

Weekly Mass Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, all weekday Masses will be held in the Parish Center Chapel

Saturday, December 12

5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Tamburri Family

Sunday, December 13

7:30 a.m. Mary K. McGovern – Birthday

9:00 a.m. Paul F. Harrison

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Salvatore Melillo – Anniversary – MWH

12:00 p.m. Eugene V. McCormack – 10th Anniversary

Monday, December 14

6:30 a.m. Mary Restaino

8:00 a.m. Maddalena Robba – Birthday

12:10 p.m. Margaret McDermott-Taylor – Birthday

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 a.m. Dolores Urivazo

8:00 a.m. Virginia Lauber – Birthday

12:10 p.m. John Gantner – 10th Anniversary

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 a.m. Michael Kotla – Birthday

8:00 a.m. Frank Iberer

12:10 p.m. Florence M. Blankenburg

Thursday, December 17

6:30 a.m. John DeBlasi, Sr.

8:00 a.m. Nicholas R. Rossi

12:10 p.m. Accusio Dimino – Anniversary

Friday, December 18

6:30 a.m. Msgr. Gerard Walsh

8:00 a.m. Priscilla Rose Volpe

12:10 p.m. Domenica Gencarelli

Saturday, December 19

8:00 a.m. William Lynch

5:30 p.m. Nick Marone, Jr.

Sunday, December 20

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Bartholomew Tran

10:30 a.m. Efim Mironuk

10:30 a.m. Vincent Carlo – MWH

12:00 p.m. Thomas Cafone



Church Lamp

In Memory of James, Julia & Robert Nevins

Chapel Lamp

In Memory of John J. Coffey



Hosts

For every Mass have been donated
by the Rosary Society

From the Pastor's Desk

Carl Hiaasen is a very successful author of suspense novels with a comic overtone. Recently he returned to golf after having been away from the game for thirty-two years. One of the things he missed the most about it was being able to put his cares aside when he was out on the course. As he put it:

If you play bad, you might be furious about it, but you haven't thought about anything else the whole day. It's like shaking an Etch-A-Sketch.

I think this can also be a fine image to get across the peace of mind that can be ours when we make a good **Confession**, which we will have many opportunities to do as we approach Christmas. Our parish's Advent Penance service is next Saturday at 1:00. After its communal prayers and reflections, the priests will hear Confessions until everyone gets a chance to receive this great sacrament of forgiveness. Later that day we will also have Confessions at our usual 4:30 to 5:30 time. There will also be Confessions after the daily Masses of December 21-23.

St. Thomas Aquinas, who taught with such great clarity about virtually all of our Catholic beliefs, went to the heart of things about this beneficial sacrament when he wrote that

In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.

Our encounter with Christ in this sacrament, which is sometimes also called Penance or Reconciliation, is a renewal of the grace we first received when we were baptized. When we accept this grace, we accept the gift of making a new start in our spiritual life whenever we need it. And even if we have not been separated from God by any grievous sin, we are still strengthened by the Lord and become more closely united to him whenever we make a good Confession.

If it has been a while since your last Confession, don't hesitate to ask the priests for help. In some ways, it's easier to go to Confession than it used to be. For example, if you don't remember how to say the Act of Contrition prayer that expresses your sorrow for your sins, you can make up your own. I like the spontaneous prayer the hero of *The Song of Roland* said when he was dying beneath a pine tree, after his last heroic battle:

O Father true, who canst not lie,
Who didst Lazarus raise unto life again,
And Daniel shield in the lion's den;
Shield my soul from its peril, due
For the sins I sinned my lifetime through.

It's sound practice not to neglect Confession.

Msgr. David Hubba

This Week at St. Mary

- Sunday, December 13**
9:00 a.m. Religious Education
11:30 a.m. Rel. Ed *Pancakes with Santa* – MWH
11:30 a.m. Baptismal Prep – PCCR
11:30 a.m. RCIA Instruction – Dcn. Coffey Conf. Rm
1:00 p.m. “A Christmas Carol” Practice – MWH
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball–Gym call Bill @ 973-219-9555
- Monday, December 14**
12:00 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
5:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – MWH
7:30 p.m. Rosary Society Christmas Social & General Meeting – School Cafeteria
8:00 p.m. Oratory of Divine Love – Dcn. Coffey CR
8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg. – Council Hall
- Tuesday, December 15**
3:45 p.m. Religious Education
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – Chapel
7:15 p.m. Bingo – MWH
- Wednesday, December 16**
7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena – Chapel
7:30 p.m. Nutley High School Benefit Concert – Church
- Thursday, December 17**
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Mtg. – Youth Group Room
7:00 p.m. Devotion to the Divine Mercy – Chapel
- Friday, December 18**
5:30 p.m. “A Christmas Carol” Practice – MWH
- Saturday, December 19**
9:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating – Church
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Visit to Retired Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
1:00 p.m. Communal Advent Penance Service (with individual confessions) – Church
6:00 p.m. Couples for Christ Christmas Party – MWH
- Sunday, December 20**
9:00 a.m. Religious Education
11:30 a.m. RCIA Instruction – PCCR
1:30 p.m. Baptisms – Church
1:30 p.m. “A Christmas Carol” Presentation – MWH
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball–Gym call Bill @ 973-219-9555

OLPH Change of Venue

Please note that the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena for Wed., **Dec. 16** will be held in the Parish Center Chapel.

