

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioner,

St. Mary church has been chosen as the site within our diocese in which to pray for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 24, 2010. Fr. Joe Wallace provides the details and invites you to attend. Fr. John

“Each year Christians throughout the world will gather during the month of January to pray for Christian unity. Here in the Diocese of Camden, we will gather with our chief shepherd, Bishop Joseph Galante and other judicatory heads of local Christian communities on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill. We will gather for both prayer and fellowship. Light refreshments will follow the formal prayer gathering that will take place in the beautiful St. Mary Church. All are welcome and I encourage you to invite your non-Catholic Christian friends to join us in prayer and fellowship.

This year’s theme is “You are Witnesses of These Things” from the Gospel of St. Luke. These are some of the last words of Jesus to his disciples before his ascension to the Father. The risen Christ declares us “witnesses of these things” (24:48), among them, the challenge to repent and the message of God’s grace “to all the nations.” The phrase “all the nations” is significant not so much in its geographical scope but in its theological inclusiveness. This inclusiveness is rooted in the grace available to all in the common waters of baptism. We are called to proclaim the good news of Christ’s resurrection to the entire world as baptized Christians. Our separation hampers our credibility in announcing this good news with one heart and mind.


By virtue of our baptism and the great commission to proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth, we are fellow witnesses of what we have heard and seen.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue our quest for the unity we already share in Christ. It is also a time to gather in praise of the Triune God and to deepen our understanding of the ecumenical movement, which is a mandate of Christ, as he prayed “that all may be one.” By joining in this annual celebration, Christians raise their voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfillment of this prayer in Christ.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity also invites us who participate in it to use this time as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. From the smallest to the largest communities, from all cultures, races and language groups, from all the baptized to all those in ordained ministry, the Week of Prayer is also an opportunity to examine the level of support we have given to this important movement in the life of the church. An accounting of each Christian’s discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel, the good news of reconciliation, can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

I do hope you will come out on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church and join the bishop and fellow Christians in praying for the Unity of the Church, for as we know “You Are Witnesses of These Things.”

(Article taken from the Catholic Star Herald, January 8, 2010)

 *Mass Intentions*

Monday January 18, 2010

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

Tuesday January 19, 2010

8:00 AM **Karen Campiglia**
by: Lou and Joyce Hamilton

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

8:00 AM **Jim Love**
by: Wife, Marian

Thursday, January 21, 2010

8:00 AM **T. J. O'Malley**
by: Marie and Stan Pasternak

Friday, January 22, 2010

8:00 AM **Edward Dougherty**
by: Susan and Frank Keller
William Melchionni
by: Rusell and Lee Thurber
Anthony DeMarco
by: Connie and John Hinds
Lucille Schetter
by: Kay and Marysu Schetter
Curtis F Bishop
by: Joanna Bak

Saturday January 23, 2010

5:00 PM **Delores Lambropoulos**
by: Elinor Hayes

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:00 AM **William Melchionni**
by: Jim and Melanie Lord
10:00AM **Deceased Members of Blanco and Ficci Families**
by: Arlene Leone
11:30AM **People of the Parish**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Phil Ardire, Ruben N Alvarez, Anita Alvarez, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, 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, Frank Dolan, Charles Dumont, Eileen Edwards, Catherine Faccine, Terri Gannon, Brian Geary, Joe Garofalo, Michael Garrity, Colin Patrick Grady, Lucille Gross, Helene Haney, Laurie James, Fred La Rosa, 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, Marie Smith, Thomas Stinson, Helen Szymczak, Kurt Thurber, Dr Edgar Valle, Jack Waite, Ginger Walsh

OFFERING REPORT

January 4, 2009	\$10,929.00
January 10, 2010	\$10,314.00
Decrease \$615 or 6.0%	
Envelopes: 309	
Weekly expense:	\$11,000.00
Parish Indebtedness:	\$67,805.00

LITURGICAL ROLES

for January 23, 2010 and January 24, 2010

Saturday, January 23, 2010

5:00 PM Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers: G Bocco, L Infantolino, C Stewart

