



Saturday	Sept. 5 - Vigil
5:30PM	Rita Reilly
Sunday	Sept. 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Ethel and Harry Gunther
12 Noon	A. William Weitze
Monday	Sept. 7 - Weekday
9:00AM	Rose Marie Rizzo
Tuesday	Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM	Fr. Szelest
8:45AM	Yiman Ng
Wednesday	Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver
7:00AM	Valerio Laya (Living)
8:45AM	Edward Lane
Thursday	Sept. 10 - Weekday
7:00AM	Richard J. DeCourcy
8:45AM	George Ramm
Friday	Sept. 11 - Weekday
7:00AM	Richard J. DeCourcy
8:45AM	A. William Weitze
Saturday	Sept. 12 - Weekday
8:30AM	Timothy Sheehan
5:30PM	Deceased Members of the Rosicas
Sunday	Sept. 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Tim and Nora Sheehan
10:00AM	Frances Bishopp
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday – September 6
1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB

Monday – September 7
Labor Day

Tuesday – September 8
9:30AM Parents Group
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SFC
Birth of the Virgin Mary

Wednesday – September 9
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters Youth room
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – September 10
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Liturgy Committee Meeting RCB
7:30PM New Catechist Meeting Library

Friday – September 11
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC
7:30PM YAM "The Spirituality of Peace" by Bishop Flesey

Saturday – September 12

Sunday – September 13
9:00AM Catechist Meeting SFC
9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA
11:00AM-12:00Noon Kids RCIA Class SFC
11:00AM-12:00Noon Teen RCIA Youth Room
Baptism

St. John's Kitchen, Newark

Our next time for service at St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark is Friday, Sept. 11, 2009. Team A will be the team serving that day. If you are out shopping and can pick up some white socks or backpacks, these are always needed. If you have good, used clothing that you would like to donate, please bring them to the rectory by Thursday, Sept. 10.

Sept. 11 Presentation

This Friday evening, Sept. 11, at 8:00 PM, Bishop John Flesey, the regional bishop of Bergen County, will be at St. Mary's, to speak on **The Spirituality of Peace**. The special evening, sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry of St. Mary's, will be a way in which we as a parish commemorate the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Bishop Flesey's presentation will take place in the lower church. There will be prayer and reflection time, followed by Bishop Flesey's presentation and some time for discussion. **Please join us as we remember 9/11 and welcome Bishop Flesey to St. Mary's.**

Women's Spirituality Group - Sept. 18

Save the date! All women of the parish are invited to attend the Women's Spirituality Group on Friday, Sept. 18 at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Formation Center. More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

Welcome Back, Picnic

Our parish **Welcome Back Picnic** will be on **Saturday, Sept. 19**, from **2:00 – 5:00 PM** in the area behind the rectory. **Please disregard the September calendar about the date of the picnic. The wrong date is listed.** We hope that many of our families will be able to come that day as the summer draws to a close and so many of our ministries/activities begin again. We will have more information in the bulletin soon. We are just asking families to keep the date open and mark your calendar. If you think that you can make it, please call the rectory and let us know how many of your family members will be coming.

September 20 - Hour of Prayer

On Sunday, Sept. 20, we will have an hour of prayer following the 12:00 Mass at which we will pray for peace in the world. Since the tragedy of 9/11, the month of September has become the month for remembering that tragic day in our history and, therefore, it has also become a time for praying for the gift of peace in our world. Please join us as we pray before the Lord in the Eucharist for the gift of lasting peace.

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ledene Tarabocchia requested by Domenica Bussanich.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ledene Tarabocchia requested by Mr. & Mrs. Gregorio Sforza.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Ann Linko.

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...Rose Farrell...Fr. Michael Hansen...Linda Baby Amelia Brooke Lombardo...Tamara Sanzari...Doris Hone Arthur King...Tony Martignetti...Susan G. Klarer...Mary M...Scott D. Debbie Portillo...Peter Ramzi...Marie Fitzgerald...Marie Woehrl Lulu Battista...Bob Jackson...Jesse Carrizzo...John R...Al Prisco Patricia O'Connor...Anne O'Neill...Margherita Bonaldo...John D. Mildred Dellner...Freida Perry...Digna Umadac...Emily Arizala Fredres McGinnes...Marilyn Reynolds-Burg...Patricia Collins Joan O'Leary-Rella...Carole Chittenden...Amelia Carbone...Maureen Brownselle...George & Marie W...Sr. Peggy McGaffney Virginia Malone...Barbara Fawcett...Marie McDermott...Pat Greco

Labor Day – Sept. 7

There will be only one morning Mass on Monday, Sept. 7, as we celebrate Labor Day and ask God's blessings on all those who work so that they may care for themselves and their families. In a special way, we ask the prayers of the parish for those who are without work and who are forced to take a job were they are underemployed. May they receive work soon where their talents are fully employed.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the saying goes: **All good things must come to an end.** And so it must be with the summer season, at least, unofficially. With the coming of Labor Day, most vacations have come to an end and classes have begun or will soon begin at schools and colleges.

