

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

# *St. Mary's Church*

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**Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Nicholas V. Bellotti, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Mr. Joel Condon, Director of Music Ministry**  
**Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA**  
**Mr. William J. Mascitello, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics**  
**Mr. John Weiss, Business Administrator**  
**Ernesto Betancourt, Parish Seminarian**  
**Mrs. Barbara Barba, Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
**Mrs. Janet Kaine, Parish Trustee**  
**Mr. Michael Daly, Parish Trustee**

## *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*

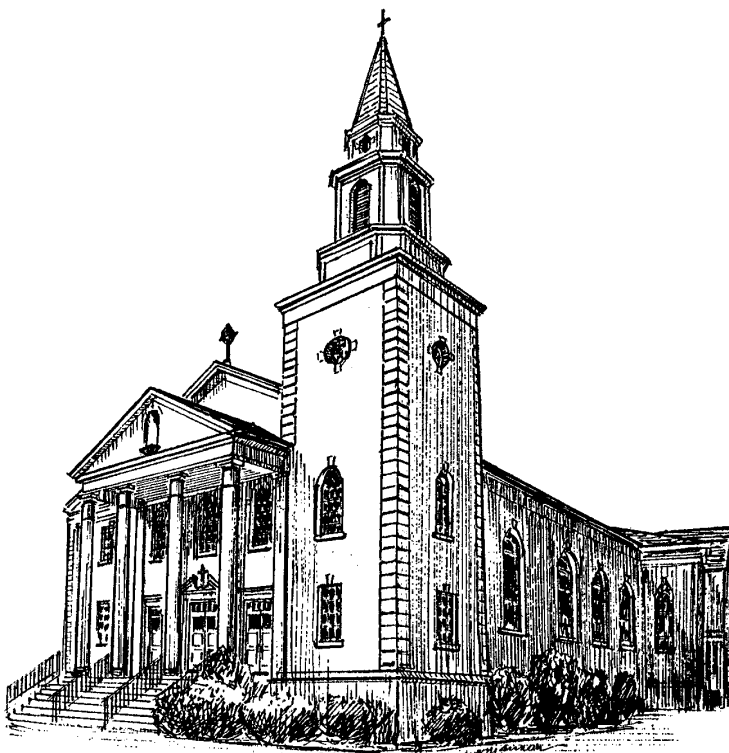
**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

## *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

First Friday of the month, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 16, 2014**



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**Co-Sponsored School of St. Mary's, St. John 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**



**Saturday Feb. 15 - Vigil**  
 5:30PM Frank and Rose Scandiffio

**Sunday Feb. 16 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:45AM Michael and Mary O'Neil  
 10:00AM Vincenca Giunta  
 12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Monday Feb. 17 - Weekday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
 9:00AM Fabian Banzil, Sr.

**Tuesday Feb. 18 - Weekday**  
 7:00AM John Daly  
 8:45AM Justin Ng

**Wednesday Feb. 19 - Weekday**  
 7:00AM Martha Rossi  
 8:45AM Sr. Maureen O'Neill

**Thursday Feb. 20 - Weekday**  
 7:00AM Jean McCauley  
 8:45AM Ivanica Telesmanich

**Friday Feb. 21 - Weekday St. Peter Damian**  
 7:00AM Ester Burke  
 8:45AM Lawrence Wiese

**Saturday Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
 8:30AM Mary Lindeman  
 5:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Sunday Feb. 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:45AM Angela Wilson  
 10:00AM Elizabeth O'Shea  
 12 Noon Florencia Dimarucot

### ***In Loving Memory***



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Josephine DeCristofaro requested by Bob and Mattea Truppe.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Josefino Magat, Jr. and Maria Ibay requested by their family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Mila Nepomuceno, Elizabeth Hilcken and Antonia Adel.

### **President's Day – February 17th**

In observance of President's Day on Monday, Feb. 17th, the parish office will be closed. Please note that there will be only one Mass at 9:00 AM.



### **Sunday – Feb. 16**

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark  
 12:00PM Mass Baptism  
 Food Collection

### **Monday – Feb. 17**

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC

### **President's Day**

### **Tuesday – Feb. 18**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 5:30PM Basketball SH  
 7:30PM Adult Choir Practice Library

### **Wednesday - Feb. 19**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 4:00PM Children's Choir Library  
 5:00PM Bells Choir UC  
 7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm  
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

### **Thursday – Feb. 20**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 6:00PM-9:00PM Sports Activity CFC-FFL (Mitch)SH  
 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

### **Friday – Feb. 21**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 7:00PM Basketball SH

### **Saturday – Feb. 22**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC  
 10:00AM Memorial Mass for Elizabeth Hilcken LC

### **Sunday – Feb. 23**

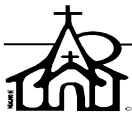
8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School  
 11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library/School  
 1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting SFC  
 1:30PM-5:00PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner SH

### **The following 2014 offerings are still available for :**

Bread & Wine - May 11; June 8; Aug. 24; Sept. 14; Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26; Nov. 16 & 23.  
 Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 16; May 4; July 6; Aug. 24; Oct. 12, 19, & 26; Nov. 16 & 23; Dec. 7.