Lectors: J Lynch, K Wiley

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: D Bennett, L Olson, N Sands, C Wallace, J Wallace

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:00AM Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers:, K Boyle, M Langmuir, R Young

Lectors: P Langmuir, J Smith

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: G Coen, K Coen, M Dell, C McDonald, B Schulze

10:00AM Fr. John

Altar Servers: N Decaney, A Hudson, T Hudson

Lectors: B Moeller, G Principato

Special Ministers of Holy Communion:, M Borinski, C Forlastro, P Gall, M O'Shea, J Rueppel, M Wellner, R Whitty

11:30AM Fr. John and Deacon Welsh

Altar Servers: K Omari, S Omari, N Schroeder

Lectors: B Wayland, C Wayland

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: R Cowley, S Cowley, E Ventura, V Ventura

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 JG
USAF: Thomas Clerici, David J Wagner, Jr. **USMC:** PFC Ryan Bridge, Daniel Gallemitt, Thomas Grace, Michelle I. Ryan, Sean P. Ryan, Adam Ardire, Justin Keleher, **USCG:** Petty Officer Tim Edwards

CAREER WORKSHOP

As a follow-up to Fr. Ruggles "Dear Parishioner" of December 13, 2009, the next meeting of the Career Ministry will be meeting at St. Thomas More on Monday, January 25th from 7PM to 9PM in Classroom 1. If this is your first time attending, enter the church and on one wall are doors to classrooms. The meeting is being held in the classroom closest to the altar.



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 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.

Religious Education News

Did you know, St. Mary offers a Pre-K (4year old) and a Kindergarten Sunday Religious Education program at 10:00am in the Hall?

Contact 424-2679 for information.

Level 2 reminder: First Penance will take place on January 23, 2010 at 10:00am. Participants please be at the church by 9:45am

Progress Reports go home the week of January 26th. Parents, please sign the report and return it to class the following week

The Diocese of Camden requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one of the CAPP sessions offered throughout the Diocese. These sessions are part of the Diocese of Camden's program of prevention under the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We now have available two different modules for our Catechists and Aides.

Capp Phase I

Thursday, January 19 @ 7PM, Queen of the Apostles, Pennsville, Conference Room

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

At the start of 2010, there is a need for you to share your gifts with others. The Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council (CHFOC) is planning a fundraiser this year. The Food Pantry is now serving over 600 families from Cherry Hill and the surrounding area monthly. CHFOC distributes over 15,000 pounds of donated, purchased or government food each month. The cost for our 100% volunteer supported program is \$30,000 a year. Each month 20 to 30 new families are added to our service base. Your help will be appreciated in one or more of the following areas:

1. Would you be willing to help CHFOC obtain gift certificates from your place of employment or businesses you frequent or work at such as restaurants, retail stores, hair salons, jewelry stores, golf course . . . ?
2. Do you have a timeshare or shore property that you could donate time – a week or weekend?
3. Do you have new merchandise that you won't use that can be used for a Chinese auction?
4. Do you have access to season tickets for professional sports and wish to donate?
5. Do you have a service that you can offer at the fundraiser?

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Please contact Sandy Czerniakowski at 231-7879 or dczerniakowski@verizon.net.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY CORNER VISITOR FROM GHANA, AFRICA, COMES TO ST. MARY COME, HEAR HIS STORY and WELCOME HIM

The Social Justice Ministry has invited Thomas Awiapo to speak to our Parish assembly on Friday, January 29, 2010 at 7:30PM. in the Parish Hall. We invite all, including family members and friends to join us at this inspiring event.

