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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.

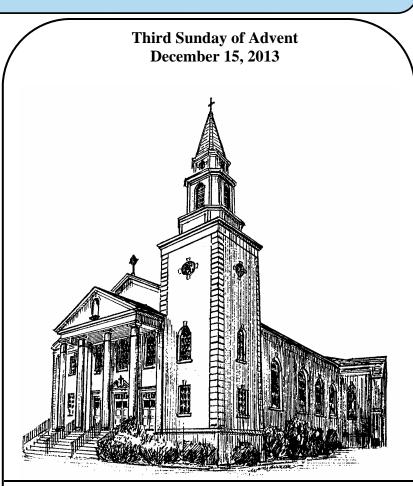
Sacrament of Baptism

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 Dec. 14 - Vigil St. John of the Cross 5:30PM Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richards Sunday Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 10:00AM John Hecker 12 Noon Sean Ryan Monday Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday 7:00AM Peggy Keating 8:45AM Anne Taxter Tuesday Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday 7:00AM Ria Cachuela (Living) 8:45AM John and Rosina Marchetti Wednesday Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday 7:00AM Tim and Peggy Keating 8:45AM Joseph Patrick Coll Thursday Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday 7:00AM James Klarer and Family 8:45AM Edwin and Onesimo Guerrero Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday Friday 7:00AM Pietro Sforza 8:45AM Michael McCormack Saturday Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday St. Peter Canisius 8:30AM Harold Urban 5:30PM Sr. Joseph Cremin Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 7:45AM Timothy Keating, Sr. 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12 Noon Angel Aviles

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Tim and Peggy Keating requested by their children.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God MEMONALS and in memory of Tim and Peggy Keating requested by their children

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Beverly M. Tackel.

The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

Bread & Wine - May 4,11,18 & 25; June 8; July 20 Aug. 3,10,& 24.

Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9, & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20; Aug. 10, & 24.

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.

This Week

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

Monday – Dec. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 6:00PM-8:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH 7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School 7:30PM Advent Communal Penance Service Ascension Church. New Milford

Tuesday – Dec. 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School 5:30PM Basketball SH 7:00PM Baptism Class FDVRm 7:30PM Adult Choir School/Library 7:30PM-9:00PM Bereavement Support Grp John 23 Rm Decorate the Church

Wednesday - Dec. 18

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

Thursday – Dec. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM Basketball 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) Library Decorate the Church

Friday – Dec. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 9:30AM & 6:00PM Distribution of Christmas Baskets LC 7:30PM Simbang Gabi and Social to Follow LC/SH

Saturday – Dec. 21

After 8:30AM Mass Rosarv LC 5:30PM Mass Lower Church

Dec. 21 & 22 All Masses in the lower church.

Sunday – Dec. 22 All Masses in the Lower Church

Volunteers Needed



Many hands make light work... We will be decorating our church for Christmas on Tues., Dec. 17, Wed., Volunteers ... Dec 18, and Thurs. Dec 19

beginning at 7 pm. Please come and give us a hand.

Parish Office Hours



During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office will be closed as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013 and Monday, Jan. 1. 2014.



Happy Third Sunday of Advent. This weekend we light the Pink Candle which is a symbol for joyful expectation. Our hearts are to be filled with joy as we approach the Christmas feast and prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. This week we will have our Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 16 at 7:30pm at Ascension Parish, New Milford. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. Please take advantage of this We will be decorating the church for opportunity. Christmas on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so if you can help us out, please come by the church at 7pm and lend a hand. Our Simbang Gabi Mass will take place on Friday, December 20 at 7:30pm in the lower church. This is a Filipino Christmas tradition that is open for all of us to experience and enjoy so please join us.

Here is a meditation on the Third Sunday of Advent from Margaret Anna Cusack "The Nun of Kenmare": "This is the Advent Sunday of joy! The mass commences with joy. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, I say, rejoice." And what is the cause of our joy? "The Lord is nigh!" He is near in the commemorations of His first coming. He is near in the hope of His, second coming. He is near, we know not how near, in that swift. sudden coming, which shall be to us the end of time and the commencement of eternity. How many causes, then, we have for joy! When a great prince is born, what rejoicings take place, what long preparations are made even before the birth of a royal child! The nobles prepare aifts, the monarch prepares feasts, and, rejoicings for our coming Prince? Let each have a gift to offer Him, some daily practice of virtue, some little daily self-denial. And when the day of His birth has come, we can gather our thanksgiving and our devotions in one, and lay them at His feet, or, better still, place them in the hands of our Mother to present for us to her son. The touch of her blessed hand will beautify them, even if her love does not prompt her to add to them from her own treasures." Have a Great Week.

