

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

Fr. Stephen A. Carey

Our Ninth Pastor

St. Mary's Parish

joyfully celebrates

the installation of

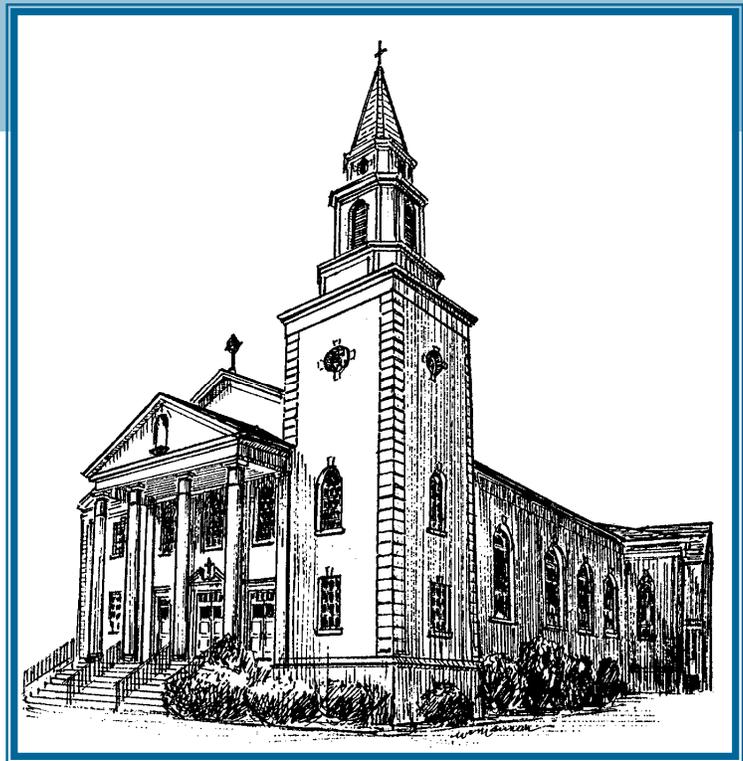
our ninth pastor,

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with prayerful

good wishes

in the years ahead.



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	Mar. 5 - Vigil
5:30PM	Frank and Dolores Scandiffio
Sunday	Mar. 6 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM	Robert Mascarelli
10:00AM	Margherita Bonaldo
12 Noon	Joseph Maisano
Monday	Mar. 7 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Ursula Greco
8:45AM	Steven Martin (Living)
Tuesday	Mar. 8 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	William Cannon
8:45AM	Gerard Slattery
Wednesday	Mar. 9 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
8:45AM	Dorothy Korn
Thursday	Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Marcelina Veronica Espinoza Bacani
8:45AM	Robert Tata (Living)
Friday	Mar. 11 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Mary Lomas
8:45AM	Mellie Fannahann Joyce
Saturday	Mar. 12 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Theodore Austin
5:30PM	Rose and Patsy Caldera
Sunday	Mar. 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM	John Lindsell
10:00AM	Patrick Langford
12 Noon	Patrick O'Connor

In Loving Memory



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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Amando Dimarucot requested by the Asistin Family.

Penance

We invite our parishioners to come to a *Communal Reconciliation Service* will be held at St. John's at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 19th we will participate along with Ascension parish.

Sunday – Mar. 6

10:00AM Fr. Carey's Installation Mass UC
Food Collection
Second Collection - Peter's Pence

Monday - Mar. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session/ACRE 8th Grade UC/School

Tuesday – Mar. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM PACT Angels Session/ACRE 5th Grade UC/School
5:30PM Basketball SH
6:15PM Schola Choral Rehearsal School
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC
7:30 PM Finance Council Meeting FDVRm

Wednesday - Mar. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Lenten Talk - Social Justice SFC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – Mar. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
1:00 Knitters & Crocheters FDVRm
7:00PM Arts and Environment Meeting Sacristy
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC
Bake Soda Bread

Friday – Mar. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:00PM Basketball
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC
Bake Soda Bread