Church Decorating



Anyone wishing to assist us in decorating the main church for the Christmas season is asked to meet at the church on Sat., **Dec. 19** at

9:00 a.m. to put up the trees, garland and wreaths, and Tues., **Dec. 22** at 9:00 a.m. to place the flowers on the altar.

2010 Lector's Workbooks

The 2010 workbooks for our lectors (for Cycle C) are available from Jennifer in the parish's Sunday office, at the back of the church.

Advent Penance Service

St. Mary's Parish will hold their Advent Penance Service on Sat., **Dec. 19** at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Individual confessions will be heard after the communal prayers and reflections.



Rosary Society News

The St. Mary's Rosary Society Christmas Party and General Meeting will be held on Mon., **Dec. 14** at 7:30 p.m. in the School Hall. All are invited to attend. Save the date and come join us for entertainment, with members of the **Nutley High School Choir** directed by **Michael Cundari**, and help celebrate the joy of the season.

All women of the parish are welcome to join the Rosary Society. We need more active members to keep the society alive. The dues are only \$5, pretty cheap for organizations these days.

Our main goal is promoting the rosary and supporting the parish. In the past we have paid for the doors on the church and are currently paying for the carpet on the altar. We also donate the Communion Hosts at the Masses. When members die, we attend wake services to pray the rosary.

We have seven meetings a year which include the Calendar Party Fundraiser, Communion Breakfast, Baby Shower, Installation of Officers/Memorial Mass/Evening of Reflection, Christmas social and sometimes a Fall Luncheon. If you become a prefect or officer, there are additional meetings. We hope you will come to our Christmas Party and see what we're about!

Parish Christmas Giving Tree

Please have all gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree dropped off to the church by this week (week of **Dec. 13**). This will allow enough time to sort the gifts, and for the agencies to pick them up. Wrap the gift decoratively and **place the tag back on the gift so it will go to the appropriate agency.**



The Chorus of Communities Sing-a-Long

The Chorus of Communities presents “A Messiah Sing-a-Long” on Sun., **Dec. 13** at 3:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church (581 Valley Road, Montclair.) A free-will donation will be collected at the door. For information, call 201-472-9362.



St. Mary's Bulletins on Website

Need to find information in a past bulletin from our parish? Visit our website at www.stmarysnutley.org. and click on the Bulletin link.



Celebrate in Song...

A Holiday Benefit Concert

Featuring

Nutley High School Concert Choir
Nutley High School Choralettes
Nutley High School Chamber Singers
John H. Walker Middle School Madrigals

Directed by Mr. Michael Cundari &
Ms. Nicole SanGiovanni



Wednesday, December 16

7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Suggested \$5 donation at the door
Proceeds to benefit "Friends of Nutley Singers
Scholarship Fund"

8th Seminary Christmas Concert and Dinner

Each year before Christmas the men preparing for the Priesthood at Redemptoris Mater Seminary offer a Christmas concert where they sing Christmas carols in a variety of languages (English, Polish, Italian, Portuguese and others) in a festive and prayerful ambience. A good sit-down buffet dinner accompanies the occasion and becomes an excellent opportunity for people to enjoy each other's company and get acquainted with the seminarians. This year's concert and dinner will take place at the Seminary (672 Passaic Ave, Kearny) on Fri., **Dec. 18** (dinner at 6:00 p.m. and concert at 7:30 p.m.) Suggested donations are \$50 for 1 ticket; \$40 each for 3 tickets; \$35 each for 4-9 tickets; \$30 each for 10+ tickets. Checks should be made out to "Family of Nazareth". For more information and tickets call 201-997-3220.



Christmas Flower Donations

Please place your Christmas Flower envelope in the first or second collection basket. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church. Please print names legibly.

Blood Drive a Success

The Blood Center of New Jersey was most impressed with the generosity of St. Mary's blood donors. Forty (40) units were collected! Seven were first-time donors. Thanks to each of you for your life-saving gift.

Gen McCutcheon
Drive Coordinator

Thank You

We owe God "Thanks" for everything that happened at our November 26 Thanksgiving Day Banquet. We put our complete trust in Him and He provided us everything we needed to prepare the banquet for our least fortunate brothers and sisters.

The wonderful and loving collaboration of our parishioners made it possible for our guests to see Jesus Christ visibly present in each and every one of us. The unselfish humility displayed by all the volunteers and donors was very powerful and overwhelming. It penetrated the hearts of everyone, especially the guests. One very moving event was when a teary-eyed young boy tightly hugged one of the volunteers and told her "this is the best Thanksgiving ever in my life, I felt very special." An older woman guest told us "thank you for making me smile again, I never felt happy like this before." Words cannot express how much all the guests appreciated all that you did and contributed. We owe the guest thanks for without them our celebration would be incomplete and void

We salute the committee chairmen for their dedication, patience, leadership and countless hours of work. Their effort made this large undertaking smooth and successful. Also, all our great cooks who came to donate the side dishes and desserts, and all our performers who delighted us with their talents. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of our parishioners as well as our donors. To **Anthony and Maureen Santoro** for making it possible to give out gift cards to all the guests; **Queen Margherita** for cooking all the turkeys; **Jim Dandy's** for warming us with their delicious soup; **Shop-Rite of Nutley** for providing us with mashed potatoes; **Applegate Farm** for the ice cream; **Zinicola's** and **Vitiello's** for the bread. We hope you will support their businesses as they continue to support many of our church activities.

