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# St. Mary's Church

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday eve: 5:30 pm Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm Weekdays: 7:00 am & 8:45 am Saturday: 8:30 am Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

#### Sacrament of Penance

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:45 pm Private confessions at any time. Please call rectory.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory...even before the baby is born!

#### **Religious Devotions**

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* First Friday of the month, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the



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#### **Mission Statement**

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.

St. Mary: Pray for Us



Saturday	Nov. 23 - Vigil		
	Sts. Clement I and Columban; Blessed		
	Miguel Agustin		
5:30PM			
Sunday	Nov. 24 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of		
	the Universe		
	Edmond and Catherine Cremin		
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's		
12 Noon	Primo Stecco		
Monday	Nov. 25 - Weekday		
	St. Catherine of Alexandria		
7:00AM	Carlos Sforza		
	Michael O'Neill		
Tuesday	Nov. 26 - Weekday		
7:00AM			
8:45AM	Peggy Keating		
Wednesday	Nov. 27 - Weekday		
7:00AM	Jim Klarer and Families		
8:45AM			
Thursday	-		
9:00AM	Ryan Caspare		
Friday	Nov. 29 - Weekday		
9:00AM	Deceased Members of the Sforza Family		
Saturday	Nov. 30 - St. Andrew		
	Andrea Banzil		
5:30PM	Mary and Danny Maye and Deceased		
	Maye Family		
Sunday	Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent		
7:45AM	Deceased Members of Conboy and		
	King Families		
10:00AM	John Rubio (Living)		
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's		

## In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rose Bertolini requested by her family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Angelo Vergona requested by his wife.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Joseph Brown.

## St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us for a series of six sessions of information, mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, strictly confidential setting.

**Our next session dates are:** Tuesdays: November 26 and December 3, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are held in the John XXIII room in the basement of the school from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office at 201-384-0557.



#### Sunday – Nov. 24

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School 10:00AM Commissioning Mass for Altar Server UC After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Mtg. FDVRm *Feast of Christ the King* 

Monday – Nov. 25 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Tuesday – Nov. 26 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 3:30PM & 6:00PM First Penance Prep #4 UC/School 5:30PM Basketball SH 7:30PM Adult Choir School/Library 7:30PM-9:00PM Bereavement Support Grp John 23 Rm

#### Wednesday - Nov. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 4:00PM-4:45PM Children's Choir School/Library 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) SFC 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Nov. 28 After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC Thanksgiving

**Friday – Nov. 29** After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC Advent Decorating after Mass

Saturday – Nov. 30 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC Advent Decorating after Mass *Feast of St. Andrew* 

Sunday – Dec. 1 8:00AM-2:00PM Advent Wreath Making SFC 1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting FDVRm After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Mtg. FDVRm *First Sunday of Advent* 

#### The following offerings are still available for :

Bread & Wine - Mar. 16; May 4,11,18 & 25; June 8 July 20; Aug. 3,10,17, & 24. Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9, & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20; Aug. 10, 17, & 24.

## Happy Thanksgiving

We wish to extend our prayers and best wishes to all of our parish families for a wonderful Thanksgiving Day this coming Thursday, Nov. 28th. Our parish Thanksgiving Mass will take place at 9:00 AM. At that Mass, we will bless and distribute loaves of bread which our families can take home and share at their family meal that day. On Friday, Nov. 29, there will be only one mass that morning at 9:00 AM.

#### Parish Office Schedule



In observance of Thanksgiving, we want parishioners to know that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th.



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has defined stewardship as a "life of total accountability and responsibility, acknowledging God as Creator and owner of all." As we travel our faith journey through the Church Year, following in the footsteps of Jesus as His disciples, let us reflect on how accountable and responsible we have been with the gifts God has given us.

Were we the good stewards that we are called to be? Did we give back with increase a portion of what we have received from our abundantly generous God? Have we grown in our faith and shared our time, talent, and treasure with others? It is not too late.

