

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Saturday, January 2

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 T. Hermanns – MWH

12:00 p.m. Joseph Petti

Monday, January 4

6:30 a.m. All Souls

8:00 a.m. William Ronan – 60th Anniversary

12:10 p.m. Deacon John J. Coffey

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 a.m. Joseph Khong

8:00 a.m. Rev. Harold T. Hermanns

12:10 p.m. Cletus T. Joyce

Wednesday, January 6

6:30 a.m. The Unborn

8:00 a.m. Louise Ann Albanese

12:10 p.m. Charles Hickey – 13th Anniversary

Thursday, January 7

6:30 a.m. Neomi Rodriguez

8:00 a.m. Mary B. Cipolla

12:10 p.m. Marie Coleman

Friday, January 8

6:30 a.m. The Intentions of Emmanuel & Catherine
Reyes – 6th Wedding Anniversary

8:00 a.m. Rudolph Pfister

12:10 p.m. Anne Merrett

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Mary B. Cipolla

5:30 p.m. Pietro Schema

Sunday, January 10

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Chung Kwai

10:30 a.m. Angelina Galdo

10:30 a.m. Frank Frey – MWH

12:00 p.m. Carmine Dente



Church Lamp

For the Intentions of the Donohue Family



Hosts

For every Mass have been donated
by the Rosary Society

From the Pastor's Desk

In 2009 ...

■ U. S. Airways pilot **Captain Chesley Sullenberger** heroically landed his plane in the Hudson River after its engines stalled from ingesting birds. All 155 aboard survived. This contrasted with the exploit of Northwest pilots Timothy Cheney and Richard Cole, who overshot Minneapolis Airport by 150 miles after losing “situational awareness” when they were distracted by their laptop computers.

■ **Bill Thierfelder**, president of Belmont Abbey, a Catholic college in North Carolina, said he would rather close the school than comply with a U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission dictate that the college had to provide contraceptives for its employees.

■ **Notre Dame** University gave a controversial honorary doctorate to **President Obama** despite his strong support for abortion, leading to student protests. Fr. Frank Pavone, of Priests for Life, noted that there are 1.2 million abortions a year in the U.S. More encouragingly, a Gallup Poll found that, for the first time since the question was first asked in 1995, most Americans (51%) described themselves as pro-life, while 42% said they were “pro-choice.” It’s too bad university presidents, unlike disappointing football coaches, don’t get fired at America’s most prominent Catholic university.

■ Jesuit **Georgetown** University twice stirred up controversy. Acceding to a White House request, it covered up an “IHS” (Jesus) symbol for an April speech by **the President**. That same month, Georgetown Law School honored **Vice-President Joseph Biden**, a pro-abortion Catholic.

■ 23 years after being diagnosed as being in a vegetative state following a car accident, Belgian **Ron Houben** awoke and appears to have been conscious all along.

■ Atheist **Richard Dawkins**, author of *The God Delusion*, one of a number of recent vehement attacks on religion, led a campaign to plaster ads for his cause on London’s buses.

■ David Gelbaum informed the **ACLU** that it wouldn’t be getting his usual donation of \$20-plus million this year, forcing the organization to significantly reduce its operating budget. (It couldn’t happen to a more deserving bunch!)

■ **Gun violence** continued: In March, 4 Oakland, CA, police officers were murdered by a man who was later shot to death. In April, 3 Pittsburgh officers were killed; and a gunman murdered 13 people at an immigration services center in normally uneventful Binghamton, New York. In November, Army Major Nidal Malik, a psychiatrist, killed 12 and wounded 31 at Fort Hood, Texas; and 4 members of the Lakewood, WA, police force were shot to death as they sat in a coffee shop. Their killer was later slain by a Seattle officer.

■ Keith Phoenix, 28, was arrested for beating Ecuadorean immigrant **Jose Sucuzhanay** to death with an aluminum baseball bat. He said to the NYPD detectives who arrested him: “So I killed someone. That makes me a bad guy?”

■ In September, 17 people were shot dead at a drug rehab facility in Ciudad Juárez. Recent drug-gang violence has killed an estimated 13,500 **Mexicans**, including 1,000 police. In the past two years, Juárez has seen 4 attacks claim 32 lives.

