewood, NJ, will be hosting a ten-week program to provide support for those individuals who are separated or divorced. Each week, the group will journey through the divorce process, focusing on topics such as: loneliness, stress, self-image, guilt, blame, anger, forgiveness and pathways to growth. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. We encourage participants to make a commitment to attend all 10 sessions. Everyone is welcome to this free program. For more information or to join the group, please call Gerard Scola at 201-307-1212 or e-mail him at divorcedandseparated@yahoo.com.

Church Ministry: It's Not Just for Professionals

The Lord Jesus, through the Church, calls all baptized people to continue his mission in the world today. Ministry is not limited to priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers; all of God's people can and should be engaged in the work of the Church. *Christian Foundations for Ministry* (CFM) is a program that provides the knowledge and tools necessary to share your faith through the various ministries of your parish. CFM consists of 9 eight-week courses over three years, which will give you the basics about Scripture, Liturgy, Church History and Evangelization. The cost is minimal (\$50/course); the experience is priceless. For more information, please contact Fr. Mitch Walters, Director of the Center for Ministerial Development at 1-973-497-4350 or waltermi@rcan.org. Classes begin in October.