## The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

## St. Mary's Church

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 



#### **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

Mrs. Mattea Truppe, Pastoral Council Chairperson

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

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

Religious Education Office: 201-384-0557

Extension 20 e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music:

email: music@stmarysdumont.org

#### **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.

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Saturday Feb. 8 - Vigil

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
Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica

Monday Feb. 10 - St. Sc 7:00AM Theresa Ikalina 8:45AM Selma Collins

Tuesday Feb. 11 - Weekday
7:00AM Erwin Gerboth

8:45AM Joan Barry

Wednesday Feb. 12 - Weekday 7:00AM Arthur Mortensen 8:45AM Linda Rainey

Thursday Feb. 13 - Weekday

7:00AM Joseph Kelly

8:45AM Martin and Katherine McHale

Friday Feb. 14 - Sts. Cyril and Methodius

7:00AM Vincent McLaughlin 8:45AM Florencia Dimarucot **Saturday** 8:30AM George M. Woke

5:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's **Feb. 16 - Sixth Sunday in** 

Ordinary Time

7:45AM John and Petrina Scalice

10:00AM Marian and Anthony Lopez 35th

Wedding Anniversary (Living)

12 Noon Michael and Mary

## In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Thomas V. Trank requested by Joan Trank and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Christopher

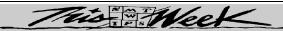
Bishopp requested by his nieces.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased James Flaherty and Maria J. Raffa.

## **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.



#### Sunday – Feb. 9

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School 9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm

12:00PM Baptism UC

6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm

#### Monday - Feb. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

7:30PM Basketball SH 8:00PM RCIA MSRm

#### Tuesday - Feb. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

#### Wednesday - Feb. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Arts & Environment Meeting Sacristy

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

#### Thursday – Feb. 13

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

#### Friday – Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark

7:15PM Basketball SH

#### Saturday – Feb. 15

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Food Collection

#### Sunday – Feb. 16

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark

9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm

12:00PM Rite of Acceptance-Ashley Manzano UC Food Collection

## 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.

## Available Offerings for the Year 2020

#### **Bread & Wine:**

Mar. 22; Jun. 7; Oct. 18 & 25; Dec. 13.

## From the **Pastor**

Today we celebrate World Marriage Sunday; a day to acknowledge the supreme importance of the loving relationship of two people who commit to sharing the journey of life.

In November 2009, the U.S. Catholic Bishops approved a pastoral letter called "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan". The letter presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage as a natural gift, as a sacrament, and as a public commitment. It also discusses several contemporary challenges to marriage and how the Church can help couples addresses these many challenges.

In a culture where half of all marriages end in divorce, it is important for us as a community of faith to acknowledge the many couples who have weathered the storms of life with their commitment made stronger by the journey they have shared. As we celebrate World Marriage Sunday, let us thank these special couples for their witness of faith in each other and in the God who has united them in the special bond of married love.

## Fr. Careu

## **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 Contact Deacon John at St. Mary's, Dumont. deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

## Food Pantry



Our next food collection will be Feb. 15 -16. If you could pick up an item or two from the list below when you go to the grocery, we greatly appreciate it. You can drop off your donation next weekend at

the church or at the parish office during the week.

Cold Cereal **Canned Fruits** Pasta Sauce Canned Pasta Soups Yams Jelly **Peanut Butter** Tuna

#### On Care for Our Common Home

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

#### Climate Crisis

We observe that there are drastic changes in our environment. According to a published report by NASA "Global climate change has already had observable effects on the environment. Glaciers have shrunk, ice on rivers and lakes is breaking up earlier, plant and animal ranges have shifted and trees are flowering sooner.

"Effects that scientists had predicted in the past would result from global climate change are now occurring: loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, more intense heat waves."

Munich Re, the world's largest reinsurance company, has warned that climate change could make coverage for ordinary people unaffordable after the firm blamed global warming for \$24 billion of losses in California's recent wildfires.

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, he writes, "In 1971 Bl. Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as 'a tragic consequence' of unchecked human activity: Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming a victim of this degradation."

In 1970 Pope Paul VI addressed the United Nations: "The progressive deterioration of that which has generally come to be called the environment, risks provoking a veritable ecological catastrophe. Already we see the pollution of the air we breathe, the water we drink. We see the pollution of rivers, lakes, even oceans - to the point of inspiring fear of a true biological death in the near future, if energetic measures are not immediately and courageously taken and rigorously put into practice. It is a formidable prospect which you must diligently explore in order to save from destruction the fruit of millions of years of natural and human selection. In brief, everything is bound up together. You must be attentive to the great consequences which follow on every intervention by man in the balance of nature, whose harmonious richness has been placed at his disposal in accordance with the living design of the Creator."

Next week: Pope St. John Paul II addresses the necessity to protect the environment.

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## 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.

