



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

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Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 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

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. From September thru May.

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!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

God's Plan for Giving - Tithing

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your parish Church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.



This Week

Saturday	Nov. 29 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Lorraine Riordan-Mooney
10:00AM	Mary Maye
12 Noon	Deceased Members of Rosica Family
Monday	Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Onesimo and Edwin Guerrero
8:45AM	Ann Gannon
Tuesday	Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Margaret Cronin
8:45AM	James French
Wednesday	Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier
7:00AM	Terry McCann
8:45AM	Maria Luz Tubianosa
Thursday	Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday
	St. John Damascene
7:00AM	Margaret O'Halloran
8:45AM	Peggy Cronin
Friday	Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Dinko Picinic
8:45AM	David George Kay
Saturday	Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday
	St. Nicholas

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8:30AM - Memorial Mass

Danny and Mary Maye	Mary Kelly
Gudofredo and Agueda Cases	John Likely
Alan Verbitski	Joanne M. Recine
Michael Duffy	Emily Stevens
Rustico Tubianosa	Annette Bailey

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5:30PM	Bryan du Laney
Sunday	Dec. 7 - Second Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Louis Cremen
12 Noon	Edith Couzzo

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God are given in memory of Michael Walters requested by his family.

Sunday – Nov. 30

9:00AM-1:30PM Advent Wreath Making SFC
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Meeting Simbang Gabi
FDVRm

First Sunday of Advent Feast of St. Andrew

Monday - Dec. 1

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting PJ23Rm

Tuesday – Dec. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
5:30PM Basketball
7:00 Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library

Wednesday - Dec. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM Bell Choir UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Party Chez
Madeleine

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

Thursday – Dec. 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
1:00PM-3:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:30PM Yoga (Linda)
7:45PM-8:45PM Bereavement MSRm

Friday – Dec. 5

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

Saturday – Dec. 6

7:30AM Rosary LC
11:00AM and 1:30PM First Penance Celebration UC
Food Collection
Second Collection-Retirement Collection for the
Religious

Sunday – Dec. 7

10:00AM Mass Baptism
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Meeting Simbang Gabi
FDVRm
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Rehearsal SH
Food Collection
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Eucharistic Adoration - December 5th

On Friday, December 5th, we will have Eucharistic adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the lower church. Please consider spending time with Jesus in adoration. Sign-up sheets are located by St. Joseph's side. We have one hour time slots every hour on the hour.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe it is advent once again. During this first weekend in advent I often ask people what they are doing to prepare for Christmas. The answers I receive are decorating, listening to Christmas Carols and of course shopping...shopping....and more shopping for those Christmas gifts. This last answer usually leads to people asking me if I have started my Christmas shopping which my answer is no I have not started for I have already finished my Christmas shopping back in October. Now my family seems to think that I get my shopping done as early as I get it done in order to annoy them by being done while they are dealing with the holiday crowds at the stores. I will admit that is a benefit for being done early but that is truly not my motive for shopping as early I shop. The truth of the matter is that I shop as early as I do so I have the time during Advent to prepare for Christmas. You see my brothers and sisters all the things I mention above in regards to preparing for Christmas are good things and they should be done and enjoyed. However, while we are busy with these material things we should not lose sight of what the season is really all about. My preparation for Christmas during advent is preparing to celebrate the birth of our Lord. I do this with prayer, meditation (thinking about what it means to have Christ in my life), confession and sharing with family and friends the love of God the father who gave us the greatest gift ever given – He gave us the gift of Love – He gave us his only Son to save us. Let us remember amongst the preparations for Christmas, to reflect on what God's gift of his son means to us and how that is reflected in our lives. We often here how we need to keep Christ in Christmas, let us also remember to keep Christ in Advent. Amen.

God Bless and have a wonderful week and advent season.

Fr. Michael S.P. Trainor

Mass in Spanish

For the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, Dec. 12th at 7:30pm, we will have a Mass in Spanish in the lower church. Volunteers are needed. Please call the parish office if you plan on coming. Also, bring a friend.



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)

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Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for Nov. 22-23, treasure from our children's envelopes and their good deeds will be in the Dec. 7 bulletin.

