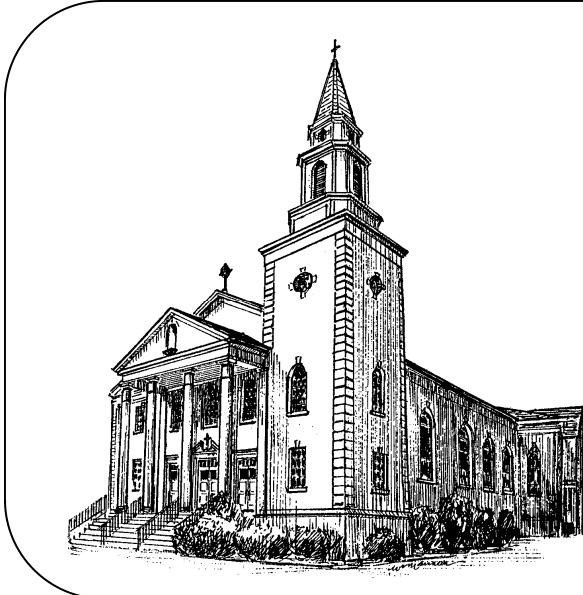


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 2, 2020

**The Presentation
of the Lord**



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. Thomas Pendrick, *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. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*

Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*

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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	Feb. 1 - Vigil Parishioners of St. Mary's
5:30PM	
Sunday	Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
7:45AM	Helen Zawaski
10:00AM	Paul Joseph Consentino
12 Noon	Domenick Colavito
Monday	Feb. 3 - Weekday
7:00AM	Eamon and Maureen McAree (Living)
8:45AM	Alice and George Ramm
Tuesday	Feb. 4 - Weekday
7:00AM	Phyllis Lyons
8:45AM	Peter Joyce
Wednesday	Feb. 5 - St. Agatha
7:00AM	Dorothy Ietto
8:45AM	John Boland
Thursday	Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions
7:00AM	Dorothy Ietto
8:45AM	Raul Borges
Friday	Feb. 7 - Weekday
7:00AM	Jeanette Orth
8:45AM	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Richards
Saturday	Feb. 8 - Weekday
8:30AM	Clemencia Awen
5:30PM	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hunter
Sunday	Feb. 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Ed and Mildred Kostka
10:00AM	Dominick V. Manoy
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Josephine DeCristofaro and Stefano Piccinich requested by Mattea and Bob Truppe.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Valentino Simpao requested by the Quirolgico family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Mary DeCesare.



Eucharistic Adoration - Feb. 7th

On Friday, February 7th, 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. 2

Presentation of the Lord

9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm
Blessing of Candles

Monday - Feb. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Confirmation Session 1 UC/School
7:30PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting FDVRm
8:00PM RCIA MSRm
Blessing of the Throats After the Masses

Tuesday - Feb. 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM & 6:00PM FHC Preparation 2 UC/School
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting Cafeteria

Wednesday - Feb. 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday - Feb. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Friday - Feb. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration.
Reposition starts at 7:00PM LC
7:15PM Basketball SH

Saturday - Feb. 8

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday - Feb. 9
8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm
12:00PM Baptism UC
6:30PM JWALK Meeting YRM

Old Palms Wanted

Please bring your old palms to the church or the parish office so we can burn them on Monday, February 24th at 7:15pm by the rectory garage, which will provide us ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

Experience your Lenten journey more fully by joining a small faith sharing group that meets once a week during Lent using Lectionary based reflections. Call Remy in the parish office, 201-384-0557, for information or to sign up for a small group. She will be happy to assist you in setting up and/or joining a small group. You may also email her: reception@stmarysdumont.org.

From the Pastor

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For those who may have missed it, at all the masses last weekend we watched the Annual Appeal video. The theme of this year's appeal is "Shining the Light of Christ" and, once again, the video highlighted some of the many ministries that are supported through the Annual Appeal.

This year, the goal for St. Mary's is \$45,000. My goal is to increase participation. I want more families to be part of the Annual Appeal. I am asking each family to prayerfully consider making a \$50 donation to this year's Annual Appeal. This can be done as one-time donation or it could be pledged over a period of months. If 1,000 of the more than 1,500 St. Mary's families make a \$50 gift to the Appeal, we would easily exceed our goal. All funds collected over our goal will be rebated back to St. Mary's.