We would like to thank all the volunteers from **St. Mary's, Holy Family, Couples for Christ, Bill Arndt's music group, Religious Ed classes** and the **PTO**, and **Msgr. Hubba, Fr. George, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Henry, Bishop Charles, Sister Mary Joseph** and **Msgr. Bochicchio** for their prayers and support.

Thanks to all of you who helped and offered prayers. You did wondrous deeds for our God. "You have fed, clothed and welcomed Him." As God said "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do it unto Me." May we continue to find joy in giving.

May Christ be always the center of our celebration this Christmas. God bless you and your family. Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!

In Christ's Love and Service,
Marlon and Coco Cadag



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Children and Young Adults of St. Mary's present

“A Christmas Carol”

A frolicking, toe tapping, operatic version

Stage Crew: Dorothy Cielo, Felicia Gardner,
Karen Pirchio, Lyudmila Syrochkina

Come one, come all, and let us help
get you in the Christmas Holiday Spirit.

Dates: Sunday, **December 20** at 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, **December 27** at 1:30 p.m.
(this performance will begin at 1:15 p.m. with
a memorial tribute to **Deacon John Coffey**)

Refreshments will be served courtesy of Tara Freschi
and The St. Mary's Youth Group.

If anyone would like to donate a baked item for the
December 20 reception, please call Karen Pirchio
at 973-661-1343.



Simbang Gabi Mass Schedule

The following are the 2009 *Simbang Gabi* Novena Mass dates for the Catholic Parishes of Deanery 16:

Tues., Dec. 15 at 7:00p.m.	St. Valentine Bloomfield 973-743-0220
Wed., Dec. 16 at 8:00p.m.	St. Peter Belleville 973-7512002
Thurs., Dec. 17 at 7:00p.m.	St. Thomas Bloomfield 973-338-9190
Fri., Dec. 18 at 7:30p.m.	St. Anthony Belleville 973-481-1991
Sat., Dec. 19 at 6:30p.m.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Nutley 973-667-2580
Sun., Dec. 20 at 5:00p.m.	Holy Family Nutley 973-667-0026
Mon., Dec. 21 at 7:30p.m.	Sacred Heart Bloomfield 973-748-1800
Tues., Dec. 22 at 7:30p.m.	St. Mary's Church
Wed., Dec. 23 at 7:30p.m.	Holy Name of Jesus East Orange 973-675-4444

Reporting Abuse to the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Scriptural Reflection on Stewardship

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." Philippians 4:6-7

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Retirement Fund Helps Senior Religious

Religious face rising costs. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retired Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's special collection.



Advent Penance Service



Holy Family Church – Mon., Dec 14 at 7:45p.m. in church
St. Mary's Church – Sat., Dec. 19 at 1:00p.m. in church
Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Tues., Dec. 22 at 7:30p.m. in church

Parish Collection for Sunday, December 6

Thank you for your donation of \$8,584, (of this \$3,580 was for the December Archdiocesan Assessment.)

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.



The deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. That they may be protected by the Holy Spirit and know the prayers of a grateful nation.

If any names can be taken off the Sick List, please contact the Parish Center at 973-235-1100.

The Sick

Jaclyn Amarin, Jim Blanda, Olga & Victor Boen, Dr. George Boyle, Patrick Brady, James Brooks, Louise Brunetto, John Casale, Dorothy Cielo, Bruno Colucci, Patti Colucci, Ann Corrigan, Joanne Cox, Michael Cox, Jr., Tom Coyle, Leonardo D'Armento, Matthew Deo, Anthony Divins, Alexandra Donadia, Marie Evans, Nicholas, Michele & Paul Fasone, Eileen Fell, Eleanor & Peter Franco, Roxanne Funke, Gertrude Furlong, Nancy Gabriele, Gabrielle Geannone, Eileen Gerber, Nicholas Grasso, Eileen Ippolito, Joanna Jasontek, Larry Koval, Elizabeth Klotz, Eric Lawton, Robert Macaulay, Maria MacMunn, Rose Marie Malanga, Karen Mathewson, Faith Morelli, Lorraine Marie Morelli, Virginia Moscolo, baby Nicole, Helen Nicole, Peggy Pisko, Steve Polut, Grace Reijers, Fran Reilly, Bob Rovere, Frieda Rygiel, Diana Schmelzer, Mary & Lawrence Simon, Michele Spina, John & Marianne Thievon, Marion Tremley, Jeannette Vicaro-Volpe, Charlet Villanueva, Peter Vocaturro, Margareta Wippich, Karen Zaliwski

Deceased

Yolanda Verderese, Richard Scheder

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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