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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.

Memorial Opportunity

We recently purchased "***Lectionary for Masses with Children***". The cost is \$67. Please call or stop by the parish office if you're interested.

Offerings Still Available

Bread & Wine:

2015 - Feb. 1; Mar. 15 & 22; June 14 & 28; July 19, July 26; Aug. 2, 9 16, & 23; Sept. 27; Oct. 4, Oct. 11, 18 & 25; Nov. 15, 22, & 29; Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

Sanctuary Lamp:

2015 - July 5; Aug. 2, 9 & 23; Sept. 6, 20 & 27; Oct. 4, 18 & 25; Nov. 15, 22, & 29, Dec. 6.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

Our session dates:

Thursdays: December 4, 11 and 18th

All meetings are held in the Mother Seton room in the parish office from 7:45 – 8:45 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office at 201-384-0557.

Pre-registration is required.

***A Thought from
Blessed Miriam Teresa:***

It was love divine that impelled the Word to manifest Himself among the nations; it was divine love on the part of man in the form of Mary, that provided Him with the garment of flesh wherewith He could make the manifestation possible

(G.P., p. 228) :

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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.

Knights of Columbus Cont'd.

Christmas Party – Saturday December 13th from 7-11PM. With live music by Panorama Music, it promises to be a sellout. Dinner includes antipasto, pasta, turkey, mashed potato, vegetables, cake, hot and cold beverages, and a visit from Santa and his elves - all for only \$35 per person. Payment is required in advance to assure your reservation. Call Larry at 201-315-0456 for your reservation.

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday December 14th from 2-6PM. Enjoy an afternoon with Santa, DJ music, hot dogs with sauerkraut, chicken tenders, hamburgers, and french fries. There is NO CHARGE for this event. Reservations are required - call Larry at 201-315-0456 to make your reservation.


Tell your friends and family to come down for a great breakfast and support a good cause - our scholarship program. Reservations aren't required, and all are welcome.



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

PACT Program St. Nicholas Giving Project




 Thank you for thinking of “the least” of our sisters and brothers as you participate in our St. Nicholas Giving Project for Oasis shelter in Paterson. Please tape the picture of St. Nick to the items and deliver them to the Religious Education Office in the school by Wednesday, December 10th.

First Penance

First Penance is scheduled for Saturday, 12/6. *Please take this opportunity to pray for those preparing to meet with the Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation, their families, and all who help to prepare them here at St. Mary's.*



Confirmation Service Opportunities



Check the upcoming St. Mary's Advent 2014 calendar for events for Confirmation Service Projects. E-mail or call the person running the event for more information. One fun opportunity is decorating our church for Christmas Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Church. For information e-mail Mrs. Kathy Sylvester at kathy@stmarysdumont.org. Another is Advent Wreath Making Sunday, November 30th, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school basement.

Youth Ministry - JWalk

St.Mary's Youth Group, JWalk had another successful meeting with a scavenger hunt!! Our next meeting is planned for November 30th. We will be having a movie night!! More info to follow.

If you have any questions please e-mail Katie at Stmarysjwalk@gmail.com."

Rosary Linen Schedule for November and December

Nov. 30 Mary Daly
Dec. 07 Margaret Kennedy Dec. 14 Pat Barclay
Dec. 21 Catherine Kelly Dec. 28 Beverly Serafini

2015 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available. The cost is \$3.00 for each missal. They will also be available in the parish office Monday-Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm.

Save the Date


Centennial Anniversary
Dinner Dance Gala!!

It may be several months away, but we are asking our parishioners to save Saturday, **May 16, 2015**. We will bring our 100th anniversary year to a close with a joy-filled celebration at 5:30PM Mass, followed by a dinner dance at Colonial Inn in Norwood. The cost of that dinner dance will be \$85 per person. You can reserve your seats in two ways: 1) you can pay for each person up front, or 2) you can pay in monthly installments. The second option may be easier for couples.

Right now, we are just asking everyone to save the date – May 16, 2015!

The Advent Giving Tree



 Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.