Saturday – Mar. 12

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
JWalk Youth Group - Sale of Palm Crosses and Easter Flowers
Set-up St. Patrick Celebration SH
After 5:30PM Mass Sale of Soda Bread UC

Sunday – March 13

8:30AM PACT Angels Session/ACRE 5th & 8th Grades LC/School
10:00AM St. Patrick Mass UC. Social to Follow SH
10:15AM Kids RCIA SFC
11:00 AM RCIA for Young Adults PJ23Rm
6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm
JWalk Youth Group - Sale of Palm Crosses and Easter Flowers
Sale of Soda Bread After All Masses SH

From the Pastor

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On Saturday, March 19th, the priest of St. Mary's will join the priests at St. John's, Bergenfield and the Church of the Ascension, New Milford, for our annual Lenten Penance Service. This year's service will be hosted by St. John's at 1:00 pm.

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter, each of us is called to examine our lives and see where we have failed. Each of us is invited to confess our sins and receive absolution. But all too often I am asked why. If God already knows my sins better than I do and God knows how sorry I am for my sins, why do I need to go to confession? If we believe in a God of unconditional love, this is a legitimate question. It is a question that has led many good Catholics to give up on the idea of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First we must remember that we are corporeal beings. We learn through our senses and there are times we need to hear the words that tell us that our sins are forgiven. More importantly, we need to remember that Reconciliation is a sacrament. It is a moment of grace when God's love wipes away our sins and gives us the strength to do better. If we do not avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we deny ourselves the concrete experience of hearing that our sins are forgiven and we deny ourselves the grace of a sacrament that is God gift of healing love.

I encourage everyone to join us next Saturday for our Penance Service. If you're unable to do so, I encourage you to find an opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to remember that there is no sin that cannot be forgiven, there is no one who is not welcomed and that God's mercy knows no bounds

Fr. Carey

Evening Prayer and Reflection on the Wednesdays of Lent

Our Social Justice committee is offering Evening Prayer and reflection sessions on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.

Mar 9th – Social Justice – How does one live it? Presented by Carol Fay, chairperson of Religious Studies at the Academy of the Holy Angels

“Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium” The Spirituality of Ministry

A Morning of Reflection for Ministers
Saturday, March 12

9 am - 12 noon
Spiritual Formation Center

A true morning of reflection about ministry and our call to ministry. Not necessarily concerned with the “nuts and bolts” this morning will offer participants the opportunity to look at why we minister, and the joys and challenges of ministry. This morning is open to everyone, those in liturgical ministry, catechetical ministry and those interested in ministry.

Chrism Mass



Monday, March 21st 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.

NJ Food Bank Work Morning



Parishioners are invited to spend a morning at the NJ Community Food Bank in Hillside sorting food for distribution to food pantries throughout NJ. This will be on Saturday, March 19th, meeting at St. Mary's at 7:45 am and returning around noon. Contact Deacon John at 201-387-6889 or email him at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org to sign up or for more information.

Sign-ups must be in by March 15th



On Sunday, March 13th, Daylight Saving Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

St. Patrick's Mass - March 13th



Our annual **St. Patrick's celebration** will be held on Sunday, March 13th at the 10:00 am Mass. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing and bagpipes.

The Altar and Rosary Society will sell soda bread Saturday after the 5:30PM Mass at the back of the church and after all the Masses on Sunday in Szelest Hall or while supplies lasts.

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Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th



On Saturday, March 19th, we will have a parish liturgy at 8:30 am Mass followed by a breakfast social featuring St. Joseph's bread and pastries in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Food Pantry - Easter Baskets

It is not too late to donate to our Easter Baskets. If you could bring one or two items between now and when we distribute the baskets on Friday, March 18th 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.

We have enough canned soup, canned vegetables, canned beans, and pasta.

Pancake Mix & Syrup



Ham/Turkey



Canned Milk
Dry Milk
Coffee
Tea

Detergents:
Laundry Dish

Jelly
Jello

Shampoo
Bar of Soap

Toilet Paper

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.