

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 28, 2021

*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**

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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, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper 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 5:30PM	Feb. 27 - Vigil Gerard Reilly
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Feb. 28 - Second Sunday of Lent Parishioners of St. Mary's Frances Hans Eduardo Carretas
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 1 - Lenten Weekday Hugh Gallagher Claire Mackin
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 2 - Lenten Weekday Helen V. Gordon Richard Deiser
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 3 - Lenten Weekday Gerard Reilly Claire Mackin
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 4 - Lenten Weekday Sr. Bridget O'Shea Anne O'Neill
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 5 - Lenten Weekday Patricia Carey Todd Lostumbo
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	March 6 - Lenten Weekday Sr. Bridget O'Shea Margherita Bonaldo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent Madelyn Kerner Parishioners of St. Mary's Richard Deiser

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 Jose Bayhon and Robert Weiss.

Eucharistic Adoration - March 5th



On Friday, March 5th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

Mass Attendance

The Governor has lifted the restrictions for houses of worship to 50% of capacity, while still maintaining 6 ft social distancing between members of different households. At St. Mary's this means that we can safely now accommodate up to 300 people. **Therefore, it will no longer be necessary to "reserve" a seat to our Sunday masses.**

The following guidelines for mass attendance are still in place:

- Masks must be worn
- A social distance of 6 ft must be maintained between households, so please sit on either end of our pews and do not sit in the middle. This allows for 6ft between households.
- When you enter church, please use the hand sanitizer provided.
- You may enter and leave the church from any door.
- Follow all directions for the distribution of communion.
- After mass, please do not congregate in the aisles talking; leave the church as quickly as possible.

Cardinal Tobin has directed that the reopening of churches be a gradual process, which means we will continue to live stream the 10 am Mass.

The obligation to attend mass remains suspended for the time-being.

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Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Upper Church. Each week we will do the stations using a different meditation format (socially distanced of course!). These include: Mary's Way of the Cross, Everyone's Way of the Cross, Stations of the Cross for Hope and Stations of the Cross for Healing. All are welcome to join us. **We will also live stream this event for those who cannot come in person! The following are the links:**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7NxECIobJtklmwXnT_iPbw

<https://www.facebook.com/St.Mary'sChurchDumontNJ>

Please join with us in prayer.

If you want to follow along, we are also posting the meditations each week next to the bulletin and Sunday worship aid on our parish website.

From the Pastor

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Our Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin has issued a Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist entitled "Returning to Grace." He has done this to address what he calls the "Great Eucharistic Fast" imposed on the faithful by the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this pandemic, churches across our nation were forced to close their doors effectively denying parishioners the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist.

As conditions have allowed for a slow and safe return of the faithful to the celebration of the Eucharist, fear of the virus has understandably led many to choose not to return to mass. Others have chosen to return to mass but still refrain from receiving the Eucharist. For so many Catholics, the Eucharist Fast continues.

The Cardinal's Pastoral Letter calls each of us to reflect on what the Eucharist means to us and what it means to our Catholic identity. As a community of faith, we are united as the Body of Christ nourished by the Body of Christ. This letter is a call to return to the grace that can only be found in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The Cardinal's Pastoral Letter can be found on the Archdiocesan website, rcan.org. I would encourage everyone to use the letter as spiritual reading during the days of Lent so that we might all be better prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery of Easter.

Fr. Carey

Lenten Giving Tree

Every year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we helped St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark and Oasis Center for Women and Children in Paterson.

Due to the pandemic, in place of purchasing different items, they are requesting gift cards from:

Visa, Walgreen, Target, Wal-Mart and ShopRite.

You can also make a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift cards. Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. **Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree** to the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm or to the collection boxes during Lent.

RCIA News: Ashley Munoz

Yes we have a candidate for Baptism, our Elect is Ashley Munoz. She and her husband Christian Munoz live in Dumont with their 2-year old daughter Christina. She is a labor and delivery nurse at Columbia Presbyterian in NYC. Ashley came to us 2 years ago inquiring about joining the Catholic faith herself, after she and husband had their daughter baptized. Upon investigation it was determined that while Ashley had a Christian upbringing in another faith tradition, she had never been baptized. She entered our RCIA process in 2019 and on February 16, 2020 she celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate with our parish community. Since that time she has been meeting with our catechists, myself, Barbara Barba and Tom Connelly on pretty much a weekly basis (we took a bit of time off when Covid-19 hit until we figured out we could meet via Zoom). Throughout this process Ashley has been faithful and open to where God is leading her. This past Saturday, she and her godparent went with me to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to celebrate the Rite of Election with Cardinal Tobin.

