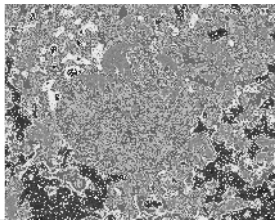


## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioner,

I recently returned from visiting my family in Ireland. This was my first visit to Ireland during the month of April in more than 50 years. This year I went to visit my oldest sister Pat (Patricia) who is seriously ill. It was a visit into childhood for me.

Spring was late in Ireland this year because of an unusually cold winter. The wild primroses, violets and cowslips were in full bloom during the time of my visit. The primroses, in particular, were magnificent.



On a few occasions, I took a walk on what locals call the “Old Road ” to Clonafin where the wild primroses grew in abundance. On those occasions, I picked a bunch of primroses for my sister’s bedroom where their presence are a comfort and delight to her. She, too, loved to walk that same old road and absorb the birthing of spring.

Those beds of primroses opened the shutters of my childhood memories. They also transported me to St. Mary’s where last weekend and this our second grade students cluster like wild primroses and reveal Divine Beauty through unspoiled innocence. I thank God for this annual show and reminder of the goodness of God. It helps all of us through dark and difficult days.

First Communion weekends are moments of grace for families, parishes, and the Church at large. They are present day joy and hope. Those moments need to be embraced, treasured and revisited again and again so that they may water the seed of our own faith in those challenging times. It is so easy to move into everyday oblivion where God and matters of the Spirit are non-factors to so many people.

I thank God for the primroses, the communicants, the parents, the grandparents and teachers who have touched my life with the lanterns of their faith. Like the fields in spring, they move me to utter, “My God.”

Peace,  
Fr. John

# Mass Intentions

**Monday May 3, 2010**

8:00 AM **Karen Campiglia**  
by: The Baptiste Family

**Tuesday May 4, 2010**

8:00 AM **James Mount**  
by: Pat and Karl Biegert

**Wednesday May 5, 2010**

8:00 AM **Angela Licciardello**  
by: Chris and Jane Dickerman

**Thursday, May 6, 2010**

8:00AM **Mary Ciprietto**  
by: Kathleen Rando

**Friday May 7, 2010**

8:00 AM **Kathleen Burnes**  
by: Husband, Walter  
**Ramona Davila**  
by: The Lamboy Family  
**Elsie Barnhart**  
by: Jim Quirk  
**Michael J Rufo**  
by: Wife, Agnes  
**John K Smith, III**  
by: Lyn Gallant-Blume  
**Rosemarie Mank**  
by: Diana Hays

**Saturday May 8, 2010**

5:00 PM **Ray Palombo**  
by: Wife, Ines and Family

**Sunday, May 9, 2009**

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
10:00 AM **Marian Butler**  
by: Linda Bansch  
11:30AM **Joseph & Theresa Meyer**  
by: Catherine Feidler

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Phil Ardire, Ruben N Alvarez, Anita Alvarez, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, Dolores Bauer, Bruce Beckett, Antoinette 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, Ryan DeAngelis, Kayla DeFeo, Pat Delaney, Nancy DeYonce, Frank Dolan, Margie Doyle, Charles Dumont, Eileen Edwards, Chuck Esler, Catherine Faccine, Terri Gannon, Brian Geary, Joe Garofalo, Michael Garrity, Colin Patrick Grady, Lucille Gross, Helene Haney, Barbara Hartman, Arlene Harvey, Jim Higginbotham, Fred La Rosa, Julie Leonard, Ingrid Lodato, Marge Lubrano, Caitlin Martin, Ann McIlroy, Fred McIlroy, Msgr. Tom McIntyre, Bruno Melchionni, Blasco Molle, Perfecto Moulic, Vicky Peralta, Michael Piazza, Patty Plunkett, Catherine Potts, Baby Bryanna Ramirez, Jim & Tony Ray, Mary Recupido, Walt Romanowski, Anthony Russo Sr, Joseph Ragusa, Ronald Schoen, Gary Schoen, Michael Sepessy, Kathy Shiflet, Marie Smith, Thomas Stinson, Helen Szymczak, Dr Edgar Valle, Jack Waite, Ginger Walsh



for May 8, 2010 – May 9, 2010

**5:00PM** Fr. John

Altar Servers: N Decanay, D Maloney, M Maloney

Lectors: P Esbrandt, S Helfrich

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: D Ciancitto, F Dollarton, P Sandrow, C Wallace, J Wallace