Any gift to the Appeal is appreciated and no gift is too small. I understand limited resources may make it difficult for some families to participate in the Annual Appeal. I also understand that some may choose not to participate because of recent scandals in the Church. Please remember, as Cardinal Tobin stated in the video, all funds collected through the Annual Appeal will be used for those ministries supported by the Appeal. Our participation in the Appeal is an expression of our Communion with all those who depend on the Appeal and those ministries the Appeal supports.

Fr. Carey

On Care for Our Common Home

(This is the second in a series of articles on Laudato Si')

Statements by the US Bishops

In last week's bulletin Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home, was introduced. Before looking more closely at this document it may be useful to look at what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have written since the first Earth Day in 1970.

What documents has the US Bishops written on the environment? On November 14, 1991, *Renewing the Earth* was released by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. After quoting Pope

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On Care for Our Common Home

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Statements by the US Bishops (Continued)

John Paul II they wrote: At its core, the environmental crisis is a moral challenge. It calls us to examine how we use and share the goods of the earth, what we pass on to future generations, and how we live in harmony with God's creation.

In 2001 the US Bishops wrote "Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good." In the introduction to the document they state:

As people of faith, we are convinced that "the earth is the Lord's and all it holds" (Ps 24:1). Our Creator has given us the gift of creation: the air we breathe, the water that sustains life, the fruits of the land that nourish us, and the entire web of life without which human life cannot flourish. All of this God created and found "very good." We believe our response to global climate change should be a sign of our respect for God's creation. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those who come after us. Because of the blessings God has bestowed on our nation and the power it possesses, the United States bears a special responsibility in its stewardship of God's creation to shape responses that serve the entire human family.

We especially want to focus on the needs of the poor, the weak, and the vulnerable in a debate often dominated by more powerful interests. Inaction and inadequate or misguided responses to climate change will likely place even greater burdens on already desperately poor peoples. Action to mitigate global climate change must be built upon a foundation of social and economic justice that does not put the poor at greater risk or place disproportionate and unfair burdens on developing nations.

In addition, in 1975, *This Land is Home to Me, A Pastoral Letter on the Powerlessness in the Appalachia by the Catholic Bishops of the Region* was issued. It spoke about the exploitation of the land and its people. This was followed in 1995 by *At Home in the Web of Life, A Pastoral Message on Sustainable Communities in Appalachia Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of This Land Is Home to Me* from the Catholic Bishops of Appalachia.

Next week: What is happening to the environment?

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.

John Eckel III...Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan
 Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...Steve Sullivan
 Christopher Smaldone...James Francis Ward
 Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament
 Jeffrey Steiner...Anthony Dunkin

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.

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Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Kyla Carney
 James Carney...Michael Curran...Hector Montero
 Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan
 Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Scott Tkacz
 Maureen Kostka...Richard King...George DiCostanzo
 Myra D'Silva...Tessie Ariola...Angela Darata
 Nancy Caggiano...Joseph Pierre-Antoine
 Dennis Murray...Madelyn Kerner...Gabriel Pappas
 Eric Granada..Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz..Helen Gordon
 Frank Uvenio...Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco

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February Rosary Linen Schedule

Feb. 2 Diane Gerrity
 Feb. 9 Margaret Kennedy
 Feb. 11 Eileen Moloney
 Feb. 23 Mary Cremin

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We Are Living Stones Update

To Date: Jan. 27, 2020

Total Pledge: \$301,254.62

Total Amount Received: \$270,914.75

Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$188,414.75 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$94,207.38**.

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign. Remember our plan is to use the **We Are Living Stones** proceeds to build an **Elevator** inside the church.

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Available Offerings for the Year 2020**Bread & Wine:**

Mar. 22; Jun. 7; Aug. 30; Oct. 4, 18 & 25; Dec. 13.

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)

Collection Jan. 25 - 26	\$8,403.00
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Same Weekend 2019	\$9,434.50
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Treasure from our children: \$18.00

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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 helped set up for a party."

"I helped clean."

"I helped Australia."

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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.

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Bridge Makers Meeting

Bridge Makers, a faith sharing community of LGBT, family and friends, will meet on Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 pm, at St Peter's the Apostle Church, 445 5th Ave, River Edge, in the parish center. Snacks will be provided; bring your own beverage.

