

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

March 5, 2017

*First Sunday of
Lent*



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: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 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, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call the parish office.

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.



Saturday	Mar. 4 - Vigil
5:30PM	Patrick O'Connor
Sunday	Mar. 5 - First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Norma O'Connor
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Todd Lostumbo
Monday	Mar. 6 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Elizabeth Pheifer
8:45AM	Margherita Bonaldo
Tuesday	Mar. 7 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Ed Chico
8:45AM	Scott Husk
Wednesday	Mar. 8 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Daniel Daly
8:45AM	Christopher Boes
Thursday	Mar. 9 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Sophia Cinelli (Living)
8:45AM	Patricia Peragina
Friday	Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick Barry
8:45AM	Teresa H. Blair
Saturday	Mar. 11 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Edward Berger
5:30PM	Baby Angela
Sunday	Mar. 12 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	James Hans
10:00AM	Patrick Langford
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for Scarpa and King Families.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann and Jim Zanosky requested by their family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Rebecca de la Pena and Nabil Abou Daoud.



On Sunday, March 12th, Daylight Saving Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

Sunday – Mar. 5

10:00AM Mass Sending Rite of Election
1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm
6:30PM JWalk Stations of the Cross Practice UC

Monday - Mar. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting FDVRm

Tuesday – Mar. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School
3:30PM & 6:00PM FHC Prep #1 UC/School
3:30PM & 6:00PM FHC Banner Committee UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal School
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SFC
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

Wednesday - March 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM A & E Meeting Sacristy
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – March 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC
Baking Soda Bread Cafeteria

Friday – March 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:00PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC
Baking Soda Bread Cafeteria

Saturday – March 11

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM—6:30PM Confirmation Retreat/Parent Meeting Church/School/Mass
After 5:30PM Mass Soda Bread Sale UC
Second Collection—Peter's Pence

Sunday – March 12

10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass. Social to follow SH
1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm
6:30PM JWalk Stations of the Cross Practice UC
Penitential Rite
Second Collection—Peter's Pence
Soda Bread Sale after all Masses SH
Daylight Saving Time Starts

From the Pastor



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Jesus spent 40 days in the desert to prepare himself for his public ministry. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert to prepare themselves to enter into the Promised Land. We are given the 40 days of Lent to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of our salvation. The question is what desert will we chose to help us get ready?

Lent is a time of sober reflection, reassessment and rededication of our lives to God. We review our lives, seek forgiveness, do penance, and recommit ourselves to Christ. How is this possible in the busyness of everyday life and in the noise of our crowded world?

This first Sunday of Lent reminds us that each of us needs to follow Christ into the desert. This is a journey into the self. A journey where we too face temptations; a journey where we acknowledge our failures; a journey in which we allow the Spirit to guide us and where we come to understand our total dependence on the God who called us into being.

May our Lenten journey lead us not just to the joys of Easter but may it also lead us into a deeper and more profound relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Fr. Carey

2018 Mass Book

“NEW OPENING DATE”

The Mass book for 2018 will open on **Tuesday, March 7, at 9:00 AM**. That day and for the week of March 7, only 5 Masses – **1 Sunday, 1 holyday & 3 weekdays** - will be available for each person coming to the parish office requesting Masses for 2018. That will allow each person an equal opportunity to request Masses for family and loved ones.

Peter’s Pence Collection

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter’s Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

2017 Lent

Lenten 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. **Tags are now available.**

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.

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Lower Church using different meditations.

St. Patrick’s Mass - March 12th



Our annual St. Patrick’s celebration will be held on Sunday, March 12 at the 10:00 am Mass. At this Mass we will bless the new statue of St. Patrick. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing, and bagpipes.

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Feast of St. Joseph - March 20th



St. Joseph’s Day
Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on Monday, March 20 this year, because when a Feast Day falls on a Sunday in Lent or Advent it is celebrated on Monday. We will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 pm on March 20 followed by a social featuring St. Joseph’s bread and pastries in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Offerings Still Available

Bread & Wine:

Apr. 9; May 21; Jul. 2; Aug. 6, 13, & 20; Sept. 17 & Sept. 24; Oct. 1 & 15; Dec. 17.

