

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Dear Parishioner,

Photo images from Haiti, numerous and restless as the flakes in our December snowfall twirl within the spaces of my imagination. Like snowflakes, they are alike yet unique. Each leaves its own face, print and message upon the screen of recent Haitian history. One in particular landed within my periphery and refuses to melt into oblivion.

On Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, I checked in with CNN news for an update on what was unfolding in Haiti. I was not ready for what I saw. On the screen was a caterpillar earth-mover doing what it was designed to do, namely, move mouthfuls of earth, sand, debris – whatever its jaws of steel closed upon.

Moments after I began to watch the T.V. picture, I was horrified by what I saw on the screen. The strong steel arm of the caterpillar was holding aloft its most recent bite from a building reduced to rubble. From the scoop of concrete rubble hung the lifeless leg of a young nameless male. I can only assume that the camera operator was caught unawares and the image was transmitted before it could be edited.

A single picture!



Perhaps it is good that some of these graphic images linger lest we too soon forget the horror of the earthquake and the selflessness of the many from around the world who left their posts and hurried to the site to help a helpless people in their hour of transformation. Already on Sunday, the Haitian story was moved to page 6 of a major newspaper. Is such a move necessary, bad or good?

In time, this scoop has become for me an odd type of chalice that captures the tragedy. Odd, because the chalice is filled to overflowing with dusty concrete and a limp human body rather than the fluid liquid of your typical chalice. This is Haiti, where people danced on the streets with gratitude to God on Saturday while they tried to understand what may be beyond human understanding. Are the words which St. Paul heard echoing again in our time:



**“This is my body”**

Closure at the time of death is huge. Identifying a body, laying it to rest. It is what we do and what we need to do, however painful the moment may be. So many people in Haiti did not and will not have an opportunity to say good-bye. They are left to wonder forever about the final fate of their loved ones. It is a national nightmare. We can only continue to support them in prayer.

I thank you on behalf of the people of Haiti for your prayers and financial support. Both are needed and appreciated. As of January 19<sup>th</sup>, the people of St. Mary have contributed \$6,475. Our Parish Pastoral Council, on January 19, 2010, approved a motion to increase the aid for Haiti from the total contributed to \$10,000. The balance being taken from the Parish General Fund. I believe that all parishioners will be in full accord with the motion.

Peace,  
Fr. John

## Mass Intentions

### Monday January 25, 2010

8:00 AM **Clarence Wagner**  
by: Daughter, Pat

### Tuesday January 26, 2010

8:00 AM **Karen Campiglia**  
by: Maria Trump

### Wednesday, January 27, 2010

8:00 AM **Rita Schmidt**  
by: Husband, Harry

### Thursday, January 28, 2010

8:00 AM **Edward Dougherty**  
by: Mary E Willard

### Friday, January 29, 2010

8:00 AM **Anthony Zuaro**  
by: Mae Abruzzo  
**Edward Dougherty**  
by: Mary A Willard  
**William Melchionni**  
by: Judy and Joe Alesandrini  
**Jeremiah Fallon**  
by: Vita and Ed Fields  
**Joseph Martinez**  
by: John and Lenore Natanni  
**Thomas McHale**  
by: Rhoda Abrams

### Saturday January 30, 2010

5:00 PM **Michael Lupo**  
by: Graciela Venedetto

### Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:00 AM **Vincent Mc Mahon**  
by: Catherine Feidler  
10:00AM **Karen Campiglia**  
by: Nick, Natalie, Nancy Markiewicz  
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, 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, 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

## LITURGICAL ROLES

for January 30, 2010 and January 31, 2010

### Saturday, January 30, 2010

5:00 PM Fr. John

Altar Servers: A Harvey, J Wilson, N Wilson

Lectors: S Helfrich, M Rowles

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: J Byrne, M Byrne, D Desrochers, F Dollarton, E Yoo

### Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:00AM Fr. John and Deacon Welsh

Altar Servers:, G Weiss, J Weiss, S Whitty

Lectors: T Clerici, K Morgan

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: B Maiore, M Maiore, R Murphy, R Whitty

