# 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.

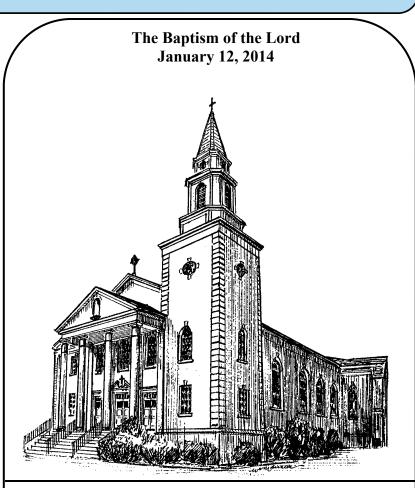
#### Sacrament of Baptism

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



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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 Jan. 11 - Vigil 5:30PM Willard Hollis

Sunday Jan. 12 - The Baptism of the Lord 7:45AM James Boyle and Deceased Members of Boyle and McGowan Families 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12 Noon Jacinta Aldiano

Monday Jan. 13 - Weekday St. Hilary 7:00AM Vincent DiCostanzo 8:45AM Amando Dimarucot

TuesdayJan. 14 - Weekday7:00AMJohn Jablonski8:45AMMargaret O'Hallerin

Wednesday Jan. 15 - Weekday 7:00AM In Thanksgiving Josie Feliciano (Living) 8:45AM Gregory Boettger

ThursdayJan. 16 - Weekday7:00AMMichael and Bridget O'Neill8:45AMErnesto and Alejandro Amora

Friday Jan. 17 - St. Anthony 7:00AM Sean Joyce 8:45AM Beverly Walters

Saturday Jan. 18 - Weekday 8:30AM Noreen Nicosia 5:30PM Samuel D'Onofrio, Sr.

Sunday Jan. 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:45AM Margaret Halloran 10:00AM Frank Ricciardi 12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

# **Special Intentions**

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in thanksgiving of St. Mary's Basketball group.

# In Loving Memory



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of James Boyle requested by Boyle family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Hermanine J. Dissler, Gus Pappas, and Lorraine Riordan-Mooney.

This Week

Sunday – Jan. 12 8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School 10:00AM Baptism 1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting FDVRm Baptism of Our Lord

**Monday – Jan. 13** After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting SFC

**Tuesday – Jan. 14** After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 5:30PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Jan. 15 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Jan. 16 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 5:30PM Basketball SH 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Jan. 17 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Saturday – Jan. 18 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC Food Collection

Sunday – Jan. 19 7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark 9:00AM-5:00PM Cub Scouts Food Collection

#### <u>The following 2014 offerings are</u> <u>still available for :</u>

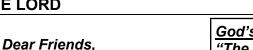
Bread & Wine - May 4,11,& 18; June 8; July 20; Aug. 24; Sept. 14 & 28; Oct. 5, 12, Oct. 19 & 26; Nov. 16 & 23; Dec. 28

Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9 & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20; Aug. 24; Sept. 28; Oct. 12, 19, & Oct. 26; Nov. 16 & 23; Dec. 7.

#### What Goes Up, Must Come Down...

**Volunteers ...** All are welcome! Even if it is only for an hour, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Corner



**JANUARY 12, 2014** 

<u>God's Plan for Giving:</u> "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>	
Collection Dec. 28-29	\$11,106.00
Same Weekend 2012	\$ 9,458.00

#### 2014

 Collection Jan. 04-05
 \$ 8,178.00

 Same Weekend 2013
 \$10,538.00

 Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$39.00

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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 made breakfast for my family." ..."I made my bed." "I dried the dishes." "I helped someone." ~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

#### 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.

# Pastoral Council Meeting

You are invited to the Pastoral Council Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 13th at 7:30PM in the Spiritual Formation Center. Come see what a Pastoral Council meeting is like. Any input or concerns you may have will be part of the meeting's agenda. Hope to see you there!

