

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioner,

Our IHOC visitors came on January 10th . They stayed two weeks and left us on January 24th. As a parish, we have been involved with this program for many years and it has been mutually beneficial for the parish and our guests.

Hosting IHOC is a big undertaking. The core parish I.H.O.C. team has developed many skills and are very good at what they do. They do a lot! Coaches and teachers recognize that every team and every class takes on its own personality. This, too, is true of the men who sign up to be helped by the IHOC program from October to April each year. Each man brings a personal history to the program and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations established by the I.H.O.C. administration. The men are required to attend support meetings each week and to meet with a counselor on an ongoing basis. Failure to comply may result in expulsion. During the IHOC term, the men receive help to apply for and secure jobs. Many succeed. Some are a real success story and have turned their lives around. This year, jobs are scarce and it is more difficult for those seeking work to remain upbeat. Too often, a single tarnish on their personal record keeps them from securing a job. Most of them in that situation desire to share that fact with everyone, especially, with high school and college students. A single mistake can become a living nightmare much like the errant pass of Brett Favre in last Sunday's game against the Saints. It tends to cling to the person, maybe forever.

Our parish core team is a smooth working machine. The members know that each year they need money and many volunteers who are committed to help. Months in advance they plan to secure all the food, transportation and night hosts needed for the two weeks. During the program, many strangers become friends and remain bonded.

I wish to congratulate the team for a job well done and to thank all of you who answered the call for help with the program during their stay here.

Peace,
Fr. John

Interfaith Hospitality Outreach Council Committee:

Donna Essler

John Fogelboch, Sr.

Helen Meyers

Pat Mullin

Bill Schulze

Midge Winkel

 *Mass Intentions*

Monday February 1, 2010

8:00 AM **William Melchionni**
by: Jim and Elaine Podall

Tuesday February 2, 2010

8:00 AM **James Mc Keffery**
by: Wife, Dolores

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

8:00 AM **Gilbert Silvestri**
by: Augie and Sally Campiglia

Thursday, February 4, 2010

8:00 AM **Delores Lambropoulos**
by: Jack and Ginger Walsh

Friday, February 5, 2010

8:00 AM **Kathleen Burnes**
by: Husband, Walter
William Melchionni
by: Jack and Sandy Waite
Elaine Plunkett
by: Marie and Stan Pasternak
Charles Walsh
by: Jack and Mary Byrne
Jerry Fallon
by: St. Mary's Eucharistic Ministers
Ramona Davila
by: The Lamboy Family

Saturday February 6, 2010

5:00 PM **Barbara A Sommer**
by: Rose Rotoli

Sunday, February 7, 2010

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:00AM **Dolores Kozielski**
by: Jack and Ginger Walsh
11:30AM **Thomas Lane, Sr.**
by: The Kurtz Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Phil Ardire, Ruben N Alvarez, Anita Alvarez, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, Elsie Barnhart, Dolores Bauer, Bruce Beckett, Antionette Bedishian, Elizabeth Belli, Barbara Biehler, Joe Bolam, John Brach, Jim Brady, Walter Burnes, Roger Butler, Mary Byrne, Connie Chiolo, Anthony Ciarroccki, Jimmy Contento, Sandy Cowley, Pam Crocetti, Mary Dalbey, Kayla DeFeo, Nancy DeYonce, Frank Dolan, Charles Dumont, Eileen Edwards, Catherine Faccine, Terri Gannon, Brian Geary, Joe Garofalo, Michael Garrity, Colin Patrick Grady, Lucille Gross, Helene Haney, Barbara Hartman, Arlene Harvey, Laurie James, Fred La Rosa, Mike Leatham, Julie Leonard, Ingrid Lodato, Marge Lubrano, Caitlin Martin, Ann McIlroy, Fred McIlroy, Bruno Melchionni, Blasco Molle, Perfecto Moulic, Michael Piazza, Patty Plunkett, Catherine Potts, Baby Bryanna Ramirez, Jim & Tony Ray, Mary Recupido, Anthony Russo Sr, Joseph Ragusa, Ronald Schoen, Gary Schoen, Michael Sepessy, Kathy Shiflet, Marie Smith, Thomas Stinson, Helen Szymczak, Kurt Thurber, Dr Edgar Valle, Jack Waite, Ginger Walsh

