## The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# 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!

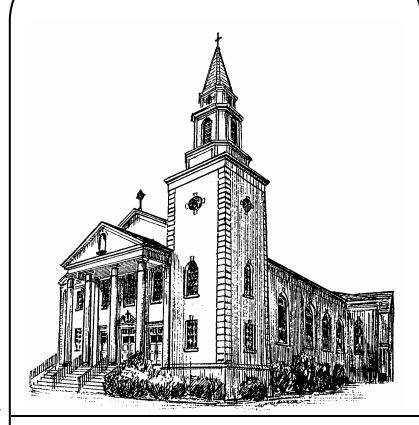
## Religious Devotions

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

**Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2013** 



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and Ascension

### **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

ST. MARY'S DUMONT



Saturday Dec. 7 - Vigil

5:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Anthony Miloscia, Jr. 10:00AM Andrea Banzil 12 Noon Antonio Bussanich

Monday Dec. 9 - The Immaculate Conception of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM James and MaryRose McCarron

8:45AM Peggy Keating 7:30PM Mathilde Hartmann

Tuesday Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Peggy Keating 8:45AM Nancy O'Connell

Wednesday Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday

St. Damasus I

7:00AM Ann Berger

8:45AM Anna and Frank Zeisel

Thursday Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00AM Margaret Hiltenbrand 8:45AM Walter Boettger Friday Dec. 13 - St. Lucy 7:00AM Margaret Hiltenbrand 8:45AM Walter Boettger

Saturday Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:30AM Rene Magbanua

5:30PM Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richards
Sunday Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00AM John Hecker12 Noon Sean Ryan

In Loving Memory



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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Robert Browning requested by his family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Vitus Stangl.

## St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

### Our next session dates are:

Tuesdays: December 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.

## **Advent Penance Service**

This year, our Tri-Parish Advent Communal **Penance Service** for the season of Advent will take place at Ascension Church in New Milford, **on Monday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:30 PM**. This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through this sacrament of healing.



Sunday - Dec. 8

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School 11:00 Confirmation Retreat Team Library/School

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD's Disaster Fundraiser for the

Victims of Typhoon Haiyan SH

6:00PM-8:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH

Bake Sale Transfiguration Academy Retirement Collection for the Religious

Monday - Dec. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Tuesday – Dec. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Adult Choir School/Library

7:30PM-9:00PM Bereavement Support Grp John 23 Rm

Wednesday - Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

4:00PM-4:45PM Children's Choir School/Library

7:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Fr. Jim Worth Advent Meditation UC

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) SFC 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday - Dec. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:00PM-8:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH 7:30PM Spanish Mass LC Social to Follow SFC

7:30PM Simbang Gabi Meeting FDVRm

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) Library *Our Lady of Guadalupe* 

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Friday - Dec. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark

7:00PM Basketball

Saturday - Dec. 14

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

After 5:30PM Mass Holy Land Olive Items Sale SH

Sunday - Dec. 15

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School

After 12:00PM Mass Simbang Gabi Practice SH After All Masses Holy Land Olive Items Sale SH

## Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe



On Thursday, December 12th at 7:30pm in the lower church, we will have a special Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in English and Spanish. All our welcome!

We will have a social after the Mass in the Spiritual Formation Center.

## Parish Office Schedule

In observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 9, the parish office will be closed.



## Dear Friends.

As we begin this Second Week of Advent, here is a spiritual thought from my favorite, Margaret Anna Cusack, "The Nun of Kenmare", foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace:

Look at the Heart of the Infant Jesus. It lies hidden in the womb of Mary, even as His blessed Humanity will be hidden hereafter in the tabernacle. Oh, what a holy, beautiful, peaceful light is the light of the Infant Heart of Jesus! How it longs to come forth and manifest itself to all, to console, to instruct, to illuminate! Are we, also, longing to receive this light? Are we praying with our whole hearts that it may come to us, and that we may be prepared to receive it? However great our spiritual enlightenment may be, we are still, in some measure, "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death." But the light is coming; already we can see the dawn upon the mountain. When Mary was born, the first ray of light tinged the eastern sky; when Jesus was born, the light of this mystic moon was as the light of the true sun, because of her perfect union with Him; and the light of the sun was sevenfold, as the light of seven days. The light was sevenfold; that is, the light was perfect, for it was the light of God.

