

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

PARISH MISSION

Feeding the Hungers of the Heart

March 6th - 8th, 2023

7:00PM



Fr. James Wallace C.Ss.R.

Fr Jim, ordained in 1970, has been a professor of preaching and the director of San Alfonso Retreat House before becoming a member of the Redemptorist mission team. His published works include: Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart and The Ministry of Lectors.



Fr. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Francis, ordained in 1971, has been a parish priest for ten years, campus minister seven years, retreat and spiritual director nine years and social justice minister nine years, and superior of the former Redemptorist Provincial headquarters in Brooklyn for the last nine and a half years, and is happy to serve on the new Evangelization Team of the Redemptorists.



Fr. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R.

Father Philip ordained in 1978, has taught in the minor seminary, was rector of the house of theology, a vocation director and a parish priest. He has preached numerous parish missions and retreats for laity and religious. As he once wrote: "I began my priesthood by offering my life to Christ and he has filled my life with his people."

Prayer for Our Parish Mission

God our Father,

grant that our parish Mission be a time of grace for all:

a time of growth for our young,

a time of refreshment for those retired,

a time of renewal for our families,

a time of healing for the broken,

a time of joy for the sorrowing,

a time of challenge for the complacent,

a time of hope for the sinner,

and a time of homecoming for those who have been away.

May the Mission bring down your richest blessings on us,

the parishioners of St. Mary's.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary and all the saints,

in the name of Jesus Christ

who is Lord.

Amen



This Week

Saturday March 4 - Vigil
5:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM Vincent DiCostanzo
10:00AM Patricia Marino
12 Noon Todd Lostumbo
Monday March 6 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Margherita Bonaldo
8:45AM Lexi Kostka
Tuesday March 7 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Margaret Flaherty
8:45AM Mae Walsh and Ann Clifford
Wednesday March 8 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Owen McLaughlin
8:45AM Glenn Gerhardt
Thursday March 9 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Rev. Thomas Pendrick
8:45AM Louis Vietri
Friday March 10 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM Dennis Murray
8:45AM Louis Vietri
Saturday March 11 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM Alfred Barone
5:30PM Mary Hegarty
Sunday March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM Thomas and Mary O'Shea
12 Noon Neda Rosini

Sunday - March 5
7:00PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC
Monday - March 6
Parish Mission
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:30PM RCIA Class
8:00PM No Basketball SH
Tuesday - March 7
Parish Mission
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
Wednesday - March 8
Parish Mission
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
No Line Dancing SH
Thursday - March 9
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Society Meeting SH
Friday - March 10
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday - March 11
8:00AM Korean School
10:00AM Food Pick-up LC
Sunday - March 2
9:15AM RCIA Kids
10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass and First Scrutiny
7:00PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Frances Hans requested by the Miloscia family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Louis and Joan Toupin requested by Josie Parrella.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Msgr. David C. Hubba, Rose Klenck and Pat Stella.

2023 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:
Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 15 & 22; Dec. 10

Stewardship Reflection

2nd Sunday of Lent

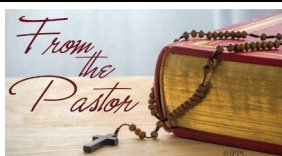
"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."
GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

Daylight Saving Time Begins

On Sunday, March 12th, Daylight Saving Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.





Last Sunday, after mass someone asked me why we were saying the Apostles Creed instead of Nicene Creed which we usually say. As was printed in the bulletin, the instructions in the Roman Missal state that either Creed may be used during Mass but these instructions recommend that the Apostles Creed be used during Lent because it is the basis of the baptismal promises we will all renew at Easter.

The Nicene Creed, the one we are so used to, comes to us from the First Council of Nicaea held in the year 325. This Creed was amended by the Council of Constantinople in 381. It is a more complete expression of the Christian faith and, with minor alterations; it is accepted by almost all Christians.

The Apostles Creed is much older and simpler expression of our faith and, while its exact origins are not known, tradition calls it the Apostles Creed because it contains twelve articles, one written by each of the twelve Apostles. Those Christian traditions that have problems with the Nicene Creed find this Creed to be more acceptable. The Apostles Creed does contain the fundamental tenets of our faith that are expressed in the baptismal promises.