Gift tags become available the weekend of November 29 & 30. If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

For St. John's, Newark

We are having a men's coat drive to benefit St. John's Parish in Newark. If you have **good used men's coat**, please bring them to the parish office. Your help gives dignity to people who are so badly in need.

Men's Coat Drive

Family Promise - Thank You

To all our parishioners who said “yes” to our request for help when we recently spent two days hosting homeless families. Many people cooked and served delicious meals, some participated in the program for the first time. They seemed to enjoy the experience and said they would be happy to help again. Of course a huge thank you to the overnight hosts who saw to it that the guests were settled in for the night and also made sure that the making of breakfast was ready for them each morning. God Bless you all!

Betty Duffy

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prayer for Watchfulness

God our Father,
 you are the potter who formed us.
 You know that we wander from your ways.
 Rouse us! Bring us to attention!
 Make us watchful,
 always scanning for your arrival.
 Don't let us miss the ways
 that you break into our lives,
 in the small tasks and delights of everyday,

in service and sacrifice to family
 and stranger,
 in the safe return of an absent loved one.
 Let us ever be alert
 for the final return of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Watch! Be Alert!



Today's Readings: Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; Psalm 80: 2–3, 15–16, 18–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:33–37. As we hear in the Gospel on this First Sunday of Advent, we cannot let ourselves sit back and be comfortable. As Christ tells his disciples, we need to “be watchful! Be alert!” As we prepare for Christ to come into our hearts at Christmas, we also ready ourselves for the Second Coming. We cannot be complacent. Our relationship with God and our relationships with others need to be in order. As Advent begins, we might examine how we can grow in our relationship to God and take care with our familial relationships.

Relationship is at the heart of the reading from Isaiah. Twice this reading calls God “father,” and throughout the

reading, it is apparent that humankind has damaged the relationship through sin. Finally, invoking the metaphor of clay and potter, it is noted that we are the work of God. God shapes us, but we need to allow him to work within us. During this Advent, we can consider how we rest in the potter's hands.

Finally, we see in the letter from St. Paul an acknowledgment that everything is from God. Paul is thankful to God for what he has bestowed on the Corinthians. The people in Corinth are filled with spiritual gifts. Paul assures them that God will keep them faithful as they await Christ. He will keep them faithful, we learn, because God is faithful. Yes, God is faithful, as a parent is faithful. Will we put our trust in this loving God this Advent?



Advent 2014

St. Mary's Centennial Year 1914 - 2014

"Remembering the Past Embracing the Future"



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Friday, December 12

Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us for a special liturgy in Spanish and English to celebrate this feast of the Patroness of the Americas held in the Lower church at 7:30 p.m.



Monday, December 15

Advent Communal Penance Service

Let Every Heart Prepare... Join with St. John's and Ascension parishes at 7:30 p.m. here at St. Mary's. This service will be a communal service with opportunity for individual confessions with priests



from all three parishes.

Wednesday, December 17

The 2014 "Heavenly BFF'S" Tour

A delightful celebration of saintly heroes from Gospel Days to Pope Francis.

Held in the Upper Church with art and stories by Br. Mickey McGrath at 7 p.m.



Friday, December 19 Simbang Gabi

Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Church followed by social in Szelest Hall.



CHURCH DECORATING

Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23

Decorate the Church for Christmas beginning at 6:30 p.m. On Monday we will do the "heavy stuff," trees wreaths, stables. On Tuesday finishing touches. Many hands make light work!!!



Feast of St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 6

A fourth century bishop from Turkey, Nicholas is the inspiration for Santa Claus. Known for his acts of charity, he often left gifts of food or money in the dark of night. Celebrate this day in your family by having your children leave a shoe outside the door, to be filled with treats in memory of St. Nicholas and consider how your family can give to children in need. *Our Parish Giving Tree and PACT St. Nicholas Project are two good ways to begin!*



Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 30

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school basement. For information call Felicia at 201-385-2285 or e-mail her at feliciaarigoitia@yahoo.com

First Penance Saturday, December 6

11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Please keep our young candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare to meet with our forgiving Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation.



December 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses at

7 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



Save the Date!

January 4, 2015 - Epiphany Concert

A centennial celebration given by our parish choirs - 3 p.m.