Coming up this week, please be mindful of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 9. It is a holy day but not of obligation. We are offering three Masses that day, 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM. A wonderful way to honor Mary and prepare for Christmas this Advent Season is to come to Mass. Another way to prepare is the Evening of Advent Meditation on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Fr. Jim Worth, a priest from the Archdiocese and an accomplished musician will provide meditative music and reflections on the Season of Advent. It will be at 7:30PM in the Upper Church. Fr. Jim will be accompanied by Mr. Frederick Golz, Music Director at St. Pius X in Old Tappan.

Finally this week, join us on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:30PM in the Lower Church for Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be in Spanish and English and a festive social will follow in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Have a great week.

## May God be Praised, Fr. Dominic

## The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

Bread & Wine - 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.

## 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."

(Deuteronomy 16:10)

<u>2013</u> <u>2012</u>

Collection Nov. 23 - 24 \$9,529.00 \$9,321.00 Collection Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 - \$9,367.00 \$9,121.00

## Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$30.00

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 helped take care of my new baby cousin."

"I bought a shirt for my sister with my birthday money."

"I shared my clothes with my sister."

"I shared with my sister." "I cleaned the table."

"I raked the leaves." "I helped clean my toys."

"I cleaned the table." "I helped my friends."

## 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.

### Sound System

Dear Friends,

Save our Sound has generated \$38,000 in donations thus far. The total cost runs about \$50,000. So to finish the fundraising off, we are looking for 40 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

## Many Thanks...

We sincerely thank you for your generous donations to our Special Emergency Collection last weekend, November 30-December 1, to help the victims of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. We were able to collect so far \$3.153.00.

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## 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.

We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2014. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557

## 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 Linda Rando...Virginia Fullmore

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## **Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting is on Monday December 16th at 8PM. **Rosary Hour** – Wednesday December 11th at 8PM.

Refreshments follow.

Christmas Party — Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-11PM. Cost is \$30 per person for food and beverages. We'll be collecting new unwrapped toys for our "Toys for Tots" box, canned food for the Church food pantries. We are also having a grab bag for those attending - bring in a gift and go home with a gift! Women bring a women's gift and men bring in a men's gift with a \$10 value. Contact Larry at 201-315-0456 or by email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make reservations.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM. Why not stop in and learn more about us!

## A Thought from Venerable Miriam Teresa:

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We are created to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him. Service, or activity, depends on knowledge and love. Where can we hope to obtain a more luminous knowledge and a more ardent love than in Holy Communion?.

(G.P., p.110)

## **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.

## Thank You - Food Pantry



We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection.

Special thanks to Fairway Market who generously contributed 20 turkeys and two cases of yams; Silver Palate Foods who

donated 10 cases of marinara sauce and 8 cases of oatmeal.

Thanks to Lincoln School for their food collection. The Girl Scouts also held a drive to stock the pantry. Last but not least, thanks to our parishioners who have been contributing food as well as monetary donations for over 30 years.

A special thank you to the ladies who shelved the food and work on getting the boxes ready for distribution. Thanks to our young helpers who helped fill the boxes. We were able to follow God's command to FEED THE HUNGRY.

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## Rosary Linen Schedule December 2013

Dec. 8 Eileen O'Leary Dec. 15 Catherine Kelly Dec. 22 Beverly Serafini Dec. 29 Mary Daly

## **PALAD Corner**

## Our Thirteenth Winner - Evelyn Villavert

Raffle: #13 Ticket #: 1524 Drawing Date: 11/27/2013



## PACT/Religious Education Program

## **PACT Happenings ADVENT Calendars**

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 address by e-mailing us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org

## **First Penance**



Please pray for our candidates and their families who met our forgiving Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday. May they always know that even though "sometimes we get it wrong... God forgives

us every time" that we ask for forgiveness with contrite hearts.

