

Weekly Mass Schedule

From the Pastor's Desk

All weekday Masses after Christmas
will be held in the Church until January 11, 2010

Saturday, December 26

5:30 p.m. DiStaulo & French Families

Sunday, December 27

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Anna V. Ross
10:30 a.m. Francis V. Bigley – 22nd Anniversary
10:30 a.m. Walter Schreitmueller – MWH
12:00 p.m. Mary Kanyock

Monday, December 28

6:30 a.m. Jeffrey Kahn
8:00 a.m. John J. Coffey – 1st Anniversary
12:10 p.m. Donald & Helen Harrison

Tuesday, December 29

6:30 a.m. Joseph Petti
8:00 a.m. Florence Moore – 21st Anniversary
12:10 p.m. A. Marc Guiliano

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 a.m. Chung Wei
8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Iannicelli
12:10 p.m. Sabino Iovino

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Catherine Tomasulo
8:00 a.m. A. Marc Guiliano, Sr.
12:10 p.m. Lillian D'Amico – 11th Anniversary
5:30 p.m. Helen Suszynski – 19th Anniversary

Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

7:30 a.m. John Palmieri
9:00 a.m. Bob McLaughlin
10:30 a.m. Patrick J. Byrne
12:00 p.m. Jack Marée – 37th Anniversary

Saturday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Michael Dunscombe
5:30 p.m. Pasquale Belverio

Sunday, January 3

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Rosary Society
10:30 a.m. Rey W. Bulmer
10:30 a.m. Rev. Harold Hermanns – MWH
12:00 p.m. Joseph Petti



Church Lamp

In Memory of the Joseph J. Ferraro



Hosts

For every Mass have been donated
by the Rosary Society

■ **St. Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787) was a civil lawyer before he became a priest. He went on to found the Redemptorist order, one of the Church's largest, and to be acclaimed for his expertise in moral theology. With the start of 2010 a few days away, thoughts Alphonsus had at the threshold of a year from his own times are well worth considering:

We are now at the end of 1761. Today the New Year of 1762 has begun. How many saw the beginning of the year that has just gone but did not live to see its end! We should give thanks to God that we are allowed to see its conclusion. But do we know whether we shall see the end of this year? Certainly, many will not see it. Who knows if we shall not be among this number? A year must dawn for us that will be our last.

We should awaken our faith and strive for the remainder of our lives to live according to the maxims of our faith. ... Let us awaken our faith to realize that this earth is not our true home but that we are merely here as pilgrims.

Our faith will give us confidence in our difficulties, teaching us that whoever prays will be saved. May our faith make us always live with the thought of eternity. Let's keep ever before our eyes this great thought—everything in this world comes to an end, whether it be prosperity or adversity. Eternity alone never ends.

May the **New Year** be a time of many blessings for all of you.

■ Next Sunday's feast of the **Epiphany** has long been a favorite of poets and storytellers, no doubt because of the rich imaginative possibilities the Biblical narrative (Mt 2,1-12) offers them, especially about the exotic worshipers from the East. The late poet **Joseph Brodsky**, who moved to the United States in 1972 after being forced into exile from the Soviet Union and won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1987, described the Magi's visit from the awareness of the infant Jesus in these beautiful verses:

To Him, all things seemed enormous:

His mother's breast, the steam
out of the oxen's nostrils, Caspar, Balthazar,
Melchior—the team
of Magi, their presents heaped by the door ajar.
He was but a dot, and a dot was the star.

Keenly, without blinking, through pallid, stray
clouds, upon the child in the manger,
from far away—
from the depth of the universe,
from its opposite end—the star
was looking into the cave. And that was
the Father's stare.

Msgr. David Hubba

This Week at St. Mary

Sunday, December 27
9:00 a.m. NO Religious Education
11:30 a.m. RCIA Instruction – PCCR
1:15 p.m. “A Christmas Carol” Presentation with Memorial for Dcn. John Coffey – MWH
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball–Gym call Bill @ 973-219-9555

Monday, December 28
12:00 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
5:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – MWH
8:00 p.m. Oratory of Divine Love – Dcn. Coffey CR
8:00 p.m. K of C Columbus Mtg. – Council Hall

Tuesday, December 29
3:45 p.m. NO Religious Education
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – Chapel
7:15 p.m. Bingo – MWH

Wednesday, December 30
7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena – Church

Friday, January 1
Parish Center Closed

Sunday, January 3
9:00 a.m. NO Religious Education
11:30 a.m. RCIA Instruction – PCCR
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball–Gym call Bill @ 973-219-9555



Rosary Sunday January 3 — Church

Rosarians are encouraged to meet in the first few pews of church at 8:40 a.m. to recite the Rosary, and attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass which is offered for the intentions of the Rosarians.

Adoration Rescheduled

Due to the New Year’s Holiday on January 1, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration Devotions and Benediction has been rescheduled for Friday, **January 8, 2010.**

Winter CFM Classes

Begin the New Year in a spirit of prayer and reflection to learn more about your own spirituality. Join us for the winter session of the *Christian Foundations for Ministry* (CFM) classes which will take place on Thursday evenings beginning **Jan. 7, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room. The topic for this eight-week cycle is: “The Year of the Lord: Living the Paschal Mystery in the Liturgical Cycle.” If interested in registering for this program, please call the Parish Center at 973-235-1100.

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.

