



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 26 - Vigil</b>
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 28 - Sts. Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz &amp; His Companions</b>
7:00AM	Catherine Crowley
8:45AM	Rita Reilly
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b>
7:00AM	Stanley W. Raffa
8:45AM	Grace Small
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 30 - St. Jerome</b>
7:00AM	John Tibbs
8:45AM	Anna and Frank Zeisel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus</b>
7:00AM	Mary Curley
8:45AM	Carolina Bacungan
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct. 2 - Guardian Angels</b>
7:00AM	Donna Family
8:45AM	Vincent and Amelia Amalfitano
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 3 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Mary and Hattie
5:30PM	Robert A. Rosica
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Abbadessa Family
12 Noon	Dan Schettino

### In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rita Reilly requested by Ed Reilly.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Rita Reilly requested by Ed Reilly.

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.

Maureen Brownsell...Peter Ramzi...Marie Woehrl  
Acela Buenaventura...Ann Youngsworth

### Blessing of Animals – Oct. 4

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who had such a great love for all of creation, we will bless animals on **Sunday, Oct. 4, at 1:30 PM**, behind the rectory. We invite our parishioners, especially our children, to bring their pets on Oct. 4 as we ask God to bless them and to keep them in his care.



### Communion Breakfast - Oct. 4

The Altar & Rosary Society is having their Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, October 4 after the 7:45AM** mass at the SFC. All ladies of the parish are invited.

### 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

### 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

### Monday – September 28

7:00PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Opening Session with Parents  
UC/School  
8:00PM Anniversary Meeting RCB  
7:30PM International Night Committee Meeting RCA

### Tuesday – September 29

9:30AM Parents Group B05  
3:30PM Rel Ed PACT Saints Opening Session with Parents  
UC/School  
7:00PM-9:00PM Adult Choir

### Feast of Archangels

### Wednesday – September 30

4:00PM-5:00PM Children's Choir  
5:00PM-6:00PM Bell Choir UC  
6:30PM Prayer Service LC  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters Youth room  
7:30PM First Sacrament Parent Meeting UC/SFC  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – October 1

7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC  
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting RCB

### Friday – October 2

7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC

### Saturday – October 3

7:30AM Rosary LC  
9:30AM-12:00PM Protecting God's Children School Library  
All Day Set-up Altar & Rosary Communion Breakfast SFC

### Sunday – October 4

9:00AM Altar & Rosary Communion Breakfast SFC  
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-4:00PM PALAD EB Meeting RCB  
1:30PM Blessing of the Animals behind the Rectory  
2:00PM-6:00PM Couples for Christ SFC  
Baptism

### Senior Residence Applications

**A reminder** – if you are planning on submitting an application for the St. Mary's Senior Residence, the completed application form must be in to our parish office by **Tuesday, Sept. 29, by 5:00 PM**. On October 8, 2009, at 10:00 AM, in the Spiritual Formation Center, a lottery will take place, which will determine the order in which applications will be processed. **If you want your application to be part of that lottery drawing, DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINE.**

### 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.



**My brothers and sisters in Christ,**

I hope that you have a chance each week to read the good deeds that our children have done as part of their living out the Stewardship Way of Life. I love to read them each week, to see the wonderful ways in which the boys and girls of St. Mary's are living as Jesus did and the way he asks them to live today. If you remember last week's Gospel, the Lord took a child and had that child stand before all of the disciples. He told those gathered there that they had to become like that child. That statement would have thrown them for a loop.

At the time of Jesus, children didn't have a great deal of legal status in society. They had to rely on a male member of their family to ensure their rights in the community. Today, we have all kinds of government agencies that are established to protect children. That should be the case since children cannot always defend themselves against abusive situations.

Perhaps the children of biblical times may have had very little status in society because they were not able to participate in the work of planting or plowing or harvesting or pruning due to their age or lack of strength. When they reached an age when they could be more productive, their status may have changed.

If this is the case, it seems somewhat harsh to us today. But in a society that relied on people to support the community by their work, it is perhaps somewhat more understandable. Today, we encourage our children to do the work that is appropriate to their age, namely, concentrating on their studies. They do that, not only for their own futures, but so that they may add to the society later in their lives when their schooling is ended.

Our children here at St. Mary's participate in the life of the parish every time they attend Mass, every time they pay attention to religious instruction in our PACT program or at Transfiguration Academy, every time they do something, which is good or kind to others. In a society that often values people by what they do, we may sometimes look at children as they were viewed years ago – they have little status because they are not able to do a lot of work.

