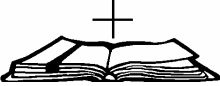


**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MON., APR. 27</b>	6:30	Special Intention	
	9:00	+ Bob Carlo – William & Barbara Sullivan	
<b>TUES, APR. 28</b>	6:30	Blessed Mother’s Intentions	
	9:00	+ Vito Sannasardo – Sholtes Family	
<b>WED., APR. 29</b>	6:30	Catherine Mascia ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Bridget & Art Cuomo	
	9:00	+ James Murphy – Grace O’Rourke	
<b>THU., APR. 30</b>	6:30	Special Intention	
	9:00	+ Tony Soegaard – Mary, Matt & Julia Guertin	
<b>FRI., MAY 1</b>	6:30	+ Mary C. Britt – Family	
	9:00	+ Members of Gadarowski Family	Mass Intentions
<b>SAT., MAY 2</b>	8:00	+ Ann Lynch – Kay Flynn	
	5:30	+ Suzanne Dorman – Family	
<b>SUN., MAY 3</b>	7:00	+ John (Poke) Poklemba, Jr. – Terri Rotella	
	8:30	+ Madelyn Glander – Banasik Family	
	10:00	+ Gloria Postiglione – Elaine & Pete Bartkus	
	11:30	+ Florence Santos – Marie & Domenic Broccoli	
	5:30	+ Paul Morton – McDonald Family	



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Alexa Jillian Brady*

*Lucas Anthony Cassio*

*Brenden William Mackenzie*

This weekend, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions. Your contribution will help needy dioceses in Appalachia, the deep South, the Southwest, and many other places to provide basic pastoral services to poor and isolated communities.



**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$16,100**

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**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**

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

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**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 celebrate.*

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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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- *This past week we celebrated the Funeral Mass for one of our Cantors, Tony Soegaard. Tony was a wonderful faith-filled man whom all of us will remember for his praising voice, his always ready to help attitude and his gentle manner. The tribute shown to Tony at his wake and funeral were outstanding and the support and comfort shown to his wife, Libby, and sons, Jose and Javier, were not only beautiful but also typical of our parish. Tony, you will be remembered, may you rest in peace.*
- *As we continue with our Easter celebration, I ask you to make a pledge to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. About 325 individuals or families have made a pledge thus far. Once again, I realize that economic times are difficult, but that is why a pledge is even more important this year: to help those who are in need. There are no small amounts when it comes to pledges. Pledges of \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 would be most welcomed and most helpful. You have until the end of the year to pay off the pledge. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this week. Many thanks for your generosity. A pastor got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our Annual Bishop's Appeal assessment. The bad news is it's still out there in your pockets." Next weekend will be our In-Pew Sunday.*
- *One of the most dramatic symbols of Easter is the Easter or Paschal Candle. This large wax candle is decorated and blessed at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It is placed during the Easter Season by the pulpit and lighted during liturgical services. During the ceremony, five grains of incense, representing the five wounds suffered by Jesus, are inserted in the form of a Cross. An Alpha above the Cross and an Omega below indicate that Christ is really the beginning and end of all; on the four sides of the Cross are the numbers of the current year, which are traced during the ceremony. The Exsultet is proclaimed by its light with its theme of the triumph of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. The Paschal Candle is the symbol of the risen Savior, the light of the world. After Pentecost, the Paschal Candle is kept near the Baptismal Font so that the newly baptized can light their candles from its flame, for in baptism we die with Christ and rise with Him to new life. It is also lit at funerals to remind us that Christ the Light of the world has conquered sin and death and that the Faithfully Departed share in the hope and promise of eternal life with Christ.*
- *This past week we celebrated two milestones in the life of our Parish. First, we welcomed Bishop Lori who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 108 of our students. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit fill each and every one of their hearts so that they may live and grow in the Spirit. Secondly, we celebrated two 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Masses for 54 of our students. We pray that each young girl and boy grow to love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and make receiving him every single week. We will celebrate two more First Communion Masses next Saturday.*
- *If you ever use the entrance of the Church that faces the school when it was raining, I am sure you had to wade to your car. Right in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother where the brick edging ends, water collects and becomes a lake when it rains. We have tried to fix the problem a number of times by digging up the bricks and trying to slope it in a number of different ways thinking it would be the most cost effective solution. Well, no luck. This past week the mason people were here and put in a drain that will lead to the sewer grate, and hopefully no one will have to part the Red Sea to get to their car after Mass. You may also have noticed that some of the steps leading from the parking lots to the Church have slowing been eroding from wear and tear as well as water build up. Most of the problems there have been patched up and that hopefully will take care of the situation. Who would have known that a soft thing like water could break down cement?*

