

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

March 8, 2020

*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. Thomas Pendrick, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
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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.



This Week

Saturday	March 7 - Vigil
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
Monday	March 9 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Catherine Crowley
8:45AM	John (Andy) Prior
Tuesday	March 10 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Comfort Afriyie
8:45AM	Gerard Glynn
Wednesday	March 11 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Arthur Mortensen
8:45AM	Peggy, John and Rev. Dan Cronin
Thursday	March 12 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Louis Giovanni, Sr.
8:45AM	Vincent McLaughlin
Friday	March 13 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Patty Barry
8:45AM	Rosemary and Tom Ray
Saturday	March 14 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Nena Asistin
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Dennis and Daniel Daly
10:00AM	Pat Langford
12 Noon	Vincent Filingeri

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Tom Murphy requested by Mary Murphy and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Phyllis Lyons requested by Josie Parrella.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Rosemarie Sabatini, Richard J. Deiser and Frances R. Hans.

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.



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

Monday - March 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
1:00PM Transfiguration Penance Service at St. John's, Bergenfield
6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
8:00PM Basketball SH
8:00PM RCIA MSRm

Tuesday – March 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

Wednesday - March 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Arts & Environment Meeting Sacristy
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – March 12

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

Friday – March 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:00PM Stations of the Cross LC
7:15PM Basketball SH

Saturday – March 14

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
5:00PM Set-up St. Patrick's Day SH
After 5:30PM Mass Sale of Soda Bread

Sunday – March 15

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
9:15AM RCIA Kids Sacred Heart Rm
10:00AM First Scrutiny
10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass, Cardinal Tobin, Main Celebrant. Social to follow SH.
6:30PM JWalk Stations of the Cross Practice UC
After all Masses Sale of Soda Bread

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.

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

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 Szelest Hall.

Transfiguration Academy

Congratulations to the following Transfiguration Academy Alumni for achieving Principal's List at Paramus Catholic High School: Joseph Abriam, Rachel Cajucom, Robert Cajucom, Kenneth Calle, Edward Daly, Antonio de Leon, Michael Icarangal, Aidan Icasiano, Gabriella Macre, Christina Micheal, Lorelai Monticelli, and Jeffrey Tharakan. The Academy of the Holy Angels also reported that Transfiguration Academy Alum Haram Kim was named to the Honor Roll.

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

We Are Living Stones Update

- To Date: March 2, 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 \$13,245.00 in pledges from 70 families and have achieved approximately 29.43% of our goal as of March 2, 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.

FASTING IN A *FAST-PACED WORLD*

by Art Zannoni

Often our lives seem to move at break neck speed, laced with stress and governed by calendars and schedules with barely a spare moment. With the arrival of Lent, Catholics are challenged to look at this way of living by fasting from moving at the speed of humankind and embracing moving at the speed of God.

Fasting (as opposed to dieting) confronts our culture. Fasting, in a society that has plenty and is motivated by immediate self-gratification, is generally not perceived as a value. Yet, for Jews, Christians, and Muslims, fasting is part and parcel of practicing one's faith in today's culture.

Biblical Roots of Fasting

The Bible provides a treasure-trove of reflections on the meaning of fasting. In both the Old and New Testaments fasting usually means total abstinence from food from morning until evening (see 2 Samuel 1:12; Jonah 3:7; Acts 9:9). This is still the case for Muslims today during the month of Ramadan.

Fasting as Mourning

In both Old Testament times and Jesus' times, fasting could be done for a number of different reasons. One motive was as an act of mourning. For example, after the death of King Saul, David and his men "mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan" (2 Samuel 1:12). David likewise refused to eat after the death of his general Abner (2 Samuel 3:35), and after the death of his first child by Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:18-21). Such fasting was an expression of grief and mourning.

Fasting as Sorrow for Sin

In the Bible, fasting is also understood as

an expression of sorrow for sin. Fasting was prescribed for this reason on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). In later Jewish tradition, and among observant Jews today, this fast was interpreted to mean complete abstinence from food on the Day of Atonement, not merely smaller meals or no eating between meals.

Fasting as Prayer

According to the Bible, fasting could also be done in conjunction with prayers of petition. David fasted while his child by Bathsheba lay mortally ill, in the hope that God would spare his child's life (2 Samuel 12:15-17, 22). David's fast was a prayer for God's intervention.

Like any act of religious piety, fasting could be done mechanically. Joel called for a fast that was an expression of true repentance, of truly turning to God: "Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God. For gra-

acious and merciful is he; perhaps he will again relent and leave behind a blessing" (Joel 2:13-14). Joel's message is that external expressions of mourning are not enough; it needs to be internalized in our hearts.

Fasting as Justice

One of the best biblical descriptions of the meaning of fasting is provided by the prophet Isaiah. Speaking through the prophet, God says: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?" (Isaiah 58:6-7)

In this passage God does not speak of helping the poor in general but specifi-



cally helping the oppressed: those who are poor, not because of misfortune but because they are the victims of injustice. This teaching about fasting is a call to eliminate the injustice that causes their hunger, rather than simply feed them. God demands not merely mercy, but a rooting out of injustice and a repairing of its effects. There is quite a difference between our being charitable to others and our making reparation for the harm we have done to them.

Whose sins of injustice lie behind the suffering of the oppressed? It may be our personal, individual sins, or it may be the sins of the society of which we are a part. The relevant point is that we are to root out these sins and to repair the damage that our individual and collective sins have wrought.

Isaiah's prophecy provides food for meditation during Lent. When we are considering what special practices or penance we will undertake, do we think mainly in terms of ourselves? "I'll give up TV, spending too much time online, alcoholic beverages or chocolates." Or do we think of the needs of others: "I'll give up some of my free time to help the

single parent to care for his or her children, volunteer at a nursing home, tutor a child. I'll go through my clothing and see what I could donate to a thrift shop. I'll go without pay for a day and take time off from my regular job to volunteer at a local food bank or to take an elderly person to the doctor.

Jesus and Fasting

According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1). The Gospel of Luke states that he ate nothing, implying that Jesus abstained from food (Luke 4:2). Subsequently Jesus was tempted by the devil, but the cleansing that happened as a result of his fasting empowered him to stand up to the devil's threefold temptation.

Jesus, himself a prophet who followed in the footsteps of the prophet Isaiah, challenged his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount to be joy-filled when fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). Fasting is not a time for show and tell, but rather a time to ponder what works of remedial justice and healing mercy we could undertake as our fast: undoing any wrongs we have committed.

Fasting may be from making abusive use of our tongues through put-downs and other forms of verbal abuse. Or fasting may be from failing to use our voice to speak out about injustices in our society. Or it may be speaking up by contacting our legislator, requesting that he or she provide legislation for more affordable housing for the poor.

Both Isaiah and Jesus teach us that the best way to mourn for our sins is to undo their harmful effects. That is what Lent is all about. Jesus reminds us that our fasting is not to be seen by others, but by God (Matthew 6:18). What type of fasting will God see us practice this Lent?

Reflection Questions

- What is the type of fasting God wishes of me?
- What is the penance God asks of me?
- What is God nudging me to do this Lent?"

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