**That is not how we think.** We appreciate our children simply for who they are – children of God, children in our families, children in our parish. When they help a parent or a relative, when they say their prayers, when they pay attention in school, when they do something nice for a friend or a neighbor – they are doing exactly what Jesus asks all of us to do. **And we love them unconditionally because of who they are and how they live.**

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**Family Day - Monday, September 28, 2009 - A day to eat dinner with your children.**

Research has shown that children who have frequent family dinners are at lower risk for substance abuse, are less likely to have friends who use illicit drugs, are more likely to have better grades in school and to abstain from smoking, drinking and using drugs. Family Day, created by CASA (The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse) is a national movement to remind parents about the importance of frequent family dinners and parental involvement in their children's lives. Family Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Monday in September, this year on September 28. There is information at the doors of the Church about having dinner with children and you can obtain more information at [www.CASAFamilyDay.org](http://www.CASAFamilyDay.org)

**We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community**

**Baptism**  
Ava Marie Murray  
Casey Eileen DiGirolamo  
Lauren Nicole Morales  
Alexus Gioia Mikulka  
Kylie Jolee Lezette

**Save The Date!!!!**

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

**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 19 & 20 \$9,814.00  
Total for same weekend in 2008 \$11,138.00  
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 helped someone." "I said my prayers."
- "I helped my cousins." "I helped my mom shop."
- "I listened to my teacher." "I cleaned my room."
- "I helped take care of my brother." "I was good in school."
- "I assisted my mother in grocery shopping."
- "I helped my aunt set up for a party."

The children also contributed \$16.00 toward the support of St. Mary's.

**"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ – Amen, I say to you, they will surely not lose their reward." from the Gospel of St. Mark.** The Lord's comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time. In Matthew's Gospel, we read: **"For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."** Our service and sacrifice to our parish and communities allow us to care for Jesus when he is hungry or thirsty or ill or in need.

**Ministry – Parish Ministries**

At the Last Supper, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: *Take and eat, this is my Body; take and drink, this is my Blood.* Today, we continue to do what Jesus did by offering those who come to Mass the Body and the Blood of the Lord. In order to be able to offer our parishioners both the Body and the Blood of the Lord, we need men and women – 18 years of age or older – to fulfill the ministry of **Special Ministers of Holy Communion.** This is especially true, as we announced last weekend, at the 5:30 Mass. We offer a word of thanks and praise to God for raising up men and women who will minister the Eucharist reverently so that all who come to worship with us can share in the Lord's Body and Blood. **Please consider the Lord's call to service as ministers of the Eucharist, sharing the strength of the Lord's Body and Blood.**

**Tithing the Tithe – 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.

**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 Challener, 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 **Oct. 2-3**, the 27th Sunday of the year.

<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>7:45AM</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>12:00Noon</b>
H1-K. Sylvester	H1-T. Schreiber	H1-L. Bishopp	H1-E. King
H3-Jayne Kaine	H3-B. Kenter	H3-J. Dalton	H3-L. Lo
H4-G. Harris	H4-A. De Noia	H4-L. Ungar	H4-M. Pacia
C1-G. Tagliareni	C1-J. DeNoia	C1-E. Stevens	C1-N.Poznanski
C2-R. Schmidt	C2-N. Florio	C2-D. Asistin	C2-R. Crowley
C3-E. Moloney	C3-Janet Kaine	C3-A.M. Bishopp	C3- J.Parella
C4-K. Permuy	C4-W. Kaine	C4-M. Truppe	C4-F. Ikalina

R1-J. Sylvester	R1-P. Gallagher	R1-T. Connelly	R1-K. Mullins
R2-M. Manley	R2-M. Vicente	R2-T. Osborne	R2-C. Booth

S	S-J. Fredericks	S-D. Aguilena	S-A. DeJesus
S	S-J. Fredericks	S-R. Cachuela	S-A. DeJesus
S	S	S-C. White	S-V. Lim

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Preparation**

On **May 15, 2011**, we will rejoice as a parish community as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church in 1961. On that day, Archbishop Myers will join us to celebrate the 12:00 Mass. However, we do not want to wait until then to celebrate. And so, we will begin our anniversary year of joy and prayer on **April 17, 2010**, at the 5:30 Mass. It is our hope that Bishop John M. Smith, the present bishop of Trenton and a former pastor of St. Mary's, will be able to be with us to celebrate that Eucharist. During our anniversary year, from **April 17, 2010 to May 15, 2011**, we will have special times of prayer and of gathering as a community. An anniversary committee has been established and will be meeting to plan the opening Mass, the events for the anniversary year and to look ahead to our great day of rejoicing on May 15, 2011. We will keep you informed so that you will know what is ahead.

**Knights of Columbus Events:**

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

**Monday October 5** – Meeting @ 8PM.

**Wednesday October 14** – Rosary for Peace @ 8PM – followed by refreshments.

**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](http://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.

**Educational Seminar on Video Games**

Please join PlayNTrade Video Games at the Dumont Public Library, 180 Washington Ave., on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:00PM. The goal of this seminar is to educate parents about video games and their prevalence in the lives of our children. They seek to educate and inform the public, and to encourage practices and policies that promote positive use of video game. For more information, call Jackie Diorio, 201-338-4300.

**High School Entrance Exam**

Eighth grade students interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2010 are reminded that the **Cooperative Admissions Examination** for participating high schools will be administered on **Friday, Nov. 6, 2009**. 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](http://www.coopexam.org) or e-mail [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org). If you have questions or to obtain a registration form, call 1-888-921-2667.

