

Saint Mary's Church

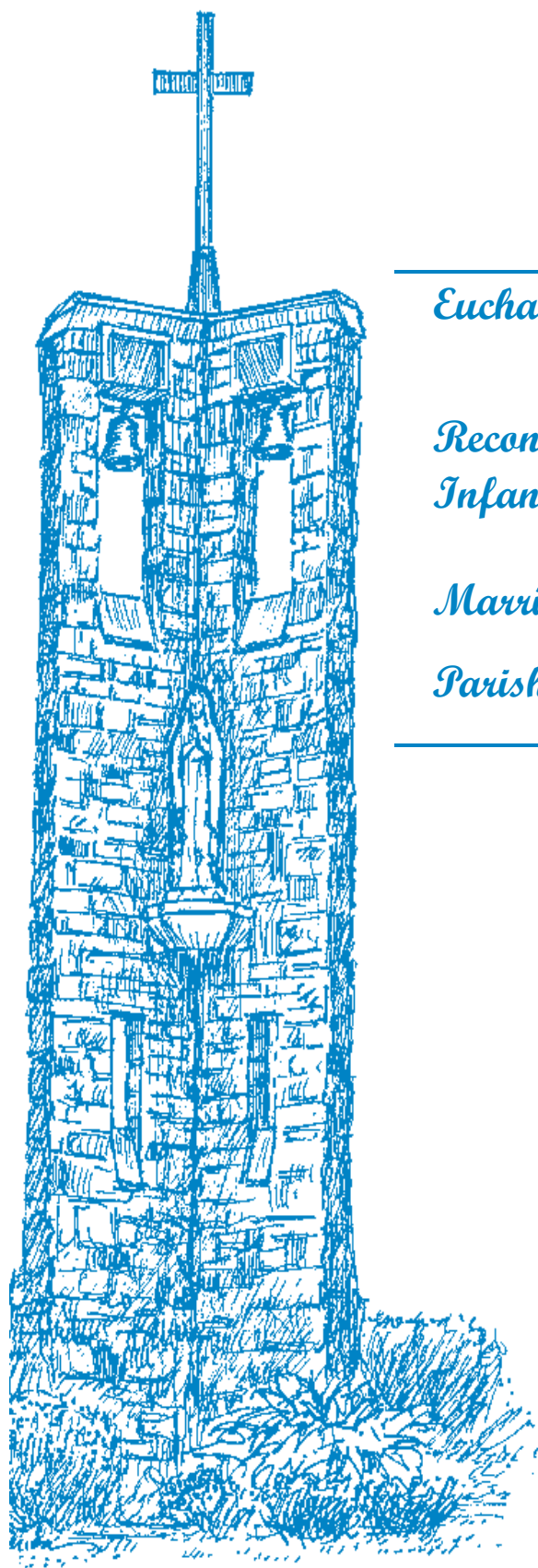
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Eucharist

Saturday Vigil • 5:00 PM

Sunday • 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM

Holy Days • As Announced in Bulletin

Reconciliation

Saturday • 4:00 PM and by appointment

Infant Baptism

Second Sunday at 12:00 Noon Mass

Third and Fourth Sunday at 1:30 PM

Contact Parish Office several months in advance

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance

732-780-2666

Parish Membership

New Parishioners are always welcome!

Contact the Parish Office regarding Orientation Program

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A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

February 28, 2010

Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, March 1 at 9:00AM

Joseph Scuteri by Mafalda Coseglia

Tuesday, March 2 at 9:00AM

Joe Noble, Sr. by the Noble Family
Raymond Cavagnaro by Maria & Rich Gerbino

Wednesday, March 3 at 9:00AM

Barbara McGuire by Thomas McGuire

Thursday, March 4 at 9:00AM

For the People of the Parish

Friday, March 5 at 9:00AM

Mario Sessa by the Melvin Family

Saturday, March 6 at 5:00PM

Loretta Saake by Barbara Saake
Dominic Buonocore by Trudy & Monty Matrisciani
Sergio Dos Santos by Julia Santos

Sunday, March 7 7:45AM

For the People of the Parish

9:00AM

Dennis DePol by the DePol Family
Maureen Stofira by Al & Treasure Herman
Dorothy Tirpak by Bill & Gail Cargiulo

10:30AM

George Capra by the Capra Family
Erma Mascaro by the Mascaro Family
Jerome Clancy by the Austin Family

12:00 Noon

Thomas Coniff by Maria & Richard Gerbino

Scripture Readings—March 7, 2010 Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Reflections/Activities

For week of March 7, 2010

Adults

What changes can I make in my daily life to atone for my past sins and failings and to help me do better in the future?

