

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioners,

Our fifth and eighth grade Religious Education students recently took the NCEA ACRE Assessment. This test serves as a tool for assessing the effectiveness of our Religious Education Program. It offers a picture of where our level 5 and level 8 students are in terms of their basic faith knowledge. It assesses their religious beliefs, family attitudes, practices and perceptions at this stage of faith development. The ACRE is given across the nation each year at the 5th and 8th grade developmental level. It shows us the areas of strengths as well as areas to improve in at a national level, as well as locally. I have sifted through the results at each level and have the following percentages to share with you:

Level Five Faith Knowledge Section Scores

St. Mary Parish group	60.7%
National Parish group	60.8%

We are on target with the national average of faith knowledge and understanding of content for our 5th grade students. Our students scored higher than the national average in understanding God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (75%) – (72%) in Catholic Faith Literacy (68%) – (66%) and the Church as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic (66%) - (64%). The student's understanding of Bible stories of Jesus was 34%. The meaning of the Immaculate Conception was at 32%, how to pray the rosary was at 13% and the use/ meaning of liturgical symbols was at 44%. Our continued focus as a faith community should include living our faith, the meaning of prayers taught, how/when to use them and the different styles of prayer. The group has a good understanding of the Mass as a Catholic tradition. We will continue to focus on the children's understanding of the Mass as a Eucharistic celebration which encompasses our core belief as Catholics and the understanding of reverence/ participation in the Mass. The weakness at both levels is in the application of what is taught to their every day lives.

The Level Eight Faith Knowledge Section Scores

St. Mary Parish group	62.5%
National Parish group	61.3%

We have shown some improvement at the eighth grade level. This level of our students did very well on the morality section. This incorporates the faith knowledge taught and how it is perceived by the students and used in every day life situations. They scored a 73.3% in Jesus' moral teachings. The group also scored a 70.8% in prayer knowledge. Their living of their faith is at 58% and celebrating Liturgy/ Mass is at 57% . However, 60% feel that Mass is an important form of worship. The young men and ladies scored 52% in believing that it is the lay person's mission to evangelize. 58% can identify with the traditions of the Church. The eighth grade also did a survey on their perception of belief through family/ parish experiences. 94% feel it is their responsibility to care for the world, 73% feel the Religious Education program was a positive experience for developing their faith and 84% feel they have an excellent parish to support them. 13% pray together in their family home and 50% feel it is important to eat together as a family. 56% feel they can talk about tough life issues with their parents. 23% feel comfortable talking about God. 85% of our level 8 young people feel it is ok to live together before marriage.

We will continue to improve/ educate the children and the parents in:

- Understanding the Mass and its place in our lives
- The meaning of the Paschal Mystery
- Experiences to aide the students/ parents in talking about their faith more openly (e.g. bringing together
- the entire 8th level for instruction/service)
- Teaching and encouraging different prayer forms and providing the opportunities to understand their usage

God Bless You All!
Jane Dickerman
Director, Religious Education

CHERRY HILL, NJ

Congratulations!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

With **GREAT JOY**, we announce that our Pastor,

Fr. John Killeen



will celebrate a

Mass of Thanksgiving

on the occasion of his

50th Anniversary of Ordination

June, 13, 2009 @ 5:00PM

Here at St. Mary. All are invited to join him in thanksgiving to God!



Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Rachel **Joan** Archer
Lisa **Jenifer** Argentina
Steven **Bernard** Ascola
Anna Rose **Ann** Borinski
Nicholas **Anthony** Campanaro
Jonni **Anthony** Cassano
Taylor **Cecilia** Childers
Marie **Katherine** Ciarroccki
Angela **Gabriella** Cirillo
Catherine **Elizabeth** Connor
Jonathan **Boniface** Cornatzer
Brendan **Aloysius** Courduff
Carleigh **Rose** Dabritz
Gianni **Joseph** De Francesco
Caitlin **Natalie** Delaney
Nicholas **Dominic** Della Vecchia
Amanda **Sarah** Doogan
Declan **Joseph** Eells
Kieran **Patrick** Eells
Dominic **Anthony** Febbo

John **Christopher** Gericke, IV
Sophia **Angelina** Giacobetti
Nicholas **Michael** Giordano
Kyle **David** Golden
Arianna **Antonia** Hensinger
Michael **Timothy** Hubert
Jasmine **Julia** Hwang
Michael **Vincent** Hwang
Joseph **Michael** Incollingo
Olivia **Emma** Kaplan
Edward **James** Kaufman
Zachary **Mark** Lang
Sabrina **Philomena** Laygo
Nicole **Gabriella** Lorenz
Danielle **Anne** Mc Cormack
Michael **Patrick** Mc Ginly
Connor **Cornelius** Mignella
Connor **Francis** Milligan
Makenna **Nicole** Misuraco
Kieran **Timothy** O'Donnell