■ Ugandan rebels of Joseph Kony's "The Lord's Resistance Army" have killed hundreds and raped thousands in **Congo** villages. On Christmas day 2008, 150 inhabitants of Faradje were slain and, on the same day, 80 more in Batande, where the killers later ate their victims' Christmas dinners before falling asleep among their corpses.

■ Distinguished writer **Elie Wiesel**, among the world's foremost moral voices, lost his life's savings and \$5.2 million of his charitable foundation's funds in Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme, the largest ever. Wiesel castigated him as a "scoundrel." Other Madoff victims included pitching immortal **Sandy Koufax** and **Sen. Frank Lautenberg** of New Jersey.

■ Alexander's Autographs, of Stamford, CT, auctioned **possessions of Nazi notables**. A dessert plate from Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" retreat, with a picture of a girl in a *dirndl* on it, fetched \$3,000. Other items included Eva Braun's compact (\$4,000), Dr. Josef Mengele's autograph (\$5,500) and a pair of "Death's Head" cufflinks once owned by former SS boss Ernst Kaltenbrunner, who was hanged after the Nuremberg trial.

■ With the reluctant consent of her divorced parents, **Laura Dekker**, 13, proposed to sail around the world solo. A Dutch court later ruled that she could not do so because of her obligation to attend school—so she now intends to fulfill her dream in May, after the school year ends.

■ Actor **Mickey Rourke**, who recovered from addictions with the help of **Fr. Peter Colapietro** of NYC's Holy Cross Church, got an Oscar nomination for his film "The Wrestler."

■ After Illinois Governor **Rod Blagojevich** was indicted for attempting to sell President Obama's former Senate seat, his wife Patricia, a foul-mouthed highlight of federal wire taps, joined the cast of NBC's "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!"—and so got to eat a tarantula.

■ Reality TV covered itself with further glory when **Richard and Mayumi Heene** of Fort Collins, Colorado, who had appeared twice on "Wife Swap," reported their six-year-old son **Falcon** missing—in a runaway balloon—sparking all-out media coverage. They did this, as Falcon later told Larry King on his show, in hopes of getting another TV appearance. The Hennes, as you may suspect, also search for space aliens and chase storms, sometimes bringing their children with them.

■ Long-time TV **soap operas** "The Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns" sold their last bars of soap after 57 and 54 years respectively.

■ **Nadya Suleman** of Whittier, California, showed how well *in vitro* fertilization can work by giving birth to octuplets, who now share her home with her 6 older children. After Nadya said how much she loved children, her mother said she wished Nadya had expressed this by becoming a kindergarten teacher.

■ Former Seton Hall basketball coaches **P. J. Carlesimo** and **Bill Raftery** received honorary doctorates from the university.

■ After the 2008-2009 N.B.A. season, ex-Knicks forward **Quentin Richardson** was traded an unprecedented four times, being sent to the Memphis Grizzlies, the L.A. Clippers, the Minnesota Timberwolves and, finally, to the Miami Heat.

Msgr. David Hubba

This Week at St. Mary

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
Monday,	January 4
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
Tuesday,	January 5
3:45 p.m.	Religious Education
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice – Chapel
7:15 p.m.	Bingo – MWH
Wednesday,	January 6
7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena – Church
Thursday,	January 7
7:00 p.m.	Devotion to the Divine Mercy – Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council – PCCR
7:30 p.m.	CFM – Dcn. Coffey Conference Room
Friday,	January 8
1–9 p.m.	Adoration of the Holy Eucharist – Chapel
8–9 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration Devotions and Benedictions – Chapel
Sunday,	January 10
9:00 a.m.	Religious Education
11:30 a.m.	RCIA Instruction–Dcn. Coffey Conf. Rm
11:30 a.m.	Baptismal Prep - PCCR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball–Gym call Bill @ 973-219-9555



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, January 8 – In the Chapel

From 1-9 pm

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions & Benediction

From 8-9 pm

Winter CFM Classes

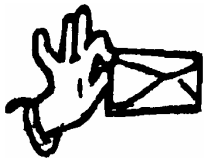
Begin the New Year in a spirit of prayer and reflection to learn more about your own spirituality. Join us for the winter session of the *Christian Foundations for Ministry* (CFM) classes which will take place on Thursday evenings beginning **Jan. 7, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference 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.

