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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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<b>MON., MAR. 30</b>	6:30	+	John Rubino – Marie Jordan
	9:00	+	Bob Carlo – Peter & Elaine Bartkus
<b>TUES, MAR. 31</b>	6:30		For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00	+	Peter Chiappetta – Coral & Bill Presti
<b>WED., APR. 1</b>	6:30		Special Intention
	9:00	+	John Stocks, Jr. – Stocks Family
<b>THU., APR. 2</b>	6:30	+	Kenneth Angell ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Family
	9:00	+	Hugh Mulligan – Peggy O’Keefe
<b>FRI., APR. 3</b>	6:30		Kathy Balster ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Friends in Bethel
	9:00	+	Rev. Henri Laurion – Friend
<b>SAT., APR. 4</b>	8:00	+	Gavino Danosos – Helen & Dan Yee
	5:30	+	Anthony Melita – Kurjiaka Family
<b>SUN., APR. 5</b>	7:00	+	Elizabeth Hand – Rose Ambrosino
	8:30	+	Alice Hensen – McDonald Family
	10:00	+	Peter Clarke – Fitzgerald Family
<i>Please note time change</i>	→ 12:00	+	Joe Quatraro – Ring Family
	5:30	+	Kellianne Gartland – Family



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**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



*Stephen Michael Gaspar*

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III – *Louis DiMeglio & Sarah Lauderowicz*



**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$14,220**

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**Please remember --- the 11:30am Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon on Palm Sunday ONLY.**

**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**

Sheila Kurjiaka: *Bulletin Editor*  
Kate Fitzgerald: *Secretary*  
Paul Orsino: *Property Manager*  
Steve DeMarco: *Parish Council President*  
Jane Shannon: *Cemetery Administrator*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557)**

Mary Ferri: *Director*  
Peggy Gavin: *Secretary*  
Dennis Nauheimer (RCIA): 794-9488

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Mike Macelletti: *Music Director*  
Elizabeth Barnes: *Choir Director*  
Debbie Caraluzzi: *Contemp. Group Director*

**ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922)**

Sister Anne McCarthy: *Principal*  
Linda Curry: *Secretary*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday – Friday: 6:30 & 9:00am  
Saturday: 8:00am & 5:30pm  
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm.

**BAPTISMS:** *Every Sunday at 1:00pm.*  
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES:** *Twice a Month.*  
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

**ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE:**

*Couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.*

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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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➤ *Congratulations to Mary Raymond for receiving the Distinguished Service Award at Immaculate High School. Mary who was the former choir director and is a current parent at St. Mary School and life long parishioner has done wonders with the Fine Arts program at Immaculate. Mary does a phenomenal job with the musicals each year and has organized, developed and, in many ways perfected, music classes and a beautiful chorus that sings at school Masses and concerts. Congratulations Mary for all your hard work and well deserved honor.*

➤ *A little about Holy Week.*

*First, Confessions will be heard on:*

*Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-5:00pm;*

*Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-10:00am;*

*Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:00pm;*

*Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-6:00pm.*

*There will be No Confessions during the Triduum. For the Triduum we have the following schedule:*

*Holy Thursday – 9:00am, Morning Prayer;*

*7:30pm, Mass of the Lords Supper with Adoration until 11:00pm.*

*Good Friday – 9:00am, Morning Prayer;*

*12:00noon, Ecumenical Way of the Cross;*

*3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion;*

*7:00pm, Stations of the Cross.*

*Holy Saturday – 9:00am, Morning Prayer;*

*12:00 noon, Blessing of Easter Food in the Parish Hall;*

*NO 5:30pm MASS;*

*8:00pm, Easter Vigil.*

*Easter – 7:00am Mass;*

*8:30am Mass;*

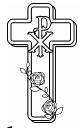
*10:00am Mass;*

*11:30am Mass;*

*NO 5:30 MASS.*

*OK, so this is the Last Time I will bring this up, but.... If you have not gone to confession recently, take these final offering times as opportunity knocking. Yes, I want to speak directly to you. Come, be reconciled with God. You don't have to be afraid, or concerned that you don't remember what to do, or be embarrassed, or whatever.... Exercise your spiritual muscle; take a chance to have the Lord love you; let the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart; come to confession. Take a moment to think why you haven't come to this life-giving Sacrament, and come. If you have a spouse or child or friend who hasn't gone in a while, give them this bulletin and encourage them to come.*

➤ *Easter is fast approaching. Unlike the rest of the world, the Church celebrates Easter for 50 Days. It is the most important feast of our faith and the sights, sounds and beauty of the season should last those 50 days. It is tradition that during Christmas and Easter we remember our beloved family and friends by making a donation to the Easter flowers in their memory. I encourage you to include the names of those you want to remember, and they will be mentioned in the bulletin. We shall also celebrate Mass on May 7<sup>th</sup> for all those you have remembered.*



Remember Our Dead

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**A MEMORIAL SERVICE**

will be conducted on MON., MAR. 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. This service is to remember, honor, pray for and pray to deceased members of our families. After the Service refreshments will be served in the **Parish Hall**. For more details call Deacon Mike (203 733-5880).

**DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS**

WED., APR. 1<sup>st</sup>: *Our turn to Cook.*



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be on FRI., APR. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00pm to 7:00am.