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## More Comments

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### Just a Reminder

The Rectory office hours are usually 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. They will be posted in the bulletin if they are different. (Please note that there is a lunch time worked into that schedule, so if you call and get voice mail, someone will call you back right after lunch.) There is no secretarial staff on weekends. This may seem a bit strange, but the priests have days off during the week. (Many say: Hey, Father, what do you need a day off for, you only work one day a week ... I wish). If we had Saturday and Sunday off, things would be very quiet on the weekends. So, Fr. Ed has Monday and Tuesday off, I have Wednesday and Thursday off, and Fr. Cyrus has Thursday and Friday off. The reason I share this information is so you will not think we are ignoring you if you call on our days off, and we do not immediately get back to you. The parish staff can direct your phone call if you need to speak to a priest, and if you ever call and get the voice mail, we offer a "serious emergency" number so you can get in touch with a priest immediately. If you call and get the voice mail, please follow the instructions, and you can leave a message on any voice mail.

Please take a look at the many sponsors on the last page of the bulletin. We thank all those who have taken an ad to defray the expense of the bulletin. Using and visiting these sponsors is a wonderful way of saying, "Thank You" for helping to produce our bulletin each week.



### LECTORS

Schedules for JUNE & JULY will be out in a few weeks. If you are unable to serve any weekend during these months, please call Sheila (744-5777) so you will not be scheduled for that time. Also, please call if you no longer wish to serve.



### MAY CROWNING PROCESSION

MON., MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. All parish children who recently received First Communion may participate. Wear your First Communion clothing. Meet in the **Parish Hall** by 6:45pm.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be on FRI., MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00pm to 7:00am.

COFFEE & ... will be served after the 07:00 Mass on SUN., MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS

WED., MAY 6<sup>th</sup>: Our turn to Cook.

### ST. MARY BOOK CLUB – April Book:

"Mere Christianity", by C. S. Lewis. Please join **Deacon John** on TUES., APR. 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, in the **Children's Room** for a group discussion.



Next Book, May: Rediscovering Catholicism: "Journeying Toward Our Spiritual North Star", by **Matthew Kelly**. Discussion: TUES., MAY 26.



### REGISTRATION – Religious

Ed is available for children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. They **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. If your child entering **Kindergarten** or **1<sup>st</sup> grade** is not registered for the Fall, please call Rel. Ed. (743-4557).

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Join us as we explore deeper the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Grow in your understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in and through us on a daily basis. **Life in the Spirit** is a 6-week seminar beginning on WED., APR. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, in the **Parish Hall**. For more information call Patti Finn (748-7312) or Sharon Closius (798-9822) or sign up after Mass today.



Come support our **St. Mary School Track Team** at their first meet next **SUN., APR. 26<sup>th</sup>**, from **12:00n – 4:00pm**, at **Immaculate High School**.

**Spring Fling Walk-a-Thon** will be held on **FRI., MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**, beginning at **noon**, on **School Grounds**. Please support our students by making a pledge.



St. Mary's will host its first **5K Road Race & Fun Run** on **SAT., MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**. Registration begins at **7:30am** with the **Fun Run** for children 10 and under at **8:00am**, followed by the **5K** at **8:30am**. For more info, please call **Eve Olson (744-5540)**. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, or you can register online at **www.stmarybethelct.org**.

