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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!

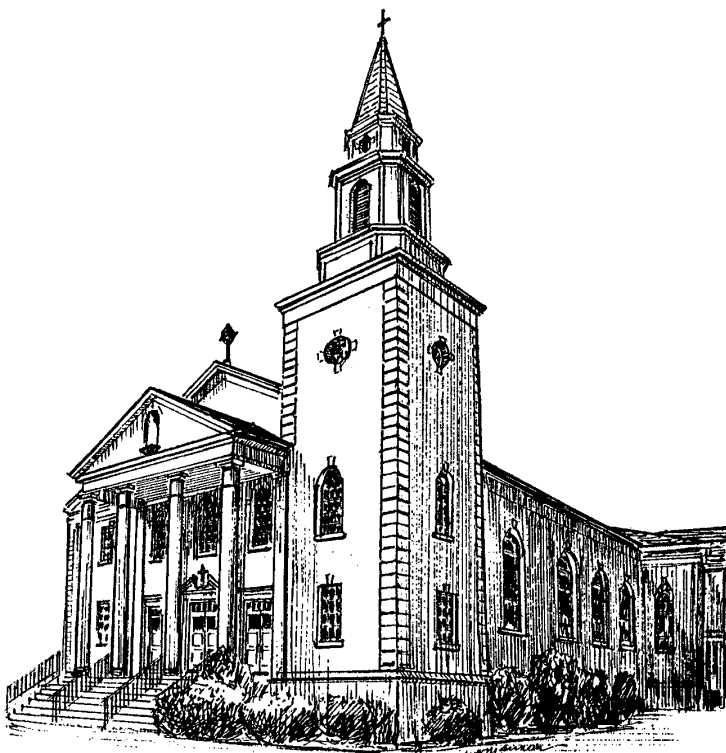
Religious Devotions

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 lower church.

Second Sunday of Lent
March 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 March 15 - Vigil
5:30PM Joseph Maisano

Sunday March 16 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM Jack Kehoe
10:00AM Patrick Langford
12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday March 17 - Lenten Weekday
St. Patrick
7:00AM Dennis and Daniel Daly
8:45AM Ryan Caspare

Tuesday March 18 - Lenten Weekday
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:00AM Anna May Yorke
8:45AM Lam Hang

Wednesday March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM Michael Acuba
8:45AM Mary Ellen Dowling
7:30PM Antonio Bussanich and Carlos Sforza

Thursday March 20 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Dante de los Reyes
8:45AM Mary Tagliareni

Friday March 21 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Pat Krauchuk
8:45AM Kazimir Telesmanich

Saturday March 22 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM Leonor Canlas
5:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:45AM Christopher Smolar
10:00AM Matthew Grassi Bassillo
12 Noon Aldo Luciano

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Tom Murphy requested by the Murphy family.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased members of the Cremin family requested by the Cremin family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Michael F. Restel, Mathilda Castellano, and Peter J. Brovarone.

Bereavement Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Loved One

Tuesdays — March 18 & 25, April 1st and 8th. If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us for a series of sessions of information, mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, and strictly confidential setting. The group is lead by a trained facilitator certified by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. All meetings are held in the parish office from 7:30pm - 8:30 pm. Call the parish office 201-384-0557 if you are interested in attending. **Pre-registration is required.**



Sunday – Mar. 16

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
10:00AM Mass St. Patrick. Social to follow SH
After All Masses Selling of Soda Bread SH
Food Collection
Penitential Right

Monday – March 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday – March 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM and 6:00PM FHC Prep #2 UC/School
3:45PM Banner Kit Prep with Parents School
5:30PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Adult Choir Practice Library
7:30PM-8:30PM Bereavement Support Group MSRm

Wednesday - March 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM Children's Choir Library
5:00PM Bells Choir UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Mass Feast of St. Joseph UC Social to follow SFC

Altar and Rosary Candy Sale Submission Deadline

Thursday – March 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
5:30PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Scriptures Study with Fr. Pat Library
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – March 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – Mar. 22

