

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 lower church.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 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 29 - Vigil
 5:30PM Richard Bush

Sunday March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00AM Kathleen and Frank McMorrow
 12 Noon Deceased Members of the Rosica Family

Monday March 31 - Lenten Weekday
 7:00AM Lawrence Kennedy
 8:45AM Pietro Sforza

Tuesday April 1 - Lenten Weekday
 7:00AM Dawn Totten
 8:45AM Salvatore Tagliareni

Wednesday April 2 - Lenten Weekday
 7:00AM Jim Klarer and Family
 8:45AM Thomas and Celia Mooney

Thursday April 3 - Lenten Weekday
 7:00AM Rodolfo Val Laya (Living)
 8:45AM Patricia Cavo

Friday April 4 - Lenten Weekday
San Isidore
 7:00AM Tim and Peggy Keating
 8:45AM Oliver Reilly

Saturday April 5 - Lenten Weekday
St. Vincent Ferrer
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8:30AM - Memorial Mass

John Glynn	Wilma Rey
Walter Gibb	Helena Coll
John Canning	John Foti
William LaSala	Agueda Cases
William Whelan	Harry McAllister & Manny Lang

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5:30PM Thomas Duffy

Sunday April 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
 7:45AM Rosemary Palma
 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 12 Noon Walter Boettger

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 and in memory of Tim and Peggy Keating requested by their children.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased George Bardes and Felicity Encarnacion.

The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

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

Sunday – Mar. 30
 7:30AM-11:30AM Prayer Breakfast CFC-FFL (Mitch) Cafeteria
 3:00PM A Journey to the Potter's House SH
 Altar & Rosary Candy Sale Ends

Monday – March 31
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Tuesday – April 1
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 3:30PM & 6:00PM FHC Prep #3 UC/School
 5:30PM Basketball SH
 7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SFC
 7:30PM Adult Choir Practice Library
 7:30PM-8:30PM Bereavement Support Group MSRM

April Fool's Day


Wednesday - April 2
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 4:00PM Children's Choir Practice Library
 5:00PM Bells Choir Practice UC
 7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – April 3
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 6:00PM-9:00PM Sports Activity CFC-FFL (Mitch) SH
 7:30PM Scriptures Study with Fr. Pat Library
 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – April 4
 9:00AM-7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration LC
 7:00PM Basketball SH
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – April 5
 7:30AM Rosary LC
 10:00AM-12:00PM Faith Sharing Group (Lorena) FDVRm
 1:00PM Lenten Communal Penance Service UC
 Food Collection

Sunday – April 6
 7:30AM-11:30AM Prayer Breakfast CFC-FFL (Mitch) Cafeteria
 8:30AM PACT Angels Final Session-8th "Grad" LC/School
 11:00AM PACT Angels Closing Catechist Meeting Library-School
 1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting FDVRm
 Food Collection


We invite our parishioners to come to...

Our Tri-parish Lenten Communal Penance Service at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 5, at 1:00 PM.

The priests of St. Mary's, Ascension, and St. John's will be present that afternoon so that those attending the Penance Service will have the opportunity to go to the sacrament of Penance.



Liturgy Notes

A short time ago in speaking to someone about the Sacrament of the Sick they said to me “but isn’t that called Extreme Unction? Isn’t that sacrament only for when you are dying?” In spite of my explanation that the sacrament is now called The Anointing of the Sick and is just as much a sacrament for strength, and for spiritual healing when you are sick or facing surgery, they seemed unconvinced. Then a few weeks ago Pope Francis spoke in a general audience about this Sacrament. One of his statements made me smile --- “the idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest.” It’s no secret that I love this Pope for many reasons, but one of them is his ability to see into the human heart and “tell it like it is.” Reprinted below is part of the text of this general audience from February 24, 2014. In the interest of space, we did not reprint the entire statement but you can Google it “Pope Francis and the Sacrament of the Sick” and it will pop right up. I urge you to read it through, and please do not hesitate to call the parish office when you or someone you love is sick or facing surgery. One of our priests will be happy to celebrate this Sacrament with you.