Children

Who among my friends is in most need of a helping hand? What can I do this week to show them God's love?

Source: wholecommunitycatechesis.com



This Week at St. Mary's

Please note: Parish Office Hours 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Sunday, February 28: Second Sunday of Lent—

Agape; Liturgy of the Word for Children at 9:00AM and 10:30AM Masses; Little Church at 10:30AM; RCIA at 10:30AM; Singles Journey at 11:45AM; GA at 6:30PM; Gam-anon at 6:30PM

Monday, March 1: Christian Yoga at 10:00AM; AA at 10:00AM; Koinonia at 10:00AM; Martha Mary Board Meeting at 10:00AM; Al-anon at 12:00 Noon; Religious Education Grade 2 at 3:15PM; Religious Education Grades 1-4 at 4:30PM; First Reconciliation Practice at 4:30PM; Childrens Choir at 5:30PM; Religious Education Grade 8 at 6:30PM; Youth Group Living Stations Practice at 7:00PM; Colts Neck Support Group at 7:30PM; Emmaus Choir at 7:30PM

Tuesday, March 2: Rosary at 8:30AM; Spiritual Reading at 10:00AM; Religious Education Grades 1-4 at 4:30PM; First Reconciliation Practice at 4:30PM; Childrens Choir at 5:30PM; Cantor Workshop at 7:30PM; Parish Council at 7:30PM; GA at 8:00PM

Wednesday, March 3: Christian Yoga at 9:00; Girl Scouts at 9:30AM; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:00AM to 1:00PM; AA at 12:00 Noon; New Horizons Bridge at 1:00PM; Stations of the Cross at 4:00PM; Religious Education Grades 1-4 at 4:30PM; Lenten Reconciliation for Grade 5 at 7:00PM; Families Anonymous at 7:30PM; AA at 7:30PM

Thursday, March 4: Men's Morning Office at 6:30AM; MOMS at 10:00AM; Religious Education Grades 1-4 at 4:30PM; Marion Handbells at 6:30PM; NJ Youth Orchestra at 6:30PM; Magnificat Choir at 7:30; Christian Yoga at 7:30PM

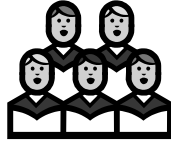
Friday, March 5: Women's Retreat Weekend; Women's Morning Office at 6:30PM; Lectio Divinia at 8:30AM; Italian Classes at 10:00AM; Jack Frost Lock-in at 6:00PM; Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Saturday, March 6: Women's Retreat Weekend; Liturgy of the Word for Children at 5:00PM; Jack Frost Lock-in

Sunday, March 7: Third Sunday of Lent; Food Collection; Women's Retreat Weekend; Liturgy of the Word for Children at 9:00AM and 10:30AM Masses; Little Church at 10:30AM; Singles Journey at 11:45AM; Holy Family Institute at 2:00PM; GA at 6:30PM; Gam-anon at 6:30PM

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Sing Something Special For Holy Week



Raising our voices in song is a wonderful way to celebrate our faith and to find deeper meaning in the liturgy, especially those special Masses and services that make up Holy Week. We'd like to invite you to sing with the choir for Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday this year. CDs will be provided to help you learn the music and rehearsals will take you through everything step by step, even if you don't read music!

By attending three or four Thursday night rehearsals (March 4—March 25, 7:30—9:00PM), you can add to our numbers to help make these celebrations even more special for the whole Parish community.

Interested individuals can contact Tom Carter at their convenience (tomcarter732@gmail.com, 732-780-2666 x327 or in person).