Bridge Makers is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Dumont. Contact Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.



PACT/*Religious Education Program*

Confirmation Preparation



Congratulations to the candidates who attended their retreat last week. We had 100% participation. At the 5:30 mass, the candidates declared their intention to continue their journey together to the Sacrament of Confirmation

Candidates may continue with instances of service. An e-mail will be sent to schedule interviews with St. Mary's staff members. Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions begin tomorrow (2/3/20)

Confirmation Retreat...thanks!

Congratulations to this year's Retreat Team who really made our Confirmation Candidate Retreat a great experience. In the photo are Taylor, Louie, Lorenzo, Enrico, Ashley, Lindsey, John, Joie, Katie, Nikolai, and Ashling. Thanks to Fr. Carey and our Youth Minister Beth Miloscia for their help throughout the day. Fr. Pat and Fr. Tom helped with the Penance Service. Thanks to Deacon John Sylvester for presenting on Social Justice. Catechists Mrs. Vietri, Mr. Reidy, and Mrs. Rose O'Shea were of great help as was Sheila Romaine for so much behind-the-scenes preparation and assistance. We are grateful for everyone's part in what was a fruitful retreat experience for our candidates.



First Communion Preparation



Tuesday preparation sessions for First Communion candidates continue this Tuesday 2/4/20.



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2019 Christmas Flower Offering

Donated By

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Schuck
Beverly Serafini
Mr. Gregorio Sforza
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sheehan
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Smith
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Mr. & Mrs. John P. Sullivan
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Mr. Manuel O. Tan

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Mrs. Josephine Tumaneng
Mr. Frank Uvenio
Mr. & Mrs. James J. Verdino
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vicente
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vietri
Ms. Helen Viloria
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph T. Welsh
Wicker Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Widman
Ms. Barbara Wiese
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Whitord
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Yanga
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Yu
Ms. Dorothy R. Zdanowicz

Memory Of

Theresa McDonough
Mary Sforza

Brady & Smith Families, Holy Souls

Vitus Stangl, Maria & Georg Luisser, Anna & Stefan Stangl, Maria & Erwin Fazekas
Emily Stevens
Birthday of Jesus Christ, In memory of the Soul of Ignacio B. Suan, Sr.
Sullivan Family & Joyce Family
Francisco s & Valentina Sy

Cecilia & Frank Ricciardi, Mary & Salvatore Tagliareni, Grace Deemer & Ronald Girardi
Richard Trautmann, Sr, Mary Higgin, Lee S., Anton Marty, Jane Higgin & William C. Trautmann

Stefano & Mary Piccinich, John & Jaye Truppe, Josephine DeCristofaro & Jacob DeCristofaro

Angelina Uvenio, Uvenio Family & Macari Family
Ann Verdino & Joe Verdino

Ann Zanoski, Jim Zanoski, Vera Vietri, & Nick Vietri
Eugenio Viloria, Gertrude Viloria, Carmelita Aduna & Cecilia Sinclair
Pietrafisa& Welsh Families
Virginia & John Abale, Gina Spano, & Ellen & Bill Wicker
Marianna & Julian Kopacz & Mary & Bert Wolff
Lawrence & Joan Wiese

Ricardo Chua, Luisa Chua & Pablo Yu
Barbara Reeves & Richard Zdanowicz, Sr.



*Our heartfelt thank you to all those who donated towards the Christmas Flowers Offering.
The flowers made our church even more beautiful! Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.*

St. Mary's Church
Invites you to our Country Beefsteak
Elevator Fundraiser



Saturday, 2/22/20 at 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Szelest Hall

Admission is \$50 pp. and includes Nightingales Beefsteak,
Jakes Country Band with Instructed Line dancing,
Soda, Coffee, Tea, Dessert,
and a fun time with friends!

This is a BYOB event



Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

This is a first come first serve basis and seats 12 guest at a table. If you are seating with a group of friends please send payment & reservation together.

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Tricky Tray and 50/50 tickets will be sold at the event.
Completed forms can be dropped off by 2/18/20 at the rectory/parish office.

Mail to:

St. Mary's Church, Attention: Beefsteak Fundraiser, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628

Questions? Call Sheila Romaine at 201-384-0557, Ext. - 20