10:00AM Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers: J Decker, N Rudi, N Warrington

Lectors: T Cost, E Rinear

Special Ministers of Holy Communion:, L Ciccone, C Hallinan, C McKenna, N Minchew, J Plunkett, M L Schoen

11:30AM Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers: G Miller, M Miller, K Nufable

Lectors: C Cirillo, M Di Patri

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: T Alonzo, B Veitch, M Gilbert, S Palladinetti, B Wall

#### 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

#### OFFERING REPORT

January 18, 2009 \$9,370.00

January 17, 2010 \$11,122.00

Increase \$1,752 or 15.7%

Envelopes: 316

Weekly expense: \$11,000.00

Parish Indebtedness: \$17,805.00

*I am happy to report that our current indebtedness is \$17, 805. It is only 5 years ago that we contracted for the work on the hall and rooms for a total of \$2.1 million.*  
*Fr. John*

## 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.

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

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

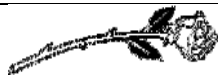
### **BAPTISM**



Sunday, February 14, 2010 1:00PM  
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 Baptism.*

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



Flowers this weekend are in memory of  
Rita Schmidt.  
Donated by Husband, Harry

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30PM to 9PM in Classroom 1. There will be 2 video presentations covering winning resumes and how to speed up your job search. If you are job hunting or currently employed, please join us.

### *Rest in Peace*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**Bernadette Cunningham**

Mother of Betsy (Cunningham) Veitch

**Frank Marino**

Father of Robert

**Mary Ciprietti**

Aunt of Gloria Jean Esbrandt

**Flema Spina**

Mother of Harold, Jr.

**Charlotte Smith**

Mother of Jim Smith,

Candidate for the Permanent Diaconate

### **ALSPAR-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.

**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**

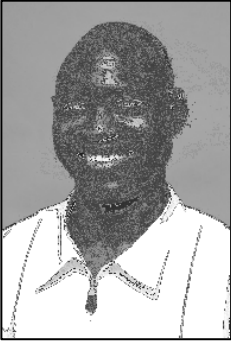


The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Mary on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books) 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.

### **NEXT ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE APPROACHING 56-DAY CUTOFF!**

The interval between blood donations is 56 days. The next St. Mary's Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2010, in the Parish Hall, so please mark your calendar for that date. Any regular blood donations after January 27, 2010 will make you ineligible to donate at this drive. We will begin taking appointments via email or phone solicitation, and after Masses, the weekend of February 27 & 28; however, if you wish to register in advance you may call Ron Von Stetina at 856-424-3051.

THE STORY OF GHANA'S  
THOMAS AWIAPO

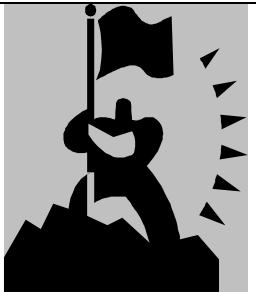


Thomas Awiaipo has a truly inspiring story of survival and success. Orphaned before the age of ten, Thomas survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to school at age 12 where he eventually won scholarships to attend college and later earned a Master's 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.

Come meet and hear Thomas' story on Friday, January 29, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall of The Catholic Church of St. Mary, 2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

**Fee: FREE!** Plenty of Parking  
For more information, call (856) 465-9647  
**All are welcome!** Bring your family and friends!



**The Sword & the Shield:  
Christians, Pro-Lifers, & the 1st  
Amendment**

January 31, 2010 7pm – 8:30pm

Speaker:  
Richard F. Collier, Jr., Esq.

Come out and learn:  
What your Rights are as a Christian  
How you can influence your  
community

Location:  
Parish Hall of The Catholic Church of St. Mary,  
2001 Springdale Road,  
Cherry Hill, NJ 8003

Childcare will be provided for: Infants – 10 years old  
*Any questions, please call:*

*Dr. John D. Grove at 609-298-6226 ext. 102 or  
Mr. Greg Sobocinski at 609-792-0004*

**ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS**

Our prayer shawl circle is going strong and we'd love to have more members. We meet in the Parish Hall (Room 103) typically two Thursdays a month from 1:00PM-3:00PM. Our schedule of meetings for the year 2010 are: January 28; February 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 15 and 29; May 13 and 27. Please mark your calendars. We hope you can join us. Come share your talents with this wonderful ministry. If you have any questions, please call Lisa O'Shea at 856 874-9396.

