

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioner,

On June 13, 1959, I was part of a class of 32 from St. Patrick College, Carlow, Ireland to be ordained at Carlow Cathedral by Bishop Thomas Keogh. I celebrated my first Mass the following day at St. Ciaran's Church, Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly. That church is now a social hall and is adjacent to the home in which I was born and raised. My parents, Jim and Liz owned and operated a general store with a pub. They had six children. We all helped with the running of the business.

I attended St. Joseph College (High School), Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, as a boarder before entering the seminary. It was a version of boot camp for life. It was part of post-war times. Some lifelong friendships were formed there.

Leaving home at the end of vacations prepared me somewhat for leaving from Cobh, Co. Cork on the S.S. America on September 8, 1959. Five of us from Ireland were destined for Camden. John A Clarke (Retired), Michael Doyle, Sacred Heart, Camden, John Cooke,(deceased), and Peter Beglan, who returned to Ireland. We arrived in New York on September 14th. My first assignment was Immaculate Heart of Mary, Woodlynne. I was there 6 and ½ years. By 1962, the Diocese of Camden had a surplus of priests. That year more than 100 of us were sent to Villanova, La Salle and St. Joseph's University to prepare for teaching assignments at CCHS and other schools throughout the diocese. It was not my choice.

Soon after CCHS, Cherry Hill was opened, Vatican Council II was convened. It was a challenging but good time to be teaching Religion in High School. The Church "pulled anchor" and the waters were sometimes choppy. As a religion department, we were forced to keep abreast of what was happening in Rome and communicate what we learned to students and parents alike. It was a good and challenging growing experience. While in teaching, I was in residence in Woodlynne, St. John the Baptist, Camden (now closed), and St. Lawrence, Lindenwold. After 10 years, I returned to being a full-time associate at St. Margaret, Woodbury Heights, where I spent 2 years before being appointed Pastor at Our Lady of the Angels, Cape May Court House. After 20 months, I was assigned to St. Joseph, Sea Isle City, where I spent the next 7 and ½ years. Burdette Tomlin Hospital occupied much of my time in Cape May Court House. A Regional School and a summer schedule that included 19 week-end Masses kept me off the beach somewhat in Sea Isle City.

I hated to leave Sea Isle City and return to the congestion of Camden County. In life, you make adjustments. I did. For more than 25 years I have been fortunate to be at St. Mary Parish, Cherry Hill. I thank all of you who over the years have welcomed me into your hearts and homes. It has been a good life.

Fondly,
Fr. John

Religious Education Important News

Registration for St. Mary Religious Education program for the 2009-2010 Sessions is underway. Remember, classes are assigned on a first-come, first served basis. So, get your forms to us ASAP!

Registration forms have been mailed to all registered families with children currently in the program as well as those with children ready to begin the program. Extra copies of the registration form are also available in the Gathering Space and the Religious Education Office.

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You are invited to serve our parish as a Catechist (Teacher) in our Religious Education Program for the 2009-2010 year. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry to model Christ's teachings for our children. Details regarding the "open" grade levels and days will follow in the coming weeks' bulletins. For more information, please email stmaryreligiouseducation.verizon.net or call (856) 424-2679 or

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Classes for 2009 – 2010 will be held in St. Mary Hall:
Grades 1 - 4 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
4:30 to 5:30PM

Grades 5 - 7 Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 7:45PM.
Grade 8 2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:30PM until 8:00PM

Pre K and K will be held on Sundays at 10:00AM in the Hall.

OFFERING REPORT

June 8, 2008	\$9,253.00
June 7, 2009	\$9,866.00
Increase \$613 or 6.2 %	
Envelopes: 265	
Weekly expense:	\$11,000.00
Parish Indebtedness:	\$92,805.00

BAPTISM



- Sunday, June 21, 2009 12 Noon
- Sunday, July 19, 2009 12 Noon
- Sunday, August 16, 2009 12 Noon
- Sunday, September 20, 2009 11:30AM Mass
- Sunday, October 18, 2009 1:00PM
- Sunday, November 15, 2009 11:30AM Mass
- Sunday, December 13, 2009 1:00PM
- Sunday, January 10, 2010 11:30AM Mass

BAPTISM PREPARATION: All Baptism Preparation sessions are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00PM-8:00PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Parents must attend. Sponsors are welcome. Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!



It is officially time for your children to be enrolled in our summer program. We have great fun planned for all! Children will develop a better understanding of their relationships with themselves, others, and especially Jesus. We have activities and classes for children, age 4 through Grade 6. Vacation Bible School will be held July 27th through July 31st from 9:00AM until 12 Noon. The cost is \$28.00 for materials plus a tee shirt. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Center Monday thru Friday, from 8:30AM until 4:00PM. For more information, please call the Parish Center at (856) 424-1454.



Rest in Peace

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Betty McGarry

Mother of Sharon Formica,
Great-Grandmother of Kayla DeFeo

Tom (Tucker) Toner

..AND ALL THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEM



**HOUSE OF CHARITY/
BISHOP'S ANNUAL
APPEAL**

We are moving closer to our parish goal of \$100,000. To date, (6/9/2009), we have received, through pledges and United Way estimates, \$93,728. Once again, we appeal to those who are in a position to help to please do so. Everyone is aware of the heightened demands being made upon charitable outlets as our economy sputters. Donor cards are available in the Gathering Space of the Church. Your charity is appreciated.

