



**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 - 5:00 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.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 20 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Michael and Jim Sullivan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00AM	Eileen O'Leary
10:00AM	John J. Hecker
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Alexander Marzo
8:45AM	Harold Urban
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday</b>
	<b>St. John of Kanty</b>
7:00AM	Jim Klarer and Family
8:45AM	Michael McCormack
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday</b>
8:45AM	Angel Luis Aviles
4:00PM	Gerard Reilly
6:00PM	In Thanksgiving from Rolando and Tita Joaquin
12:00AM	William O'Shea
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord</b>
8:00AM	Sr. Joseph Cremin
10:00AM	Emil and Felicia Beranja
12:00PM	John and Dianne Rubio (Living)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 26 - St. Stephen</b>
8:45AM	William Ramm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 27 - St. John</b>
8:30AM	Bridget Fishwick
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 28 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
8:00AM	Paul DiPaola
10:00AM	Rose Mary Farrell
12 Noon	Ong Kim

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

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Thomas Duffy requested by Betty and family.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Setsuko Maria Akashi.

### ***New Daily Mass Schedule***

Beginning Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, there will be only one daily Mass at 8:00AM, Monday-Friday. Please make a note of this change.

### **Sunday – Dec. 21**

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School

11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library

After All Masses Transfiguration's Bake Sale

### **Monday - Dec. 22**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Decorate the Church

### **Tuesday – Dec. 23**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM Children's Choir UC

6:30PM Decorate the Church

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library

### **Wednesday - Dec. 24**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Masses: 4:00PM, 6:00PM, and 12:00AM

### **Thursday – Dec. 25**

Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00PM

### ***Christmas***

### **Friday – Dec. 26**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

### **Saturday – Dec. 27**

After 8:30AM Rosary UC

### ***Feast of St. John***

### **Sunday – Dec. 28**

### ***Solemnity of the Holy Family***



### ***CHRISTMAS MASSES***

### **Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM** Mass with Children's Choir

**6:00 PM** Mass

**11:30 PM** - Celebration of Carols

**12:00 AM** Midnight Mass with Adult Choir

### **Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day**

**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon**

### ***MASSSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD***

### **Wednesday, December 31**

**5:30.P.M.** - Vigil Mass

### **Thursday, January 1**

**9:00 A.M., and 11:00 A.M.**



Dear Friends,

Greetings to everyone during this Advent Season! I would like to take this time to explain a few of the musical aspects of Advent, highlighting the origin and purpose of the popular hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Many may be wondering, "Why haven't we been singing O Come, O Come, Emmanuel every Sunday of Advent?" It is certainly a valid question, since this hymn is most easily and readily associated with Advent. While the verses seem to refer to the coming of the Lord, as described in the Sunday readings and Gospels, they are actually adaptations of the "O Antiphons." These in turn correspond to the days in the Octave Before Christmas, which falls on December 17th through 23rd of each year (with the Christmas Vigil on December 24th completing the Octave). The O Antiphons each offer a title for the Messiah, and each refers to the prophecy of Isaiah: Wisdom (Sapientia), Lord (Adonai), Root of Jesse (Radix Jesse), Key of David (Clavis David), Rising Sun (Oriens), King of Nations (Rex Gentium), and Emmanuel (or, "God is with us"). These are certainly all appropriate to speak of for the entirety of Advent, but the anticipation and meaning is heightened when applied to that last week or so before Christmas. To intensify and bind the entire O Come, O Come, Emanuel hymn together as a complete package of praise, the Benedictine monks arranged the Latin verses in such a way that the first letter of each Messianic title spells out two words: Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia; forming the Latin words ero cras, which translates to "Tomorrow, I will come." How perfectly appropriate for the final days of Advent leading up to Christmas! As such, the intensity and deep meaning would be diluted or even lost if we were to sing this hymn too early on in Advent. With that, I hope everyone is anticipating the time when we will sing this hymn at mass, as well as the coming of the Lord at Christmas!

Take care,  
Joel

**Parish Office Hours**



During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office **will be closed** as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, Friday, Dec. 26, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015. Parish office is **open** on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

**Volunteers Needed**



Many hands make light work...

