The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church





Saturday	Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00PM	Gerard Reilly
6:30PM	Angelo Aviles
12:00AM	William O'Shea
Sunday	Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the
	Lord
8:00AM	Sister Joseph Cremin
10:00AM	Patrick Langford
12 Noon	William and Lorena Lo and Family
	(Living)
Monday	Dec. 26 - St. Stephen, The First
	Martyr
7:00AM	Bruce Yelle
8:45AM	Charlie and John McMorrow
Tuesday	Dec. 27 - St. John, Apostle and
	Evangelist
7:00AM	Alfred H. O'Toole
8:45AM	Rose Farrell
Wednesday	Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents,
	Martyrs
7:00AM	Cynthia Cambrola
8:45AM	Anna and James Hans, Sr.
Thursday	Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the
	Octave of the Nativity of the
	Lord
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	David Kay
Friday	Dec. 30 - The Holy Family of
	Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:00AM	Alicia K. Donohue
8:45AM	David George Kay
Saturday	Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the
	Octave of the Nativity of the
0.00 MM	Lord
8:30AM	James Hans
5:30PM	Ong Kim
Sunday	Jan. 1–Solemnity of Mary, The
	Holy Mother of God
7:45AM 10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's James Hans
10:00AM 12 Noon	Angelina Luciano
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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 William O'Shea requested by his wife and family.



Sunday – Dec. 25 *Christmas Day* Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00Noon **Monday - Dec. 26** After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday – Dec. 27 *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist* After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Dec. 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

Thursday – Dec. 29 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30PM Basketball SH 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 30 *Solemnity of the Holy Family* After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Saturday – Dec. 31 New Year's Eve After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC

Sunday – Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day

8:00 A.M. Sunday Mass <u>Time Change</u>

Starting Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 our Mass will <u>start</u> at <u>7:45 A.M.</u> instead of 8:00 A.M. Please make a note of this change.





The waiting is finally over. Presents have been purchased, wrapped and carefully placed under the tree. Cards have been sent to everyone we know and everything in sight has been decorated. We are prepared to welcome family and friends with an elaborate feast. Christmas is finally here. Let the celebrations begin.

But what are we celebrating? As we exchange gifts this day, do we pause to remember the greatest gift of all? Do we remember that the whole reason for this season is the birth of child so many years ago? Do we place our hope in His promise of peace on Earth and eternity in Heaven?

In all the rushing around to get ready for this one day, it is so easy to forget what this one day is all about. In all the planning and preparations we have put ourselves through, we can lose sight of God's plan of salvation in all His preparation to make it all happen. In all the celebration of the secular holiday that Christmas has become, we may forget that this is first and foremost a Holyday; in fact one of the holiest days of the year.

What we celebrate is the Incarnation of our God, for our God is truly with us. He loves us so much that he came to live as one of us. He was born into this world just like you and me, and He died in this world that we might live forever with Him in His world. But the Incarnation is more than just an historical event. It is more than something that happened 2000 years ago. For our God is with us hear and now. If our hearts are open to the power of God's love, then the Christ-Child is born again this Christmas. If we truly place our hope in God's plan of Salvation, then we live in the wonder of the Incarnation each and every day.

On behalf of all the priests and staff of St. Mary's, I wish you and all your loved ones the most joyous holiday seasons, the most holy of Christmas days and the true blessings of living in the wonder of the Incarnation of our God.

Fr. Carey



<u>God's Plan for Giving:</u>

"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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Collection on Dec. 17 - 18	\$ 9,919.50
Same Weekend 2015	\$11,094.00
Building Fund 2016	\$ 1,748.00

Treasure from our children: \$57.00

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 mom."

"I talked with parents about lesson." "I helped someone." "I said my prayers."

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<u>Stewardship Prayer</u>

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.

Parish Office Hours

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office *will be closed* as follows:

Monday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 and Monday, Jan. 2, 2017



<u>Please Note:</u>

All Masses will be in the upper church until January 9th, Baptism of the Lord.

Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir Alicia Newball..Anthony Hacket, Jr. Donald Dickson...Anthony Dunkin Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins Bobby Dellner...Patrick Booth Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman Joshua M LaBazzetta...Aidan Nugent Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach Major David Christopher Pierson **Charles Bennett...James Markert Christopher Smaldone**

If you have a relative serving in the military, please call the parish office so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2017. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office - 201-384-0557

Pray for Our Sick

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Joan Polis Lyla McMahon...Joe Markert...Patricia Harrigan Tom Phelan..Hailey van Weathering..Pat Barclay Rita Crowley..Sandy Tolentino..Agnes Leonard Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner..Kathy R. Teagan Davis...George DiCostanzo...Lucy Buonarota Emily Del Vecchio...Dan and Jean Pope...James B. Wilberta Schreiber...Maureen Kostka...Dian Ang Peggy Dunshee.. Patricia Victory...Kristi Carbonaro Rob Lockett...Mary McGuire...Nikki Marinas Tina and Her Baby...Tricia Rankin...Riley Rose Rachel Reynolds...Mary Fitzgerald...Sean Hayes Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Nick & Diane Kowatch Maureen Spulka...Richard King...Frank Uvenio Evelyn Paulsen.. Thomas Folchi.. Mary M. Jeffrey Newman...Leo Newman...Stefano Piccinich Joan Mascarelli...Patrick Manley ~ * ~ * ~ * ~

Rosary Linen Schedule for December and January

Dec. 25 Sue Schettino

Revised January 2017 Schedule:

Jan. 1 Mary Boyle Jan. 15 Catherine Kelly Jan. 29 Diane Gerrity

Jan. 8 Beverly Serafini Jan. 22 Janet Kaine



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WE ARE WE ARE LIVING STONES					
Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.					
Our Parish Goal \$649,793.00 To Date: Dec. 19, 2016 5316,043.00 Total Pledge \$316,043.00 Total Amount Received \$82,942.07** Number of Pledges 154					
Remember our plan is to use the <i>We Are Living</i> <i>Stones</i> proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.					
 New side doors of the church Elevator 					
**We've reached our tithing goal of					

**We've reached our tithing goal of \$82,500.00!!!

The portion to be shared is \$442.07 (total after Tithing goal) and the parish share is \$221.04. It's not too late to send in your pledge. The more you donate, the more share the parish will receive.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

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Statue of St. Patrick

We have purchased a statue of St. Patrick which will be placed in our church (over by the Sacred Heart Mosaic). The cost of the statue was \$2,000. Donations to help cover the cost will be accepted at the rectory office. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the parish office or mail a check payable to St. Mary's. Just mark St. Patrick on the check. We will dedicate the statue at our annual St. Patrick's Mass in March.

Offerings Still Available

Bread & Wine:

Jan. 29; Mar. 5 & 19; Apr. 9; May 14 & 21; June 4 & June 11; Jul. 2 & 9; Aug. 6, 13, & 20; Sept. 3, 17, & Sept. 24; Oct. 1 & 15; Nov. 5; Dec. 17.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Mar. 12 & 19; May 7, 14 & 21; June 11; Jul. 9, 16, & Jul. 23 & 30; Aug. 6, 13, & 20 & 27; Sept. 24; Oct. 15 & 22; Nov. 19; Dec. 3.

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PACT/Religious Education Program

<u> Remember our PACT – MAP</u>

Mass Attendance Program has begun! *Sign-in books in the vestibule (in the back of the upper church)*

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St. Nicholas Project Update



St. Nicholas is on his way! We delivered our PACT-St. Nicholas project donations last Friday. The staff and clients are always grateful for the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's! For more information visit oasisnj.org.



If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list, please email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org. You can also follow us on twitter @stmarys_jwalk.

Transfiguration Academy

<u>The students, faculty and staff wish everyone</u> <u>a healthy and blessed Christmas.</u>

The school and school office will be closed until Tuesday, January 3 for the Christmas recess.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.



Knights of Columbus

New Year's Eve-presented by the Twin-Boro Columbian Club. The party is on! December 31st, 8pm-1am. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the Shadows After Dark band. Appetizers will consist of antipasto, stuffed mushrooms, bacon wrapped scallops, homemade mozzarella, and shrimp cocktail. Main course will be served buffet style consisting of lobster ravioli, beef brisket, shrimp scampi, and veal rollentine. All beverages, dessert, coffee, and tea also included. Only \$90 per person. Reservations and advance payment required. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com for further details.

Murder Mystery Dinner—Friday, January 13th, 7pm-11pm. Come join us and local Dumont Teenage Actors for a fun evening of entertainment, accompanied by dinner and beverages. \$35 per person. For tickets call Willie C. at 201-951-9164.

Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner Dance—Please join us for this year's Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance being held on Saturday, January 28·2017, 7-11 PM. This dance helps fund the Fr. Murray and our council scholarships. Our meal will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu, potato, and vegetable. Music and dancing for your enjoyment followed by dessert, coffee and tea. Beverages included. Cost of all is only \$35. Per person. To make a reservation

call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Corporate Communion—There will be a Corporate Communion Sunday, January 29 at the 8:30am Mass at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly, NJ. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Hall Renting & Catering—Planning a party soon? Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187, email KofCRentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. The hall is available with or without catering.

<u>Mark you Calendar</u> <u>Hackensack Walk-in Shelter :</u> <u>Jan. 11, 2017</u>

Our next trip to Hackensack Walk-in Shelter will be Wednesday, Jan. 11th.





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Blessing of a Christmas Crèche or Manger Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century representations of the nativity of the Lord were painted as wall decora-

tions depicting not only the infancy narratives accounts of Christ's birth, but also the words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk taken to mean that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals

in a manger.

All make the sign of the Cross:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord. <u>All</u>: Who made heaven and earth.

We are at the beginning of the days of Christmas. All through the season we will look on these images of sheep and cattle, of shepherds, of Mary and of Joseph and of Jesus.

* Listen to the words of the Holy gospel according to Luke:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town and Joseph too went up for Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Gospel of the Lord. <u>All:</u> Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Leader invites:

Pray now for God's blessing as we look on these figures:

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All make the sign of the cross.

Then Christmas Carols may be sung, such as Silent Night, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Away in a Manger, etc.

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<u> Thank You - Food Pantry</u>



We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Christmas food collection. Special thanks to all who assisted in preparing the baskets for distribution. In addition, thank you for the monetary

donations made which enabled us to give Stop and Shop food certificates, enabling the recipients the ability to purchase perishable items.

We also would like to offer thanks to our town DPW who have assisted us in distributing the baskets to the schools.

We wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year!

Anna Markert

<u>Natural Family Planning</u> <u>Information Night</u>

God has created marriage, a holy union, to mirror His supreme love on earth. At the heart of their married love is the total gift of self that husband and wife freely offer to each other. Because of their sexual difference, husband and wife can truly become "one flesh." Through the language of their bodies, their sexual union recalls their vows: giving themselves to one another in love that is total, faithful, and life-giving. This call to love is to follow Christ himself, who handed himself totally over for his bride, the Church. Spouses imitate him by giving the entirety of themselves to one another, including the gift of their fertility and their openness to new life. Natural Family Planning methods are scientifically proven approaches to help a couple postpone or achieve pregnancy in a way that preserves the true, complete self-gift between husband and wife, the kind of love that brings real, lasting joy and peace. When we embrace God's plan for human sexuality and marriage and follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives in a powerful way. To learn more, or to hear questions others have asked, please come to an informational session given by the Coordinator of Natural Family Planning for the Family Life Office, Jill Cherrey.

Date: January 11, 2017 Time: 7:30-9:00pm Location: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 220 E. Blancke St., Linden, NJ 07036 Contact: Jill Cherrey at jillc@joyfilledmarriagenj.org or 973-497-4325.

DECEMBER 25, 2016

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

We have people coming to St. Mary's on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. Before we could fill out and sign the form, you have to be a registered active parishioner for at **least six months**. The best way to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter.

PLEASE – save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble – **come to the rectory office and register!**

Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The search is underway for Longest Married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are? Maybe it's your parents... grandparents... That nice couple who live down the street...

Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: wwmelmc2017@gmail.com Nominations accepted until January 8, 2017. Winners will be announced February 2017 to celebrate World Marriage Day.

Nominate a couple you know today!

<u>The Scholarship Fund for</u> <u>Inner-City Children</u>

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools, will hold its 14th annual High School Basketball Festival on January 7 and 8, 2017 at Kean University in Union. The teams playing include St. Peter's Prep, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Seton Hall Prep, Mt. St. Dominic, St. Benedict's Prep, Union Catholic, St. Mary's, Don Bosco, Immaculate Conception, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph's Regional and Marist.

For complete game schedule, times, and information on ordering tickets, please visit www.sfichoops.com or call 973-497-4279.