

Dear Parishioner,

Throughout the Diocese of Camden, every candidate for Confirmation must write a letter to the Pastor expressing why he/she requests Confirmation. I, like all adults, am curious about what is going on inside the minds and hearts of our young people. Consequently, I look forward to receiving and reading each letter. Over the summer months, we will share some of those letters with you. Enjoy, Fr. John

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My name is Amanda Sands and I really can't wait to be confirmed into the Catholic Church of St. Mary. I understand that confirmation is not anyone's choice but my own. I really am excited to get confirmed because this proves that I really am willing to continue my journey on becoming a faithful Catholic. I don't really know where I would be without my faith so there is no doubt I want to be confirmed. Whenever I need him, I understand that God is there and although I don't take all of the time that I should to thank him, he forgives my sins and helps me through my toughest times. I do my best to make Mass, and to pray as often as I can.

One reason that I want to be confirmed is because it is a real step into becoming a good Catholic. I think that it is the best choice to be strong in your religion because if you are, you always have a whole family and God behind you. Also, as many times as you mess up, they will be there to forgive you and take you back in. I really appreciate having this and I wouldn't ever take it for granted. So to make sure I have all of this behind me, I want to be confirmed and take the next step in my faith.

Another reason I'd like to be confirmed is because I really want to become more like my Dad. My Dad is my role model and when I see how involved he is with the Church I'd really like to get more involved. I want to be like him because he seems so happy when he's at Church even if he's just serving the Eucharist or helping out at the collection. My Dad really enjoys his time at Mass and I would like to, too.

Why I Want To Be Confirmed.....by Matthew Reyes

I have learned a lot about God my whole life when going to Church every Sunday and getting confirmed will help me learn more about my religion in which I follow. Getting confirmed shows that I want to learn more knowledge about my God and my own faith in the Catholic Church.

I know getting confirmed will only get me closer to God. Getting confirmed will show that I am spending more time with God by coming to Church more often now that I'm being confirmed, and by praying more to God and by serving others.

To receive the Holy Spirit is like receiving God. I know that God in me will help me make better decisions, comfort me, and strengthen me my whole life. Knowing that will help me understand why I should be confirmed.

I understand that being confirmed is one of the seven sacraments. From being baptized, from being confirmed, confession for the forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism, to the Eucharist. Fulfilling my confirmation shows I can confirm my faith and that I am committed to my faith in the Catholic Church of St. Mary.

I feel that being confirmed and being initiated is a very important thing to do in my life. Knowing my parents and my older sister are confirmed this Confirmation is very important to my family. Being confirmed shows that I confirmed my love and worship for God.

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 email stmaryreligiouseducation.verizon.net or call the office at (856) 424-2679.

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Classes for 2009 – 2010 will be held in St. Mary Hall:
Grades 1 - 4 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
4:30 to 5:30PM

Grades 5 - 7 Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 7:45PM.
Grade 8 2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:30PM until
8:00PM

Pre K and K will be held on Sundays at 10:00AM in the Hall.

OFFERING REPORT

June 22, 2008	\$7,702.00
June 21, 2009	\$7,945.00
Increase \$243 or 3.1%	
Envelopes: 211	
Weekly expense:	\$11,000.00
Parish Indebtedness:	\$92,805.00

BAPTISM



- Sunday, July 19, 2009 12 Noon
- Sunday, August 16, 2009 12 Noon
- Sunday, September 20, 2009 11:30AM Mass
- Sunday, October 18, 2009 1:00PM
- Sunday, November 15, 2009 11:30AM Mass
- Sunday, December 13, 2009 1:00PM
- Sunday, January 10, 2010 11:30AM Mass

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word has recessed for the summer season. We'll resume at the 5:00PM and 10:00AM Masses on September 12th/13th.

Our sincere thanks to those parishioners who do such a wonderful job of facilitating this Ministry for us: Colleen Mc Kenna, Coordinator; Christina Boyle, Lee De Summa, Denise Desrochers, Maureen Eells, Gloria Jean Esbrandt, Karen Hurley, Chessie Mc Donald, Mia Nigrelli, Arianna Stinson, Patrice Svitak & Aymie Weiss.

We can always use more assistance. Over the summer, please consider joining this ministry in September. It's a minimal commitment of time: preparation at your convenience at home and facilitating during the Mass you would be attending anyway. If you have any questions, please call Kathleen (424-0955). Please think about!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

A small number of the Scriptures puzzle/game handouts that the children are usually given, will be available for you each Sunday, throughout the summer. They can be found on the table in the Gathering Space.

