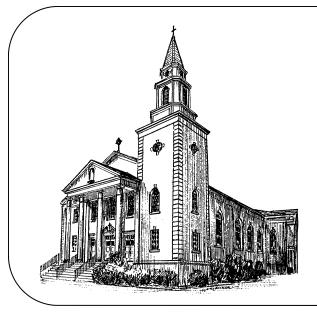
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 25, 2018

Second 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

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, Pastor

Rev. Michael Barone, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, In-Residence

Deacon John L. Sylvester, Permanent Deacon

Mr. Joel Condon, Director of Music Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate* for *Liturgy/RCIA*

Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate* for Catechetics

Mr. Rudy Asistin, Business Administrator Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

Parish e-mail: info@stmarysdumont.org Parish Website: www.stmarysdumont.org

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062 e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music:

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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.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT



Saturday Feb. 24 - Vigil

5:30PM Bridget and Michael O'Neill

Sunday Feb. 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00AM Pablo T. Naong 12 Noon Leonor Quinones

Monday Feb. 26 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Annie Marian Morris 8:45AM Rosalie E. Terranova

Tuesday Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Gerard Reilly8:45AM Nabil Abou Daoud

Wednesday Feb. 28 - Lenten Weekday 7:00AM Toni and Mary Monks (Living)

8:45AM Ann Licata

Thursday March 1 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Michelle Furnari 8:45AM Maria Melucci

Friday March 2 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Michael King

8:45AM Peggy, John, and Rev. Dan Cronin

Saturday March 3 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Maureen McGinty 5:30PM Gerard Reilly

Sunday March 4 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:45AM Bill Sveridovich

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Ann O'Neill

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

2018 Offerings Available

Bread & Wine:

Jul. 8; Aug. 5 & 12; Sept. 2 & 30; Oct. 14; Nov. 18.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Jul 8 & 15; Sept. 2, 9, & 23; Nov. 18; Dec. 2.

Eucharistic Adoration - March 2nd



On Friday, March 2nd, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.



Sunday – Feb. 25 Parish Mission

Penitential Rite

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School

11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library/School After 12 Noon Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

4:00PM-6:00PM Youth Lenten Group YRm

6:30PM-8:30PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC 1:00PM Set-up/Cub Scouts Banquet Dinner SH

Monday - Feb. 26

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM RCIA Catechetical Session MSRm

7:00PM PACT Angels Session/Lent Parent Meeting UC/School

7:30PM Parish Mission-Reflection: Jesus, Word of Life UC

Tuesday – Feb. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session/Lent Parent Meeting UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

7:30PM Parish Mission-Reflection: Jesus, Bread of Life UC

Wednesday - Feb. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Lenten Reflection SFC

7:30PM Liturgy Meeting MSRm

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

7:30PM Parish Mission-Reflection: Mary, Mother of Mercy UC

Thursday - March 1

After 8:45 AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday - March 2

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration.

Reposition starts 7:00PM LC

7:00PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – March 3

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

10:00AM Faith Sharing Group (Lorena) FDVRm

10:00AM-5:30PM Pre-Cana LC/School

1:00PM Lenten Penance Service St. John, Bergenfield

Sunday – March 4

4:00PM-6:00PM Youth Lenten Group YRm

6:30PM-8:30PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC

First Scrutiny

From the Pastor

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As we continue our Lenten journey, this weekend we welcome Fr. Bruce Lewandowski for our Parish Mission. Fr. Bruce will preach at our Sunday masses and then will give his mission Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7:30. I encourage everyone to be present as possible for this mission. If your schedule does not permit you to be here for all three evenings, please come when you are able. We all need to step back from the business of our daily lives to spend some time with God as we prepare for Easter.

Another important part of preparing for Easter is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next Saturday, March 3rd, we will join with St. John's and the Church of the Ascension for our tri-parish Penance Service. The service will be hosted at St. John's in Bergenfield. As part of the service, priests from all three parishes will be available for individual Confession.

A wonderful way to prepare for the celebration of Easter is to be part of the Women's Commission's Day of Reflection on March 3rd or the Catholic Men's Conference on March 10th. Both events will be held at Seton Hall University and more information is available in the Bulletin or online at www. rcan.org. In past years, I have participated in the Men's Conference and I have been present at the Women's Commission event for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Both are uplifting spiritual event and I strongly encourage everyone who is able to attend.

If this Lent, you have made a commitment to do some community service, please join other members of St. Mary's on March 10th as they visit the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Additional information is available in the bulletin.

Obviously, there are numerous opportunities to use this Lent to get ready for Easter. Will we take advantage of them or will we get to Holy Week and realize that Lent is over and we have made little or no progressed in our spiritual journey. We all must remember that Lent is a gift in which we are invited to get closer to God and to embrace His will for us. How we use this gift of Lent is our choice. Sadly, too many of us will choose not to use it at all.

