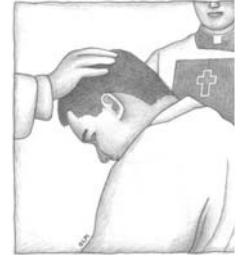


## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioner,

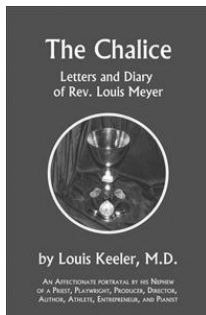
This is an historic weekend in St. Mary Parish. Larry Polansky will be ordained a priest at St. Peter Celestine Church, Cherry Hill on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30AM by Bishop Galante and will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM, at St. Mary Church. Larry is the first native-born parishioner to be ordained to the priesthood. Larry was assigned to St. Isidore, Vineland, for his deaconate year while he completed his studies at St. Charles Seminary, in Overbrook, PA.



On April 25, 2009, Dr. Louis Keeler presented Larry with a beautiful chalice that had been in the Keeler family for many years. The chalice belonged to Dr. Keeler's uncle, the Rev. Louis Mayer, who was a priest for 63 years and died on Good Friday 1985.

Three years ago, when Dr. Keeler acknowledged that nobody in his own immediate family would be entering the Seminary, he decided to offer the chalice to Larry who was then a Divinity student. I still recall the beam of delight in Larry's eyes when Dr. Keeler shared his intentions with him.

Dr. Keeler felt that he should prepare a short biography on Fr. Meyer's life as the man behind the chalice for Larry. This became a monumental work and has resulted in the publication, in March 2009, of a book entitled "The Chalice", written by Dr. Louis Keeler, MD, and published by Infinity of West Conshohocken, PA. Fr. Meyer kept a diary. He left some 6,000 pages of same. His diary is an extraordinary objective record of his years in the priesthood as a military Chaplain during World War II and his priesthood in the parish. Fr. Meyer stood tall in what is now referred to as that "great generation."



No doubt Larry will draw great strength from the chalice during his priesthood. The strength that comes from the Eucharist and the strength that comes from cupping in his hands the chalice belonging to Fr. Louis Meyer. A man who faced the challenges of life with a faith and courage that makes a Christian feel proud.

Larry – our prayers and best wishes.

Peace,  
Fr. John

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**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](mailto:stmaryreligiouseducation.verizon.net).

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Classes for 2009 – 2010 will be held in St. Mary Hall Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:30PM to 5:30PM and 6:30PM to 7:45PM. Pre K and K will be held on Sundays at 10:00AM in the Hall.

May 26, 2009 7:30PM Confirmation Rehearsal  
May 31, 2009 2:00PM Confirmation



**HOUSE OF CHARITY/  
BISHOP'S ANNUAL  
APPEAL**  
As of May 11<sup>th</sup>, our cash and pledges for the

2009 Drive edged over \$85,100 toward our \$100,000 goal. A number of parishioners asked to be contacted over the weekend during the "In Pew Solicitation." This contact has not yet been made. Pledge cards are available in the Church Gathering Space. We ask the many who have not responded to please do so if you are in a position to help. Demands on charitable outreaches are greater than ever during this financially uncertain time.

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



This weekend, flowers are in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary of  
**Jack and Sandy Waite**



**Rev. Mr. Larry E Polansky**

St. Mary parishioner, Rev. Larry E Polansky was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Camden. Larry will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 11:30AM, here at St. Mary. It

is a time of rejoicing for the entire Parish. Fr. John

**KAYLA DEFEO BLOOD DRIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009 1:30PM TO 7:30PM  
ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL**

The Blood Drive in honor of five-year old leukemia survivor and fellow parishioner, Kayla DeFeo, will be held in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 1:30pm to 7:30pm. Donors are needed to help supplement the Red Cross Blood supply and help cancer patients like Kayla. Please sign up to donate when called or in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend and next. You may also call Ron Von Stetina at 856-424-3051 to register for a time slot.

**BAPTISM**



Sunday, June 21, 2009 12 Noon  
Sunday, July 19, 2009 12 Noon  
Sunday, August 16, 2009 12 Noon

**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.



**Car Wash**

**YOUTH GROUP  
BENEFIT FUNDRAISER**

On Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 St. Mary's Youth Group will be holding a CAR WASH in the Church parking lot from 9AM to Noon. All proceeds will be donated to the DANIELLE BLEDY fund to fight pediatric brain aneurysm. Additionally, the Youth Group will be participating in the Danielle Bledy 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8AM at Cherry Hill East High School. Please contact Gloria Miller at (856) 466-2683 for additional information.