An Opportunity for Filipino Parishioners to Give and to Share

On July 26th (Sunday) at 4:00PM, a Filipino Mass and Reception will be held in our Church and Parish Hall. All Filipino parishioners are requested to participate in this spiritual event by helping in the pilgrimage and by the donation of Filipino dishes for the occasion. For further information, please call: Mila Co (856) 751-6603; Dr. & Mrs. Alex Cueto (856) 795-5507; Mr. & Mrs. Viscom Laygo (856) 489-6960 or Vicky Peralta (856) 489-6884.

R.C.I.A. NEWS !

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, or was baptized Catholic but never received Communion or Confirmation, please tell them to inquire about our R.C.I.A. We'd be happy to assist them! New team members are always welcome, too. Please call Loretta Repici (309-8334) or email Kathleen @krandopastoralassociate@verizon.net.

SUMMER REFRESHMENTS!

Once again, our parish ministers will be hosting our summer refreshment stand over by the gazebo each weekend after the 8:00AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Our Parish Nurses will be our hosts. Please stop by, have a cool drink and doughnut and meet these generous ministers in our parish. Our thanks to all of them for their generous spirit and hospitality.

Wedding Banns

Matthew Barlow and Jacqueline Richards

Mass Intentions



for July 4th – July 5th

Monday June 29, 2009

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

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

8:00 AM **Anna Bayda**
by: Marian Love

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

8:00 AM **Elizabeth Martin**
by: Eliza Paul

Thursday, July 2, 2009

8:00AM **John and Marcie Jarosinski**
by: The Powell Family

Friday, July 3, 2009

8:00 AM **Kathleen Burns**
by: Husband, Walter
Elizabeth Brennan
by: Edward and Christine Skeehan
Marie A Baratta
by: Jennie Rose
John Coyle
by: Mary Jude Cox
Anne Louise McLaughlin
by: Jack and Mary Byrne

Saturday July 4, 2009

5:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, July 5, 2009

8:00 AM **Vera Kramer**
by: Kathy, Charlie and Kelly

10:00AM **Janelle Peralta**
by: The Peralta Family

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, Laurie James, Fred La Rosa, Julie Leonard, Ingrid Lodato, Caitlin Martin, Ann McIlroy, Tom McKenna, Perfecto Moulic, Leeann Olson, Michael Piazza, Patty Plunkett, Baby Bryanna Ramirez, Jim & Tony Ray, Mary Recupido, Kathy Roman, Anthony Russo Sr, Joseph Ragusa, Marie Smith, Helen Szymczak, Dr Edgar Valle, Robert Waite.



June
Month of
The Sacred
Heart of Jesus

5:00 PM Fr. John

Altar Servers: L Hurley, M Keen, D Murphy

Lectors: P Esbrandt, T Kaplan

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: J Byrne, M Byrne, B Coen, B Gannon, N Sands,

8:00AM Fr. John

Altar Servers: A Bromke, E Sands

Lectors: M Acciani, B Melchionni

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: C Chiolo, G Coen, K Coen, B Schulze, K Sheerin,

10:00AM Fr. Ruggles

Altar Servers: M Borucki, S Whitty, R Young

Lectors: C Montini, J Whitty

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: S Cowley, C Desrochers, K Miller, S Palladinetti, G Walsh, J Walsh, R Whitty

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

GOLF OUTING



Our annual parish Golf Outing will take place at Ramblewood Country Club on Sunday, September 6, 2009 with a "shot gun" start at 1:00PM. Dinner, with distribution of prizes, will take place at the Country Club immediately after the golf. This year, our friends at Burns Honda are sponsoring a 2010 Honda Insight that gives you an estimated 43 mpg on the highway. The rumor that we may have a Lexus in addition to the Honda Insight is now a reality. It will be on the par 3 #6 hole on the course. Mark your calendar and invite some friends on September 6th. More details will follow.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS



Independence Day
The Parish Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd and will reopen on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 8:30AM.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Mary on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 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.



**HOUSE OF CHARITY/
BISHOP'S ANNUAL
APPEAL**

We appeal to everyone who has not responded to please do so. If we do not meet our goal of \$100,000, I believe this would be the first time in the history of the House of Charity/Bishop's Appeal for St. Mary to fail to make the designated goal. I am confident we can still do so. We need your help now.

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



**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

Reminder: Vacation Bible School is

approaching. 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. This year, it will be held the week of July 27, 2009 to July 31, 2009 from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. The cost is \$28.00 for materials plus a tee shirt. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Center.