Ashley is now beginning her final preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021.

Please join with me in praying for her as she continues her journey to the waters of Baptism.

Kathy Sylvester

Ashley Munoz (right) stand with her sponsor Aubree Hall, at the Rite of Election.



Ashley Munoz stand with Kathy Sylvester, at the Rite of Election.



Thank you to all the parishioners of St. Mary’s who continue to support the food pantry on a weekly basis. As we begin to prepare for the Easter Season please see the enclosed flyer for information on our next drive through food donation on Saturday, March 20. In

addition to non-perishable food items, we will also be **collecting turkeys and hams**. If you are able to donate a turkey or ham, please bring to the rectory between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday - Friday, by **Thursday, March 25**.

The need for food donations never ceases, so we ask that you continue to drop non-perishable food items at the St. Mary’s rectory Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass. PLEASE remember to check the dates on your items. Outdated items cannot be distributed.

If you or anyone you know needs a bag or two of groceries, please call the St. Mary’s Parish Office between 9 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday at 201-384-0557. Nights and weekends please call the emergency number at 201-696-2819.

**God Bless,
The St. Mary’s Food Pantry Volunteers**

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Mark Your Calendar

On March 23, 2021, St. Mary’s is having our Third Drive-Thru Fish and Chips Dinner Fundraiser from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Forms will be in next week’s bulletin.



Stewardship Reflection

“Here I am!” he answered. - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, *“Here I am, Lord,”* when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say *“Here I am, Lord,”* when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Prayer Of The Faithful

That we may answer, *“Here I am, Lord,”* whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

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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. 20 - 21, 2021	\$7,038.00	
Weekly On Line Giving	<u>1,380.00</u>	\$8,418.00
Same Weekend 2020		\$9,252.00

You can make a donation online, using the link **stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com**

We deeply appreciate the continued love and support you give to St. Mary’s.

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Annual Appeal ^{*the 2021*}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have **\$7,197.00** already **pledged** from **28 families** as of February 22, 2021.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?

If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available at the doors of the church or you can visit **www.rcan.org/sharing**.

Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Spring Food Drive-Thru

Spring into action!



Help Our Neighbors in need



Items Needed: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal, Canned Tuna/Meats, Pasta & Sauce, Bisquick & Syrup, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Condiments, Toilet Paper Packs of 4, Paper Towels

Saturday, March 20th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saint Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ

Strict social distancing guidelines must be adhered to.

Drop off procedures:

Please enter the St. Mary's parking lot from Washington Avenue, follow the driveway around the back of the church and then to the area between the church and the rectory. It is preferable that the driver be the only person in the car and wearing a mask.

All donated food must be non-perishable and be in a bag with handles.

The bag should be placed in the back seat on the passenger side or in the trunk if the trunk can be opened from inside of the car.

The driver is not to exit the car. A volunteer will take the food from the car. We thank everyone in advance for your generosity and for following the social distancing guidelines.



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St. Mary's Church
2022 Mass Requests BY MAIL ONLY

The Mass Book for 2022 will open on Wednesday, March 10. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, **this year's requests must be made by mail.** There will be no in-person requests. To ensure that all parishioners have an equal opportunity to request masses for their loved ones, each family may request **Three Sundays or Holydays and Five Weekday Masses in their INITIAL request. Beginning April 1st, you may request additional masses if desired.** You will receive confirmation of the dates and times you requested.

Three Sundays or Holydays - \$10.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes No

Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
4. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
5. _____	_____	_____	Yes No

Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Two Flowers - \$50.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Name: _____ ***Phone:** _____
***Email:** _____ **Amount Enclosed: \$** _____
Address: _____

****Required for confirmation. If you want to make other offerings as well as Masses, you must send a separate check for those offerings.***

Please drop off the completed form, with your donation, in the Parish Office during the week, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or in the collection boxes. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2022 Masses.**

INFORMATION SHEET

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