Today I would like to talk to you about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which allows us to touch God’s compassion for man. In the past it was called “Extreme Unction”, because it was understood as a spiritual comfort in the face of imminent death. To speak instead of the “Anointing of the Sick” helps us broaden our vision to include the experience of illness and suffering, within the horizon of God’s mercy.

But when someone is sick, we at times think: “let’s call for the priest to come”; “no, then he will bring bad luck, let’s not call him”, or “he will scare the sick person”. Why do we think this? Because the idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest. And this is not true. The priest comes to help the sick or elderly person; that is why the priest’s visit to the sick is so important; we ought to call the priest to the sick person’s side and say: “come, give him the anointing, bless him”. It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person, to give him strength, to give him hope, to help him; and also to forgive his sins. And this is very beautiful! And one must not think that this is taboo, because in times of pain and illness it is always good to know that we are not alone: the priest and those who are present during the Anointing of the Sick, in fact, represent the entire Christian community that as one body huddles around the one who suffers and his family, nurturing their faith and hope, and supporting them through their prayers and fraternal warmth. But the greatest comfort comes from the fact that it is the Lord Jesus himself who makes himself present in the Sacrament, who takes us by the hand, who caresses us as he did with the sick, and who reminds us that we already belong to him and that nothing — not even evil and death — can ever separate us from him. Are we in the habit of calling for the priest so that he might come to our sick — I am not speaking about those who are sick with the flu, for three or four days, but rather about a serious illness — and our elderly, and give them this Sacrament, this comfort, this strength of Jesus to continue on? Let us do so!

Peace,

Kathy



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.

Eucharistic Adoration April 4th

On Friday, April 4th, we will have Eucharistic adoration after the 8:45 Mass until 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. Reposition begins at 6:45pm. Hope you can join us.

2015 Mass Book Opening

The Mass book for 2015 will open on **Monday, April 7, at 9:00 AM**. That day and for the week of April 8, only 5 Masses – **1 Sunday, 1 holyday & 3 weekdays** - will be available for each person coming to the parish office requesting Masses for 2015. That will allow each person an equal opportunity to request Masses for family and loved ones.

Chrism Mass



Monday, April 14 Chrism Mass at 8:00 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. At this liturgy the Sacred Oils used in our Sacramental life will be blessed and distributed to all parishes. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to call the Parish Office and we will carpool.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT Parents

Our regular PACT sessions come to a close in April as we concentrate more on our sacramental preparation. Our final Sunday sessions are 4/6 (Angels) and 4/27 (Saints). Monday Angels final session and Parent Meeting is 4/7 and Tuesday Angels final session and Parent Meeting is 4/8.

First Communion Preparation



The next two First Communion Preparation Tuesday sessions are 4/1 and 4/22. The *Morning With Jesus First Communion Retreat* will be Saturday, April 26th 8:45 a.m. – Noon. Your child's First Communion "practice" and mass are listed on the parent letter. Please check the letter and call us with any questions you may have about preparation and celebration of First Communion.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Interviews are taking place now. If you need to schedule or change your interview, please e-mail religionsed@stmarysdumont.org. or call us at (201) 384-3062. The five Confirmation Preparation Monday evening sessions begin 4/21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

St. Mary's Youth Group (JWalk)

The Youth Group will be going to the movies to see "Noah" on Saturday April 5th. We will leave at 6:30pm.

Transfiguration Academy

Excerpts from Special for The Republic | azcentral.com by Ryan Clark

Success and fulfillment as a teacher are often based on the educator's passion for his or her work, along with high expectations for students and a desire to help them succeed, says Art Lebowitz, principal at the Arizona State University Preparatory.