## **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

## February Rosary Linen Schedule

Feb. 9 Margaret Kennedy Feb. 11 Eileen Moloney Feb. 23 Mary Cremin

## **Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale**

If you would like to try the delicious 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 Friday, Feb. 28. Pick-up date will be April 5, Palm Sunday.

## **We Are Living Stones Update**

**To Date**: Feb. 3, 2020

Total **Pledge:** \$301,254.62

Total Amount Received: \$271,322.75

**Number of Pledges** 159

The portion to be shared is \$188,822.75 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$94,411.38.** 

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.

## **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 Feb. 1—2 \$9,448.00 Same Weekend 2019 \$9,121.50

Treasure from our children: \$13.00

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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."

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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.

## <u>The Council of Irish Associations of</u> <u>Greater Bergen County, Inc.</u>

The Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County, Inc. is pleased to announce that Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ will be the Grand Marshal of the 39th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist for Mass at St. Mary's Church in Dumont at 10:00AM. Prior to the start of the parade is a flag raising at the Roy W. Brown Middle School in Bergenfield, NJ at 1:00PM, where Cardinal Tobin will deliver his Grand Marshall's address followed by the Annual Parade March down Washington Avenue at 2:00PM.



## PACT/Religious Education Program

#### <u>PACT Families e-mail</u>



PACT/Religious Education families: have you received our latest e-mail with information about sacrament preparation and our pre-Lenten Beefsteak dinner? If not, e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org. You

may also e-mail us any changes in contact information such as new cell phone numbers.

## **Confirmation Preparation**

Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions have begun. Candidates may continue with instances of service. An email will be sent to schedule interviews with St. Mary's staff members.



## First Communion Preparation



Tuesday preparation sessions for First Communion candidates continues. Please pray that preparation for the Lord's Sacrament of the Eucharist may be a

time of grace for the candidates and their families.

## **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 19, 2020 3:00 PM 5 years and 25 years (All counties)

May 3, 2020 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.

## Mark Your Calendar

The 2021 Mass book will be opened on Wednesday, March 4th.

## **Transfiguration Academy**

Transfiguration Academy will be closed February 13 - 18 for an extended President's Day weekend.

Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:

- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: 201-384-3627
- Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit our website: transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit us on Facebook to experience how engaged our students and families are

Transfiguration Academy, serving students in grades PreK 2+ through grade 8, is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools.

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## 2020 Catholic Men's and Women's Commission

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Seton Hall University
This year's theme, for the English track, is "Be not afraid: Man of God...I am my Brother's Keeper!"
The speakers are Paul Kim, who is the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference and Bishop John Flesey, who is a retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and a popular retreat master and teacher. The master of ceremonies will be Father John Gordon. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with Mass.

## Women's Commission day of Reflection: Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is "Alive in Christ: The Eucharist...His Heart in My Heart".

The speakers are **Sr. Bethany Madonna**, **S.V.,** Vocation Director, **Colleen Kelly Rayner**, founder of CKR Retreats, and **Dr. Dianne Traflet**, **J.D., S.T.D.,** Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and she will also be the emcee for the day. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with mass.

Registration for both events is \$30 for adults. Priests and religious are free. More information go to these websites at www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN) or www.rcan.org/mens-commission (MEN).

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# 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

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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



WE ARE: Kenmare High School St. Joseph's Home St. Mary's Residence The Nurturing Place

Helping women and children break the cycle of poverty since 1989

January 7, 2020

The Rev. Stephen A. Carey Pastor St. Mary's Church 280 Washington Avenue Dumont, NJ 07628-2334

Dear Father Carey and Parishioners,

Thank you for choosing us as one of the organizations with which to share your holiday spirit and generosity. This holiday season was special because our community partners collaborated with us to ensure basic living essentials, as well as the traditional holiday gifts, would be available to all our families. Your donations allowed our families to celebrate the holiday season with peace of mind knowing that both their needs and children's desires were being met.

We are especially grateful for the coordination and outreach you did in this season of giving. Your donations of 241 gifts including toys, underwear, and clothes for all age groups as well as gift cards for The Nurturing Place's mothers ensured our families at York Street Project were made to feel special this holiday season.

The unconditional support from our community truly captures the spirit of giving. Since our organization began, our mission has been to weave innovative programs which provide an environment to shelter, feed, educate, and promote the healing of persons in need, especially women, children, and their families.

We are grateful to have friends like you and look forward to your continued involvement throughout the year. Many blessings to you for bringing joy and hope to our families at York Street Project.

Sincerely,

Director of Education

We received your donation on December 15, 2019. The York Street Project is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our Tax ID number is 22-3117171. Please note that York Street Project cannot appraise the value of an in-kind donation gift. For your record-keeping purposes, you may wish to attach documentation of a proper dollar value to your gift. Federal tax laws impose certain reporting obligations for charitable contributions of property other than cash. IRS Form 8283 and its instructions can assist you with your reporting obligations. Please keep this written acknowledgment of your donation for your personal records.