



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 19 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Frank DiDonato
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Rose Walsh
10:00AM	Frank Cangialosi
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 21 - St. Matthew</b>
7:00AM	Klarer and Bellamy Families
8:45AM	Antonino Leo
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 22 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	William O'Shea
8:45AM	Catherine Canonica
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 23 - St. Pio of Pietrelcina</b>
7:00AM	Bridget Sorce
8:45AM	Arthur Rudolph
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 24 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Clayton Boyd
8:45AM	Joan Cole
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 25 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Theresa Inserra
8:45AM	Joseph O. Ross
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas and Damian</b>
8:30AM	Vincent and Amelia Amalfitano
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Veronica Forella
10:00AM	Allan Tackel
12 Noon	Richard DiMeola

### In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Paul DiPaola requested by Joan, Brian and Michael DiPaola.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and for the intentions of George and Nina DiCostanzo for their 50th wedding anniversary.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioners, Louis M. Mayer and Joseph DeBellis.

### 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.

Maureen Brownsell

### Please....Please....Please

There are more and more people who seem to be leaving Mass right after they receive communion. While there certainly is a valid excuse for some to leave then, there are also those who leave right after they receive and then go out and talk outside of the church while Mass is still going on. They obviously are not going to work and to a pressing need at home. **Think about it – how much longer would you be in church if you stayed until the end? Another 5 minutes maybe? How much respect do you show to the Eucharist when you leave right away as if you can't wait to get out? We can't treat the Eucharist like we would fast food.** We don't pop into church, get what we want and then leave like we would at McDonald's or Burger King. **The Eucharist deserves more respect than a Big Mac or a Whopper.**

### Sunday – September 20

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark  
 8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Angels First Session LC/School  
 9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room  
 1:00PM-2:00PM Holy Hour  
 1:00PM-6:00PM San Lorenzo Ruiz Celebration SH  
 5:00PM-8:00PM New Energies Catechist Dinner SFC  
 All Masses Catechetical Sunday  
 Food Collection

### Monday – September 21

7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Angels Opening Session with Parents  
 UC/School

### Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle

### Tuesday – September 22

9:30AM Parents Group B05  
 3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Angels Opening Session with Parents  
 UC/School

7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

### Autumn Begins

### Wednesday – September 23

4:00PM-5:00PM Children's Choir  
 5:00PM-6:00PM Bell Choir UC  
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
 7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters Youth room  
 7:00PM PALAD's Meeting RCA  
 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – September 24

### Friday – September 25

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

### Saturday – September 26

9:00AM-3:00PM Transfiguration's Car Wash Parking Lot

### Sunday – September 27

8:30AM Rel Ed PACT Saints First Session LC/School  
 9:00AM 10:00AM Adult RCIA RCA  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Kids RCIA Class SFC  
 11:00AM-12:00PM Teen RCIA Youth Room  
 2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC

### September 20 - Hour of Prayer

This 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.

### Bible Study Group Meets

For those who have regularly attended our Bible study sessions and for any and all newcomers, our first gathering this year will be on Thursday evening, Oct. 22, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. Even though we have concluded the year dedicated to St. Paul, we will continue a look at his letters. The Scriptures are such a treasure as well as a key foundation of our faith. Even if you have never come before to our Bible Study, you are well to come and be with us on Oct. 22.

### Anointing Mass – Oct. 24

On Saturday, Oct. 24, we will gather for our fall Anointing Mass at 11:00 AM in Szelest Hall. If you need a ride to the Anointing Mass, please call the rectory (201-384-0557) and let us know. We invite all of our parishioners in need of this sacrament to this wonderful celebration of God's healing, whether that need is due to sickness or age.

### Save The Date!!!!

St. Mary's International Night is on Friday, November 6, 2009. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



*My brothers and sisters in Christ,*

This Sunday, parishes throughout the United States are recognizing, blessing and thanking men and women who have answered a call, an invitation that came from the Lord through a parish catechetical leader. We remember that Jesus, while he walked the earth, sent out the disciples to preach and to heal. Before he returned to the Father after the Resurrection, he told them to go to all the nations, preaching and baptizing.