St. Mary’s New Year’s Mass Schedule

New Year’s Eve
Thursday, December 31
5:30 p.m.



New Year’s Day
Friday, January 1
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Daily masses will be held in the Church until **January 11, 2009.**



St. Mary’s Parish Center will be closed on Friday, **January 1, 2010.**

Bereavement Support Program

St. Mary’s will be hosting an eight-week bereavement support group beginning Wed., **Jan. 13** at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room. Those grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend this series and learn more about the grief process. Experience prayer and support in a spiritual setting and grow in faith and hope for the future. Contact Patricia Little at 973-235-0234 to register. Pre-registration is recommended.

Annulment Information Evening

An annulment Information Evening is scheduled for **Jan. 13** at St. Thomas the Apostle (60 Byrd Ave, Bloomfield) in the Parish Center/St. Peter Room at 7:30 p.m. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. For more info, call 973-497-4327.

Catholic Men’s Conference

Please mark your calendars. The 2010 Catholic Men’s Conference, “Champions of Faith”, will be on Sat., March 13, 2010 at Seton Hall University. More details to follow.

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, all monies on pledges with open balances need to be collected by **December 31.** Please make sure to send in your check before the deadline.

Self-Defense Class for Women

Deacon Joe Dwyer is offering a class in self-defense for all women. In two weeks you will gain basic self-defense skills, self-confidence and knowledge of how to cope with and avoid problem situations. These classes will be held in the St. Joseph Center at Holy Family on **January 22 and 29** at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. Please call Deacon Joe at 973-284-1464 to reserve your spot.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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

“A Christmas Carol”

A frolicking, toe tapping, operatic version

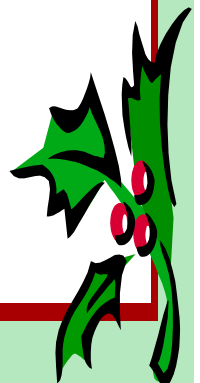
Stage Crew: Dorothy Cielo, Felicia Gardner,
Karen Pirchio, Lyudmila Syrochkina

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



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.





Did Your Faith Grow Up With You?

The Institute for Christian Spirituality, part of Seton Hall University's Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, is accepting **new student applications to the STEPS program for the Spring 2010 Semester.**

STEPS (Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services) is a graduate level certificate program for adult Catholics who seek a deeper understanding of their faith.

Classes are offered one night each week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, NJ, on a variety of subjects including, Scripture, Moral Theology, Systematic Theology and Church History.



Fifty percent discounts and other scholarships are available for those involved in paid or significant voluntary Church service. The scholarship and application deadlines are approaching!

Enroll today and don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith. For more information and application materials, please contact Stephen Kass, at (973) 275-2319 or kassstep@shu.edu or Dianne Traflet at Dianne.Traflet@shu.edu.

The following spiritual activities are held weekly at St. Mary's. We hope you will join us:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

All are invited to participate in the beautiful novena and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, each **Wednesday evening** at 7:30 p.m. in the church, which is moderated by Fr. George each Wednesday evening. Come, with your special needs and cares and find some comfort and peace through prayers and songs.



The Power of the Picture

According to *the Catholic Encyclopedia*, the original picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is painted on wood, with a background of gold. It is Byzantine in style and is supposed to have been painted in the thirteenth century. It represents the Mother of God holding the Divine Child while the Archangels Michael and Gabriel present before Him the instruments of His Passion. Over the figures in the actual picture are some Greek letters, which form the abbreviated words Mother of God, Jesus Christ, Archangel Michael, and Archangel Gabriel, respectively. It was brought to Rome toward the end of the fifteenth century by a pious merchant, who, dying there, ordered by his will that the picture should be exposed in a church for public veneration. A facsimile of the Holy Picture is on display in St. Mary's Church and is placed in front of the altar for the Wednesday novenas.

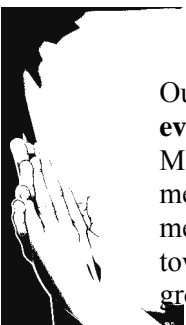
Devotion to the Divine Mercy Every Thursday

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in 1931 and told her that she was to prepare the world for his return. Devotion to the Divine Mercy can help us embrace this hope of salvation. Come and join us **every Thursday** at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel (in the Parish Center). There will be exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For additional information, please call Deacon Rey or Edna Trinidad at 201-998-7083.



Oratory of Divine Love

Our prayer group meets every **Monday evening** at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Meetings include prayer, scripture readings, meditation and group discussions encouraging members to pledge themselves to work towards their own spirituality and the spiritual growth of others.



BINGO on Tuesdays!

Be sure to join us for the fun at BINGO, every Tuesday night in Msgr. Walsh Hall. The *Early Bird Special* begins at 7:15 p.m. and *Game 1* at 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy our dinner foods which are available every week.



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, Douglas Canova, John Casale, Dorothy Cielo, Bruno Colucci, Patti Colucci, Ann Corrigan, Michael Cox Jr., Tom Coyle, Leonardo D'Armento, Matthew Deo, Anthony Divins, Alexandra Donadia, Watson Dufresne, 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, Elizabeth Klotz, Larry Kobal, 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, Wayne Thompson, Marion Tremley, Jeannette Vicaro-Volpe, Charlet Villanueva, Peter Vocaturo, Margareta Wippich, Karen Zaliwski

Deceased

Frank Reppa

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2,
21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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