Please Join Us

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spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen sums up the Baptism of the Lord in this way: "Jesus, who is without sin, stands in line with sinners waiting to be baptized by John. As Jesus starts his ministry, he chooses to enter into solidarity with sinful humanity...Here we see how Jesus clearly chooses the way of humility. He does not appear with great fanfare as a powerful saviour, announcing new order. On the contrary, he comes quietly, with the many sinners who are receiving a baptism of repentance. His choice is affirmed by the voice from heaven: "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him." (Mathew 3:17)"

we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The great

Today, we close the Christmas season as

Jesus public ministry begins after He emerges from the waters of the Jordan. So too when we are baptized, our spiritual journey as Christians begins as we are baptized into Christ Jesus, we are his followers and we advance in the spiritual life. We are called to be church and to be more active in the church. That is why this weekend after all the Masses, we are having a ministry fair to show you all the different groups who are a part of St. Mary's Parish. We encourage you to take a look and get involved, join one of these ministries and see how fulfilling it is to be active in the church.

Also on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Spiritual Formation Center, you are invited to our Parish Council Town Hall Meeting. This is an opportunity to see the Parish Council in action, to see what a meeting is like, what is discussed and on the agenda for the evening. There will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns with the Parish Council. So come join us for this first time opportunity to be involved and have your voice heard as a parish member.

Have a great week!

May God be Praised, Fr. Dominic

# Church Painting

For the next couple of weeks starting Monday, Jan. 13th, the upper church will be closed to start Stage 1 of the painting of the church. We will re-open and then finish the project at a later date.

#### 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.

We are 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...Mary Sforza Margaret Bitteti...Donald Trainor...Lyla McMahon Suzanne West...Bob Dondero...Emily Stevens Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND...Christopher Bishopp Laura Widman Riccardi...Rose Marie Dellner Marcus Flaherty...Hailey van Weathering Eileen Flaherty...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Diana P. Bob Jackson...Larry Rubin...Jim & Debbie

Rosary Linen Schedule for January 2014

Jan. 12 Mary Boyle Jan. 19 Diane Gerrity Jan. 26 Sue Schettino

#### Sound System

#### Dear Friends,

Save our Sound has generated \$40,850,000 in donations thus far. The total cost runs about \$50,000. So to finish the fundraising off, we are looking for 30 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 charity Christ wishes us to practice, especially in community life, is not only negative charitythat is, to refrain from uncharitable thoughts, words, and acts-but above all positive charity-the doing of kindnesses toward our neighbor because in him we see the image of Christ, and what is more important, putting ourselves out in the doing.

### (G.P., p. 17)

#### 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> Thank You - Pantry</u>



We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Christmas food collection. Special thanks to Fairway Market who again contributed 20 turkeys.

Thanks to Honiss School for their food collection. Three young men in the parish took it upon themselves to collect food for the pantry. Thank you Edmund, Daniel, and Stephen for your thoughtfulness.

We were able to give out over 50 baskets to families who really expressed gratitude to our parish for being so caring.

We also would like to offer thanks to our town DPW who have assisted us in distribution to the schools. We wish all a Blessed and Healthy New Year.

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PACT/Religious Education Program

#### PACT Happenings

#### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

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

#### **Confirmation Candidates**

How are your Service Projects going? Service may be done in school or for local organizations. For opportunities at St. Mary's, check our bulletin and our e -mails and contact the group or the person in charge of the event directly.



#### High School Confirmation Retreat Team

The next Confirmation Retreat team meeting will be Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 mass.

#### Transfiguration Academy

Transfiguration is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools, for Pre-Kindergarten children, age 2 +, through the Eighth Grade.

In the eight years since the Academy was established, Transfiguration students have won a number of prestigious academic awards, at the Bergen Catholic High School Brady Memorial Challenge, Queen of Peace High School Academic Challenge and the St Joseph Regional High School Academic Olympics, as well as, four consecutive top ten finishes in the New Jersey "Future City" Engineering competition.