We have accepted that mission and we have asked the adults in our parish to consider sharing their faith with our students. Scripture tells us,

**Blessed are the feet of those who bring the good news.** Not only are the feet of these men and women blessed; so are their hearts and their entire lives. Some of our catechists have taught in Religious Education classes for many years. Others are brand new, going into a classroom for the first time.

Whether they are veterans or novices, whether they are a little nervous or more sure of themselves, they do God's work by sharing their faith as well as information about elements of our faith, such as, the sacraments, the Church, the guidelines by which we are called to live, the word of God given to us in the Scriptures. They teach in so many ways, but they teach most powerfully by the way they live their faith. Anyone can share information, details about our faith; only a committed believer can share their relationship with God and that is exactly what our catechists do.

These past two weekends, we have spoken about specific ministries in our parish. Last weekend, Steve, our music director, spoke about Music Ministry and I know that some of our parishioners heard his call and responded. This week, Bill, our Religious Education director, spoke and we hope that more parishioners will respond to his invitation. I also spoke at 5:30, telling about our need for Eucharistic ministers, so that the Body and the Blood of the Lord may be shared with those who come to celebrate the Eucharist.

In weeks to come, you will hear, and you certainly will read in the bulletin, a call, an invitation to become involved in some area of parish ministry. As I have often said or written, we always hope to extend a personal invitation to parishioners to participate in ministry **because that is what Jesus did**. Oftentimes, though, the invitation may be a general one, spoken by one of the priests or by another staff member.

**Please** – open your hearts and let the Lord in and accept his invitation to ministry. He never asks unless he knows that you can do it. And he never asks without the promise of his presence and his strength to do whatever that may be. **Listen – Be open – Be generous – Be not afraid.**

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**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. Edathirinji 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.

**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 September 12 & 13 \$9,281.00  
Total for same weekend in 2008 \$9,675.00  
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 cleaned up my room.” “I helped my mom.”  
“I am polite at school.” “I was nice.”*

*The children also contributed \$8.00 toward the support of St. Mary's.*

*“If anyone wishes to be first, they shall be the last of all and servant of all.” - from the Gospel of St. Mark.* Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through his words and through his life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through the sacrifices of our time, talent and treasure. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think that it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is **to make holy**. In other words, we make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, our talent and our treasure in the service of God and the Church.

**Ministry – Parish Ministries**

This Sunday, our Music Ministry is 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.*

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?**

We have people coming to St. Mary's on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. **ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER OF ST. MARY'S?** If you are not, it becomes more complicated if you need some kind of form to be filled out stating that you are a parishioner of our parish. The best way to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter. **PLEASE** – save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble – **come to the rectory office and register!**

**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 Angelica Peji Danny Hilsdorf  
 James Markert James Phillips Wayne Lawton  
 Kristine Becker Donald Dickson Anthony Dunkin  
 Edward Bryan Frago Anthony Zangoglia Brian Lucas  
 Christopher Cookson...Christopher Minayn...Kyle Zownir  
 Joshua M LaBazzetta James R. Melady Robert Dellner  
 Walter F. Fawcett David Christopher Pierson  
 Christopher Lynch Zane Campbel 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.*

**Capital Campaign - New Information**

Our next project for our capital campaign Realizing the Dream is the repair and the re-painting of our church ceiling. For those who attended the campaign sessions, we showed pictures of the cracks and the staining from water damage that necessitates the repair and painting of the ceiling. As of Tuesday, Sept. 15, we had received two estimates for this work and we will be receiving a third estimate on Thursday, Sept. 17. Once we have the estimates, we will review all of them with our parish Buildings & Grounds Committee and make a decision as to which company we will use.

Total amount in pledges made -	<b>\$880,616.16</b>
Number of families who have pledge	<b>450</b>
Average pledge per family -	<b>\$1,956.92</b>
Cash collected thus far -	<b>\$424,337.24</b>
Expenses paid thus far**	<b>\$146,416.83</b>
Cash on hand -	<b>\$277,920.41</b>

**Pledges for one time donation are still gratefully accepted.**

**\*\*Explanation of Expenses**

- 1) Total amount paid to Lynch Development Associates for Preliminary Feasibility Study, Actual Capital Campaign and costs related to both - **\$87,970.83**
- 2) Rectory roof repair - **\$15,000.00**
- 3) Church roof repair - **\$41,001.00**
- 4) Lower Church Drains/Leak **\$ 445.00**
- 5) Tree Removal **\$ 2,000.00**
- 6) School Heating System expenses will be available as soon as we receive the invoice.