Scrutinies

Next week at 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the first of the three "Scrutinies" for those in our catechumenal process who are preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are also called by the more exotic name "major exorcisms." As such, they are among the most ancient prayers in the Christian liturgical tradition. As early as the second century, Christian communities would help those who had been chosen for Baptism to prepare for their initiation by laying on hands and by prayers for protection and deliverance from evil (i.e. exorcisms). At the beginning of the third century, Hippolytus told the Christians at Rome to celebrate these rites with catechumens on a daily basis during the final stages of preparation for Baptism.

Today we continue to celebrate these powerful rituals, convinced that those about to enter into a covenant with God in Christ stand in need of our prayers for deliverance and protection. We also understand today that our prayers for protection from evil are not limited to those formally engaged in the catechumenal process. Just as our entire community is called to journey with the catechumens throughout the Lenten season, we recognize the need we all share for freedom from evil and its effects.



Women's Retreat Weekend

March 5-7, 2010

St. Joseph's by the Sea



Weekend Retreat
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This weekend will provide time for silence and solitude with input, prayer and reflection on the Hidden Life of Jesus and its significance for us in our everyday lives.

Presenter: Sr. Helen

Cost: \$175

If interested please call Gail Cargiulo after 7:00PM at 732-431-2815 on or before February 26, 2010.

Burden Basket: A Lenten Practice



As we prepare to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter, we pause to reflect on the weaknesses and failures that cause us to lose sight of our commitment to God. Throughout these 40 days, we are invited to think about and write down the wants and fears that tempt us away from God or hold us back from a deeper relationship with Him. Add them to our burden basket. We will pray for these burdens each week and as they are consumed by the Easter Vigil fire our hope is that each of us might move beyond our wants and fears to a newness of life.

A Lenten Offering: Lectio Divina

Scripture Readings will be held on Friday mornings in the Church (close to tabernacle area) at 8:30AM for a 20 minute period.

These prayerful readings are meant to draw us into a deeper appreciation of the Paschal Mystery and to help us in our understanding of how these readings touch our hearts today.

Dates

March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Our time together will be facilitated by Sr. Helen.
All are welcome.

Lenten Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross
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We are looking for families to assist the Deacon at Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 4:00PM and Fridays at 7:00PM. Please sign up on the chart in the Gathering Space.

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Martha Mary Guild A Lenten Offering

The Martha Mary Guild has many “facets”—charitable, spiritual, educational and social. During Lent, the emphasis is on spirituality, and on **Wednesday, March 10**, Sr. Helen is going to concentrate on Parables from the Gospel of Luke, to whom Dante gave the title “narrator of the winning gentleness of Christ.” We will peruse chapter 15 – Parables of God’s Mercy and chapter 10 – the Good Samaritan.

To quote Sr. Helen: “St. Augustine says that we hear these stories over and over and at times they are newly received. During this Lenten season, that is our hope.” Sister goes on to say: “This time of reflection is a brief visit with Scripture, but we can expect great visitations from God. Our time together will include input, prayer, quiet reflection and optional sharing.”

All women of the parish are invited to join us for this very special Lenten Offering. We will pray the rosary in the Chapel at 11:30AM. There will be a brief business meeting and a BYOL (bring your own lunch), with refreshments provided by the Guild. Then we will participate in what may truly be the highlight of our Lenten journey!

Please Don't Turn Away From the Needy

Donations to the 2010 Bishop's Appeal will continue in aiding financially challenged Catholic schools, priests-in-training, poorer parishes, and most of all the poor. We may all need help, but truly your sacrifices will have a magnified benefit on our less fortunate sisters and brothers.

Please don't turn away from them. Use the Bishop's Annual Appeal cards today to make your donation or visit www.bishopsannualappeal.org to make a pledge.



Reminder for March 7th

Just a quick reminder...Next Sunday, March 7th there will be a second collection for our mortgage reduction effort. Your generosity is always much appreciated.
Thank you.

Religious Education News

We are located in Room 11 of the Family Life Center.

Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00AM-12:00 noon or by appointment.

Phone: (732) 294-8841 or e-mail: saintmaryreligioused@verizon.net

Classes for Grades 1-5 take place Monday thru Thursday 4:30PM-5:30PM

Monday- Thursday, March 1-4: NO Class for 5th Graders only who meet 4:30-5:30PM.