**St. Mary School Carnival** will be on our grounds from **WED., MAY 13<sup>th</sup> – SAT. MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**, with new rides and attractions! **Bracelets** will be sold after Masses the weekends of **MAY 2/3 and 9/10**.



Celebrate **St. Mary School's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Blue Ribbon Award** at the **8:30am Mass** on **SUN., JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>**, followed by a **Communion Breakfast** at **Cappellaro's Grove**. For more info please call **Kathleen DeMarco (270-3597)**.



**NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:**  
**MON., APR. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm**, in the **Parish Hall**.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:**  
Feb. – **Matt Donatucci**  
Mar. – **John Stocks**

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:**  
Feb. – **Liquori Family**  
Mar. – **Iorfino Family**

Congratulations **Ian Folan** and **Olivia Dalmedo** who are State winners in the **Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest**.

**BETHEL SENIOR CENTER CARD PARTY**  
On **FRI., MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm**, the Seniors will host a **Card Party** at the **Bethel Senior Center Café** at **1 School Street**. There will be door and raffle prizes, and coffee, punch, and homemade desserts will be served. You can play any kind of board or card game (even Bunko). Cost: \$5.00. To reserve a table call **792-3048**. **Walk-ins are welcome!**

**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)**.



**PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION**  
The Diocese has a new preparation class for the **Permanent Diaconate**. Interested men must be between the ages of 31 and 60, be men of faith and good character, and must be disposed and willing to give the required time/effort to the **Diaconate Formation Program**. Married and single men may submit applications now through **August 31, 2009**. For more info, please call **Deacon Tony Detje, Program Dir., (203 748-5235 or 203 416-1415)**.



**Immaculate Spring Open House and Class of 2013 Information Night**  
**Immaculate High School** is inviting **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** to an **Open House** on **THUR., APR 30<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00-8:00pm**. **Information Night for the Immaculate Class of 2013** will also be on **THUR. APR. 30<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00-8:00pm**.


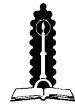












Come support **Catholic Charities' Morning Glory Breakfast Program** on **THUR., MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm**, in **St. Mary's Parish Hall**. Domestic, French and Italian wines will be served along with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy the music of **Roger Young** and participate in the silent auction. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. For tickets call **Michele Conderino (733-3185)**.



# ST. MARY CHURCH

May

2009

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| 3                                                                                                                            | 4<br>7:00 Church<br> May Crowning                                   | 5<br> CINCO DE MAYO                             | 6<br> Dorothy Day<br>7:30 Spiritual Group                                                                                                                                            | 7<br><br>6:15 Children's Choir<br>7:30 Adult Choir                                       | 8                                                                                                                                              | 9                                                                                                                 |
| 10<br> Happy Mothers Day                    | 11<br>7:30 K of C Meeting - PH                                                                                                                       | 12                                                                                                                               | 12<br> CARNIVAL<br><b>ST. MARY CARNIVAL</b><br>May 13: 6:00-10:00pm; May 14: 6:00-10:00pm;<br>May 15: 4:00-11:00pm; May 16: 12:30- 6:00pm.<br>Location: In front of St. Mary Church. |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |
| 17                                                                                                                           | 18                                                                                                                                                   | 19                                                                                                                               | 20<br>7:30 Spiritual Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 21<br> ASCENSION<br>Vigil Mass: Wed., 5:30pm<br>Masses: 6:30 & 9:00am<br>12:05 & 7:00pm | 22                                                                                                                                             | 23                                                                                                                |
| 24                                                                                                                           | 25<br>NO 6:30am Mass<br>9:00am St. Mary Cemetery<br> Memorial Day | 26<br> BOOK CLUB<br>7:30pm<br>Children's Room | 27<br>7:30 Spiritual Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 28<br>6:15 Children's Choir<br>7:30 Adult Choir                                                                                                                             | 29                                                                                                                                             | 30                                                                                                                |
| 31<br>K of C Communion Breakfast<br> 9:30 |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                |  June                        |