**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

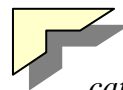
10:45 AM to 11:30 AM – Discussion

11:30 AM – Announcements and Closing Prayer

Romero Center

2907 Federal Street

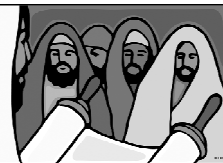
Camden, NJ 08105 856-964-9777



**UPDATE CORNER:** *Sometimes, when it seems that "everybody" is doing it, an idea catches on in society and social mores weaken. When that happens, everyone suffers from the fall-out. Some may even think that Christian values about marriage are out-dated. But are they? Or, are they based upon centuries of experience and the Holy Spirit's direction to wholeness? Find out what psychologists have to say about the surprising pitfalls of "Cohabitation before Marriage"– Next week in the bulletin.*

**YOUTH GROUP PROJECT**

The Youth Group will be accepting monetary donations at all the masses of super bowl weekend, (2/6-2/7). 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Our Youth Group will join thousands of other teens throughout the United States by partnering with a national organization called the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. If any teens would like to assist with this project, please contact Gloria Miller at (856) 466-2683 or email her at millerx7@aol.com. *"Lord as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*



**"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Lk 4:18b-19, 21**

## Parish Calendar of Events

January 24, 2010	3:00PM Christian Unity Service, (Church)
January 25, 2010	4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30PM 8 <sup>th</sup> Level Religious Education, (Hall)
January 26, 2010	<b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b> 7:00PM G.I.F.T Meeting, (Meeting Room) 7:00PM Home Study Parents Meeting, (Hall)
January 27, 2010	<b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b> 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 7:30PM RCIA, (Chapel)
January 28, 2010	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103, (Hall) <b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b>
January 29, 2010	7:30PM Social Justice Presentation, Thomas Awiapo, Speaker, (Hall)
February 1, 2010	1:00PM G.I.F.T. Video/Book Club, Room 102, (Hall) 4:30PM Junior choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30pm Youth Group Gathering, Room 104, (Hall)
February 2, 2010	<b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b> 7:00PM Baptism Preparation, (Meeting Room) 7:30PM Youth Ensemble Rehearsal, (Church)
February 3, 2010	<b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b> 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, (Church)
February 4, 2010	<b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b>
February 6, 2010	5:00PM Youth Group Souperbowl Collection after the Mass
February 7, 2010	8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM Youth Group Souperbowl Collection after all the Masses
February 8, 2010	4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal, (Church) 6:30PM 8 <sup>th</sup> Level Religious Education, (Hall) 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting, Room 103, (Hall)
February 9, 2010	<b>4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels, (Hall)</b> 1:00PM Forever Young Pancake Brunch, (Hall) 7:30PM Liturgy Meeting, (Meeting Room) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus, Meeting Room, (Hall)

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### 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](mailto:nfpoffice@camdendiocese.org). For other NFP courses in the area, go online at [www.pnfpn.org](http://www.pnfpn.org) or [www.njnfp.org](http://www.njnfp.org).

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### Society for the Propagation of the Faith

The **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** is the basic means of support for the Church's worldwide missions and it has, as its primary purpose, the promotion of a universal missionary spirit. Each year, baptized Catholics all around the world are invited to express their missionary commitment through prayer, personal sacrifice and financial support for the work of the Church in the missions. Through the support of Catholics everywhere, **The Propagation of the Faith** provides ongoing help for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in Africa, Asia, the islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for the education and support of seminarians, Religious novices and lay catechists; for the work of Religious Communities in education, health care and social services; for communication and transportation needs, and for disaster and emergency relief, when necessary. Thank you for your support of the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** and for your support of the Church's worldwide missions.

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