An important factor in the Academy's success is the emphasis on Cross-Curricular Learning. The goal is not only to learn the individual subject matter, but to incorporate that knowledge, so that the students understand the practical application of the subjects in the real world.

Utilizing this cross curricular approach and project based learning, our students develop an appreciation for pragmatic use of the subjects matter and theories they are being taught, as well as a rational approach to time management, and teamwork.

To support our curriculum, Transfiguration's facilities include a modern Science Laboratory, Computer Lab and an "Engineering and Technology program. Our Language Arts and Social Studies programs teach our students excellent communication skills as well as learning about different cultures throughout recorded history. Most importantly, as a Catholic school, we teach Reverence, Respect and Responsibility, based on Gospel values.

To make an appointment to see the school in action, please call 201-384-3627.

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

#### Jan. 12 - No Meeting

Jan. 26 - Meeting at 6:30pm

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#### PALAD Corner

Simbang Gabi 2013 at St. Mary's is an event that will be in the hearts of many. I am thankful to those who worked hard to make this celebration a success. I appreciate the many ways others had helped - for the Mass as well as the celebration at Szelest Hall. I am grateful to those who stayed behind to help tidy up the gym. Lastly, I thank everyone for coming and sharing the night with us.

An expression of this appreciation is my reflection inspired by the children who embraced Simbang Gabi with such delight.

#### THE NIGHT BELONGS TO CHRISTMAS

In the eyes of the little children Excitement and anticipation ran They would be angels, shepherds, innkeepers, or kings, the drummer boy, the poor girl, Joseph, or Mary. And they would tell us their story of the Nativity. as the choir of angels sing melodic songs through their journey. It was such a delight to see them play zestfully their part; we were happy and proud for these little children of St. Mary's. Then Santa came; he was on his sleigh. Awe-struck, with eyes wide open There was joy in their heart: to see him; to be seen with him. More than gifts, Santa brings warmth and happiness; to such radiance children are beholden. As they wait for the coming of Christmas to them - Christmas has come.

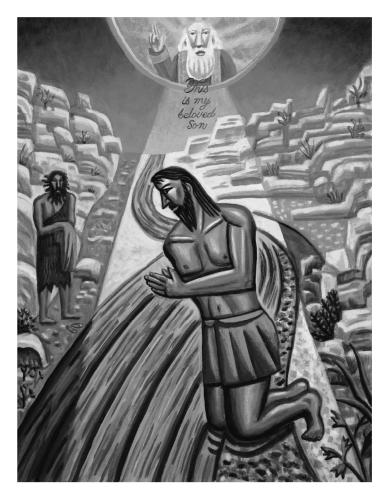
# For PALAD,

#### Drawing Date: 12/26/13

Raffle:	Ticket #	<u>Name</u>
#21	1577	George Donovan

We extend our sincerest THANKS to all who participated in the raffle for the 'Save Our Sound' project for our church's sound system.

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD



# Christ, the Beloved Son

Father of new birth, today your beloved Son is baptized by John in the River Jordon. May our world embrace the peace that Christ gives,

and may we seek after justice

for all the nations.

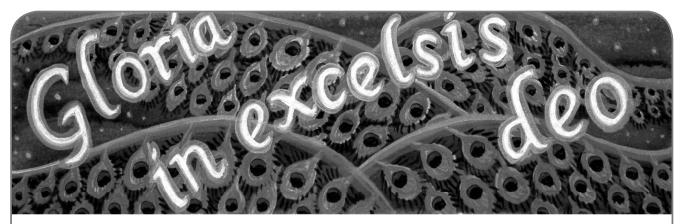
- As you anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power
- so his disciples are anointed with the Spirit
- so that we may do good as he does
- and advocate for those who face oppression.
- Recalling our Baptism into the life of Christ,
- may we never cease to proclaim your light to the nations.
- We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Sunday, January 12, 2014 The Son Revealed

Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Acts 10:34–38; Matthew 3:13–17. The baptism of Jesus is truly an inaugural event in today's Gospel account. John seems to realize that this will not be a baptism of repentance; rather it is a demonstration of Jesus's solidarity with humankind and a sign (for Matthew and his audience) of Jesus's relationship to the Father.