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM-12:00PM Faith Sharing Group (Lorena) FDVRm
8:00AM-11:00AM Food Bank (Deacon John) Hillside

Sunday – Mar. 23

8:30AM PACT Saints Session/ACRE 5th & 8th Graders LC/School

March 19 – St. Joseph's Day



On Wednesday, March 19, we will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 PM and will gather in the Spiritual Formation Center for a social afterwards, including St. Joseph's pastries. Please join us and rejoice in the care and the prayers of the husband of Mary and the guardian of Jesus, St. Joseph. **Please call the parish office if you'd like to join us.**

The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

Bread & Wine - May 11 & 18; June 8; Aug. 24; Sept. 14;
Oct. 5, 12, & 26; Nov. 16 & 23.
Sanctuary Lamp - May 4; July 6; Aug. 24; Oct. 12; Nov. 23.



PD'S REFLECTIONS

As you probably guessed, the "P" in PD's Reflections is for Patrick.

My mother always liked the name Patricia so when it was time to choose a Confirmation name it was her first choice. However her name was Alicia and her mother did not like the idea of Alicia Patricia, so she decided it would be a name for her child. My mother was to name a daughter, my father a son. So it became Patricia or Patrick.

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day, or as some call it, St. Patrick's season. Throughout the country there are many St. Patrick's Day Parades. Folks around here might go to Bergenfield or Pearl River, and of course The Parade is in New York City, older than our country. For 25 years, I have been Chaplain of the Newark Parade, once the only one in New Jersey but now more modest in size.

I have often reflected on the phenomenon of these parades. A newcomer might think that St. Patrick himself must have loved a parade. Such is probably not the case and the parades have developed to celebrate Irish culture, music, and tradition. Wednesday is St. Joseph's Day, and there are parades which sponsor feasts and processions in honor of St. Joseph, but rarely parades. You may be familiar with Bill Ervolino from the Record. He suggested that the Irish are born with a gene for marching while the Italians pay other people to march.

St Patrick's Day always falls in the season of Lent. As people march in parades, an image of life and of Lent is the journey. It is important to remember that we are all called to be saints and we want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Fr. Pat

Social Justice Committee Meeting

The Social Justice Committee will meet Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pope John XXIII Room next to the SFC. All are invited to attend. We will address such important issues as food insecurity, gun violence and our mission statement. Please join us for a prayerful, reflective meeting.

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 are required by Tuesday, March 18th; contact Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.**

Due to the Food Bank's insurance regulations, no one under 12 is permitted in the warehouse.

Lent 2014

Penance Opportunities

- As part of the Archdiocesan initiative, ***The Light is On For You*** — Confessions will be held all the Mondays of Lent from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.
- ***Individual Confessions*** also available Saturdays from 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm.
- A ***Communal Reconciliation Service*** will be held at St. Mary's at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Ascension and St. John's will participate with us

Scripture Study with Fr. Pat



Please join us on Thursdays - March 20th, 27th, April 3rd and 10th at 7:30 pm in the Library of the school. Enter by the doors closest to Park Avenue.

A Journey to the Potter's House

Join us on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 3 pm in Szelest Hall for this illustrated parable that brings the gospel to life. Presented by Michael Ferris: Potter, Evangelist and Motivational Speaker. This moving and life changing presentation focusing on forgiveness and renewal is perfect for your Lenten journey and beyond.



Giving Tree

Our parish will collect items for St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark.

Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent.

Crafts for Cancer

On the Sundays of Lent our children from Liturgy of the Word with Children will collect craft items. These items will be donated to Tomorrow's Children and Hackensack Medical Center.