On Monday, Dec. 22 and **Volunteers**... Tuesday, Dec. 23 we will be decorating the church for the coming Christmas season beginning at 6:30pm. As you may remember from years past, there is a lot to do – putting up trees, hanging wreaths and garlands, arranging poinsettia plants, etc. It is a lot of work, but it is also a lot of fun since we gather with other parishioners to make our home – our church – beautiful for Christmas. **Monday evening especially, we need a lot of men to help with the trees. Please come and join us.**

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**Christmas Flowers**

**PLEASE** don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!



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**A New Christmas Ornament to Celebrate the 100th!**



White with an image of the Statue of the Assumption. Cost is \$10.00 each Limited quantities available. Will be on sale in the vestibule and parish office

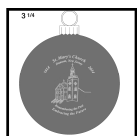
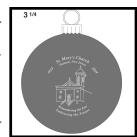
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**You Can Still Order:**

The unique hand-crafted art created especially for our parish of the "Little White Church" our current church and the statue of the Assumption. Each piece is approximately 1 1/2" deep and 6" high. Cost: \$22 each or the entire set for \$60.00. Please stop by the parish office to place your order.



Christmas Ornament designed especially for the **100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Parish.** It's a Red Glass ornament with gold lettering and artwork featuring the "Little White Church" on one side and our current church on the other! Cost is \$7.00 each. Please stop by the parish office to order.











## **Christmas Greetings**

*The priests, parish staff and the members of our Pastoral Council extend our warm and joyful prayers and best wishes to all the families of*

*St. Mary's for a wonderful*

*Christmas Day*

*and*

*Christmas Season.*

St. Mary's Music Ministry presents:

## ***An Epiphany Concert***

In celebration of the  
100th Anniversary of  
St. Mary's RC Church

Featuring:  
***The Adult Choir***  
and  
***The Children's Choir***

With Sacred Works by:

*Beethoven*  
*Mendelssohn*  
*Schubert*  
*Rachmaninoff*

...and other festive selections

**Sunday, January 4th 2015 at 3:00pm**

**\$10 Suggested Donation**

St. Mary's RC Church  
280 Washington Avenue  
Dumont, NJ 07628

E-mail [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:music@stmarysdumont.org) for more information

## **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 100<sup>th</sup> 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!***



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

**Monday, December 22, 2014**

*O Rex Gentium, O King of the nations*

Both of today's readings tell of improbable births. In the First Reading from 1 Samuel, we hear of Hannah, who had been sterile, but upon praying to the Lord she bore Samuel. In the Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth, who in old age bears a child. As Mary meets Elizabeth, she proclaims how God has come to her in her lowliness. In these days before Christmas, you might want to make Mary's prayer yours. Consider praying the *Magnificat* each evening before the family meal. Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24–28; Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1, 4–5, 6–7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46–56.

**Tuesday, December 23, 2014**

**St. John Kanty, Priest**

*O Emmanuel, O Emmanuel*

John of Kanty (1390–1473) was a humble priest who shared what he had with the poor. He was able to do so because he placed his trust in God. Today's Gospel portrays the trust that Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, had in God. After John the Baptist was born, Zechariah would not allow the baby to be named after him. The child's name would be John, the name given by the angel. Is our trust in the Lord evident to others? Today's Readings: Malachi 3:1–4, 23–24; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 8–9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57–66.

**Wednesday, December 24, 2014**

**Blessed Be the Lord!**

Today's Gospel contains the Canticum of Zechariah. You have been encouraged to pray the words of the *Magnificat*, the Canticum of Mary, at the evening meal. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Canticum of Zechariah (the *Benedictus*, Luke 1:67–79) is prayed during Morning Prayer. Consider adding this prayer to your daily prayers. People from around the world celebrate the Nativity of the Lord in various ways. What are the traditions that you cherish? Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67–79.

**Thursday, December 25, 2014**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Even though you have read and heard the story of Jesus's birth many times, try to take a few minutes alone today to reflect on verses 8–14 from today's Gospel. In these verses, heaven reaches out to the shepherds, penetrating their senses and emotions. The glory of the Lord shines before them, and they are fearful. The angels sing and they leave with haste to find the Savior. How do you allow the message to reach your senses? Today's Readings (Mass during the Night): Isaiah 9:1–6; Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 11–12, 13; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14.

**Friday, December 26, 2014**

**Feast of St. Stephen,  
the First Martyr**

Stephen died as Jesus did: falsely accused and condemned to death because he spoke the truth fearlessly. Do people in your community face discrimination for their beliefs? Pray for all who face discrimination for proclaiming their faith and belief in Jesus Christ, especially those who face a martyr's death. Can you recall the names of some modern-day martyrs? Today's Readings: Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59; Psalm 31: 3cd–4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10:17–22.

**Saturday, December 27, 2014**

**Feast of St. John,  
Apostle and Evangelist**

We might be surprised to read an account of the Resurrection just two days after Christmas. This reading clearly links the Incarnation with the Resurrection, a unity celebrated throughout Christmas Time. Considering the connection of Christmas to Easter may enrich our celebration. We may move beyond just celebrating the birth of an infant to rejoicing that God loved us enough to send his Son to die and rise for us. Today's Readings: 1 John 1:1–4; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 11–12; John 20:1a, 2–8.



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