Thomas Awiapo has a truly inspiring story of survival and success. Orphaned before the age of ten, Thomas survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a Master's Degree from California State University. Today, Thomas works for Catholic Relief Services, training community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife and four children. His story of initiative and his joyful presence has brought inspiration to thousands of people in the U.S. Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us. For further information, call 856-465-9647.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

On January 24th at 3:00 P.M., St. Mary will be hosting a prayer service celebrating Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity. This annual service is conducted in churches all around the world. Locally, it is sponsored by the Camden Diocese Ecumenical Commission. Please join Bishop Galante, clergy, Christian leaders from various denominations from our area, your friends and neighbors as we come together to pray to fulfill Christ's wish "That All May Become One". Refreshments in the parish hall. Contact Pat Sandrow at 856-424-6059.

A Special Thank You

I would like to publicly thank Frank Baratta, Dina and Matt Ciancito, Sally Campiglia, Frank Dollarton, John and Nick Fabritis, Frank Keller, Connie Masso, and Tim Wilson for all their hard work taking down the Christmas decorations in church last Sunday to get ready for Ordinary Time. Each member of the Art and Environment ministry works tirelessly throughout the year for each of the holidays. May God bless each of you and your family.

Gloria Jean Esbrandt, Coordinator

JOB ALERT: A parishioner has advised us that they noticed a Job Opportunity in the entrance to the Shop Rite Food Store on Elbow Lane in Mt. Laurel.

Parish Calendar of Events

January 18, 2010	4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
January 19, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting, Meeting Room
January 20, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 7:30PM RCIA, (Meeting Room)
January 21, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)
January 23, 2010	10:00AM 2 nd Level Celebration of 1 st Penance (Church)
January 24, 2010	3:00PM Christian Unity Service, (Church)
January 25, 2010	4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30PM 8 th Level Religious Education, (Hall)
January 26, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:00PM G.I.F.T Meeting, (Meeting Room) 7:00PM Home Study Parents Meeting, (Hall)
January 27, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 7:30PM RCIA, (Meeting Room)

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CAMDEN invites you to

An Ecumenical Celebration

Please join Bishop Joseph A. Galante
and Christian Leaders representing other denominations,
clergy from our area, your friends and neighbors
for an afternoon of prayer and praise.

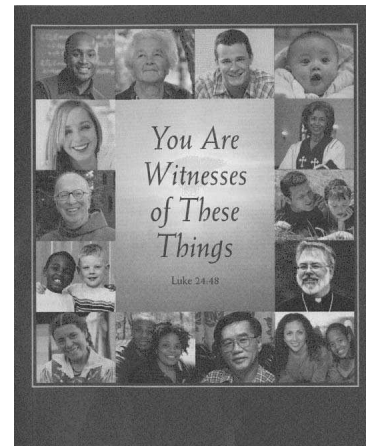
SUNDAY

JANUARY 24, 2010

3:00 PM

Saint Mary Catholic Church
2001 Springdale Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
856-424-1454

Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall



Don't miss this opportunity to experience the unity
which the Spirit gives!

ALTAR-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: 1/30, 2/6,2/13, 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.

Resurrection Catholic News for the 1-17-10 Bulletin

Come see why RCS is an excellent investment in your child's future... Join us for one of our Catholic Schools Week Open Houses.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010: 10:00-12:00 PM After 9AM Catholic Schools Week Mass (Pre-school to 8th grade)

Monday, Feb.1, 2010: 9:30 AM Pre-School Open House Admissions Applications are being accepted for pre-school through 8th grade. Please call to schedule a "Shadow Day" or arrange a School tour if you are unable to attend the Open House. Contact Alli Smith in the Advancement Office 856-667-3034, ext. 274 or (Asmith@Resurrection-Catholic.com).

Also during Catholic Schools Week, Join us at the Queen of Heaven Gym for this year's Broadway Kids (the 3rd-5th grade performing arts club) production of **Jungle Book Kids**: Wed. and Thurs, **Feb. 3rd and 4th at 7:00 pm and Sat., Feb. 6th at 1:00pm**. All are welcome; no charge to attend. (Please note: A Thursday evening show has been added; there is NO Saturday evening show.)



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11

**"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
2907 Federal Street
Camden, NJ 08105
856-964-9777



**The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council
Officers and members of the Board of
Trustees would like to invite you to
IHOC's Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill**

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.