We are used to hearing the term "gifted" applied to people of exceptional ability or talent. Yet each of us is gifted. Through God's grace, each of us has strengths, gifts, talents, and abilities without which the Body of Christ, the Church, is incomplete. This key dimension of stewardship – the use of our gifts in service to others – is the one many Catholics have the most trouble with. We can see ourselves, with prayer and sacrifice, giving more of our time and our treasure. But talent? That's for those *other* people, the "gifted" ones, we think.

The term "talent" for a gift with which we have been entrusted by God comes from Jesus' Parable of the Talents, where it originally meant a valuable coin. Like the stewards in the parable, entrusted with valuable commodities by our Master, will we hide them away in fear, or invest them for great return? Spend some time this week thinking about the gifts that you alone can share with our parish community and the wider world – and then make a plan to share them.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10).

Happy Thanksgiving and have a great week!

#### May God be Praised, Fr. Dominic

#### Sound System

Dear Friends,

Save our Sound has generated \$26,000 in donations thus far. The total cost runs about \$50,000. So to finish the fundraising off, we are looking for 45 more people to donate \$200 a piece towards the project or whatever you can give and the work can begin.

If you can help us out with a donation, please call the parish office and let us know.

God bless you for your generosity.

#### Fr. Dominic

#### God's Plan for Giving:

"The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you." (Deuteronomv 16:10)

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Collection Nov. 16 - 17	\$9,268.00
Same Weekend 2012	\$9,968.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$22.00

Here are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

"I talked with parents about lesson."

"I helped mom with groceries	." "I fed my dog."
"I cleaned the dishes."	"I said my prayers"
"I cleaned the dishes."	"I helped someone."
"I helped my mom."	"I raked the leaves."
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#### Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become your holy people. Amen.

#### Special Collection - Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

We all have heard by now about the devastation in the Philippines resulting from Typhoon Haiyan.

The ties between the people and nation of the Philippines and The Archdiocese of Newark are many and strong. Today, close to 60,000 live within the four northern New Jersey Counties that constitute the Archdiocese. Filipino Catholics worship in and participate in the life of our parishes. The children of these parishioners attend our schools and religious education programs.

Archbishop Myers has authorized an emergency collection to be taken at all Catholic parishes in the Newark Archdiocese, to aid humanitarian and institutional needs of the Catholic Church in the Philippines and surrounding area at this time, in line with the guidance issued by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops,

The collection will be taken the weekend of November 30-December 1. We appreciate your generosity.

Let us all remember the victims of this disaster in our prayers.

## ST. MARY'S

#### Serving in Afghanistan

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces, especially in Afghanistan. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir Alicia Newball...Angelica Peji...Anthony Hacket, Jr. Donald Dickson...Edward Bryan Frago Anthony Dunkin...Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford James Phillips...James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman Joshua M LaBazzetta...Capt. Peter Messina Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach Major David Christopher Pierson...Aidan Nugent

If you have a relative serving in Afghanistan, please call the rectory so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

#### Pray for our Sick

Peter Ramzi...John Ramzi...Dona...Richard McAllister Roberto Choi...Helen Smyth...Yolanda DiCola...Richie Anita Harry...Mary Sforza...Margaret Bitteti...Brian Lowery Donald Trainor...Suzanne West...Bob Jackson...Eileen Bob Dondero...Emily Stevens...Brian J. Murphy Rita Crowley...Lorraine Riordan...Vivian Peene Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND...Bill Bochicchio...Danny Eileen O'Leary...Melody Andres...Kathy Gallagher Lidia Belulovich...Peggy Dunshee...Samantha Dente Eileen & Marcus Flaherty..Richard Fitzgibbon..Ellen Coll Hailey van Weathering...Melody Andres...Larry Rubin Lyla McMahon...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Steven Schapiro William, Robert and Mildred Dellner...Nancy Quiroz Deborah Gallagher...Kathy Jury...Laura Widman Riccardi Kristen & Baby Ellie Pochini..James Yenzer..Jack Maher Christopher Bishopp..Barbara Fawcett...John O'Brien ~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

#### <u>Rosary Linen Schedule</u> <u>November and December 2013</u>

#### Christmas Fair at the St. Francis Gift Shop

The Christmas Fair at the St. Francis Gift Shop, 253 Knickerbocker Road, Tenafly, will be held from 10:00AM-4:00PM, Friday to Sunday on the following weekends: 12/05 to 12/07,12/13 to 12/15, & 12/20 to 12/22 All proceeds benefit the Franciscan Sisters Infirmary. For more information, call Sister Trinity at 201-568-0478.