**8:00AM** Fr. John

Altar Servers: S Damico, C Pettipaw, E Sands

Lectors: M Acciani, T Clerici

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Chiolo, J Fallon, Q Harper, N Sands

**10:00AM** Fr. John

Altar Servers: A Hudson, T Hudson, A Spiegle

Lectors: L Repici, J Whitty

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Forlastro, P Gall, C Lamboy, M O'Shea, M L Schoen, C Stewart, R Whitty

**11:30AM** Fr. John

Altar Servers: C Campbell, J Kosyla, R Young

Lectors: D Czerniakowski, C Montini

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: S Czerniakowski, L Hyland, L Kosyla, K Miller, B Wall

## MILITARY PRAYER LIST

**US Army:** Capt. Alex F. Katauskas, 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



Flowers last weekend are in memory of  
**Joseph Murphy**  
Donated by his Family

Flowers this weekend are a "Thank You" for all the blessings of the Infantolino Family  
Donated by: The Family

## OFFERING REPORT

April 26, 2009	\$10,248.00
April 25, 2010	\$11,101.00
Increase \$853 or 7.7%	Envelopes: 291
Weekly expense:	\$11,000.00

Our total Easter Collection this year was \$30,852.00 and our Easter Collection for 2009 was \$33,439.00. Thank you for your support.

*May God Bless Our First Communicants*



Jack Ackerman  
Erica Bocco  
Ryan Cooperman  
Justin Domingo  
Caitlin Hallinan  
Bishop Norman  
Enrique Perez  
Allison Reed  
Alison Schmukler  
Taylor Somach  
Adam Wolfe

Sean Ackerman  
Brianna Canzano  
Matthew Costello  
Zachary Frye  
Elizabeth Kotch  
Carly Nothnagel  
Ryan Pettipaw  
Robert Rojas  
Abigail Skidmore  
Hannah Sullivan  
Nicolas Zanotti

Camryn Andrey  
Mario Casanas  
Colin Cunningham  
Silvio Giacobetti  
Emily Kotch  
Sophia Nufable  
Marco Porras  
Nicholas Sands  
Samantha Somach  
Nicholas Watkins

**“FOREVER YOUNG” Jazzes it up!**  
May 11, 2010, 1:00pm, (Hall)  
**Back by popular demand!** Last year, Jim Rabic’s Beck School Jazz Band *WOWED* our Forever Young attendees with their incredible sound. Come and experience the phenomenal musicianship of these young people, fostered by our own Jim Rabic. (Jim is retiring from teaching in June, so this may be your last chance!)  
Join our “Forever Young Socials Group” as we “Jazz it up” with these young men and women. Light refreshments will be served. (*Free will offering at the door*). See you there!

**CARNATION SALE**

**Remember to buy Mom a Carnation!**

The Mother’s Day Carnation Sale to benefit 1<sup>st</sup> Way of Collingswood will take place after all Masses on Mother’s Day Weekend, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone willing to volunteer to help would be greatly appreciated. It will only take about 15 minutes after each Mass. Please call Linda Reale at 856-983-8070 or Sandra Cowley at 856-424-9146. Please leave a message. Thank you.

*Also*, during that weekend, please pick up a baby bottle to go home with you. Then, during the following weeks, please fill with any loose change you may have and return the bottle to St. Mary during the weekend of Father’s Day, June 20, 2010. These proceeds will benefit St. John’s Pre-Natal Clinic in Camden as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Way, Collingswood.

*Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a*

**House of Charity Season**  
The House of Charity barometer in the Gathering Space of the Church grabs your attention. I thank Jim Doyle, Jr for making it and Jack Byrne for keeping it updated. To date, it reads, 75%. I thank everyone who has enabled us to reach that 75%. Our total includes three (3) contributions of \$5,000 and one (1) of \$6,000. Those four donations are huge in our present total. As in climbing a mountain, the peak is always the most challenging. It is at this time I appeal to the more than 1,300 families who have not responded to consider doing so. Everyone is aware of the world economy and how there is currently more fear than confidence in the air. House of Charity cards are still available in the Gathering Space. Act now so that we can retire the barometer and reach our \$100,000 goal. For more information, please call the Parish Center at (856) 424-1454 or Len Bednar at (856) 235-6652. Thank you, Fr. John

**BAPTISM**



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 Date of Baptism.

*Rest in Peace*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Ernest W Carella**  
Father of Kim Pierce

## Religious Education News

Come celebrate your faith by serving St. Mary's Parish children. Become a Catechist (teacher) in our Religious Education Program. Training will be provided. We need you to pray about this, look within, then join our teaching ministry and reach out to our children.

We are presently accepting registrations for Grade levels K (5 yrs Old) through 8 for the 2009-2010 year. You will need a copy of the Baptismal certificate for your 1<sup>st</sup> grader and other sacramental certificates for levels 3-8 if your child is new to the program. **Registration is not complete** until the minimum down payment of \$40 is received. Please call if you have a **need for a monthly payment schedule** (856) 424-2679.

## First Communion Celebrations

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 5:00PM Mass

Sunday, May 2, 2010, 11:30AM Mass

The 8<sup>th</sup> Level Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 beginning at 1:30PM and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010, at 2:00PM, in the Church, with Bishop Joseph Galante officiating.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY TRAVEL

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Holy Land. We will visit a 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 3, 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.



### Growing In Faith Together Book Discussion Group

*“My Life with the Saints”*

Monday, May 3, 2010 @ 1:00pm,  
Room 102

Our book discussion continues with Saints Therese of Lisieux and Thomas Merton. Join us in sharing what has been called “One of the best spiritual memoirs in years”; and “An outstanding and often hilarious memoir”. Come and meet some modern day saints to help you on your spiritual journey!

Books are available for purchase at the session. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Kathleen.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

**Reminder**-----This Thursday, May 6, 2010 a **National Day of Prayer Service** will be held across the entire country. At 12 Noon, bells will be tolling, and the entire nation will be praying and asking for God's blessing on our country. Here at St. Mary, we will be gathering outside the Church as our bell tolls and we pray together. Please come join us.

### SENIOR SEMINAR POSTPONEMENT

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, we announced a planned Senior Seminar, scheduled for the first week in May, as a joint venture with St. Thomas More.

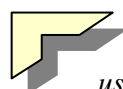
Sadly, on Monday, I received a called from Deacon Diehl's wife, Carol, advising that he had undergone emergency surgery early last week and has experienced some very serious complications. He remains, as of this writing, in intensive care.

Carol expressed his deep regret in not being able to be with us at this time and said he hopes to be well and able to re-schedule in the Fall. Please keep Deacon Diehl in your prayers that God may bring him complete healing and many more years in His service.

Kathleen

### Come join us in the Race for the Cure!!

Come, join us on May 9, 2010 in the Susan G. Komen 5k Race for the Cure walk to help find a cure for Breast cancer. We will have a team from the church walking or running, whatever you like, to support research for the cure. To register, go to [www.Race.Komen.Philadelphia.org](http://www.Race.Komen.Philadelphia.org) and search for our team, St. Mary's of Cherry Hill. You can register right online. Our team will need to raise a minimum of \$500 and your registration fee will help us reach that goal. We will be getting a bus to take us to Philly and bring us home. The festivities will start at 7AM but the walk begins at 8:15 AM. There will be a fee for the bus. The bus will return us to Cherry Hill by 12 Noon, in plenty of time to celebrate Mother's Day. A great way to get community service hours and some exercise. Watch the bulletin for information about the bus and trip. For further information, contact Marietta Borinski @ 856-424-4813 or our team captain Tanya Seybold @ 856-489-8518, email at [mylesnt2@aol.com](mailto:mylesnt2@aol.com).