For us at St. Mary's, the wonderful variety of our parish ministries, committees and societies will soon be cranking up into full swing again. This is so important for us as a faith community. Whether it's in the area of **Word** or **Worship** or **Community Building** or **Service**, the new parish year brings with it such a wonderful opportunity for men, women and children to deepen their involvement in the life of the parish.

When I think of our parish and the invitation that we extend to our parishioners to become more involved in the life of St. Mary's, my thoughts immediately go the Lord. We believe that Jesus was both human and divine. But even as the Son of God, he still chose men and women to listen to his words and witness his actions among people.

Some of them he also chose to be part of the Twelve, that closest circle of his followers. They would ultimately become the leaders of the early Church. Others supported his work by their presence or by the assistance that they offered through financial support or the use of their homes.

The bottom line is this – **Jesus shared his work with men and women who would continue, after he returned to the Father, what he had begun while he was here on earth.** That is also true for us at St. Mary's.

It is true that we have a parish staff – ordained and lay – who provide support and who guide the ministries in the parish. For so many years for so many of us, the priests and the religious were the ones who did "church work." Members of the laity took a more passive, a more receptive, role. Today, through an expansion of our understanding of our baptismal commitment as a result of the deliberations of the Second Vatican Council, much has changed regarding how we view the workings of a parish.

The work and ministerial life of a parish are not left in the hands only of the ordained and those in religious life. The laity have now been invited and encouraged to more deeply fulfill their baptismal calling, especially, but not exclusively, through their involvement in parish ministry. So many in our parish have heard and accepted that call and we are blessed and better off because of that.

It still remains for others to open their ears and eyes of faith, to see how the Lord is asking today, as he did when he walked the earth, for men, women and children to heed his voice and accept his invitation. That invitation is going to be expressed in a variety of ways in the coming week as members of our staff extend an invitation to our parishioners to become involved in some area of ministry.

Not every ministry is for everyone since our gifts and talents differ. But there is some ministry, some committee, some society that can use every person's gifts and talents. As we begin a new parish year, may the Lord's voice be heard by one and all and may we all have the courage and the commitment to answer that call to service at St. Mary's and beyond.

Love,
Fr. Bob

Join Us! Altar and Rosary Society

We invite you to become a part of our beautiful ministry. We meet every first Tuesday of the month in the Spiritual Formation Center. Some of our activities are Communion Breakfast, Spring & Fall Anointing Masses, Retreat, Baking of Irish Soda Bread to name a few. If you are interested, please fill out the form located by the doors of the church and either mail or drop it off at the Rectory.

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 August 29 & 30 \$8,496.00
 Total for same weekend in 2008 \$10,409.00
 Campaign donations received thus far in August \$16,159.94.

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

"I played nice with my friends." "I set the table 2 days."

The children also contributed \$5.50 toward the support of St. Mary's.

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" – from the letter of St. James. What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we know that material things do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

Ministry – Parish Ministries

Next Sunday, as you may have already seen in the bulletin, our Music Ministry is having their recruitment Sunday. We are looking for parishioners – adults, women and children – to consider becoming involved in one area of music: **adult choir, contemporary choir, bell choir, youth choir, Filipino choir, children's choir, instrumentalists.** There are so many ways in which parishioners can offer their musical talents for the glory of God and the support of those gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. Please consider becoming a part of this important liturgical ministry. And remember that St. Augustine said: **The one who sings, prays twice.**

Tithing the Tithes – 2009

For the month of August, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,337.00 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 - \$297.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$297.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$297.00
- Emergency Fund - \$446.00

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.

Fr. Devis' address

We received an e-mail from Fr. Devis that he arrived safely home in India and has again begun his pastoral work. It is wonderful to know that his parish in India is also St. Mary's, so there is a definite connection between his ministry at home and with us. His address in India is as follows:

Fr. Devis Chenginiyadan
 St. Mary's Church, Cheloor
 P.O. Edathirinjil 680122
 Thrissur DT. KERALA, INDIA

He would certainly appreciate a note or a card from our parishioners. He really loved being with us this summer.



PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

Think about it: is it you?