> May God be Praised, Fr. Dominic

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



Nicholas Apolito Isabella Marie Rodriguez William Francis Trautmann

Christmas Flowers

PLEASE don't forget to use your envelope marked for FLOWERS - it takes a LOT of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!



J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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) Collection Dec. 7 - 8 Same Weekend 2012

\$10.778.00 \$10.019.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$11.00 ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~

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 my friend do her work in school." "I celebrated my sister's penance." "I helped my dog." "I made my bed." "I helped someone." "I said my prayers." "I talked with parents about homework.: ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

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.



6:30 PM Mass 11:30 PM - Celebration of Carols

12:00 AM Midnight Mass with Adult Choir Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31 5:30PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1 9:00 AM, and 11:00 Noon

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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 ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Rosary Linen Schedule December 2013

Dec. 15 Catherine Kelly Dec. 22 Beverly Serafini Dec. 29 Mary Daly

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.

A Thought from Venerable Miriam Teresa:



The Babe, Who is the Light of the world, remembered one thing only in coming to dwell among us: "Behold, I come to do Thy will, O God" (Heb. x, 9). He Himself testified in death to its accomplishment: "It is consummated" (John xix,30).

(G.P., p.172)

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.

<u>Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets</u>

We know we just completed the Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the Christmas distribution which will be on Friday, December 20th. We will especially need turkeys and hams so if you feel you can donate one, please bring them to the parish office as we have freezers ready to keep them. Below are some items that we are in need of.



~~ <u>Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser for</u> Lorraine Riordan - Mooney

Friends of Lorraine will be selling tickets (\$20 p/p) after all Masses at St. Mary's at the back of the church on Dec. 21/22 and Dec. 27/28. The event will be on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 starting at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PACT/Religious Education Program

<u>PACT Happenings</u> <u>ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT</u>



Our final deadline for donations this year is today (Sunday, 12/15). We will be delivering gifts tomorrow morning to OASIS shelter in Paterson as they reach out to women and children in need of the necessities of life. For more information

about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success stories, visit http://www.oasisnj.org/ or call 973-881-8307.

First Holy Communion parents - save the date!

Parents of First Communion candidates will meet Tuesday, February 4th 7:30 p.m. in the Church.



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 Sunday, January 26th after the 10:00 mass.

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

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.

The Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345 will hold its annual Pot Luck Christmas Party meeting on Wednesday, December 18th, 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dumont.

The business portion of the meeting will be short so we can enjoy the party. Please bring a dish, appetizer or dessert for all to enjoy. Hope to see you all there

The Columbiettes will also provide the desserts for the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 15th. It will be a great time for the children with a visit from a special guest !! Help is always welcomed with serving the food and the children's crafts.

Throughout the year, our organization raises money, which is donated each year to various women's & children's charities in our local area. If you would like information on joining the Columbiettes, just contact us at ETTES1345@gmail.com. This is a great time to join us.

The officers and member of the St. John's Council Columbiettes # 1345 wish all a very Merry & Blessed Christmas.

Transfiguration Academy

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal lifeJohn 3:16



Shay the joy and peace of this Christmas Season

be with you!

December may be a short school month, but it is among the busiest times of the school year, as we prepare our Christmas Advent services, our "Lunch with Santa", and of course our Christmas Concert at Conlon Hall.

With all of this going on, as well as your own family preparations, including the shopping for food and gifts and the like, it's easy to forget the *"Reason for the Season"*. Although the saying is somewhat clichéd, the celebration of the birth of Our Lord can never be. The message of peace and the promise of salvation should never be taken for granted or be lost.

We often hear the questions "What does _____want?" or "What should I get for _____?"

The giving of gifts began with the giving of gifts celebrating the birth of Jesus to recognize Him, as the Son of God and Our Savior.

While we are asking what does _____ want, let's not forget to ask;

What does Jesus want?

We at Transfiguration Academy wish all of you the best Christmas ever and look forward to a New Year filled with faith, hope and good will to all.

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Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting is on Mon., January 6th at 8PM.

Corporate Communion

On Sunday December 29th, we will gather for the 9AM Mass at St. John's in Bergenfield for the last Corporate Communion of the year. Continental breakfast will follow at the Council.

New Year's Eve – Tuesday December 31st from 8:30PM to 1AM. Cost is \$70 per person for great food, beverages and live 50 & 60's music from *In Harmony*. Contact Larry at 201-315-0456 or by email at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make reservations, and then mail your check payable to the Columbian Club to: New Year's Eve, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. All reservations must be paid in advance.