Sanctuary Lamp:

May 21; Jul. 16, 23, & 30; Aug. 6, 13, 20, & 27; Sept. 24; Oct. 22; Dec. 3.

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.

Pray for Our Sick

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Joan Polis
Hailey van Weathering..Pat Barclay..Teagan Davis
Rita Crowley..Sandy Tolentino..Wilberta Schreiber
George DiCostanzo..Emily Del Vecchio..Sean Hayes
Maureen Kostka...Frank Uvenio...Peter Dondero
Jeffrey Newman...Leo Newman...Stefano Piccinich
Patrick Manley...Margaret Strauss...Mallary Zwiren
Eileen and Marcus Flaherty...Kristi Carbonaro
Brian Gallagher...Lyla McMahan...Sheila Corrigan
Tom Phelan...Diane Kowatch...Kathy R...Lauren Z.
Yunzhi Ye...William, Rosemarie, Mildred Dellner
Joan B...Baby Addison Vigos...Richard King
Joseph and Betty Anne Kuprel...Colleen
Nina and Giuseppe Calamita

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Rosary Linen Schedule—March

Mar. 5 Joan DiPaola Mar. 12 Catherine Kelly
Mar. 19 Madelyn Kerner Mar. 26 Mary Loughlin

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Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale

Orders will be taken for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. Order forms available in the rear of the church and at the parish office and must be submitted by March 26. Pick-up dates will be April 8 & 9, Palm Sunday.

Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Food banks and food pantries (like the one at St. Mary's) are a vital part of feeding those who are experiencing food insecurity, of which 40% are children.

Consider helping to feed the hungry and experience what working at a food bank is like by volunteering to serve at the New Jersey Community Food Bank in Hillside.

On Saturday, March 25, we will gather in the parking lot of St. Mary's at 7:30 am and carpool to the food bank. We'll spend the morning sorting food for distribution to food pantries throughout the state. We will be back by noon.

Sign-ups are necessary by Tuesday, March 21st. Please e-mail deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org or leave a message at the Parish Office 201-384-0557. Due to insurance regulations, children under 12 are not permitted in the warehouse.

The disciples approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowds so they can go and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "Give them some fool yourselves." (MT 14:15-16).

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Altar & Rosary San Alfonso Retreat:

March 31 - April 2

**Theme: Walking in the Dark,
Living in the Light**

The cost of this year's retreat is \$210. This includes two nights in a private room, six meals, Mass each day, opportunity for reconciliation; stations of the cross, conferences, and rituals. A little free time is provided on Saturday afternoon. There is usually a movie shown on Friday night; and our group always plans a nice get-together on Saturday with snacks and beverages. On Sunday morning, there is a presentation of certificates and pins to retreatants who have reached certain milestones. This year we will once again have several women receiving recognition.

San Alfonso is located in Long Branch, NJ, right on the shoreline. Since Hurricane Sandy, they have rebuilt their boardwalk and gazebo-the property is quite beautiful and very peaceful; and the view of the ocean always spectacular. There is a lovely chapel and a nice dining room where drinks and cookies are available 24/7. The gift shop is open several times during the weekend and offers some very nice religious items.

If you would like to join us this year, a deposit check for \$50 should be made out to San Alfonso Retreat House. Please bring the check to the Parish Office by March 7th or mail to Wendy Lawrence at 95 Depew St., Dumont, NJ, 07628. If you have any questions, please call Wendy at 201-385-7593.



PACT/Religious Education Program

Remember our PACT – MAP

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



Tuesday First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions



First Communion Preparation Sessions begin Tuesday, March 7th. Parents received the schedule at the parent meeting. For more information, call us at (201) 384-3062.