Lent is a special time of preparation for those who will be baptized at Easter and it is time for all of us to remember what our baptismal promises are supposed to mean in our daily life. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask God for the grace to faithful to these promises as we strive to more faithful followers of Christ.

Fr. Carey

Lenten Penance services



The following are the dates and locations for the Lenten Penance services in our deanery:

- Monday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm
St Therese's, Cresskill
- Tuesday, March 7 @ 7:00 pm
St Mary's, Dumont
- Monday, March 13 @ 7:00 pm
St Peter's, River Edge
- Monday, March 27 @ 7:00 pm
Mt Carmel, Tenafly

St. Patrick's Mass - March 12th



Our annual St. Patrick's celebration will be held on Sunday, March 12th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing, and bagpipes.

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Feast of St. Joseph - March 20th

Join us on Monday, March 20th at the 7:30pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph. Following the Mass, there will be a social in Szelest Hall.



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Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm using different meditations.

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Lenten Giving Tree



This year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we will be helping The Nurturing Place (York Street Project).

The following are the items, which are on the tags, will help them out:

- Bounty Paper Towel
- Clorox Bleach - Unscented
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Tissues
- Napkins
- Paper Plates
- Paper/Plastic bowls
- 7 oz. Plastic Cups
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Air Freshener Spray
- Lysol Spray or Disinfectant Spray

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. You can bring the item marked, "**Lenten Giving Tree**", before Easter to the church in the weekend or the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm.



PACT/Religious Education Program

Monday Angels PACT Parent Meeting

The *Monday Angels PACT Parent Meeting* has been changed. The February parent meeting is moved to Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the upper church. The February session will remain for PACT students, but the parent meeting is postponed so that parents can attend with their children from our Monday PACT Program on March 6th. The meeting has been changed to facilitate participation in the St. Mary's Parish Mission, a special time in our parish life. *Parents And Children Together* sign in at the door near the choir area.

Sunday Saints: March Schedule Change

The March session for our PACT Sunday SAINTS schedule has been changed to March 5th. PACT Saints families: There will be no session March 26th. PACT Saints and Angels groups will participate in a combined session on March 5th which will be part of our Lenten Parish Mission led by the Redemptorist Fathers.

Preparation for First Holy Communion



We recently celebrated our *Morning With Jesus* with First Communion Candidates and their parents. The next step for our candidates will be to meet for special preparation sessions on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 21st. Parents of candidates should have the schedule which lists preparation sessions, practice, and the date of celebration of First Holy Communion for their children.

First Communion Banners

First Communion banner kits were distributed at the *Morning With Jesus*. Be sure to return completed banners at one of our Tuesday *First Communion Preparation Sessions*.

Monday Evening Confirmation Preparation Sessions

Monthly Monday evening Confirmation Preparation Sessions have begun. Candidates meet once per month for preparation, in addition to separate PACT/Religious Education sessions. Pray for our candidates for the deepening of the Holy Spirit in their lives, in their families, and in our parish community.



Confirmation candidates and their parents are reminded to check the St. Mary's e-mail blast each week and PACT/Religious Education e-mails for possible service opportunities. Contact the person running event via the e-mail provided for more information.

Re-engagement in our parish: St. Mary's Religious Education

We are so glad to see parishioners re-engage in parish life here at St. Mary's. Have you considered volunteering (or re-engaging) at Religious Education? People from many different walks of life volunteer as leaders, catechists, substitutes, and aides at our Religious Education once or twice per month on a Sunday morning or a weekday evening. Volunteer requirements include completing an application with a background check and attendance at a *Protecting God's Children* seminar here or at another parish in our Archdiocese of Newark. For more information, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

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...Brian Manley...James Francis Ward...John Murray...
Christopher Smaldone... Brandon Barhydt...Steve Sullivan...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Vincent Mazzilli...Timothy King

Feeding the Hungers of the Heart
Parish Mission – March 6-8, 2023



A parish mission is a time of great grace for individuals and for the parish community as a whole. It can be an occasion of conversion, reconciliation, and healing. The mission is not merely a temporary spiritual boost but rather the beginning of a renewed relationship with Christ. The theme of our parish mission this year is: “Feeding the Hungers of the Heart.” Drawing from stories of the New Testament, we will preach how God continually speaks to our hungry hearts, inviting us to embrace His merciful love and to respond to the deeper call to each out and feed a hungry world. Believe it or not, you are the best missionary to promote the Mission. So, please invite others to come, especially family members or anyone you know who has been away from the church. You may be the person who brings someone back to God.

MISSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 4th, 2023

8:30 am Mass
 11:00 am Anointing of the Sick with Mass
 4:00 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 5th, 2023

7:45AM Mass
 8:45 - 9:55 AM Religious Education Program
 10:00 AM Mass
 12:00 PM Mass
 3:00 PM Prayer Service Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday, March 6th, 2023

7:00 AM & 8:45 AM Mass
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Conversation/Spiritual Direction/Confession
 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service
"What God Does for Us"

Social following the service

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

7:00 AM & 8:45 AM Mass
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Conversation/Spiritual Direction/Confession
 7:00 PM Evening Reconciliation Service
 “What We Do for God”
 Private Confessions following the service

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

7:00 AM & 8:45 AM Mass
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Conversation/Spiritual Direction/Confession
 7:00 PM Celebration of the Eucharist
 “Becoming Missionary Disciples”
 Social following Mass

TO SIGN UP FOR

Spiritual Direction or Confession or Conversation
 contact the Parish Office at 201-384-0557

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O’Shea...Sean Hayes...Arvin Erd
 Scott Tkacz...Caleb Jenkins...Hector Montero
 James Pelletiere...Skylar Frye...Kathleen Oates
 Anthony Montagnino...Cris Kelly...Danny Santulli
 Myra D’Silva...Angela Darata...Concepcion Santos
 Nancy Caggiano...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
 Joseph Pierre-Antoine...SSND Wilton...Jeric Lalo
 Diane Lang...Mariantonia DiCostanzo...Anita Hucke
 Kristi Carbonaro...Carol Anne Barry...Ted Widman
 Joseph Vaccaro...Dorothy Peterson...Jim Nicholas
 Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito...Tina Fortalesa

Frank Martin...Tienne Myers...Guia Mirabueno
 Hector Montero, Jr...Kevin Rainey...Mary Quilter
 Michael Falcone...Kathleen...Maureen
 Patricia Adone...Teresita Ariola...Jeannie Kweders
 Jonathan Jacoby...Laura Kibala...Fergus Begley
 Anthony Montalbano...Nick Marino...Brian O’Dowd
 Paquale Manzo...Jane Galo...Lorraine M...Hather R
 Raymond Pedalino..Audrey Maguire..Michael Vogt
 George Tarlac..Laura Labetti..Simone Borges..Anya
 Marcus Celeran...Mikkel Leutgeb...Viktor Bagang
 Camille Cabezas...Juan Guzman...Victoria Healey
 Ralph L...Marilyn I

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary's, the residents of Dumont, the Girl Scout Troops of Dumont and Cub Scout Pack 131 for participating in our February food drive and monetary donations that were held on Saturday and Sunday, February 25th & 26th. And thank you to the St. Mary's Youth Group and the Confirmation Candidates for bringing the donations to the pantry as well as the volunteers who packed the boxes for distribution. Because of your generosity and hard work, our neighbors will have a bountiful Easter feast and Spring season.

We will be collecting hams and turkeys from March 1 through March 30. If you are able to donate a ham or turkey, please drop to the rectory between 9 am and 5 pm.

If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."
St. Mother Teresa.

*God Bless,
Anna, Denise & Lynne*



Annual Appeal the 2023

The 2023 Annual Appeal is well underway. St. Mary is currently at \$19,239.00 from 79 families as of Tuesday, February 27, 2023.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the doors of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Please remember to select our parish name, St. Mary's, when making an online gift and make sure to check the card you received from the diocese that states 624, St. Mary Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Collections: Feb. 25 - 26	\$8,975.00	\$6,847.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,452.00</u>	<u>1,112.00</u>
Total	<u>\$10,427.00</u>	<u>\$7,959.00</u>

Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

For more information or to sign up you can visit stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

St. Mary's Church
2024 Mass Requests By Mail Only

The Mass Book for 2024 will open on Monday, March 20th. **This year's requests will once again be made by mail only.** 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 Wednesday, April 5th, 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: \$ _____

****Required for confirmation. Mass Requests is one check and offerings for Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamp & Flowers is another check, two checks in total.***

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 baskets. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2024 Masses**.