LITURGICAL ROLES

for February 6, 2010 and February 7, 2010

Saturday, February 6, 2010

5:00 PM Fr. John and Deacon Welsh
Altar Servers: M Helfrich, M Keen, A Mora
Lectors: P O'Brien, M Gambino
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: D Ciancitto, B Datto, M VonStetina, R VonStetina

Sunday, February 7, 2010


8:00AM Fr. John
Altar Servers:, B Morgan, M Morgan, R Morgan
Lectors: J Deets, J Fabritiis
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Chiolo, G Coen, K Coen, Q Harper, K Sheerin, J Smith
10:00AM Fr. Ruggles
Altar Servers: C Campbell, J Dorotan, J Kosyla
Lectors: K Rando, J Whitty
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Forlastro, P Gall, L Kosyla, M O'Shea, P Sandrow, B Schulze, J Walsh
11:30AM Fr. Ruggles
Altar Servers: A Hudson, T Hudson, K R Mahoney
Lectors: C Montini, D Desrochers
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: R Cowley, S Cowley, V Ventura, E Ventura, B Wall

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., Pvt. Christopher Worthington, Sgt. Deanna D'Ambrosio, SPC Matthew Baumann, SPC Christopher Hill
US Navy: E4 Bob Moeller, Ryan E. Gager, Lt. Grahm Gill Joseph Cornell, Cmdr, JG **USAF:** Thomas Clerici, David J Wagner, Jr. **USMC:** PFC Ryan Bridge, Daniel Gallemitt, Thomas Grace, Cpl Jonathan Mezzancelo, Michelle I. Ryan, Sean P. Ryan, Adam Ardire, Justin Keleher, **USCG:** Petty Officer Tim Edwards

OFFERING REPORT

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| January 25, 2009 | \$9,464.00 |
| January 24, 2010 | \$9,639.00 |
| Increase \$175 or 1.82% | |
| Envelopes: 277 | |
| Weekly expense: | \$11,000.00 |
| Parish Indebtedness: | \$17,805.00 |

 *Rest in Peace*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Mitchell Hill

Grandfather of Kathleen Hill and Family

Francis X McGarvey

Father of Frank, Ellen Marts, Patricia, Debra Davis

Religious Education News

February 10, 2010 7:00PM 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting,
(Church)

When key moments in family life occur, all our loved ones gather with us to celebrate. So too, with the special moments in the life of our parish family. Diocesan sacramental preparation policy reflects the importance of sharing these moments together as a parish family.

“It is the responsibility of the pastor and his collaborators in the parish community to prepare its members for the sacraments of initiation and celebrate their reception. The first reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist takes place in the parish where the family is registered.” (Policies and Guidelines for the Reception of First Eucharist).

BAPTISM



Sunday, February 14, 2010 1:00PM
Sunday April 11, 2010 11:30AM Mass
Sunday, May 9, 2010 1:00PM
Sunday, June 6, 2010 12:00PM (Noon)
Sunday, July 4, 2010 12:00PM (Noon)

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the Parish Office at (856) 424-1454 for more information. Arrangements **must be made in advance** for Baptism Preparation and Baptism.

Please remember that the Sacrament of Baptism is not administered during the Season of Lent.

UPDATE CORNER: Did you miss Fr. Ruggles’ presentation on Annulments last Fall?