"A teacher's motivation should be to really help children excel academically, socially, emotionally, and to teach students to be an integral part of their community." "They need to have high expectations for their students and a desire to help them, almost in a relentless way."...most students, especially in elementary school, spend more time with their teachers during weekdays than they do with their parents.

There are two keys to teaching, Lebowitz says. "The first is a passion for the work or the motivation behind the career choice. The second, especially in Grades 5-12, is a deep knowledge of the subject matter." (End of excerpt)

Passionate, dedicated, knowledgeable and certified professionals who have a deep desire to help their students develop academically and spiritually is the definition of "The Transfiguration Teacher."

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627, or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

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.

Scripture Study with Fr. Pat



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

Reflection Opportunities

- **An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on Food Insecurity**

On Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center please join St. Mary's Social Justice Committee for an evening reflecting on the important issue of food insecurity in today's society and how it connects with scripture. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

- **Called To Serve? Lenten Reflection Morning For All Ministers**

Whether you visit the sick, feed the hungry, teach religious education, serve in our Martha Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, serve as one of our various liturgical ministers, or are simply interested in any of our ministries. This morning is for you. Join us on April 12 from 9:30—11 am in the Spiritual Formation Center, for some quiet reflection on ministry, what it means to you, and how it invites you to change. Presenter: Sr. Jean McLoughlin, SSND

- **The Sign of the Cross — The Fifteen Most Powerful Words**

Join Fr. Dominic for reflections on the meaning behind the Sign of the Cross according to Saint Francis DeSales — Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm in the Lower Church.



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.

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 March 15 - 16 \$ 9,437.00

Same Weekend 2013 (Palm Sunday) \$11,002.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$7.00

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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 helped an elder by carrying something for her."

"I did the dishes and took out the trash."

"I helped my friend with math."

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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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal ---

"When I called, you answered"

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:

Parish Goal 2014: \$55,611.00

To date, we have received over **\$31,975.00** 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.

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"Ladies hat Luncheon" & Tricky Tray hosted by the **Women's Club of Dumont**

Wednesday, April 2nd, 12PM - 4PM at Dumont Knights of Columbus, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ

All you can eat buffet (includes soda, coffee, tea, & dessert). Cash Bar Available.

Prizes for Craziest Hat & Prettiest Hat

For tables or Reservations, Call Nina 201-385-2794.

Admission \$25.00

Food Pantry - Easter Baskets

April 5-6 is our food collection weekend for our Easter Baskets. If you could bring one or two items between now and when we distribute the baskets on Friday, April 11th to the parish office, we will be able to fill the baskets. 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.



Ham



Turkey

Pancake
Mix & Syrup

Cereals
Oatmeal

Tuna

Canned Fruit:

Mandarin Oranges,
Peaches, Pineapple,
Mixed Fruit,

Canned Goods:
Ravioli
Beefaroni
Chili
Dinty Moore Stew

Gravy:

Beef or Brown
Chicken or Turkey

Peanut Butter
and Jelly

Condiments:

Ketchup
Mayonnaise
Mustard
Salad Dressing

Potatoes:
Canned White
Instant Mashed
Sweet Potatoes
Yams

Mixes:

Brownie
Cake
Muffin

Cookies
Crackers
Jello
Pudding
Frosting

Canned/Dry
Milk
Coffee,
Apple Juice

Paper Goods:

Napkins
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

Soaps:

Bath
Dish
Laundry
Shampoo

If you know of any one who would be in need of a basket, please let the parish office 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.



An illustrated
parable that
brings the
gospel to life.

“This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, **go down to the Potter’s house and there I will give you my message.**”

Jeremiah 18:1

Nowhere is there a more vivid example of the relationship between God and His people than is seen in the relationship between the potter and their clay.

A Journey to the Potter’s House brings you face to face with God in a way that will forever change the way you understand His working in your life. This is one journey you don’t want to miss.

Saint Mary's of Dumont

MARCH 30, 2014

3:00 PM

Szelest Hall

Refreshments following

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