## St. Nicholas Project

Our PACT parish families are reaching out to OASIS shelter in Paterson 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 15<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday Saints PACT Session).



For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success OASIS stories, visit <a href="http://www.oasisnj.org/">http://www.oasisnj.org/</a> or call 973-881-8307.

## **CONFIRMATION Service Projects**

Candidates should check our bulletin and our e-mails for upcoming parish events and contact that person or group directly to volunteer.



### Confirmation PEER RETREAT TEAM

The next Confirmation Retreat team meeting will be today (Sunday December 8th) 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

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Dec.15th - Meeting at 6:30pm

Dec. 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.

## Blessed Are They That Hunger and Thirst After Justice: for They Shall Have Their Fill.

Caritas Internationalis, the Vatican-based federation of 164 Catholic charities, has organized a "wave of prayer" that will begin at noon, December 10th on the South Pacific Island of Samoa and head west across the world's time zones.

Pope Francis will offer his blessing and support for this campaign in a five-minute video being released on the eve of the launch.

Caritas is urging Catholics to take a few moments at noon on Tuesday, December 10 to join the world in praying against hunger as well as engage in long-term action though raising awareness, advocacy, charitable work or other efforts supporting food security.

So set your cell phones to remind you to join the wave at noon and pray for an end to hunger, even if it's simply the Lord's prayer, with special emphasis on "Give us this day, our daily bread."

For more information see Caritas Internationalis website at food.caritas.org.

"A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table." - Pope Francis

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## 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!

## ~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\* 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 are now available. Please return the unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 8th. If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

## Calling on Parents of Tots and Teens of St. Mary's!!!

We are now putting together the cast for the Nativity. Sign your children up; he/she could be an angel, a shepherd, an innkeeper, a king – or, the poor girl, the drummer boy, Joseph, or Mary. Give them the experience of being in the story of Christmas. Then watch them with glee as they tell their story. Rehearsals will be on December 8 (6-8pm) & 15 after the 12 noon Mass. The Nativity, presented in our annual Simbang Gabi @ St. Mary's, features on Friday, December 20. You may leave your contact information @ 201-385-8529 (Marichi), or 201-486-5852 (Tatess), or 201- 384-0557 (Parish Office).

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# Give Thanks for the Music

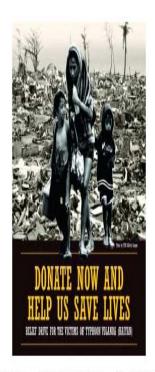


WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 at 7:30pm SAINT MARY CHURCH Dumont, New Jersey



Mr. Frederick Golz Piano Fr. Jim Worth Vocals

\$15.00 Donation



## CARE, SHARE & HELP

Disaster Fundraiser for the Victims of Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in Central Philippines

A fund raising afternoon of caring, sharing, helping, dancing, Karaoke singing & performances! Snacks/Refreshments Available

Admission by Donation

All Are Invited/Welcome

Sunday, December 8, 2013
After 12:00Noon Mass
St. Mary's Church Gym/Szelest Hall
280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ

Sponsored by: The Philippine-American Apostolate of Dumont (PALAD)

**Transfiguration Academy** 

## Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Saturday, December 14, 2013 Sunday, December 15, 2013

> Barnes & Noble Riverside Square Hackensack, NJ

Please mention Transfiguration Academy or our Bookfair ID Number: 11254158 at checkout.

We will be having events for students and their families on Saturday from 10a to 8p

If you have questions or want to help, please email Lesa and Charlie Rossmann at:  $\underline{lesacharlie@juno.com}$ 

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