**COFFEE & ...** will be served after the 07:00 Mass on SUN., APR. 5<sup>th</sup>.



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB – March Book:**



*“Becoming Who You Are”*, by **James Martin, S.J.** Please join **Deacon John** in the **Children’s Room** at 7:30pm, on TUES., MAR. 31<sup>st</sup>, for group discussion.

**April Book:** *“Mere Christianity”*, by **C. S. Lewis** for discussion at 7:30pm on TUES., APR. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** To make it easier for the decorating committee, we ask that you give a monetary donation for flowers instead of bringing your own. Donations may be put in the basket or brought in to the Rectory.



**soup**

**SOUP and STATIONS**

On FRI., APR. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm, we shall offer a simple supper – a choice of non-meat soups, bread/crackers and a drink for \$1.00 (money going to charity). A simple Lenten meal with a beautiful spiritual tradition. This will be followed by **Stations of the Cross**, and after that our **Lenten Movie Night** feature, *“Molokai: The Story of Father Damien”*. Popcorn and soft drinks provided. You may make a free-will offering or donate a canned good to help feed the poor.

**CAMP COUNSELOR INTERVIEWS** have been changed to MON., APR. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, in the **Parish Hall**.



Easter Egg Hunt

On SAT., APR. 11<sup>th</sup>, children 9 years and younger are invited to meet in the **Gym** for our **Easter Egg Hunt**, which will begin promptly at 9:00am and be followed by **“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny”** which will end at 10:30am. The cost for breakfast is \$7.00 per person advance tickets and \$8.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased after all Masses this weekend, MAR. 28/29<sup>th</sup>, and next APR. 4/5<sup>th</sup>.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – Flower Delivery**

for **Bishop Curtis** has been rescheduled for SUN., APR. 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30-12:30. We’ll meet after Mass and drive over.



**WOMEN’S RETREAT** – If you would like to



join us at the **Holy Family of Nazareth Center**, in Monroe, on APR. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, please sign up in the Vestibule after Mass any weekend in March. Cost of the weekend is \$140.00 Any questions, please call **Deacon John** (744-2106) after 7pm.

Last weekend the men of St. Mary’s participated in our **Annual Men’s Retreat** at the **Holy Family Retreat House**. Thank you from all who attended for all your thoughts and prayers. It was an outstanding weekend for all.



**HOLY THURSDAY MASS**

**Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** are invited to participate. If interested, please contact **Mary Ferri** (743-4557).

**ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

**Penance Service, on APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm.**

## ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

The **2009 Annual Bishop's Appeal** has begun throughout the Diocese. We have the opportunity to help those being served through our many diocesan programs including Catholic Charities, Catholic and Religious Education, Pastoral Life, and Vocations. **Our parish goal is \$130,000**, and we hope to have as close to 100% participation as we can. The weekend of **APRIL 25-26** will be **In-Pew Sunday**. If you'd like to make a gift, you may send in your pledge card, call the **Development Office (203 416-1479)** or visit the website: [www.bridgeportdiocese.com](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com).



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:**  
**MON., APR. 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm**, in the **Parish Hall**.



### EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

The Knights will be putting together food baskets for the needy for Easter. If you wish to donate, you may drop off dry and canned goods in the **Church vestibule** anytime until **MON., APR. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Anything will be appreciated.

### ST. MARY CONTEMPORARY FOLK GROUP

The Contemporary Folk Group is in need of a **pianist**. If you would like to play piano with them, please call **Debbie Caraluzzi (730-0804)**.



Lectors  
Commentators



Eucharistic  
Ministers



Altar  
Servers

Sign up on sheets for **HOLY WEEK SERVICES** and **EASTER MASSES** in the **Bride's Room**, or call **Sheila (744-5777)**.

All **LECTORS** who are scheduled to read on **Palm Sunday (4/05)** are requested to attend a meeting on **SAT., APR. 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:00am**, in the Church. If you are unable to attend, please call **Eileen Clark (743-7084)**.

## School News

The **Third Annual Mother-Son Bowling** event will be held at **Lore's Lanes** in New Milford on **SAT., APR. 4<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:30-4:30pm**. Check-in begins at 2:00pm.



St. Mary's will host its first **5K Fun Run** on **SAT., MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like more information, please call **Eve Olson (744-5540)**. More details to come.

**KINDERGARTEN SCREENING – 2009-2010** will take place on **MON., MAR. 30<sup>th</sup>**, and **TUES., MAR. 31<sup>st</sup>**, for next school year.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our **Prayer Line**. Our team leaders are **Mary Walsh (798-1237)** and **Colleen Santaniello (792-0009)**.



## Lenten Season

**PENANCE: Every Tuesday night, from 7:00-9:00pm, in the Church.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday night, at 7:00pm, in the Church.**

**FRIDAYS: Days of ABSTINENCE (no meat)**

**STATIONS of the CROSS – Good Friday, 4/10**  
Please meet at **12:00 noon** on the sidewalk in front of the **Bishop Curtis Homes** for our annual **Ecumenical Way of the Cross**. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. For more details please call **Deacon Mike Oles (203 733-5880)**.



**LOAVES & FISHES COLLECTION** is used to feed the hungry and provides an opportunity for us to make sacrifices for those in need. Place your envelopes in the offertory collection anytime during Lent