 *Mass Intentions*

**Monday, May 18, 2009**

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

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

8:00 AM **Jeffrey Moran**  
by: John and Margaret Di Napoli

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009**

8:00 AM **Anne Marie Gale**  
by: The Dwyer Family

**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

8:00AM **People of the Parish**  
12:10PM **Don Humphreys**  
by: The Family

7:30PM **Paul Sullivan**  
by: The Family

**Friday, May 22, 2009**

8:00 AM **Margarita Escareal**  
by: The Family  
**Elizabeth Brennan**  
by: Jack and Mary Byrne  
**Deceased Members of McIlwain Family**  
by: The Family  
**Bill Wells**  
by: Jim Quirk

**Saturday, May 23, 2009**

5:00 PM **Thomas and Corinne Shaw**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
by: The Shaw Children

**Sunday, May 24, 2009**

8:00 AM **Ed Melchionni**  
by: The Melchionni Family

10:00AM **Joseph Gorman**  
by: Marie Bantivoglio

11:30 AM **People of the Parish**

**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, Michael Piazza, Patty Plunkett, Baby Bryanna Ramirez, Jim & Tony Ray, Kathy Roman, Carolyn Rutkowski, Anthony Russo Sr, Joseph Ragusa, Marie Smith, Helen Szymczak, Dr Edgar Valle, Robert Waite.



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**Jack and Sandy Waite**



*for May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>*

**5:00 PM** Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers: E Hallinan, E Sands, J Sunstrand

Lectors: D Scaramella, N Scaramella

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: D Bennett, D Desrochers, N Sands, M Von Stetina, R Von Stetina

**8:00AM** Fr Ruggles

Altar Servers: L Hurley, M Langmuir, C Stewart

Lectors: M Acciani, J Deets

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Chiolo, C Desrochers, J Fallon, B Schulze, K Sheerin

**10:00AM** Fr. John

Altar Servers: G Miller, M Miller, K Van Dyke

Lectors: F Baratta, L Repici

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: S Cowley, S Hamm, L Hyland, M O'Shea, J Olenick, J Plunkett, M L Schoen

**11:30 AM** Fr. John

Altar Servers: A Borinski, M Borinski, R Young

Lectors: D Czerniakowski, C Montini,

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: T Alonzo, B Wall M Borinski, B Veitch, S Czerniakowski

**OFFERING REPORT**

May 11, 2008	\$10,389.00
May 10, 2009	\$10,069.00
Decrease \$320 or 3.1%	
Envelopes: 298	
Weekly expense:	\$ 11,000.00
Parish Indebtedness:	\$107,805.00



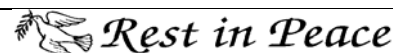
*Welcome to our new Catholic Christians:*

Aubrey Lynn Schneider  
Ryan Patrick Stever  
Anna Mae Szymczak

**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*



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**Ann Louise Mc Laughlin**  
Mother of Kathy Hill

**Christian Yoga ...The Body at Prayer**

Wed., May 20, 2009, 7:00 - 8:15PM in the Chapel  
Directed by Barbara Moeller, MA

This program, designed for beginners and experienced practitioners, includes: healthy breathing techniques, gentle physical movement, meditation, and deep...deep...deep relaxation. Wear comfortable clothes and bring an exercise mat. Please come and try this new adventure in wholistic spirituality. Barbara is a member of St. Mary's Parish and on the teaching staff at Lourdes Wellness Center in Collingswood. She specializes in Christian Yoga...an integration of body, mind, and spirit.



**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 27 through 31 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 from 8:30AM until 4:00PM. For more information, please call the Parish Center at (856) 424-1454.

**South Jersey Walk-a-Thon**

Please join us on Saturday May 30, 2009 for a walk, organized by Good Counsel Homes, in support of homeless women and their born and pre-born children. Place: Haddon Heights Park, Time: 9AM to 12 NOON Registration: 8:30 to 10:00AM. Contact: Ann Fleming at (856-686-1885) or flemingsbeechhouse@yahoo.com. Also, contact Brenda Quinn at olvquin@aol.com (856-423-3468).

**G.I.F.T Book Discussion Group**

June 1<sup>st</sup> : ""The Mother of James and John""

Our GIFT ministry has embarked on an exploration and discussion of ""The Jesus Women"" by Marci Alborghetti; twelve extraordinary first-person narratives from women who were contemporaries of Jesus.

We will discuss one chapter/woman at a time – once a month on the First Monday at 1:00pm in Room 102 of the parish hall. (Chapters only run about 8-10 pages – doable even for the busiest person).