Gratefully, Fr. John, Len Bednar,
Tom Milan, Kate Sheerin



On June 14, 2009 at 11:00AM, there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall in honor of Fr. John's 50th Anniversary of Ordination. ALL ARE WELCOME!

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

To My Dear Friends at St. Mary's,

While "thank you" does not seem to cover it adequately, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your support and friendship over the past six years while I was in the seminary and for the wonderful celebration on Sunday, May 17th. As I prepare to begin my first assignment as priest, I wanted to begin by saying "Thank You" to all of you.

Thank you to Fr. John, Fr. Frank, and Fr. Ruggles, the priests of St. Mary's during my years in the seminary. I would also like to thank Fr. Perry Cherubini and Fr. David Grover who were Associates at St. Mary's while I was growing up and who I had the opportunity to work with while I was in the seminary. Thank you for your friendship, your support, but most importantly your example. I am deeply indebted to each of you for your insights, your encouragement, and your guidance while I was growing up and over the past six years. Thank you for showing me what it means to be priest each and every day.

Thank you to Jim and Linda Rabic, to Tim Kelleher, and to the Choir. I have always enjoyed the music at St. Mary's. It enhances the liturgical celebration and most definitely highlighted my first Mass. I may be a bit prejudiced, but thus far, no other music or choir has come close. I haven't heard better. Thank you for your friendship and support.

Thank you to Bernard and Nancy Doogue who made my reception after my First Mass a wonderful event. So many individuals commented on how good the food was! [Being the guest of honor, I did not get to eat all that much at the event itself, but Bernard and Nancy made sure there was enough for me to take home for later.] Thank you!

I had the opportunity to spend several summers and breaks at St. Mary's and had the opportunity to work with and get to know the Parish Staff and Volunteers while I was a seminarian. Thank you to Marie Bantivoglio, Maria Trump, Joan Weinhofer, Trix Eleazar, Sr. Peggy Devlin, Kathy Rando, Jane Dickerman, Jim Quirk, Jim Kilgore, and Bruno Melchionni. I would also like to remember in a special way Roger Sorino and Bill Wells. You are a blessing to St. Mary's and to me as well. Thank you.

As a parishioner and member of St. Mary's, I always knew that I was a part of something special. As a seminarian, the people of St. Mary's **always** made me feel at home, **always** encouraged me, **always** made me feel loved. You are my family. There will always be a special place in my heart of each of you. You will always be in my prayers. Thank you to all of you.

Prayers and Peace,
Love and Friendship,

Fr. Larry Polansky



GOLF OUTING

Our annual parish Golf Outing will take place at Ramblewood Country Club on Sunday, September 6, 2009 with a "shot gun" start at 1:00PM. Dinner, with distribution of prizes, will take place at the Country Club immediately after the golf. This year, our friends at Burns Honda are sponsoring a 2010 Honda Insight that gives you an estimated 43 mpg on the highway. The rumor that we may have a Lexus in addition to the Honda Insight is now a reality. It will be on the par 3 #6 hole on the course. Mark your calendar and invite some friends on September 6th. More details will follow.

SUMMER REFRESHMENTS!

Once again, our parish ministers will be hosting our summer refreshment stand over by the gazebo each weekend after the 8:00AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Because of Fr. John's reception this weekend, outside refreshments will be held only at 8:00AM. Our **Religious Education Catechist's** will be our hosts. Please stop by, have a cool drink and doughnut and meet these generous ministers in our parish. Our thanks to all of them for their generous spirit and hospitality.



Mass Intentions

Monday June 15, 2009

8:00 AM **Robert Dwyer**
by: The Dwyer Family

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

8:00 AM **Joseph Bayda**
by: Marian Love

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

8:00 AM **William Harvey**
by: Wife, Denny

Thursday, June 18, 2009

8:00AM **Monica Rodriguez**
by: Parents and Brother, Mark

Friday, June 19, 2009

8:00 AM **Phil and Alma Ardire**
63rd Wedding Anniversary
by: The Family
Marcos Fuquen
by: Maria Fuquen
Maria Lopez
by: Maria Fuquen
Anastacio Castro
By: Maria Fuquen
Marian Butler
by: Jane Dickerman

Saturday June 20, 2009

5:00 PM **Peter DiTullio**
by: Jean and Mike Montgomery

Sunday, June 21, 2009

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:00AM **William Harvey**
by: The Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ruben N Alvarez, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, Dolores Bauer, Elizabeth Belli, John Brach, Jim Brady, Walter Burnes, Roger Butler, Mary Byrne, Nemesio Cabalo, Connie Chiolo, Anthony Ciarroccki, Jimmy Contento, Pam Crocetti, Kayla DeFeo, Frank Dolan, Eileen Edwards, Catherine Faccine, Helen Galiano, Terri Gannon, Brian Geary, Joe Garofalo, Michael Garrity, Colin Patrick Grady, Lucille Gross, Helene Haney, Michele Hayes, Laurie James, Dolores Kozielski, Fred La Rosa, Julie Leonard, Ingrid Lodato, Caitlin Martin, Ann McIlroy, Tom McKenna, Perfecto Moulic, Leeann Olson, Michael Piazza, Patty Plunkett, Baby Bryanna Ramirez, Jim & Tony Ray, Mary Recupido, Kathy Roman, Anthony Russo Sr, Joseph Ragusa, Marie Smith, Helen Szymczak, Dr Edgar Valle, Robert Waite.