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#### Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair

Ascension Parish, New Milford will hold a Christmas arts & crafts fair & bake sale from 9am to 4pm and after the 5:30pm mass on Saturday, Dec.7<sup>th</sup> and after all masses on Sunday, December 8th in the gathering room of the church. Beautiful handmade items, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, home baked goods, art supplies, etc. – for all your Christmas shopping needs at reasonable prices.

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If we are in earnest, if our love of God is pure, if we love Him for Himself *alone*, we shall be more than careful in time of darkness to show Him all those proofs of affection we showered on Him when the sun was shining brightly

#### **Prayer for Canonization**

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Sister Miriam loved so ardently, grant that we, like her, may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a public tribute of our veneration and love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Transfiguration Academy

"The exercise of charity is one of the Church's essential activities: love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her mission as the ministry of the sacraments and the preaching of the Gospel."

Excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical Letter: "Deus Caritas Est."

During this season of giving, Transfiguration Academy will be collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks for the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. Catholic Charities provides emergency assistance to over 46,000 needy individuals.

We are requesting donations of the above listed items. These items may be sent into the school by students. Parishioners of our co-sponsoring parishes may drop them off at the school office.

Thank you for your generosity.

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#### 2014 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available. The cost is \$3.00 for each missal. They will also be available in the parish office Monday-Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm.

**NOVEMBER 24, 2013** 



PACT/Religious Education Program

## PACT Happenings **ADVENT Calendars**

We have e-mailed an Advent calendar to all of our PACT families. Printed copies are available at the Religious Education Office and in the church. The parish Advent 2013 schedule distributed at the PACT parent meetings and has been e-mailed as well. PACT families who have not received e-mails should provide us with a valid e-mail e-mailing address bv us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org

#### **First Penance**

Please pray for our candidates and their families as they prepare to meet with our Lord his forgiving Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### St. Nicholas Project

Many of you have heard Sr. Gloria Perez speak about the importance of the reaching out to the disenfranchised. Currently, she is the executive director of OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Our PACT parish families are



reaching out to help provide for some of their needs this Christmas season. Donations of new toys, clothing, and gift cards may be brought to the Religious Education Office. Our final deadline for donations this year is Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (the Angels PACT Session).



For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success DASIS 973-881-8307.

#### **Confirmation Peer Retreat Team**

The next Confirmation Retreat team meeting will be Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 mass in the school library/meeting room.



For further information please call the office at (201) 384-3062 or

e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org. 

#### St. Mary's Youth Group (J Walk) Schedule

November 30 & December 1 - Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale

#### December 1st - No meeting

December 15th - Meeting at 6:30pm

December 23rd - Serving the poor in Newark with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal 9:00am church parking lot.

#### December 29th - No Meeting

January 4th - 8:30 am trip to NYC Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square and Rockefeller Center.

#### Festival Choir

St. Mary's Music Ministry is in search of singers and instrumentalists to form a special "Festival Choir" that will aid in worship at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. The music will have a more contemporary feel and is open to teenagers and adults (9th grade and up). Rehearsals will begin during the first week of Advent (time TBD). Please e-mail music@stmarysdumont.org with your name, instrument (or voice), and projected availability for the month of December so rehearsals can be scheduled accordingly!

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## The Advent Giving Tree:



Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity,

we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. Gift tags become available the weekend of November 30 & Dec. 1.