**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.*

**Liturgy Schedule**

Below is the schedule for liturgical ministries for the Masses for the weekend of **Sept. 26-27**, the 26th Sunday of the year.

<u><b>5:30PM</b></u>	<u><b>7:45AM</b></u>	<u><b>10:00AM</b></u>	<u><b>12:00Noon</b></u>
H1-P. Scalice	H1-F. Ikalina	H1-D. Pacia	H1-D. Boettger
H3-E. Moloney	H3-M. Daly	H3-M. Ragone	H3-C. Rosal
H4-R. Schmidt	H4-Janet Kaine	H4-F. Hans	H4-M. Pacia
C1-J. Parella	C1-H. Vilorio	C1-G. Barba	C1-P. Foglio
C2-C. Murray	C2-V. Criscuolo	C2-B. Barba	C2-C. Reilly
C3-M. Bernard	C3-R. O'Shea	C3-P. Arroyo	C3-T. Rosal
C4-M. D'Silva	C4-W. Kaine	C4-K. Permuy	C4-R. Callahan

R1-B. Martin	R1-J. Schaper	R1-E. Pacia	R1-B. Miloscia
R2-M. Manley	R2-C. McGuire	R2-J. Soltes	R2-L. Miloscia

S-M. Connelly	S-J. Fredericks	S-A. Dumatol	S-A. Feliciano
S-M. Kostka	S-J. Fredericks	S-K. Velez	S-N. Foglio
S-J. Platon	S-M. Scalia	S-A. Weiss	S-J. Miloscia

**Registration for Fall Session of Rainbows Program**

The Rainbows Program is a support group program for children aged 5 to 13, who have suffered a loss due to separation, divorce, or death. Children meet once a week in small groups with a trained facilitator and work on a different topic each week. Some topics covered include self-esteem, fears and worries.

New groups are now being formed for the fall session, which will begin on Sept. 22, 2009. Children meet on Tuesday, from 5:30PM to 6:30PM, on the main floor of the Parish Life Center of St. John's Church, 15 No. Washington Ave., Bergenfield. This is a non-sectarian program, open to all children in the surrounding towns, and is entirely cost free for all participants.

There will be a brief meeting for all interested parents and/or caregivers to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 at 5:30PM, in St. John's Parish Life Center. For further information, please call the coordinator at 201-385-8165.

**I Love Lucy Night**

Our next *I Love Lucy* night will be on Friday evening, Sept. 25, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. If you are a fan of the Ricardo's and the Mertz's, join us for a fun evening. All we ask is that you bring a snack for people to share who comes that night.

**40 Days for Life**

This program – *40 Days for Life* – is a focused pro-life campaign to end abortion in America through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil. Parishioners are invited to join in this effort between Sept. 23 – Nov. 1. The site chosen for this campaign is the Women's Choice abortion facility at 10 Zabriskie St. in Hackensack. There will be a forty-day peaceful, prayerful vigil. This will be combined with community outreach, helping to spread the message that human life is sacred. e-mail 40daysforlife.hackensack@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/hackensack for more information.

**Knights of Columbus Events:**

Upcoming activities at St. John's Council #1345 Knights of Columbus include:

**Monday Sept. 21** – Lecturer Program with Guest Speaker Father Donald McLaughlin (Father Mac) – 8:30PM – All are welcome.

**Monday October 5** – Meeting @ 8PM.

**Saturday Oct. 17** – Italian Night – 7PM - Contact Charles Hollis at 201-265-6012 for reservations. \$27 per person.

For more information about St. John's Council, contact Lou Pidi at 201-439-1985 or check out our website at www.kofc1345.org.

**The BIA Rita Reilly Memorial Blood Drive**

The blood drive will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 at the Bergen Irish Building located at 4` Omaha St., Dumont, from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. For information, please call Ed Reilly at 201-384-8259.