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

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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PALAD Corner

Typhoon Yolanda Disaster Fundraiser We give thanks and praise to God for

His many blessings!

The success of the Typhoon Yolanda Disaster Fundraiser held Sunday, December 8 at the Szelest Hall was made possible by prayers and the generous support of donors & contributors. We thank the performersdancers & singers, from St. Mary's and St. John for making the afternoon an eniovable one for the 120 attendees. We acknowledge Fr. Dominic Ciriaco and the staff of St. Mary's Church for their support on this project.

PALAD is grateful to all who have reached out to help our less fortunate brethren in the typhoon-battered central Philippines. A total of \$7500 has been allocated to five dioceses: San Jose, Antique; Kalibo, Aklan; Capiz; Borongan, Samar; and Palo, Leyte. We thank you for touching their hearts. Please continue to pray for all the victims of Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan.

"... The Lord raises up those who are bowed down: the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow ... he Lord shall reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations! Hallelujah!" (Psalm 146:8-10)

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. Rehearsal will be on December 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).

Raffle Ticket for Save our Sound

Our Fourteenth Winner:

Mr. & Mrs. Marty Heffner

Raffle: #14 Ticket #: 1860 Drawing Date: 12/04/2013

BERGEN COUNTY 2013

SIMBANG GABI





PARISH

DATE & TIME

Dec 15, Sun	5:00 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
	5:30 PM	St. Peter, River Edge	Dan
Dec 16, Mon	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St. Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	7:00 PM	St. John, Leonia	Ed V
	7:30 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
Dec 17, Tue	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St. Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	7:30 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
Dec 18, Wed	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	7:00 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
	7:30 PM	St. Anne, Fair Lawn	Ed A
	7:30 PM	St. Anastasia, Teaneck	Eller
Dec 19, Thu	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	7:30 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
Dec 20, Fri	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	7:30 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
	7:30 PM	St. Mary, Dumont	Jun
Dec 21, Sat	5:30 AM	St Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	4:30 PM	SMA Fathers, Tenafly	Man
	5:00 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
	5:30 PM	St. Leo, Elmwood Pk	Mari
	7:00 PM	Ascension, New Milford	Ben
	7:00 PM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
Dec 22, Sun	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	5:00 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
	5:00 PM	St Joseph, Bogota	Tess
	6:00 PM	St. Francis, Hackensack	Cora
Dec 23, Mon	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil
	5:30 AM	St Joseph, Lodi	Lind
	7:30 PM	Holy Trinity, Hackensack	Elen
Dec 24, Tue	5:00 AM	St. John, Bergenfield	Phil

St. John, Bergenfield St Joseph, Lodi

5:30 AM

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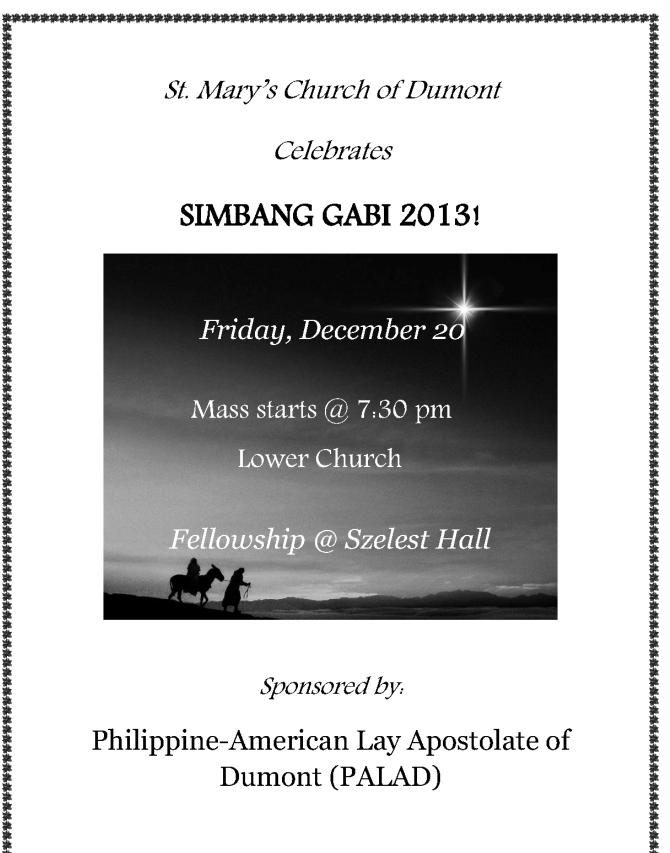
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