June
Month of
The Sacred
Heart of Jesus



for June 20th – June 21st

5:00 PM Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers: M Helfrich, E Sands, J Wilson

Lectors: D Scaramella, N Scaramella

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: T Alonzo,
D Bennett, D Desrochers, M VonStetina, R VonStetina,

8:00AM Fr John

Altar Servers: J Decker, C Fyfe, E Fyfe

Lectors: J Deets, B Melchionni

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: G Coen, K Coen,
J Fallon, B Schulze, J Smith

10:00AM Fr. John

Altar Servers: A Borinski, M Borinski, S Whitty

Lectors: D Czerniakowski, E Rinear

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: M Borinski,
L Ciccone, C Forlastro, M Gilbert, L Hyland, J Olenick,
S Palladinetti

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

US Army: Col. Lars Braun, Capt. Alex F. Katauskas, Sgt. David Marnell, Sgt. Frank Renna, Infantry, Sgt. Peter Roethke, Ranger, Capt. Doug Sackett, PFC Christopher Vassey, Sgt. John David Vozzelli, Lt. Joseph Weston, Jr., LTC Sherene L Williams, Pvt. Christopher Worthington,
US Navy: E4 Bob Moeller, Ryan E. Gager, Lt. Grahm Gill JG **USAF:** Thomas Clerici, Capt. John W. Ginn (Pilot), David J Wagner, Jr. **USMC:** PFC Ryan Bridge, Thomas Grace, Michelle I. Ryan, Sean P. Ryan, Adam Ardire, Justin Keleher

If you have someone's name you would like added to this list, please call 856-424-1454

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Mary on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books) and small appliances. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot. There will be an attendant to assist you and provide tax receipts, if necessary.

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Parish Calendar of Events

June 13, 2009	10:30AM Dr. Louis and Morrie Keeler 50 th Anniversary Mass, (Church) 5:00PM Fr. John's 50 th Anniversary Mass, (Church)
June 14, 2009	8:00AM Refreshment Team (Religious Education Catechists) 11:00AM Reception in honor of Fr. John's 50 th Anniversary, (Parish Hall)
June 15, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
June 18, 2009	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103, (Hall)
June 20, 2009	5:00PM Mass BABY BOTTLE RETURN 5:00PM Mass FATHER'S DAY BLESSING
June 21, 2009	8:00 and 10:00AM Masses BABY BOTTLE RETURN 8:00 and 10:00AM Masses FATHER'S DAY BLESSING 8:00 and 10:00AM Masses BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS
June 22, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
June 23, 2009	8:00PM Knight of Columbus Meeting, Room 105, (Hall) 7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting, Meeting Room
June 29, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
July 3, 2009	OFFICE CLOSED, JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
July 5, 2009	Youth Group Food Delivery after 10:00AM Mass
July 6, 2009	1:00PM G.I.F.T. Video/Movie Club, (Hall)
July 7, 2009	7:00PM Baptism Preparation Class, Meeting Room, (Parish Center)
July 13, 2009	6:30PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
July 14, 2009	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Room 105, (Hall)
July 16, 2009	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103, (Hall)

STEM CELLS AND CLONING

Our Lady of Grace – St. Luke Respect Life Committee in conjunction with the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association is sponsoring a showing of Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk's video entitled "Cutting Through the Spin on Stem Cells and Cloning" on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Our Lady of Grace Church, 35 N. White Horse Pike, Somerdale, NJ 08083. Fr. Tad incorporates his knowledge of science and bioethics to address the Top 10 Media Myths surrounding stem cells and cloning. The video will be followed by a question and answer session. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, or to register, please call Christine Kimler at (856) 784-3713.



While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:22-24

Greece and the Greek Isles

11 days Greece and The Greek Isles for only \$2,589 per person including airfare, hosted by Fr. Ronald Falotico from St. Joseph R.C. Church in Hammonton, NJ. The trip runs from November 3 – 13, 2009. Price includes roundtrip air from Philadelphia, first class hotels, 3 day Greek Isles cruise, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and much more! Travel in the footsteps of St. Paul...See the Acropolis in Athens...Visit Corinth where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla...Take a Greek Isles cruise to Ephesus, Rhodes & Patmos...Visit Thessaloniki and Philippi. For a full color brochure, call (609) 561-0180 or email to RonaldFalotico@yahoo.com. Join Fr. Falotico for this trip of a lifetime. **SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE.**

Readings for the Week of June 14, 2009

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