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.

A Good Reason to Use Church Envelopes

As the new year begins, just a reminder that with the Internal Revenue Service Pension Act of 2006, the charitable contribution deduction is disallowed for any monetary contributions (cash, check, etc.) unless you, the giver, maintain a record of the contribution. The record of the donation must be in the form of a bank record, cancelled check, or a written communication from the recipient showing the name of the charitable organization, the date of the contribution and the amount of the contribution. When using our church collection envelopes you will receive a tax statement with your yearly total. If you do not receive monthly envelopes at this time but wish to, please call the Parish Center at 973-235-1100.



Bible Timeline DVD Study at Archdiocesan Center

The Bible is not just any story – it is YOUR story. Discover how to understand it better! Make reading the Bible easy and exciting. This study will help you learn more about the people, places, and major events and themes of Scripture from a Catholic perspective. Join us at the Archdiocesan Center (171 Clifton Ave, Newark) on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6:30p.m. starting Jan. 5 through June 30. To learn more call 973-497-4353 or visit www.greatadventureonline.com.

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 information call 973-497-4327.



Basketball Festival 2009

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, which provides scholarships for needy inner-city children at parochial schools, will hold its seventh annual Basketball Festival in January. The Boys Festival features St. Benedict's Prep vs. Our Savior New American followed by St. Anthony's vs. NIA Prep, St. Patrick's vs. Trenton Catholic and St. Peter's Prep vs. Hudson Catholic on Sun., Jan. 10 starting at 12:15 p.m. at Kean University in Union. The Girl's Festival has a tripleheader with St. Anthony's vs. Benedictine Academy, Paramus Catholic vs. Mother Seton and Mt. Saint Dominic Academy vs. Marish High School on Sun., Jan. 17 starting at 3:15 p.m. at Paramus Catholic. Call 973-497-4279 to purchase tickets or order online at www.sfchoops.com



Pancakes With Santa a "Yummy" Success

The Family Mass community celebrated our annual "Pancakes with Santa" on Sun., December 13 after the Family Mass in Walsh Hall. A very special thanks to **Perkins Restaurant** in Lyndhurst for donating the batter and **Linda and Brian Jackman** for picking up and delivering it!

And, of course, our kitchen help: **Tim Balitsos, Mike Russo, Tom Crosby, Dan Helber, Rich Rubino, Bill Klecak, John Papa, Efrain Alameda, Joe Haines, John Halligan, Luis Concepcion, Kevin O'Connor, Paul St. Amant, and Jim Quinn** and **Ozzie Carabello** with the Cub Scout Troop. Thanks for making our day so special.

Thank You to the Church Decorators

We wish to send a special thank you to all the volunteers who came on Saturday, December 19 and Tuesday, December 22 and worked so hard to make our church look even more beautiful for the Christmas Season. We hope you enjoyed the decorations so tastefully arranged. This was the result of many hours of work gladly done for the love of God, our parish, and the spirit of the season.

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.

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.

Support Group for Those Separated or Divorced

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is starting a ten-session program on **Feb. 1**, set over twenty weeks, for those who are separated, recently divorced or going through the process of divorce. The mission is: first, to support emotionally and spiritually those who have suffered the loss of the marital relationship, and second, to offer a caring, compassionate and confidential environment for the sharing of experiences. The group size is limited and advanced registration is required - no walk ins. All sessions are held on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. To register, contact the OLMC parish secretary at 973-667-2580. All calls are confidential and there is no fee to attend.