**UPDATE CORNER:** *With a deepened understanding of the responsibility of each of us to be Christ's presence in the world, we turn our eyes toward the future. When we celebrate Pentecost this year, let us pray for a renewal of the universal Church, and especially, an in-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish family. Let's open ourselves to that happening as we read our final update together: “The Seven Secrets of Successful Parishioners” – Next week in the bulletin.*

## Parish Calendar of Events

May 1, 2010	<b>5:00PM First Holy Communion</b>
May 2, 2010	Youth Group Food Pantry Delivery after 10:00AM Mass <b>11:30AM First Holy Communion</b>
May 3, 2010	<b>6:30PM Religious Education Closing Mass, Levels 5 – 7</b> 6:30PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104 (Hall)
May 4, 2010	<b>4:30PM Religious Education Closing Mass, Levels 1 – 4</b> 7:00PM Baptism Preparation, (Parish Center) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus, Room 105 (Hall)
May 5, 2010	7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM RCIA (Meeting Room)
May 6, 2010	12:00Noon NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (Church)
May 8, 2010	1:30PM 8 <sup>th</sup> Level Confirmation Retreat (Hall) <b>5:00PM Blessing of Mothers</b>
May 9, 2010	<b>All Masses – Blessing of Mothers</b> 11:30AM Youth Mass
May 10, 2010	1:30PM G.I.F.T. Book Discussion Group, Room 102 (Hall) 6:30PM 8th Level Religious Education Last Class (Hall) 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting, Room 102 (Hall)
May 11, 2010	1:00PM “Forever Young” Jazz Festival (Hall) 7:30PM Liturgy Meeting (Meeting Room)
May 12, 2010	7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
May 13, 2010	<b>Ascension Thursday Mass Schedule</b> <b>8:00AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM</b> 1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103 (Hall)

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### Prayer In The Three Faith Traditions

#### Breaking Bread Together

An Uplifting and Enlightening Panel Discussion of Noted Scholars from Each Faith on

Sunday, May 16, 2010

2:00PM to 4:00PM

St. Thomas More Church

1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

North of Kresson Road

*How each faith understands and practices prayer will be examined by the presenters*

*Refreshments will be served following the Panel Discussion*

*All are welcome – Admission is FREE (Voluntary donations gratefully accepted)*

*For more information please contact the JCRC office (856) 751-9500, ext. 224*

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### Good Counsel Walk-a-thon Saturday, May 22

We hope that St. Mary's parishioners will once again participate in this fundraiser in support of homeless, pregnant women and their children.

**Registration begins at 8:30AM, walk at 9 AM,**

**Camden County-Haddon Lakes Park, Haddon Heights, NJ**

Visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org) for details and other locations throughout South Jersey. A former convent in Riverside has been acquired by the Good Counsel, to establish a home that will provide food, medical care, education, job skills, social I skills, counseling, spiritual guidance, parenting, nutrition and computer classes, and much more! Come and Celebrate Life!

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### Camden Catholic High School Presents.....

The ARTS at Camden Catholic High School presents the “Spring Concert and Art Exhibit”, Sunday, May 23, 2010. Choral and Instrumental Concert begins at 2:00PM, followed by the Art Exhibit at 3:30PM. Admission is FREE!!! Visit our website [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com) for more information about the concert, exhibit and our programs. Camden Catholic High School – 300 Cuthbert Rd., Cherry Hill.