Fr. Carey

Penance

We invite our parishioners to come to a *Communal Reconciliation Service* to be held at St. John's, Bergenfield at 1:00 pm on Saturday, **March 3rd**. We will participate along with Ascension parish.

Lenten Service Opportunity



Often we hear in the Gospel how Jesus takes care of our physical needs by healing those who are afflicted by disease and feeding those who are hungry. This Lenten season there is an opportunity for us to feed those who are hungry.

On Saturday, March 10th we can help bring food to the hungry at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. We will meet at St. Mary's at 7:45 am and carpool to the food bank. We will be back by noon.

Please sign up by March 5th by e-mailing Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.

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 the church or parish office before the end of Lent.

We Are Living Stones Update



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. 20, 2018

Total **Pledge** \$308,376.00 Total Amount **Received** \$181,363.44 **Number of Pledges** 159

The portion to be shared is \$98,863.44 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is** \$49,431.72.

Remember our plan is to use the *We Are Living Stones* proceeds to build an **Elevator** inside the church.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT

<u>Serving in the Military</u>

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...John Oppici
Bobby Dellner...Patrick Booth...Jaelon Magat
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...Brian Manley
Christopher Smaldone...Sean Flanagan

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..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan Diane Kowatch...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis...RC Rita Crowley...Sandy Tolentino...Wilberta Schreiber George DiCostanzo...Sean Hayes...Kyla Carney Peter Dondero...Richard King...Phyllis Keefe Betty Anne Kuprel...Nina Calamita...Joan Toupin Fr. Pat W. Donohue...Larry Rivera...Teresita Ariola Diane Mariconti..Anthony Montagnino..Joel Rivera Jennifer Samson...Kristi Carbonaro...Kathy R. Joseph Coll...Phil Ashare...Ali McMahon...John R. Patricia Tetro...Rosemary Ray...Mary Cannon

Rosary Linen Schedule for the Months of February and March

Feb. 25 Mary Cremin Mar. 4 Joan DiPaola Mar. 11 Sue Schettino Mar. 18 Madelyn Kerner Mar. 25 Kathy Mullins

Save the Date
St. Mary's Church
Dinner Dance



More information to follow.

<u>Food Pantry</u> Easter Basket

We just did our monthly food collection last weekend, but in a couple of weeks, we will start preparing for our Easter Baskets, which will be distributed on Friday, March 23rd..We will be using the same list of items as in our monthly collection. This time if you can also donate a <u>turkey</u> or <u>ham</u> to this distribution, it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop off your donation at the church or at the parish office during the week.



Ham/Turkey



Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pancake Mix and Syrup

Cold Cereal

Jell-O and Pudding

Dry Packaged Soup Dry Milk Ketchup

Bar of Soap Dish Soap Laundry Detergent Toothpaste Shampoo

Paper Towel Toilet Paper

Please Note: We have plenty of canned vegetables, soup, and pasta.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgies



There will be special liturgies to be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark for couples celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of living the sacrament of marriage. These anniversary liturgies will be

celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The dates are as follows:

April 29, 2018 3:00 PM 5 years and 25 years (All counties)

May 6, 2018 3:00 PM 50 years (All counties)

If you would like to participate in one of these liturgies, you need to come to the parish office and fill in a registration form so that they know the names and the number of those attending each liturgy.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT-MAP Mass Attendance Program



Remember that sign-in books for our PACT-MAP program are located in the back vestibule of the upper church. To be part of this special incentive program, PACT students should sign in every time

they attend mass at the Saturday evening vigil or Sunday morning.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Special preparation for First Holy Communion has begun. Please take a moment to pray for our candidates for First Communion, their families, and our parish family that we may grow together in



our appreciation of the presence of our Lord in his Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Confirmation Preparation



Confirmation Interviews with a staff member here at St. Mary's may be scheduled via e-mail over the coming weeks.

<u>St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk</u>

The youth group will start preparing for the living stations prayer service that they lead on Good Friday evening. Any high schoolers who like to participate are invited.

Our practices will be on:

Sunday, February 25th

Sunday, March 4th

Sunday, March 11th

Sunday, March 18th

Sunday, March 25th



All practices will be from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Upper Church.

Anyone who is interested should email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

<u> Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale</u>



Gertrude Hawk Easter candy order forms are available in the rear of the church and at the parish office. Completed order forms must be submitted by Wednesday, Feb. 27

Pick-up dates will be March 24 & 25, Palm Sunday.

St. Patrick's Mass - March 11th



Our annual St. Patrick's celebration will be held on Sunday, March 11 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.

Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th



The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on Monday, March 19. In addition to our usual daily Mass schedule of 7:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., we will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 p.m. followed by a social featuring St. Joseph's bread and pastries in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Transfiguration Academy

Celebrating Our Students' Achievement

Transfiguration Academy's application to be named a National Blue Ribbon School was recently chosen by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) for consideration by the United States Department of Education. Last October, we were notified that based on our test scores on the Terra Nova Assessment, given in March of 2017, we qualified to submit an application. This in itself is a huge accomplishment because to qualify, our scores had to be in the top 15% of all schools, public and private, in the nation. Although we will not know if Transfiguration Academy will be named a Blue Ribbon School until September, it is a tremendous accomplishment that we qualified to submit the application and that we successfully made it through CAPE's review of our application.

Registration for the 2017/2018 Academic Year has begun: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 though 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. If you want to learn more about Transfiguration Academy, directly from the students, click on this video: https://youtu.be/I2bF37YBpbs.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT

<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)

Treasure from our children: \$4.00

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

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"Clean my room." "Chores."

<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.

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!**

Knights of Columbus

Texas Hold'Em Tournament - The Twin Boro Columbian Club is hosting a Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament on Saturday March 3rd. Check-in and Buffet begins at 6pm, first deal is at 7 PM. **RSVP REQUIRED**. RSVP by February 24th and get a 500 Chip Bonus. \$100 Buy-in includes \$5,000 prize pool (based on 75 players), hot buffet with wings, lemon chicken, and roast beef. Beverages included. RSVP by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Latin Night - Saturday March 10th from 8pm -12 Midnight. The evening includes DJ Music, Dancing, buffet dinner consisting of paella, baked ziti, sweet plantains, salad, and beverages. Only \$35 per person. **RSVP REQUIRED** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing

KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt—Sunday March 18th from 2pm - 5pm. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation per person). DJ Lady J and her bunnies will be providing music, an Easter Egg Hunt, and other fun games for the children. A complimentary snack of burgers, french fries, juice, and dessert will be provided. Cash bar for the adults. RSVP required. Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333, or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.comto make a reservation.

Irish Night - Saturday March 24, 2018 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, Cabbage, Potatoes, and homemade scones. Coffee, tea, and beverages are included. Live entertainment by Frankie and the Currans. \$35 per person.

RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing

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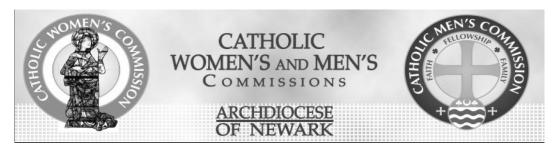
Upcoming Events - Special Children's Dinner Dance featuring "The R&B Show" April 14, Wine & Beer tasting April 28th Stay tuned for more details.

Hall Renting & Catering

If you are planning a party for a special occasion please call now to save the date. Call Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, email TBCCrentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. The hall is available with or without catering.

2019 Mass Book

The Mass book for 2019 will open beginning on Wednesday, March 7, at 9:00 AM. Please note that only 5 Masses will be available to each person requesting Masses for 2019: one Sunday, one Holyday and three weekdays. This will ensure that all parishioners have equal opportunity for Masses for family and loved ones.



2018 Annual Archdiocesan Men's and Women's Events All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Come for a day of Faith, Sisterhood and Prayer! Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is "Alive in Christ... Renewing Our Families."

The keynote speakers for the English Track are Hallie Lord, author of *On the Other Side of Fear*, Gloria Purvis, creator of *Authentically Free at Last* on EWTN, and Sr Brittany Harrison, FMA, contributor to the *Catholic Hipsters Handbook*. The Spanish track will feature *Kathia Arango*, National Coordinator for the Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Renewal, in the U.S and Canada, and Director of Hispanic Ministry at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Ylma R. Acevedo founder of "Veras la Gloria de Dios" Ministry joined by the musical talents of **Freddy Flores and Shaddai**. His **Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin** will be celebrating the Mass!

Register at http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission

Revive your spirits and build your faith! Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: The Victory is Christ's!"

Speakers for the English track will be Joe Lombardi, Jr., Quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints, Jesse Romero, founder of On Fire Evangelization Apostolate, and Hector Molina, who has over 25 years of experience in pastoral ministry. Spanish track speakers will be Jesse Romero and Hector Molina. His **Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin** will be celebrating the Mass! Register at www.NJCatholicMen.org

Registration for both events is \$25.

Priests & religious are free.

Both events include continental breakfast and lunch.

For registration and more information, visit: www.rcan.org/womenscommission and www.NJCatholicMen.org

Look for flyers at church entrances.