Next month's discussion will be on: ""The Mother of James and John"" "Think politics and power plays are new to the world? Come and meet the first recorded "stage mother". Books are available for purchase. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Kathleen. See you there!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY CORNER**

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE FOR SALE**

Fair Trade Coffee (Regular and Decaf) (Bean and Ground) and Teas will be available for purchase in or outside the Gathering Space after all Masses May 16 and 17. Great coffee and tea for you, fair treatment for low-income farmers overseas. Plan to buy and try. Remember, this is not a fund raiser for St. Mary. This is a Social Justice Ministry project. Today, we promote the 8<sup>th</sup> Key Principle of Catholic Social Teaching , "Solidarity" Please take a few moments to read and reflect upon it.

"SOLIDARITY" Catholic social teaching proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Solidarity mean that "loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

The Social Justice Ministry will meet on Monday, **May 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Parish Hall. All are welcome. .



**Congratulations** to Jack and Sandy Waite who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> . Over the years, Jack and Sandy have been stalwarts here at St. Mary Parish in a quiet way. Most parishioners are not aware that the Waites wash and iron all the linens and towels every week for the Liturgy and have

been doing so for more than 25 years. Jack does the pick-up and delivery. Sandy does the washing and ironing. What a team! W. B. Mason has nothing on this operation! A huge thanks to you from all of us. Fr. John

**Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council – Food Drive**

May is St. Mary's turn to collect non-perishable food for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Items always needed include: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, beef stew or other meals in a can, hearty soups, spaghetti sauce, cereals (Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Special K, Raisin Brain, Corn and Rice Chex), pancake mix, maple syrup, jelly, potato buds, juices, cream of mushroom or chicken soup, rice, rice meals, pasta, spaghetti, The Cherry Hill Food Pantry often has requests for personal items such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and toilet paper. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Total client visits increased from 910 in 2007 to 2751 in 2008. The number of children served increased from 330 in 2007 to 565 in 2008. The total number of bags distributed increased from 3,640 in 2007 to 9,900 in 2008. Each of you are a part of this worthwhile community service project. Thank you for your continued participation.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**

Thursday, May 21, 2009 is Ascension Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is as follows: 8AM, 12:10PM and 7:30PM.



Have you ever wondered how Camden changed from a booming industrial city to one of the poorest cities in the nation?

Do you want to know what's going on now to make Camden better?

# History of Camden Discussion

*If so, please join St. Mary's Social Justice Ministry for the first in a series of discussions focused on making our community aware of social justice issues potentially affecting our lives.*

**Speaker:** Howard Gillette, a Rutgers-Camden professor, author of "Camden After The Fall." Professor Gillette is considered a leading scholar on Camden's redevelopment.

**When:** Monday, May 18, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00-8:00PM  
**Where:** St. Mary's Parish Hall  
**Who:** All are welcome. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!  
**Fee:** It is *FREE!* Plenty of parking available on site.

St. Mary Church, 2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill 08003. For more information, please call (856)-465-9647



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## Parish Calendar of Events

May 18, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall) 7:00PM Social Justice (Howard Gillette Presentation), Rooms 105-106, (Hall)
May 19, 2009	7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting, (Meeting Room)
May 20, 2009	7:00PM to 8:15PM Christian Yoga, (Chapel) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church)
May 21, 2009	<b>ASCENSION THURSDAY Mass Schedule, 8:00AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM</b> 1:00PM Prayer Shawl Meeting, Room 103, (Hall) <b>7:30PM Eucharistic Minister Commissioning During Mass</b> 7:30PM G.I.F.T. Meeting, (Meeting Room)
May 23, 2009	9:00AM to 12:00Noon – <b>Youth Group Car Wash, Parish Center Parking Lot</b>
May 25, 2009	<b>MEMORIAL DAY: PARISH CENTER CLOSED</b>
May 26, 2009	7:30PM Confirmation Rehearsal, (Church) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus, Room 105, (Hall)
May 27, 2009	<b>8:00AM to 8:00PM Kayla De Feo Blood Drive, (Hall)</b> 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church)
May 31, 2009	<b>2:00PM Sacrament of Confirmation, (Church)</b>

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In His Sign Network is sponsoring a weekend healing retreat at the Malvern Retreat House, PA on May 29 – 31. Directed by Kathleen McCarthy, Fr. Bill Halbing and Fr. John McFadden, this powerful retreat is entitled, *In the Name of Jesus, the Nazarene, Rise Up and Walk*. The weekend will include inspirational life-changing talks, healing services, Sacred Scriptures, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. For additional information please contact 610-527-2906.

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## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

If this year, January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating at a special Mass on Sunday, May, 17, 2009 at 3:00PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon, NJ. There will be a light reception following the Mass.

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**HELP WANTED** - A "live in" companion and helper needed for a family in the Cherry Hill area. Interested persons are asked to call Judy at (856) 235-0287

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