**Parish Nursing Ministry
Summer Safety**

This helpful guide for seniors can be found in the Gathering space of the church. Do you know how to stay cool and safe? What does the Heat Index mean and what can it do to you? Can you tell the symptoms of heat-related illnesses? What about heat exhaustion? Heat Stroke? Know how to avoid getting overheated and what to do if you become overheated. Pick up this free valuable booklet today. Enjoy the summer and be safe!

**BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF KAYLA DEFEO
BRINGS IN A 106 PINTS!**

The May 27, 2009 Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of leukemia survivor and parishioner Kayla DeFeo was held in our Parish Hall and resulted in a donation of 106 productive pints! We would like to thank everyone for coming out to donate to help kids like Kayla who need many blood transfusions to get through their cancer treatments. Thanks also to those of you who baked, volunteered at the drive, babysat for parents who were giving blood, gave "double red," or overcame your fears and gave for the first time. Debby DeFeo and her committee: Sharon Formica, Nora Downey, Denise Barrett, Janet Caniglia and Ron Von Stetina, are very grateful for the overwhelming support. Thanks to many, many prayers, a bone marrow match was found for Kayla last year, and since that transplant she has remained cancer free and is once again enjoying life to the fullest. Please continue to pray that she remains that way. We ask that all eligible donors please make note that our next regularly scheduled Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2009

"Year of the Priest: Prayer for Priests"

O Jesus, our great High Priest,
Hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In loneliness, comfort them. In sorrow, strengthen them. In frustrations, show them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified.

Show them that they are needed by the Church, needed by souls, needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination, and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much.

Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to give witness to and live faithfully the promises of their ordination.

Amen.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:
Reverend Leonard Carrieri, M.SS.CC.**

..AND ALL THOSE WHO MOURN FOR HIM



Welcome to our new Catholic Christians:
Peter Edward DiTullio
Lilliana Patricia Noll

Parish Calendar of Events

June 29, 2009	7:00PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
July 3, 2009	OFFICE CLOSED, JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
July 5, 2009	Youth Group Food Delivery after 10:00AM Mass
July 6, 2009	1:00PM G.I.F.T. Video/Movie Club, (Hall)
July 7, 2009	7:00PM Baptism Preparation Class, Meeting Room, (Parish Center)
July 13, 2009	6:30PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
July 14, 2009	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, Room 105, (Hall)
July 16, 2009	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103, (Hall)
July 19, 2009	8:00AM and 10:00AM Blood Pressure Readings after Mass
July 20, 2009	7:00PM Social Justice Speaker Session, Room 103-104, (Hall)
July 26, 2009	4:00PM Filipino Mass
July 27, 2009	9:00AM – 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
	6:30PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
July 28, 2009	9:00AM – 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
	7:30PM Knights of Columbus, Room 105, (Hall)
July 29, 2009	9:00AM – 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
July 30, 2009	9:00AM – 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
July 31, 2009	9:00AM – 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
August 2, 2009	8:00AM and 10:00AM Refreshments – Music Ministry
	Youth Group Food Delivery after 10:00AM Mass
August 3, 2009	1:00PM G.I.F.T. Video/Movie Club, (Hall)
August 4, 2009	7:00PM Baptism Preparation Class, Meeting Room, (Parish Center)
August 9, 2009	8:00AM and 10:00AM Refreshments – Eucharistic Ministers
August 10, 2009	6:30PM Youth Group Meeting, Room 104, (Hall)
	7:00PM New Catechist Workshop, Room 102, (Hall)
August 11, 2009	7:30PM Knights of Columbus, Room 105, (Hall)
August 13, 2009	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103, (Hall)



He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that, they were utterly astounded.
- Mk 5:41-42

Greece and the Greek Isles

11 days Greece and The Greek Isles for only \$2,589 per person including airfare, hosted by Fr. Ronald Falotico from St. Joseph R.C. Church in Hammonton, NJ. The trip runs from November 3 – 13, 2009. Price includes roundtrip air from Philadelphia, first class hotels, 3 day Greek Isles cruise, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and much more! Travel in the footsteps of St. Paul...See the Acropolis in Athens...Visit Corinth where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla...Take a Greek Isles cruise to Ephesus, Rhodes & Patmos...Visit Thessaloniki and Philippi. For a full color brochure, call (609) 561-0180 or email to RonaldFalotico@yahoo.com. Join Fr. Falotico for this trip of a lifetime. **SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE.**

St. Martin of Tours "Tours at the Beach"

Reunion for all SMT Alumni, Parents, Parishioners, Friends and Former Parishioners on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 3:00PM to 7:00PM at Schellinger & The Beach (3600 Boardwalk), Wildwood, NJ. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21 to attend) and \$30 at the door. Price includes beer, soda, buffet and entertainment. Bring your own beach chair. To order tickets, call (215) 535-2962.