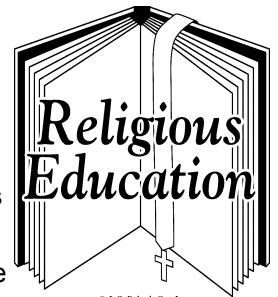
Monday-Tuesday, March 1-2: First Reconciliation Practice at 4:30PM in the Chapel (for those in our Home School Program).

Wednesday, March 3rd: NO Class for Grades 1-5, 4:30-5:30PM.

Wednesday, March 3rd: 5th Grade Lenten Reconciliation at 7:00PM in the church.

Monday, March 8th: Religious Ed. Advisory Board Meeting @ 10:00AM.

Wednesday-Thursday, March 10-11th: First Reconciliation Practice at 4:30PM in the Chapel (for those in our Home School Program).



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Food Collection Next Sunday, March 7 At All Masses

Please leave all items in the Parish Hall. Items especially needed are:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, stew etc.)
- Macaroni & cheese boxes
- Breakfast cereal
- Pancake mix and breakfast syrup
- Canned fruit
- Personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)
- Beverages (juices, “Parmalat,” milk, etc.)
- Coffee

We could also always use:

- Soups
- Canned meals (chili, canned pasta and meat, and beans)
- Sugar in plastic containers



2010 Stewardship of Treasure Parish Financial Summary		
Year to Date—Regular Collection Information		
Budgeted Amount		\$535,113
Actual Collected Amount		<u>480,926</u>
Shortfall		(54,187)
This Week's Collection Information		
Budgeted Amount		\$15,739
February 21, 2010 Amount		<u>13,706</u>
Shortfall		(2,033)
February Mortgage Collection		\$5,607
Fundraising Information		
Budgeted 2009/2010 Goal		\$100,000
Results to Date		
Casino Night	\$10,076	
50/50 Raffle	\$36,043	
Light Up a Memory	\$13,956	
Winter Concert	\$9,772	\$69,847
To Reach Our Fundraising Goal		\$30,153
The remaining fundraisers for this fiscal year include:		
Golf Outing—May		
Stewardship Appeal—Spring		

Mark Your Calendar...

- **Choir**
Saturday, March 6 at 5:00PM—Childrens Choir
Sunday, March 7 at 10:30 AM—Magnificat Choir
- **Pre-Baptism Class**
The next pre-baptism class for all parents with children being baptized will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. All classes are held in the Spiritual Center theater at 7:30PM. Please call Sharon Sturchio at 723-780-2666 x 311 for registration information.
- **Parish Orientation**
Interested in joining St. Mary's? Please call Sharon Sturchio at 723-780-2666 x 311 for registration information.

Finance Council Membership
Many of our current Finance Council members' terms will expire in June. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to inquire about it, please contact the Business Manager at 732 780-2666 x 314. Thank you.

Dorothy Day

We look at the statue of Dorothy Day outside our gathering space. Who is she? What has she done? Why do we revere her? **Our own Sarah Melice** has brought Dorothy alive in many cities in the US and Canada. As part of a fundraising effort for Mercy Center of Asbury Park, Sarah will bring Day's loves—wit, compassion and the pursuit of peace and justices for workers, the poor and the homeless—to life in her **memorable performance of: Fool for Christ.**

Lent is the perfect time to get to know and love this remarkable woman's ideals. The performance will take place in the **refurbished Jersey Shore Arts Center in Ocean Grove.**

Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 6:30PM
There will be complementary refreshments and prizes. Cost per ticket is \$20.

For tickets please call:
Marie & Joe Merante at 732-292-0251
Mike Radice at 732-530-0199

Calling All Nurses...

Faith Community Nursing Ministry

We are looking for nurses who are willing to combine their nursing skills with spiritual care.

- Nurses who can facilitate healing and growth through a ministry of presence — listening more than speaking.
- Nurses who are willing to be a part of a team at St. Mary's.
- Nurses that maintain an active nursing license and carry liability insurance.
- Nurses can also be covered under Diocesan Policy.
- Nurses who can do record-keeping.