Here’s a chance to catch up. So much misinformation and outright falsehoods circulate in conversations on this subject. And so, sadly, people are often discouraged from seeking an annulment and finding the healing and reconciliation in their lives that they need and desire. Whether you know someone whose marriage has ended or not, you owe it to yourself as a Catholic, to get the **facts** about annulments so you can pass them along. Don’t miss “**10 Questions About Annulments**” – Next week in the bulletin.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Mary on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM to collect donations of usable men’s, women’s and children’s clothing. They will be accepting small household goods (bed & 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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY TRAVEL

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Holy Land. We will visit a rich variety of sights; religious, archeological, and historical in the land of Jesus, while visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. Enjoy visiting other ancient sites, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, and floating in the waters of the Dead Sea. We will leave on Nov 3rd, 2010 for a most inspiring trip to Israel. For additional information, please call Barbara Dollarton at (856) 424-2739 or Marie Bantivoglio, in the church office at (856) 424-1454.



**The Sword & the Shield:
Christians, Pro-Lifers, & the 1st Amendment**

January 31, 2010 7pm – 8:30pm

Speaker: Richard F. Collier, Jr., Esq.

Come out and learn: What your Rights are as

a Christian and How you can influence your community
Location:

Parish Hall of The Catholic Church of St. Mary,
2001 Springdale Road,
Cherry Hill, NJ 8003

Childcare will be provided for: Infants – 10 years old

Any questions, please call:

Dr. John D. Grove at 609-298-6226 ext. 102 or

Mr. Greg Sobocinski at 609-792-0004

Two Upcoming Presentations

Ready for some time travel?

Jim Smith, our parishioner and candidate for the permanent diaconate is offering a presentation on "**The History of the Mass**", this Wednesday evening (2/3) in the chapel at 7:30PM. Discover how much of what we often call "traditional practices" may not really be that old! It's a fascinating journey, sure to help you better appreciate the Mass as we have it today.

Let's take a stroll together...

Our RCIA candidates and First Communion parents will be taking their own "**Walk through the Mass**" at 7:30PM on Wednesday evening, Feb 10th in church. If you missed the previous 'walk through' presentations... You are welcome to sit in on this one!



**G.I.F.T Book Discussion Group
Monday, February 1st @ 1:00pm,
Room 102 (Hall)**

This Monday, we continue our discussion of Old Testament women, with "**Judith**" and "**Esther**". Come meet these courageous and faith-filled women.

See you at 1PM in Room 102! For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Kathleen.

YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

The Youth Group will be accepting monetary donations at all the masses of super bowl weekend, (2/6-2/7). 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Our Youth Group will join thousands of other teens throughout the United States by partnering with a national organization called the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. If any teens would like to assist with this project, please contact Gloria Miller at (856) 466-2683 or email her at millerx7@aol.com. *“Lord as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”*



***Forever Young
Shrove Tuesday Celebration***

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, February 16th, at 12:00 noon we will gather to celebrate Shrove Tuesday (day before Ash Wednesday) in the church hall. As per tradition, we will be enjoying a special pancake brunch. We are delighted to announce that Joan Sandell will join us and speak to us on a Lenten topic. Many of you have heard Joan at our Parish Breakfasts and remember how spiritually moving and uplifting her talks are. In response to popular demand, we have invited her back to St. Mary. Hope to see you there!

MATURE MOMS NEEDED FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Mothers of Preschoolers(MOPS) of St. Andrews has a great need for mature mothers who are willing to share their faith and provide spiritual guidance to young mothers of this parish and surrounding parishes. The ideal woman is practicing her faith, has children who are teenagers or older, and is willing to commit three Tuesdays a month for meetings that last from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meetings have already begun and will continue until the end of May. They are held in St. Andrew’s parish hall. Getting to know the young mothers of your community is rewarding and joyous. If interested, please call Terry Bongiovanni at (856) 767 8318.



There will be a “Blessing of Throats” at The Catholic Church of St Mary, on Wednesday, February 3rd, during the 8:00AM Mass.

ALTAIR-FLOWERS



Throughout the liturgical year, the flowers chosen for Church communicate something about a particular feast or season that only flowers can. It is our desire to provide a quality arrangement of flowers for all weekend liturgies. However, the cost of providing these flowers throughout the year is substantial. We invite you to remember a special person or family date in your life by donating flowers for a given weekend. It will help you in your remembering and help our parish to trim expenses. Currently, we pay \$75 for the arrangement in front of the altar and \$45 for the arrangement in front of the baptismal font or the ambo (pulpit). We have the following weekends in 2010 available: 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/24. Many other dates later in the year are also available. If you are interested in donating these flowers. Please call the Parish Office for additional information at (856) 424-1454.

Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council

The Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council wishes to thank St. Mary’s members for the generous support in volunteer time at the Cherry Hill Pantry and in donations of non-perishable foods collected throughout 2009 for the pantry.

During the month of February, it is St. Mary’s turn to collect non-perishable food for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Major needs at this time are peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal (cheerios, Special K, Rice Krispies, and other low sugar varieties) and pancake mix and syrup. Other items always needed include: canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, beef stew or other meals in a can, hearty soups and potato buds. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The number being served at the Cherry Hill Food Pantry is now over 500 families per month. This amounts to over 15,000 lbs. a food distributed per month.

IHOC THANKS YOU!

The IHOC Coordinating Committee and the homeless men who were our guests for two weeks sincerely thank all who enabled a successful 2010 program at St. Mary’s by generous contributions of money, goods, and time spent in readying the parish hall, preparing meals, and serving as overnight hosts. Please remember in prayer the IHOC program and the men who participate in it as they seek to better their lives through ministries such as our own.

Parish Calendar of Events

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| February 1, 2010 | 1:00PM G.I.F.T. Video/Book Club, Room 102, (Hall) 4:30PM Junior choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30pm Youth Group Gathering, Room 104, (Hall) |
| February 2, 2010 | 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:00PM Baptism Preparation, (Meeting Room) 7:30PM Youth Ensemble Rehearsal, (Church) |
| February 3, 2010 | 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church) |
| February 4, 2010 | 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) |
| February 6, 2010 | 5:00PM Youth Group Souperbowl Collection after the Mass |
| February 7, 2010 | 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM Youth Group Souperbowl Collection after all the Masses |
| February 8, 2010 | 4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30PM 8 th Level Religious Education, (Hall) 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting, Room 103, (Hall) |
| February 9, 2010 | 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 12:00PM Forever Young Pancake Brunch, (Hall) 7:30PM Liturgy Meeting, (Meeting Room) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus, Meeting Room, (Hall) |
| February 10, 2010 | 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:00PM 1 st Eucharist Parent Meeting, (Church) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 7:30PM RCIA, Meeting Room |
| February 11, 2010 | 1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103, (Hall) 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:30PM to 9:30PM School of Liturgy, (Hall) |
| February 14, 2010 | 1:00 Baptisms, (Church) |
| February 15, 2010 | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| February 16, 2010 | No Religious Education Classes 7:30PM Pastoral Council, Meeting Room |

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

On Sunday, January 31, 2010, a Natural Family Planning Course (NFP) will begin at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center. The course is a series of three classes spaced about a month apart, from 2PM to 4:30PM. The course fee is \$135.00 per couple and includes all of the materials and a year's subscription to **Family Foundations** Magazine. Many couples are looking for "more" in their marriage and NFP can help them have the "more" of happy, healthy and holy marriages and families. Practicing NFP can help live the truth of sexuality and of the marriage covenant. If you are unable to attend the course beginning in January, there is another course starting on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at Barry Brown Health Education Center in Voorhees, NJ. For more information, call (856) 583-6120 or email : nfpoffice@camdendiocese.org. For other NFP courses in the area, go online at www.pnfpn.org or www.njnfp.org.

Vatican II and Today's Society and Culture

Thy Kingdom Come on Earth..."

Almost 50 years later, ever wonder if the Spirit and Vision of Vatican II is still a living challenge for the Church? Today, where and how does Pope John XXIII and Vatican II continue to call us, as Church? Come to hear and discuss this with Dr. Anthony Massimini, who attended the first session of the Second Vatican Council, and co-translated and co-edited a book of Council speeches.

Saturday, February 6, 2010 9:00 AM – Coffee

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM – Prayer and Presentation

10:45 AM to 11:30 AM – Discussion

11:30 AM – Announcements and Closing Prayer

Romero Center

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