

Dear Parishioner,

This year, the theme for the House of Charity/Bishops' Annual Appeal is

“Feed my Lambs.

Tend my Sheep.

Feed my Sheep.”

The theme suggests something that is ongoing. It is..

As I write this with mountains and carpets of snow all around, I am reminded of the English poet, Peter Fallon who wrote a poem about a lamb born in the midst of a snow storm. With snow all around, the lamb had no awareness of the lush, green pasture beneath the snow. What a pleasant surprise awaited the lamb.

The Bishop's annual appeal is not about sheep and snow, but about people helping people.

This year, the horror of the Haiti earthquake was a grim reminder of how dependent and inter-dependent we are on one another. The response of people underlined the goodness and generosity of people to real need.

The needs that the House of Charity/Bishops' Annual Appeal target are not as dramatic as what we witnessed in Haiti, but they are equally as real. Together, we can give hope to the needy in our midst. People who are hurting are not unlike the lamb born in the snow storm. They look around for comfort or assistance and there is nothing in sight. Through the many agencies in place within the Diocese of Camden, we, through our generosity, are there with necessary assistance to help a brother or sister in need. Together, we try to create the lush, green pasture for the many needy in our midst.

This year, the Diocesan goal is \$7.25 million. Our parish goal is \$100,000. Please be generous in what are challenging times for many people here in our midst.

Peace & Thanks,
Fr. John



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

 *Mass Intentions*

Monday February 22, 2010

8:00 AM **Karen Campiglia**
by: Jack and Mary Byrne

Tuesday February 23, 2010

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

8:00 AM **Mildred and Anthony Inverso**
by: Daughter, Dolores

Thursday, February 25, 2010

8:00 AM **Marty Keoughan**
by: Jane Dickerman and Pat Galie

Friday, February 26, 2010

8:00 AM **William Melchionni**
by: Marie Bantivoglio
John E Tindall, Jr.
by: George and Linda Zallie
Lucille Schetter
by: Glen and Theresa Morheld
Trissa Eleazar Gohu
by: Ted Eleazar and Family
Flema Spina
by: Carole Fries Sullivan
Margaret Mary Weinhofer
by: Jim Quirk

Saturday February 27, 2010

5:00 PM **Ruby Padolina**
by: The Padolina Family

Sunday, February 28, 2010

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:00AM **Bruno Mazzi**
by: Cos and Evie Contento
11:30AM **Albert Brown**
by: The Minchew 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, Msgr. Tom McIntyre, Bruno Melchionni, Blasco Molle, Perfecto Moulic, George Oberski, Vicky Peralta, 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, Dr Edgar Valle, Jack Waite, Ginger Walsh

LITURGICAL ROLES

for February 27, 2010 and February 28, 2010

Saturday, February 27, 2010

5:00 PM Fr. Ruggles
Altar Servers: A Hudson, T Hudson, A Spiegle
Lectors: W Martinez, P Esbrandt
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: D Ciancitto, B Datto, G Esbrandt, M VonStetina, R VonStetina

Sunday, February 28, 2010

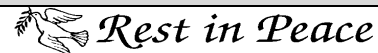
8:00AM Fr. Ruggles and Deacon Welsh
Altar Servers:, N Decanay, J Dorotan, M Keen
Lectors: K Morgan, J Fabrittiis
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Chiolo, M Dell, K Sheerin, J Rosado
10:00AM Fr. John
Altar Servers: C Stewart, G Weiss, J Weiss
Lectors: B Moeller, F Baratta
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: M Borinski, L Ciccone, L Hyland, M O'Shea, J Rueppel, P Sandrow, J Walsh
11:30AM Fr. John
Altar Servers: M Luebkemann, D Maloney, M Maloney
Lectors: C Montini, M DiPatri
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: T Alonzo, R Cowley, S Cowley, S Czerniakowski, M Gilbert,