If interested, please call Sister Jeanne at 732-780-2666 ext. 309.



Counters Needed

Looking to volunteer to help the Parish?
Don't have a great deal of time?
How about an hour and a half per week?
Or an hour and a half every two weeks?
Call the Parish Office (732) 780-2666

Save the Date

St. Mary's Golf Outing

May 10, 2010
Eagle Oaks
Golf & Country Club



Keep an eye out for our Parish-wide mailing

Youth Group Happenings

Info: Amy & Mike
732-780-7343 x328
Email: mikenamy@optonline.net



Upcoming Meetings

March 1 & 8, 7:00PM: Living Stations Practice in Madonna Hall

March 13, 1:00PM: Living Stations Practice in Madonna Hall

March 15, 7:00PM: Living Stations Practice in Madonna Hall

March 19, 6:00PM-10:00PM: Dress rehearsal for Living Stations of the Cross

March 20 and 21 at 7:30PM: Living Stations of the Cross performances

April 24: Grocery Bagging Fundraiser at Shoprite in Aberdeen

April 30– May 2: Spring Retreat

JACK News (Jr. High Youth Group)

Info: Chris Franklin, 732-780-7343 x328
Email: stmaryyouthmin@verizon.net

Upcoming Meetings

March 1 & 8, 7:00PM: Living Stations Practice in Madonna Hall

March 5-6: JACK Frost Lock-in

Please see Youth Group Happenings listed above for Living Stations of the Cross rehearsals and performances.

Sick List: Please pray for the following members of our parish family who are ill:

Jeremy Apgar	Tracie Galinski	Cathy O'Brien
Susan Argentieri	Joe George	Daniel Parker
Jane Badura	Luke Gilligan	Stacy Pecoraro
Anne Bonura	Mildred Kitson	Ralph Pennachio
Fran Boyle	Mary Kopko	Nadeane Ridgway
Deirdre Burkner	Helen Kozabo	Frank Shallis
Thomas Casey	Dorothy Latacz	Robert Stalzer
Ann Casey	Margaret Leonetti	Ian Sullivan
Thomas F. Dalton	Doreen LoPresti	Antoinette Vazzano
Logan Dayton	Andrew Madzin	Brian Wecker
Jordan DeDea	Tom Manfre	Paul Whiteman
Pat DeNardi	Annabella McGovern	Cody Wilson
Michael Dillon	Justin McMahan	

If you would like a family member who is not a parishioner to be placed on the sick list, please call the Parish Office at 732-780-2666 x326. This list will be revised and updated every three months. Please call to renew. Thank you.

St. Mary's Second Annual Summer Musical Camp

**Monday, July 12—
Friday, July 16, 2010**



**Performing: Are We There Yet?
(A Musical About Moses and the Ark)**

Children going into Grades 2-6 are encouraged to join us!
Registration fee—\$35

**Registration forms can be found on the web at:
www.stmarycoltsneck.com**

For more information contact:
Tom Carter at 732-780-2666 x327 or by email at tomcarter732@gmail.com

Men's Saturday Morning Program

March 13

Jerry Collins will speak at our Men's Saturday Program on March 13. Ray Rugarber will lead the program.

All men are invited to attend—7:15AM to 8:30AM in the Spiritual Center Chapel.

Come Join Us on

Our Holy Land Pilgrimage

**to the Peaceful Sites of Israel Where
Jesus Walked and Performed His
Miracles, Preached and Prayed**



Planned for mid-November this year, under the expert direction of Fr. Victor Hoagland, we will fly directly to the Holy Land and visit sacred sites described in the Gospels, including the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Sephoris, Mt. Carmel, Muraqa, Nain, Mt. Tabor (site of Jesus' Transfiguration), Mt. of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, Qumram, Mt. of Olives, Via Dolorosa and the Holy Sepulchre.

The 11-day trip cost covering our Continental round-trip flight, fuel surcharges, taxes, Israeli bus transportation, gratuities, first class hotels (double occupancy) and meals is \$3,200. If you wish to join us, please contact John Carlucci at 732-780-7343 ext. 320 or at 732-845-9644. Feel free to invite friends, even if not parishioners.