Suzanne **Anastasia** Parker
Victoria **Rose** Pedata
Nichelle **Josephina** Perera
Joseph **Giovanni** Petrone
Connor **Nicholas** Priest
Teresa **Theresa** Pugliese
Rachel **Louise** Redmond
Matthew **Emmanuel** Reyes
Sarah **Lucille** Robbie
Amanda **Julia** Sands
Taylor **Nicole** Schmukler
Brian **Francis** Shephard
Christopher **Justin** Snyder
Grace **Agnes** Stakenburg
Christopher **Matthew** Stauder
James **William** Sundstrond, IV
Marissa **Bridget** Turley
Alissa **Anastasia** Valeriano
Leanne **Elizabeth** Vicente
Connor **Thomas** Wayland

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 call (856) 424-2679 or email stmaryreligiouseducation.verizon.net.

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

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

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

OFFERING REPORT

June 1, 2008	\$9,089.00
May 31, 2009	\$10,355.00
Increase \$1,266 or 12.2%	
Envelopes: 284	
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.



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

Last week, we mailed a final reminder to people in the hope of reaching our parish goal of \$100,000. We are at \$86,260. Some people who give through United Way received the reminder. We do not get a list of donors from United Way until the campaign is completed in some 3 weeks from now. Gifts through United Way may have us in excess of \$90,000, but we do not have the evidence as such. This is an appeal to anybody who is in a position to give to please do so and enable us to meet our goal. Your charity is appreciated.

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

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:

Michael Mosco

Father of Marietta Borinski,
Grandfather of Michael and Anna Borinski

Marian Butler

Wife of Roger;
Mother of Monica, Roger, Jr., Bernard, Kevin,
Marybeth and Timothy

.....AND ALL THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEM



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!

Mass Intentions

Monday June 8, 2009

8:00 AM **Dick Logar**
by: Marie Bantivoglio

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

8:00 AM **Rina Rudi**
by: The Rudi Family

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

8:00 AM **Geremia Bontempo**
by: Ed and Pat Fitzgerald

Thursday, June 11, 2009

8:00AM **Dr. Anthony G Leone**
by: Wife, Arlene

Friday, June 12, 2009

8:00 AM **Wanda Polansky**
by: The Family
Regina Escareal
by: The Family
Cristina Garcia
by: Carol Spadea
John DeCosmo
by: Daughter, Darlene Rios
Bill Wells
by: Stan and Marie Pasternak
Sonia Avila Aversa
by: Elizabeth Torio

Saturday June 13, 2009

5:00 PM **Mass of Thanksgiving – Fr. John's 50th Anniversary**

Sunday, June 14, 2009

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:00AM **Wanda Polansky**
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.



for June 13th – June 14th

5:00 PM Fr. John

Altar Servers: T Childers, M Borinski, K Omari

Lectors: D Killeen, B Melchionni

Special Ministers of Holy Communion:

8:00AM Fr Ruggles

Altar Servers: L Hurley, M Keen, D Murphy

Lectors: A Domingo, C Domingo

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: M Dell, Q Harper, R Murphy, K Sheerin, B Wall

10:00AM Fr. John

Altar Servers: M Langmuir, G Miller, M Miller

Lectors: C Cirillo, D Desrochers

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: S Cowley, S Czerniakowski, C Desrochers, S Hamm, K Miller, J Walsh, G Walsh

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

SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP

YEAR END BAR-B-QUE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009

12:00 NOON

Please join us for a delicious barbeque in the Parish Hall. Rain or shine.

It is very important that you RSVP

to give us an idea for food purchases!!!

We also ask that you bring a dessert to share.

Call Donna: 856-424-2085

Parish Nursing Ministry

June is National Home Safety Month.

The Home Safety Council recommends the following strategies to prevent falls in the home:

- Have grab bars in tub and shower.
- Have bright lights over stairs and steps and on landings.
- Have handrails on both sides of the stairs and steps.
- Use a ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture.
- If babies or toddlers live in or visit your home, use baby gates at the top and bottom of stairs.

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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. Rumor has it that there may also be a 2009 Lexus. 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. On Sunday, June 7, 2009, our **MUSIC MINISTRY** 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.

**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, women 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

June 7, 2009	8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses, Refreshment Team (The Music Ministry)
June 8, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall) 7:30PM Social Justice, Room 103, (Hall)
June 9, 2009	Noon Seniors Year End BBQ, (Hall) 7:30PM Liturgy Meeting, (Meeting Room) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Room 105, (Hall)
June 10, 2009	7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
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)
June 15, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
June 17, 2009	7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church)
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 21, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
June 22, 2009	8:00PM Knight of Columbus Meeting, Room 105, (Hall)
June 16, 2009	7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting, Meeting Room