The Apostles' Creed

You may have noticed at Mass today that we used the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

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...Frank F.
Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND...Christopher Bishopp
Laura Widman Riccardi...Rose Marie Dellner...Diana P.
Marcus Flaherty...Hailey van Weathering...Diana P.
Eileen Flaherty...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Donna
Bob Jackson...Jim & Debbie...Helen Smythe...
Peggy Dunshee...Lidia Belulovich...Edelmira Muñoz
Barbara Fawcett...Theresa Giacalone...Patricia Ercolano
Mona O'Brien...Richard Fitzgibbon

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Mar. 16 Mary Daly
Mar. 23 Mary Loughlin
Mar. 30 Diane Gerrity

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Easter Candy Sale is now going on! Brochures are at the doors of the church. All order forms can be dropped off at the rectory. The deadline is March 19th. Candies will be available for pick-up on April 12 - 13 after all masses at the library.

Thank you to the many families who have already contributed the Archbishop's Annual Appeal! This is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us. This year, our parish goal is as follows:

To date, we have received over **\$29,400.00** in pledges. If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office.



He was beloved of God and men, whose memory is in benediction; He made him like the saints in glory and magnified him in the fear of his enemies...The Lord loved him and adored him; He clothed him with a robe of glory.

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

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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.

Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting is on Mon., March 17th at 8PM.

March 29th from 7-11PM. ***céad míle fáilte*** - bring your friends and family for a great time with live music from Frankie Curran and the Evergreens, corned beef & cabbage, bangers & mash, desert and beverages. The cost is \$30 per person and reservations are a must. You can email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

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This weekend, March 15-16 is our food collection weekend to be used primarily for our Easter Baskets which will be distributed on Friday, April 11th. Some of the items that we are in need of are listed below. If you can also donate a turkey or ham to this distribution, it would be greatly appreciated. If you know of any one who would be in need of a basket, please let the rectory know at 201-384-0557. All information will be kept confidential. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help our brethren in need. Thank you and God Bless.

Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Tuna, Gravy (beef, brown, chicken, turkey), Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Pasta, Dinty Moore Stew, Canned Fruits (apples sauce, mandarin oranges, mixed fruit, peaches, pineapple), Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Tea, Canned/Dry Milk, Paper Goods, Canned/Instant Potatoes, Jello, Mixes (brownie, cake& muffin) & Soaps.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Prayer of Pilgrim People

Father, you call us to be pilgrim people
on a journey.

As Abram and Sarai answered your call
to go to a new land,
so we want to go willingly
where you send us.

Strengthen our trust in you, we pray.

As Peter, James, and John
climbed the mountain

to see the Lord transfigured
before their eyes,

so we with our mind's eye
try to glimpse his glory.

Help us to hear and heed your words:
"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him

I am well pleased;

Listen to him!"

Heavenly Father, give us perseverance
to reach the holy mountain of Easter,
where the splendor of Resurrection
is found.

We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ,

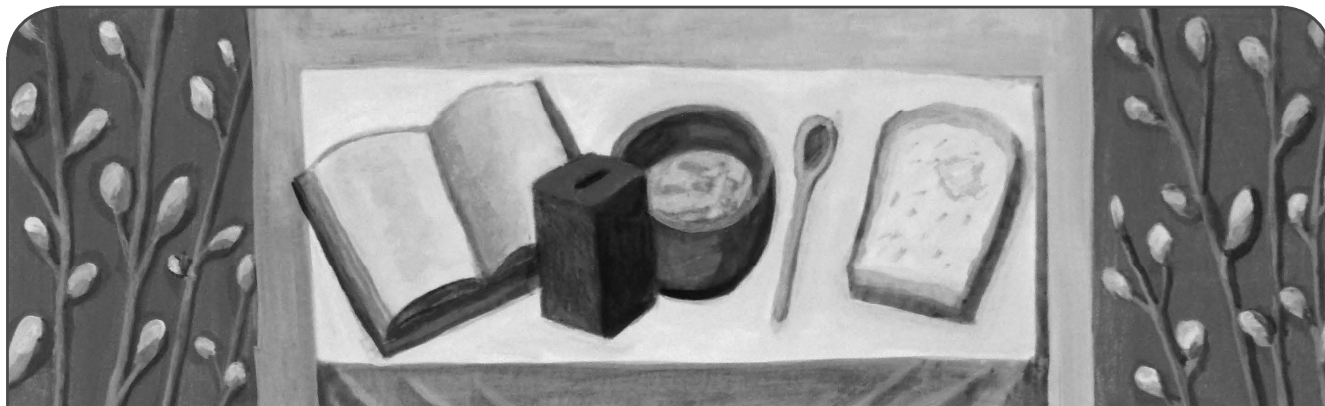
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, March 16, 2014
Christ on the Mountain Tops



Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22 (22); 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9. Today we move from temptation in the desert to Transfiguration on the mountain. Along with Peter, James, and John, we stand basking in the light of Christ as he converses with Moses and Elijah. The vision in today's Gospel tells the three disciples, and us, who Jesus really is—the Son of God. Confronted with this wonder so unexpectedly, Peter, James, and John will need time to put the pieces together. We have the benefit of Matthew's description and centuries of Church reflection on the meaning of this event. God sent his divine Son to enter into conversation with us, to give us the courage and strength to follow him. In revealing this to us through the Transfiguration, God enables our own transformation.

Our destiny is written between two holy mountains: the mountain of Transfiguration, and the mountain of Calvary. Both suffering and glory accompany us on the holy road to Easter. During this season of Lent, as we try to lay aside distractions and focus on the most simple, essential truths, may the light of the Transfiguration guide our steps. Let us walk together with family, friends, strangers, the needy, and even enemies so that the journey may awaken in us a sense of solidarity with our neighbors, and spur us to work for the good and justice of all. May we have the courage to look into the face of the one who came to lead us out of sin and the shadow of death. May our acts of prayer, penance, and almsgiving be drawn together in a great song of praise.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 17

Saint Patrick

Patrick was born around the year 387 and courageously preached the Gospel to the people of Ireland. In a collection of prayers from the library, or through the Internet, find the words to the prayer known as St. Patrick's Breastplate (or Loric). Pray this strong prayer for protection at the beginning of your day, or at any time. It is a powerful affirmation of faith and trust. Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 (103:10a); Luke 6:36-38.

Tuesday, March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Cyril of Jerusalem, born about the year 315, is one of the great doctors of the Church, and in his role as bishop, he gave catechesis to those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the Council of Constantinople, he played a crucial role in amending the Nicene Creed, so that the word "consubstantial" was used to describe the relationship between Christ and the Father. Since the 2011 revised translation of the *The Roman Missal*, we are using this word again. Today's Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 (23b); Matthew 23:1-12.

Wednesday, March 19

Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Joseph, the husband of Mary and father of Jesus, is described as a "righteous man," one who is completely open to all that God wants. Today's Gospel from Matthew reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Holy Family. During this Lent, may we look to the Holy Spirit as the active, transforming agent at work in our lives, in the Church, and in the world. Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 (37); Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a.

Thursday, March 20

Listen

In today's Gospel, the poor man, Lazarus, who ate the scraps that fell from the rich man's table, was carried to "to be with Abraham." The rich man, who had ignored the needs of Lazarus, was sent to Hades. When the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers to repent so as to avoid torment, Abraham points out that they would understand how to behave if they simply listened to the prophets. We, too, must listen to know what God expects. Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 (40:5a); Luke 16:19-31.

Friday, March 21

The Power of Envy

Today's Gospel, quoting Psalm 118, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," foretells the suffering and Death of Jesus. It echoes the first reading, in which Joseph, the youngest and favored son of Jacob, had prophetic dreams. His jealous brothers planned to kill him, but after some soul-searching, they instead sold him into slavery. Read beyond today's lesson to find out what happens to Joseph. Consider what we can learn from the story so far about the power of envy that tempts us to scheme against others. Today's Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 (5a); Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.

Saturday, March 22

Rich in Mercy

Today's Gospel reading is the familiar story of the prodigal son, which always offers new insights. In ancient times, a child asking a parent for his inheritance was like wishing the parent were dead. Yet the father (God) is merciful. Most parents understand this in their hearts, because they are often called to forgive their children, no matter how deep the hurt. Today's Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8a); Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.



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