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 religioused@stmarysdumont.org

PACT Religious Education Re-registration

Final Reminders Sent

If you haven't done so, please re-register for our 2009-10 program as soon as possible as we are doing class assignments and planning for the coming year. *Don't forget your VOLUNTEER FORM, too! As always, we need your help to keep our program strong.*

Catechist Opening Meetings:

All held in the School Library Meeting Room

New Catechists: Thursday, 9/10, 7:30 p.m.

Returning catechists are asked to attend whichever meeting is convenient if they are unable to attend on their usual program day:

Sunday Catechists: Sunday, 9/13, 9:00 a.m.

Monday Catechists: Monday, 9/14, 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

Helping Teens, 7th - 12th Grade, Become Better Versions of Themselves:

Physically, Emotionally, Intellectually, & Spiritually

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

Sunday, Sept 13th - "KICK-OFF-THE-NEW-YEAR PARTY!!" This party is for teens, parents, and any adults interested in getting involved in youth ministry. We have a big year planned and need your help! We'll meet in the gym from 7:00- 9:00p, have Pizza, play Frisbee Football, and share exciting events for the coming year!

Sunday, Sept 20th - "READY TO FILM OUR 2ND BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE?" Last year, we won Best Movie & Best Story at the 2008 Reel Youth Film Festival! Let's repeat!! We need your help!! We need everyone to get involved!! Actors, set designers, stagehands, etc.!! We'll begin in the JP II Youth Room from 7:00 – 9:00p.

Sunday, Sept 27th - "BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE PART 2!!" Our second night of shooting. We'll begin in the JP II Youth Room from 7:00 – 9:00p.

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.

"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.

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 after the 9/11 prayer service on September 11th @ 8PM in the lower church.

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 some Q&A after the presentation.

Please join us on September 11th for this unique opportunity. For more information on Young Adult Ministry, contact Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859, email yam@stmarysdumont.org or check the parish website.

Transfiguration Academy

The administration, faculty and staff of Transfiguration Academy look forward to the opening of 2009-2010 school year. The first week schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 8	Grades 1 - 8 (Half Day)
Wednesday, September 9	Kindergarten – 8 (Half Day)
Thursday, September 10	Kindergarten – 8 (Half Day)
	PK-3 & 4 Orientation, 9AM
	Conlon Hall
Friday, September 11	Kindergarten – 8 (Half Day)
Monday, September 14	Pre – K to 8 - Regular Sessions

High School Open Houses

We will again be listing Open Houses for high schools that send us information, requesting that we include it in our bulletin. We will repeat these dates and times to the extent that we have space in the bulletin.

- 1) **Bergen Catholic**, 1040 Oradell Avenue, Oradell – 201-634-4151
Open House - Sun., Sept. 27 – 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- 2) **Regis High School**, 55 E. 84th St., New York – 212-288-1100
Open House - Mon., Oct. 12 – 1:00 – 4:00 PM
** New Jersey Admissions Information Night
Wed., Sept. 30 – 7:00 PM
St. Philip School, 797 Valley Road, Clifton
- 3) **Don Bosco Prep**, 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey
201-327-8003, ext. 102
2 Open Houses – Sept. 20 & Nov. 1 – 1:00 – 3:00 PM



Join us for our first-ever
Tri-Parish Catechist Dinner

Catechetical Sunday 2009 - September 20th

St. Mary's Spiritual Formation Center

In the school basement - signs will be posted on doors

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome inspired speaker Anita Foley from RCL Benziger (*Publisher of our Blest are We texts*).

And here's a bonus: Anita's presentation will count toward your Spirituality/Basic certification!

Please RSVP by returning the form that was mailed to you to your DRE by 9/10/2009.

Archdiocese of Newark Catechist Certification

Offered at St. Mary's this year:

SPIRITUALITY/BASIC LEVEL CERTIFICATION

Jesus, Model of Catechists

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

at St. Mary's Church - School building (21-31 New Milford Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628). Ring bell at entrance on New Milford Ave.

Facilitator: Bill Mascitello

Cost \$25. (No fee for St. Mary's catechists) Pre-registration important!

Register by calling Bill at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail bill@stmarysdumont.org

METHODOLOGY/SPECIALIZATION LEVEL CERTIFICATION

Catechesis With Children

Saturday, October 17, 2009 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

at St. Mary's Church - School building (21-31 New Milford Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628). Ring bell at entrance on New Milford Ave.

Facilitator: Betsy Foer

Cost \$25. (No fee for St. Mary's catechists) Pre-registration important!

Register by calling Bill at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail bill@stmarysdumont.org

University of Dayton Online Course and other opportunities within our Archdiocese of Newark will be discussed at our opening meetings.