Confirmation Retreat 3/11/17



The Confirmation Candidate Retreat is Saturday, March 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m.
 <The Peer Retreat Team arrives 30 minutes prior.>
 Parents and sponsors join the candidates at 4:00 p.m.
 Candidates will attend the 5:30 p.m. mass together.

Operation Rice Bowl



Rice bowls are not containers for our “spare change,” these bowls are to help our children to understand that as they make sacrifices, they can help others. Participation in the Rice Bowl program is very important as *Catholic Relief Services* continues to work to aid those affected by disasters around the world. 25% of what is collected stays right here in our archdiocese. To find out more visit <http://orb.crs.org>.



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: Feb. 27, 2017	
Total Pledge	\$316,468.00
Total Amount Received	\$100,725.80**
Number of Pledges	157

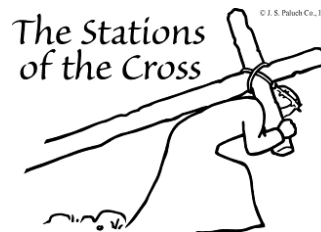
Remember our plan is to use the **We Are Living Stones** proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- **New side doors of the church**
- **Elevator**

****Our tithing goal of \$82,500.00 have been reached !!!**

The portion to be shared is \$18,225.80 (total after Tithing goal) and the parish share is \$9,112.90. 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.

St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk



Starting Sunday, March 5, JWalk will be starting practices for the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday. We will practice on the Sundays of Lent from 6:30-8:30pm in the church. Any interested high schoolers can email youthmin@stmarysdumont.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.

Knights of Columbus

Council Meeting—There is a Council Meeting Monday, March 6th at 8pm (Members only).

Columbiette Fish Fry—The Columbiettes will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday March 10th from 6pm to 8pm (doors open at 5pm) consisting of tossed green salad, cole slaw, Italian bread, macaroni and cheese, baked fish with lemon butter sauce, fried fish, dessert, coffee, and tea. Cash bar will be available. Price is \$15 per person, children 12 and under \$9, children 3 and under free RSVP REQUIRED. To make a reservation call Nina D. at 201-338-2617 or email ninad70@aol.com.

Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament—The Twin Boro Columbian Club is hosting a Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament on March 11, 2017. Check-in and buffet is at 6pm, first shuffle at 7pm. The \$100 buy-in (CASH ONLY) includes buffet throughout the evening, beverages, and tournament entry. 500 Chip bonus if you register by March 4, 2017. RSVP REQUIRED. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Irish Night—Join us for one of our most popular events on Saturday March 25th from 7pm-11pm. The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of a Cheese Platter, Corned Beef, Potatoes, and homemade Scones. Coffee, tea, and beverages are included. Live Entertainment by Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. All for \$35 per person. RSVP REQUIRED. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Council Scholarships—The applications and eligibility rules for 8th Graders attending a Catholic High School in September and for High School Seniors attending a 4 year College or University in September are available on the Council website www.kofc1345.org. Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a member in good standing for at least one year. Children and grandchildren of deceased members remain eligible. Completed applications are due April 30th.

All events are held at the Council Hall located at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ unless otherwise noted.

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.

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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Collection on Feb. 25 - 26 \$10,031.00
Same Weekend 2016 \$10,068.00
Treasure from our children: \$5.00

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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 someone.” “I said my prayers.”
“I talked with parents about lesson.”
“I did my chores.”***

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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.

Transfiguration Academy

International Night – Come and enjoy an evening of international food and entertainment on Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (4-13) and senior citizens and are extremely limited. Tickets must be purchased by March 6 and will not be available at the door. Please contact the school office for more information and tickets.

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.

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WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION

Alive in Christ
as Missionary Disciples

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

400 South Orange Ave.
South Orange, NJ 07079

Cost: \$25 • Clergy/Religious Free

Lisa Hendey

Founder and editor of CatholicMom.com, bestselling author of Chime Travelers children's fiction series, The Grace of Yes, The Handbook for Catholic Moms and A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms



Mother Olga

of the Sacred Heart

Founder and mother servant of Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, Archdiocese of Boston.



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English and Spanish Track

