

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

March 1, 2020

**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**

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*

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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. 29 - Vigil
5:30PM	Andrea Zevetchin
Sunday	March 1 - First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Joseph Voto
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Dorothy Garipoli
Monday	March 2 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Dorothy Lacey
8:45AM	Margaret Farrell
Tuesday	March 3 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Gerard Reilly
8:45AM	Bro. M. B. Keating
Wednesday	March 4 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	John Anthony Nicolich
8:45AM	Anne O'Neill
Thursday	March 5 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Hugh Gallagher
8:45AM	Todd Lostumbo
Friday	March 6 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Sr. Bridget O'Shea
8:45AM	Margherita Bonaldo
Saturday	March 7 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Alfred Barone
5:30PM	Peter Prior
Sunday	March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Phyllis Lyons
10:00AM	Am Joon Park
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

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.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Concetta Schiraldi, Rosalina Timbol and Peter Greco.

Eucharistic Adoration - March 6th

On Friday, March 6th, 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 – March 1

9:15AM RCIA Kids Sacred Heart Rm
10:00AM Mass Rite of Sending
1:30PM Cabaret Rehearsal SH
2:00PM Rite of Election
6:30PM JWALK Stations of the Cross Practice UC

Monday - March 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Confirmation Session 2 UC/School
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting FDVRM
8:00PM Basketball SH
8:00PM RCIA MSRm

Tuesday – March 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School
3:30PM & 6:00PM FHC Preparation 3 UC/School
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting Cafeteria

Wednesday - March 4

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

Thursday – March 5

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

Friday – March 6

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

Saturday – March 7

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
2:00PM Cabaret Rehearsal LC
ASCPG Raffle Sale after 5:30PM Mass

Sunday – March 8

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
9:15AM RCIA Kids Sacred Heart Rm
6:30PM JWALK Stations of the Cross Practice UC
7:00PM Penitential Rite
ASCPG Raffle Sale after all Masses

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.



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.

Thank you to everyone who made last week's Beefsteak Dinner celebration a great success. My special thank you to Sheila Romaine and her committee who worked so hard putting together a great evening. And thank you to everyone who attended the event and to those who could not attend but still made donations to our elevator fund. The Beefsteak Dinner celebration helped to raise fund for the elevator and raise joyful spirits before we enter the discipline of Lent.

Fr. Carey

The American Special Children Pilgrimage Group (ASCPG)

The American Special Children Pilgrimage Group (ASCPG) will be selling raffle tickets at the end of each mass on the weekend of March 7th & 8th. Each ticket is \$10. The money raised from this sale is used to send special needs individuals to Lourdes, France for a week of activities and companionship which includes mass everyday. There's no expense to their families. Please support this wonderful cause.

On Care for Our Common Home

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

The Issue of Water

In the first chapter of Laudato Si' the Pope Francis addresses the issue with water: "Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life. One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases. Yet *access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.*"

The Holy Father goes on to say, "Underground water sources in many places are threatened by the pollution produced in certain mining, farming and industrial activities, especially in countries lacking adequate regulation or controls. Detergents and chemical products continue to pour into our rivers, lakes and seas."

Water is the most important resource the earth has – the residents of Flint, Michigan, realized that when they discovered that their water was unusable due to lead contamination, and the citizens of Cape Town, South Africa learned that when they almost ran out of water. Only severe drops in water usage prevented that municipal water system from closing down.

The European Commission's Joint Research Center believes armed conflict could occur as a result of water shortages. The Pope concurs, writing, "it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century."

Next week: The Loss of Biodiversity

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The Lavender Scare

Over a period of four decades tens of thousands of government workers would lose their jobs or be denied employment because of their sexual orientation. This documentary film will tell that story.

It will be shown on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 pm in the school library. Enter through the door in the parking lot closest to Park Ave.

This event is being sponsored by Bridge Makers, St. Mary's and St. Peter's joint LGBT faith sharing ministry. All are welcomed.

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
 Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner

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 Sue S.
 Dennis Murray...Madelyn Kerner...Gabriel Pappas
 Eric Granada..Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz..Helen Gordon
 Frank Uvenio...Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco
 John Weiss, Sr...Rosemarie and William Dellner
 Mildred Dellner

Rosary Linen March Schedule

Mar. 8	Joan DiPaola	Mar. 15	Janet Kaine
Mar. 22	Kathy Mullins	Mar. 29	Beverly Serafini

St. Patrick's Mass - March 15th

Our annual St. Patrick's celebration will be held on Sunday, March 15 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be our Celebrant and Grand Marshal of the parade. 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 Thursday, 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.



We Are Living Stones Update

To Date: Feb. 24, 2020

Total Pledge: \$301,254.62

Total Amount Received: \$272,532.50

Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$190,032.50 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$95,016.25**.

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.

2020 Shining the Light of Christ Annual Appeal Update

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our parish **goal** this year is **\$45,000.00**. So far we have received **\$10,465.00** in **pledges** from **58** families and have achieved approximately **23.26%** of our goal as of February 24, 2020.

If you've received a pledge card in the mail, kindly complete it and return to the address below. If you misplaced the pledge card, there are forms at the doors of the church. Checks should be made payable to the **2020 Annual Appeal**.

Archdiocese of Newark

Development Office/Annual Appeal

P.O. Box 9577

171 Clifton Avenue

Newark, NJ 07104

We're confident that if every family made a gift, our parish could reach its goal. Thank you for your generosity and support of this effort. God bless.

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.



PACT/Religious Education Program

Lenten e-mail

An e-mail was sent with a Lent 2020 Calendar which has many options for parent/family involvement this Lenten season. The calendar was also printed and sent home with the children in our program; copies are available in the church. Consider which events will help your family observe this time of preparation and renewal.

Rice Bowls have been distributed to students in our PACT Program and are available in the church for everyone's participation. Let's take this opportunity to offer more than just spare change to help CRS and its efforts. You can also download Rice Bowl app for Android and Apple!

The following is from the website crsricebowl.org:

Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million. The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.



Transfiguration Academy

Support Catholic Education and indulge in a delicious cheesecake! Transfiguration Academy is selling cheesecakes that will be delivered in time for your Easter celebration. Contact the school office, 201-384-3627, for more information and to order your cake.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. For more information and to arrange a tour please call the school office or visit our website, www.transfigurationacademy.org.

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. 22 - 23	\$9,252.00
Same Weekend 2019	\$7,667.00

Treasure from our children: \$9.00

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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.

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2020 Women's Commission

**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 is \$30 for adults. Priests and religious are free. More information go to these websites at www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN).

St. Mary's Church
Beefsteak Dinner
February 22, 2020



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MARCH 1, 2020