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 Gallemmit, Thomas Grace, Cpl Jonathan Mezzancelo, Michelle I. Ryan, Sean P. Ryan, Adam Ardire, Justin Keleher, **USCG:** Petty Officer Tim Edwards

OFFERING REPORT

February 15, 2009	\$10,133.00
February 14, 2010	\$13,226.00
Increase \$3,093 or 23.4%	Envelopes: 353
Weekly expense:	\$11,000.00
Parish Indebtedness:	\$17,805.00



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Elsie Barnhart
Mother of Jim Rabic

Reverend Monsignor Charles P Barth



Religious Education News

The next regular class for eighth graders is Monday, February 22, from 6:30-8:15PM in the Hall.

- Feb. 24, 2010 – Wednesday, 7:00PM, Parish Hall
1st Eucharist Parent Meeting
- March 7, 2010 – Sunday, 11:30AM Mass “Rite of Enrollment” for Confirmation. ALL 8th grade level candidates should attend. One parent and student will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:10AM to sign the Covenant.
- March 21, 2010 – Faith Formation Registration for the 2010 – 2011 sessions will begin

To the Parents and Students in our Religious Education Program

The IHOC (Interfaith Hospitality Outreach Council) would like to thank you for your generous donation of toiletries for our Men in Transition (Homeless) Program. Your generosity has enabled us to not only give to our guests but also to share your gifts with the IHOC day shelter and overnight shelter (PATH) in Camden. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity and pray that you continue this spirit of giving throughout your lives. Sincerely, The IHOC Committee

RESCHEDULED

“Forever Young” Shrove Tuesday Celebration

This Tuesday, February 23rd at 12:00 noon in the parish hall, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday. This usually occurs the day before Lent begins, however, due to the inclement weather last week, the celebration has been rescheduled. Come and enjoy a traditional Pancake Brunch. Continue on your journey for Lent with an inspirational presentation by Joan Sandell as she reflects upon “The Final Journey of the Apostles with Jesus.” Her talk will help us get started on our spiritual journey through Lent. Questions? In need of a ride? Call Mary Anne at 856-767-7855.

SIGN-UPS FOR THE MARCH 25 BLOOD DRIVE START NEXT WEEK

We will begin taking appointment times for the Thursday, March 25, 2010 Red Cross Blood Drive via phone contact and after Masses beginning next week. The Drive will run from 10:00AM until 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please check your calendar in advance and sign-up using either method as early as possible to get your preferred time slot. If you have any questions, or to sign up early to donate, please call Ron Von Stetina (424-3051).



THANK YOU from the St. Mary's Youth Group! Our Souper Bowl of Caring project raised a \$1,231 last weekend. The collection will go to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. We really appreciate your generosity!

UPDATE CORNER: *God so desires to heal our wounded hearts. Many Catholics have unwittingly distanced themselves from the tangible experience of that healing forgiveness. They've stop going to confession. If you are among them...please take this opportunity to see what you've been missing. Take a second look at this wonderful channel of grace by reading “Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrating the Mercy of God” - Next week in the bulletin.*

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 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.

BAPTISM



- 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 Date of Baptism.*

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



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Mary on Wednesday, February 24th - 9:00AM to 2:00PM to collect donations of usable clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods and small appliances. An attendant will assist you and provide tax receipts, if necessary.

Parish Calendar of Events

February 22, 2010	4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30PM 8 th Level, Religious Education, (Hall)
February 23, 2010	12:00PM "Forever Young" Pancake Brunch (Hall) 4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels (Hall) 7:00PM G.I.F.T. Meeting, (Dining Room) 7:30PM Liturgy Meeting (Meeting Room) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Room 105, (Hall)
February 24, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels (Hall) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 7:30PM RCIA, (Meeting Room)
February 25, 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 26, 2010	7:30PM Stations of the Cross, (Church) "Scriptural Way of the Cross"
February 27, 2010	5:00PM RCIA Penitential Rite

Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council

We are winding down in our collection of 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.