If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

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## Knights of Columbus

Blood Drive – Sunday November 24th<sup>th</sup> – 9AM to 2PM. As always, blood and blood products are in high demand. If you weigh more than 110 pounds and are in good health, you're eligible to donate. Bring a photo ID with you. Donations include a free cholesterol and glucose screening. There is no need to make an appointment just come down to St. John's Council.

Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser for the Philippines -Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> – 8AM to 1PM. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice and a hot beverage. Admission is only \$10 but it will help much more than you All donations will be sent directly to the realize. Philippines to help where it's needed the most. The breakfast will be held at St. John's Council.

The Council is located at 61 Armour Place in Dumont, right off Prospect Avenue.

Hall Renting & Catering - Planning a party soon? Call Bob DeWald at 201-264-6290 for information or email kofc1345rentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org.

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#### A Few of My Favorite Things

#### Starring Elizabeth Synnott in a Holiday Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - 344 Washington Avenue, Dumont. Tickets are \$20.00 Adults, \$10 Students, and children under 10 free. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the ALS Foundation in memory of Ita Rattray (www.alsa.org).

To purchase tickets, go to Making Chocolate at 10 E. Madison Avenue, Dumont or go online at: holiday.brownpapertickets.com.

	Saturday	Ask a family family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who has hurt you.	PH PH	21 (Content of the second seco	28 Give each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing God has given this year.	led. This was the to his own city. A David, which with Mary, his e delivered. And im in a manger,	
	Sa	7 Joc forgivenes	14 Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree.	21 Attend 6 family <i>s</i> treat after for	28 Give eacl a chanc you" for a give	hould be enrol enrolled, each is to the city of to be enrolled thes, and laid l uke $2:1-7$ ).	
ndar	Friday	G Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.	1       3 Cut and paste pictures from Christmas cards from Christmas cards or pour receive into you receive into you receive into your tree.	20 Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling.	27 Family Movie Night: Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together.	vent out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be en yur from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the cit up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the cit because the was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrol with child. And while they were there, the time came for her t r first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and la because there was no place for them in the im" (Luke 2:1-7).	
nily Advent Calendar	Thursday	5 Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.	12 Set out a rose tonight in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.	19 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	Take a drive a two for the contract of the con	In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).	
Adver	Wednesday	4 Make Christmas cards and bring them to a nearby hospice or nursing home to cheer the residents.	I I Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.	18 Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.	Put the reference of Jacobian Put the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.	"In those da first enroll And Jose is callose betroth she ge	
Family	Tuesday	3 Read together about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in Luke 1:5-25.	10 Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.	17 Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity figures of your Nativity from the rest of the scene.	24 Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.	31 Resolve to pray as a family for at least 15 minutes every night during the coming year.	w.infaithpublishing.com
	Monday	2 A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	9 In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.	16 (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2)	23 (E) Control of the second o	$30 \xrightarrow{\alpha} \alpha$ Send a thank-you $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ not to the prisets or other parish ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.	© Copyright 2013 by InFaith Publishing Group (800)366-3114 www.infaithpublishing.com
	Sunday	December December Mate and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.	B Light two Mt 3:1-12 purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."	15 State of the second	22 Military Matthew 1:18-24 Military Military Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Read today's Gospel reading, Matthew 1:18-24.	29 Contract of the Holy Family by gathering for a special family meal today.	© Copyright 2013 by InFaith Pt

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE





## Sunday, December 1, 2013 8:00AM–2:00PM Spiritual Formation Center

Fresh Evergreens and blue ribbon will be provided. Wreath forms and candles are available for purchase.

Each family should bring:

- Wire, scissors, glue gun (if you have one)
- Ribbons, nuts, pinecones, cinnamon sticks or anything else to decorate the wreath.
- Please let us know if you will attend so we can have the necessary supplies.

REGISTRATION FORM Family Name:				
Phone Number:				
Number of: Adults	Children			
We will need a form and	d candles. (\$10)			
	les. (\$5) <i>(If your family has a wreath form</i> please bring it with you.)			
Please make check	ts payable to St. Mary's Church.			

**Questions or concerns?** Please call Felicia at 201-385-2285 or e-mail feliciaarrigoitia@yahoo.com