Congratulations

To the following children baptized in December:
Elijah Dawson Jaico, Zoey Elizabeth Romano,
Grace Marie Flynn, Jaden Jack Wayne Fenwick



Right to Life March

Washington, D.C.
Friday, January 22

St. Mary's Parish will once again participate in the
Annual Right to Life March in Washington, D.C.
on Friday, January 22, 2010
(the 37th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade)

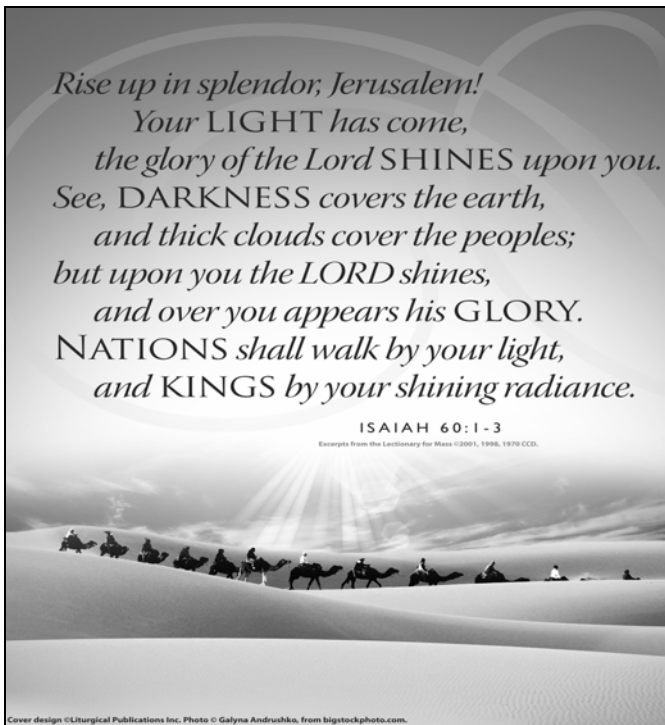
We will gather at the 6:30 a.m. mass on this day
and leave immediately following.

We are asking for \$30 to cover the bus expense.
(Please see Fr. George if this is a problem.)

To all who received Him, to those who believed in
His name, He gave the right to become children
of God – children born not of natural descent...
but born of God. John 1:12-13



Call 973-235-1100 to reserve a seat.



*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your LIGHT has come,
the glory of the Lord SHINES upon you.
See, DARKNESS covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his GLORY.
NATIONS shall walk by your light,
and KINGS by your shining radiance.*

ISAIAH 60:1-3
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Lacordaire Academy

Lacordaire Academy, celebrating its 90th year in the Dominican tradition, is proud to announce reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission. The Middle States team commended the Academy for its outstanding pre-k through 12 academic and extracurricular programs. The Academy is currently accepting applications for the beginning of its 91st year!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Parish Collection

Sunday, December 20th - \$4,116

Sunday, December 27th - \$6,565

Thank you for your donations.

Vocal Studio 8th Annual Song Recital

The **Vocal Studio of Dr. Melanie Mitrano** presents its 8th Annual Song Recital on Sat., Jan. 9 at 7:00 p.m. The recital will be held at Franklin Reformed Church (45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley). Tickets are \$10.

Annual Grocery Auction

St. Brendan School in Clifton (corner of 154 East 1st and Lakeview Avenues) invites all to their **11th Annual Grocery Auction** on Sun., Jan. 17 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon and the kitchen will be open for lunch. Tickets are \$10 and include one sheet of small prize tickets. Chance your luck on many small, medium large and grand prizes along with their super spectacular mystery prize! For tickets or info call 973-772-1149 or 973-820-5523.

Religious Ed Youth Group News



SAVE THE DATE:

Family Bingo Night - Sat., Jan. 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Msgr. Walsh Hall. Donated gifts needed for prizes. Save those unwanted Christmas gifts!



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 Amorin, 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, Charlie Seelman, Mary & Lawrence Simon, Michele Spina, John & Marianne Thievon, Marion Tremley, Jeannette Vicaro-Volpe, Charlet Villanueva, Peter Vocaturo, Margareta Wippich, Karen Zaliwski

Deceased

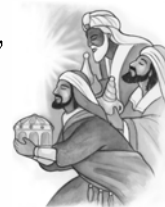
Anna Armenio, Thomas Norton

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw
his star at its rising and have come to
do him homage." — Mt 2:1b-2



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