### **Social Justice Committee Meeting**

The Social Justice Committee will meet Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pope John XXIII Room next to the SFC. All are invited to attend. We will start planning 2014 events and address such important issues as hunger, gun violence and fair trade. Please join us for a prayerful, reflective meeting.



## Pastor's Corner

***Dear Friends,***

Bono is the lead singer of the Irish Rock Band, U2. Bono, a Roman Catholic drifted in and out of the faith has recently rediscovered his Catholic religion. In an interview I came across in a book where the Irish singer was interviewed on a wide variety of topics I share with you his views on God and the Bible. I find it enlightening and I am always fascinated on how celebrities view faith. I am impressed how Bono is right on the mark. He states: *"There's nothing hippie about my picture of Christ. The Gospels paint a picture of a very demanding, sometimes divisive love, but love it is. I accept the Old Testament as more of an action movie: blood, car crashes, evacuations, a lot of special effects, seas dividing, mass murder, adultery, the children of God are running amok, wayward. Maybe that's why they're so relatable. But the way we would see it, those of us who are trying to figure out our Christian conundrum, is that the God of the Old Testament is like the journey from stern father to friend. When you're a child, you need clear directions and some strict rules. But with Christ, we have access in a one-to-one relationship, for, as in the Old Testament, on the other hand, we look across at a Jesus who looks familiar, horizontal. The combination is what makes the cross... I know what God is. God is love, and as much as I respond in allowing myself to be transformed by that love and acting in that love, that's my religion. Where things get complicated for me, is when I try to live this love. Now that's not easy to do."*

Jesus in today's gospel says: "I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it." He has filled the law with His law and invited us to experience this love in our lives and our relationships. Bono's profound words of what God and religion is to experience this love and live it. Challenging but not impossible. Jesus invites us to ponder this in our faith life!

Have a great week!

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

## Old Palms Wanted

Please bring your old palms to the church or the parish office so we can burn them on Monday, March 3rd by the parish office garage, which provides the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



**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 Feb. 08 - 09	\$9,156.00
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Same Weekend 2013	\$8,863.00
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***Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$16.00***

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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 did my chores without being told more than once.."***

***"I did my chores without being asked."***

***"I helped my sister with her homework."***

***"I helped my sister with her Valentine's card."***

***"I helped my mom." "I said my prayers."***

***"I talked with parents about lesson."***

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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.

### **Electronic Giving**

These days many of us pay our recurring obligations such as mortgage and car payments using automatic payments. This convenient opportunity is available to you for your regular parish support. The electronic giving company we use is **Parishpay**.

You can enroll by going online at **parishpay.com**. It's simple and easy, just follow the prompts. You don't have to worry about bringing checks or cash to Mass.

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.

*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.*

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Mary Sforza..Larry Rubin  
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...Diana P.  
Eileen Flaherty...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Frank F.  
Bob Jackson...Jim & Debbie...Helen Smythe  
Peggy Dunshee..Lidia Belulovich..Edelmira Muñoz  
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Feb. 16 Pat Barclay	Feb. 23 Mary Boyle
Mar. 02 Eileen Moloney	Mar. 09 Sue Schettino
Mar. 16 Mary Daly	Mar. 23 Mary Loughlin
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The Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dumont. Members are asked to bring a scratch-off lottery ticket for our upcoming Tricky Tray. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday night “Fish Fry”, reservations recommended  
 Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Bus trip to Atlantic City *including* Renault Winery luncheon  
 Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Garden Tea Party & Tricky Tray

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](mailto:ETTES1345@gmail.com). This is a great time to join us.

(G.P., p. 123)

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Please pray for her Canonization and visit our new  
painting of her located in the vestibule of our church.

*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.*

***Lighthouse Catholic Media***

We are proud to present a new evangelization opportunity here at St. Mary's. Lighthouse Catholic Media offers a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith, and share their Faith! We all have friends or family members who have fallen away from the Church, or loved ones who are searching for answers about their Faith and want to increase their knowledge and understanding but don't know where to begin. Now you can reach out to them by offering a wonderful learning tool - a Lighthouse CD. Whether in the car or at home, people can deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith when they listen to inspiring talks given by some of the best Catholic speakers in the world. In the back of the church, you will see a display offering nine different CD titles and three different pamphlets. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD, \$5.00 per book, and \$.50 per pamphlet so that we may continue this program. CD will be available starting this weekend, Feb 15. Won't you reach out and help bring someone home?



## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### ***Monday and Tuesday PACT Parent Meetings***

Below are the dates and correct times for meetings:

**Monday, 2/24 at 7:00**

**Tuesday, 2/25 at 3:30**

Parents may attend either meeting. Both begin with prayer in the Upper Church.

### ***First Communion Parents***



Check your First Communion parent letter for preparation sessions held in March and April, *Morning with Jesus*, and other important information. If the

information on the letter does not seem correct, please call the office or e-mail us.

## 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.



## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

**March 8, 2014 10:30 a.m. -6:30 p.m.**

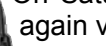
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### ***St. Mary's Youth Group (JWalk) Schedule***

## February 23rd - Meeting at 6:30pm

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**Service at the Community**  
**Food Bank of New Jersey**



On Saturday, March 22nd, St. Mary's will once again volunteer at the Community Food Bank in Hillside. We will car pool at St. Mary's, meeting at 7:30 am and returning by noon. Sign-ups in advance are required; contact Deacon John at [deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org). Due to the Food Bank's insurance regulations, no one under 12 is permitted in the warehouse.

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### ***Small Christian Group***

We will again have a Small Christian Group that meets once a week during Lent. We will be using the book "Open Our Hearts". For more information or to sign up, please call Coleen in the parish office at 201-384-0557 or email her at [coleen@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:coleen@stmarysdumont.org).

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## Mark Your Calendar!

Deacon Duberley is hosting a Charismatic Concert at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 5th, 7:30pm-11:00pm in the lower church. More information to follow.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal ---**  
**"When I called, you answered"**

There are so many ways God is made visible in the world around us. Our Church of Newark, which serves Hudson, Essex, Union and Bergen counties, sees God in the hundreds of thousands of people it takes care of every year by teaching, sheltering and caring for all who come to it for help.

Here are *some* of the areas that the AAA is able to impact because of YOUR pledge!

**EVANGELIZATION:** The Archdiocese promotes several events to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. These include the Men's and Women's Commissions, Stewardship Day, in addition to parish-based programs such as Disciples in Mission, Cornerstone and Why Catholic.

**EDUCATION:** More than 34,000 young people last year received a faith based education in our 74 Catholic elementary schools and 30 high schools.

**SEMINARIES:** Three seminaries in the Archdiocese of Newark educate and train our future priests. In several recent years, the Archdiocese of Newark has ordained more men to the priesthood than any diocese in the United States.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES:** CYO provides young people with the opportunity to attend retreats, increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith and participate in a wide variety of sports and recreation programs in both summer and year-round programs.

**CHAPLAINS:** People searching for meaning and truth during critical times in their lives are able to receive the message of Christ through our many Chaplains at colleges, high schools and hospitals.

We can only offer assistance because of **your** generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Won't you please take a moment to fill out a pledge card? Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

[illegible]**Catholic Men's Conference**

***Be not afraid!*** – A Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00 AM and ending around 4:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Fr. Larry Richards and Gregory Floyd

Ticket price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens and priests & religious free including breakfast and lunch.

For registration please visit our website at [www.rcanmenscommission.org](http://www.rcanmenscommission.org) or contact [deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org).



# St. Mary's, Dumont Mardi Gras Dinner-Dance

*Saturday March 1, 2014*

*Szelest Hall's doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner and dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$20 per person\*  
Proceeds will go towards the Centennial events.*

**BYOB**

## **Mardi Gras Mask Contest**

*Make & Wear your best Mardi Gras mask  
for a chance to win a prize*



## **Tricky Tray & 50/50**

*If you would like to donate a basket or items for our tricky tray,  
please bring it to the parish office by February 22.*



The music will be DJ-style featuring  
Mardi Gras party music.

*Tickets will be on sale at the parish office.*

*No tickets sold at door.*

*\*Adult only event, 21 and over.*



*St. Mary's R.C. Church  
280 Washington Ave.  
Dumont NJ*

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF  
A LOVED ONE**

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. The group is led by trained facilitators certified by Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Our mission is:**

- To provide a Christ-centered group experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one.
- To support spiritually and emotionally those who mourn
- To provide knowledge of the grieving process and resources for the journey
- To offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences

**Our session dates:**

Tuesdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1, 8<sup>th</sup>.

All meetings are held in the John XXIII room in the basement of the school from 7:30 – 8:30 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office at 201-384-0557 or fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office.

**Pre-registration is required.**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP REGISTRATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_