St. Mary's will be providing workers at the Cherry Hill Food Pantry during the first two weeks in March, on Tuesday evenings 5-8PM and on Thursday 10-1PM. If you are not already on the Food Pantry call list and wish to help out, contact Sandy Czerniakowski at 856-231-7879 or Helen Myers at 856-787-9187. Please remember to provide the time and date preference, if you leave a message.

The Catholic-Jewish Commission's Institute for Understanding

BIG SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS: Catholic and Jewish Perspectives We often turn to our faith traditions when confronted by life's big questions. This Spring we will examine the ways in which Jews and Catholics have approached some of the great questions of life and faith.

Dates and Topics: February 24, 2010: SUFFERING;

March 3, 2010: LIFE AFTER DEATH

March 10, 2010: SAINTS AND ANGELS

See the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for more information.

SCORE -VOLUNTEERS

SCORE, a non-profit organization funded by the Small Business Administration SBA, counsels start-up and existing business entrepreneurs in growing their business. We are seeking volunteers who have expertise in areas of: marketing, management, finance, event planning, IT Human Resource and other skills. Giving of yourself to help others is self-rewarding. Be apart of the exciting team of over 12,000 other counselors nationwide who mentor small business entrepreneurs. For more information, call Larry Brennan at 856-234-5669 or go to our website score254.org and view our ad.

ALPAR-FLOWERS



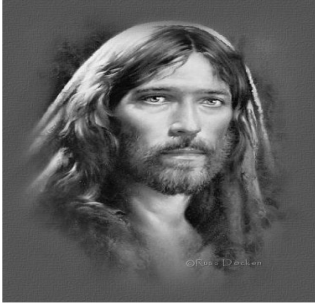
Throughout the liturgical year, the flowers chosen for Church communicate something about a particular feast or season that only flowers can. It is our desire to provide a quality arrangement of flowers for all weekend liturgies. However, the cost of providing these flowers throughout the year is substantial. 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 many dates later in the year (after the Lenten Season) available. If you are interested in donating these flowers, please call the Parish Office for additional information at (856) 424-1454.

*St. Mary, Cherry Hill
invites you to our*

PARISH MISSION/RETREAT

“Lent: A Time of Penance, Prayer & Commitment”

March 1st, 2nd & 3rd @ 7:00pm
(St. Mary Church)



Before Christianity was called “Christianity, it was referred to simply as “the Way.” Penance, Prayer, and Commitment can be three life-giving steps for our spiritual life in the Way of the Christ.

Come and see how....

Monday, March 1st: “Penance: Take up your cross and follow Me”

“Forgive me, Lord . . .for I have sinned”

Turning away from sin is really turning to Jesus. Lent calls us to examine the focus of our life and re-center our hearts on the One who so loves us....

(The opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Penance (Individual Confessions) will follow this service.)

Tuesday, March 2nd: “Prayer: Growing in the Spiritual Life”

“Speak, Lord ...your servant is listening.”

The dialogue of prayer deepens our relationship with Christ, changing and healing the pray-er.

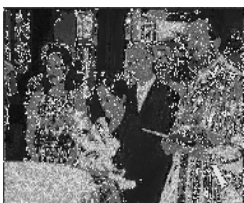
(For those who health is seriously impaired by illness or advanced age, the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick will also be included in this service.)

Wednesday, March 3rd: “Commitment: Maturing in the Spiritual Life”

“As for me and my house. . . we will serve the Lord.”

In the Eucharist, Christ gives Himself to us completely. As His disciples, we are called to mirror that total self-giving in love to each other, most especially in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Our presenter, Fr. David Swantek, is a priest of the Diocese of Trenton currently serving at Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown, NJ. He is a newly ordained priest and this will be his first Parish Mission. Fr. Dave has an MA in systematic theology, loves our Catholic Faith, and is an avid Minnesota Viking fan.



For more information, please contact Kathleen, at (856) 424-0955, or the Parish Office, (856) 424-1454.