In this scene, the Gospel writers show us Jesus's credentials for the work that will follow. The Alleluia verse for today's liturgy is not taken from Matthew's Gospel, but rather from Mark 9:16, the scene of Jesus's Transfiguration. At this moment of baptism, the Church reminds us of another moment in which the Father revealed the Son's identity and hinted at his destiny: the Transfiguration. In both events, God reveals his power through the Son, who willingly submits himself as servant of the Father and servant of all humanity. Today's psalm reminds us that just as the Holy Spirit descends "like a dove" on Jesus in today's Gospel, the Spirit, or "wind" "swept over the face of the waters" at Creation (Genesis 1:2). The Holy Spirit is always and everywhere the active, transforming agent at work in the Church, calling us to cultivate holiness, and challenging us to change our lives.

Our Baptism, unlike Jesus's, was a Baptism of repentance and cleansing, befitting us for union with him. In the waters of Baptism we were joined to him, and with him, as adopted children, we enjoy the dignity of belovedness and mission.



# THE WEEK AT HOME AND BEYOND: ORDINARY TIME IN WINTER; SPECIAL DAYS

# Monday, January 13 Counted Time

Today we return to the season of Ordinary Time, derived from *ordinal*, meaning counted time. We move from Sunday to Sunday: second, third, fourth, and so forth. Yet there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time, for each Sunday we celebrate *Dies Domini*, the Day of the Lord. In July of 1985, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II issued an apostolic letter on the Lord's Day. Let's try to remember the psalmist's words as we begin each Sunday: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

# January 18–25

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On January 25, 1958, Blessed Pope John XXIII announced the convening of a major Ecumenical Council in the Church. It would begin in 1963. One of the greatest fruits of the Second Vatican Council was the strengthening of unity among the Christian Churches. As we observe the 50th anniversaries of the council documents, read the Church's Decree on Ecumenism (http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\_councils/ ii\_vatican\_council/documents/vat-ii\_decree\_19641121\_ unitatis-redintegratio\_en.html), *Unitatis Redintegratio* and pray that "all will be made one."

# Wednesday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal now includes a day of prayer and penance for abortion. On this day we give thanks to God for the gift of human life and recall a central teaching of the Church that upholds the dignity of each human person. If you have been setting aside change (see entry for December 6), take this money to an agency that advocates on behalf of the unborn. Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32–33, 37, 40–51; Psalm 144:2, 9–10; Mark 3:1–6.

# Sunday, February 2

#### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This feast celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple when two wise old people, Simeon and Anna, recognize his holiness. Since the eighth century, the blessing and distribution of candles has been part of this celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. Light a candle this day for the peace of Christ in the world. Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10: Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.

## **Tuesday, February 11** Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Fittingly, on this day designated as an optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, we also pray for those who are sick and suffering. Consider joining efforts to care for the sick and the homebound in your community. Take a day to give a caregiver some free time. Come forward to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound in your parish or in a local hospital or care center. Readings: Isaiah 66:10–14c; Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19; John 2:1–11.

#### **Tuesday, March 4** Mardi Gras

Known as Carnival or Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday is celebrated with parades and feasting, dancing, music, and colorful masks. Tradition calls for pancakes on this day as the Church burns last year's palms for Ash Wednesday. (Encourage the children in the parish school or religious education program to participate in this ritual). As you approach Lent, what traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will you embrace this year? Today the Church cries out "Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God alleluia, alleluia." Today's Readings: 1 Peter 1:10–16; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Mark 10:28–31.



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