

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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Mass Schedule

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: 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call rectory.

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!

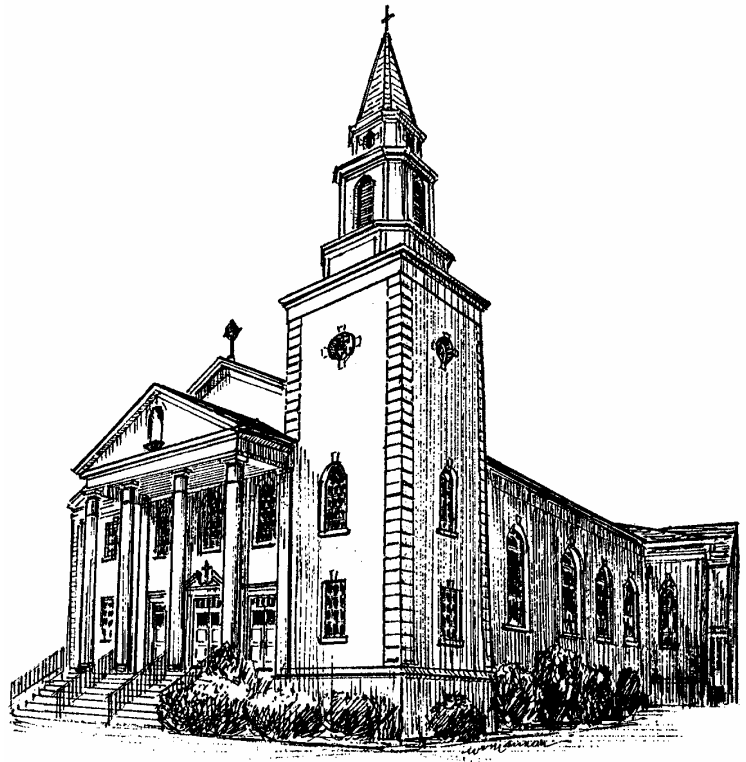
Religious Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2013



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Co-Sponsored School of St. Mary's, St. John and Ascension

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



Saturday	Dec. 7 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Anthony Miloscia, Jr.
10:00AM	Andrea Banzil
12 Noon	Antonio Bussanich
Monday	Dec. 9 - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM	James and MaryRose McCarron
8:45AM	Peggy Keating
7:30PM	Mathilde Hartmann
Tuesday	Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Peggy Keating
8:45AM	Nancy O'Connell
Wednesday	Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday St. Damasus I
7:00AM	Ann Berger
8:45AM	Anna and Frank Zeisel
Thursday	Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM	Walter Boettger
Friday	Dec. 13 - St. Lucy
7:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM	Walter Boettger
Saturday	Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross
8:30AM	Rene Magbanua
5:30PM	Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richards
Sunday	Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	John Hecker
12 Noon	Sean Ryan

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Christine Reilly requested by her family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Robert Browning requested by his family.



We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Vitus Stangl.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

Our next session dates are:

Tuesdays: December 10 and 17th

All meetings are held in the John XXIII room in the basement of the school from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.

Advent Penance Service

This year, our Tri-Parish Advent Communal **Penance Service** for the season of Advent will take place at Ascension Church in New Milford, **on Monday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:30 PM.** This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through this sacrament of healing.

Sunday – Dec. 8

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
11:00 Confirmation Retreat Team Library/School
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD's Disaster Fundraiser for the Victims of Typhoon Haiyan SH
6:00PM-8:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH
Bake Sale Transfiguration Academy
Retirement Collection for the Religious

Monday – Dec. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Tuesday – Dec. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
5:30PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Adult Choir School/Library
7:30PM-9:00PM Bereavement Support Grp John 23 Rm

Wednesday - Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM-4:45PM Children's Choir School/Library
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Fr. Jim Worth Advent Meditation UC
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) SFC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
5:00PM-8:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH
7:30PM Spanish Mass LC Social to Follow SFC
7:30PM Simbang Gabi Meeting FDVRm
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) Library

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday – Dec. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:00PM Basketball

Saturday – Dec. 14

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
After 5:30PM Mass Holy Land Olive Items Sale SH

Sunday – Dec. 15

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School
After 12:00PM Mass Simbang Gabi Practice SH
After All Masses Holy Land Olive Items Sale SH

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe



On Thursday, December 12th at 7:30pm in the lower church, we will have a special Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in English and Spanish. All our welcome!

We will have a social after the Mass in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Parish Office Schedule

In observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 9, the parish office will be closed.



**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends,

As we begin this Second Week of Advent, here is a spiritual thought from my favorite, Margaret Anna Cusack, "The Nun of Kenmare", foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace:

Look at the Heart of the Infant Jesus. It lies hidden in the womb of Mary, even as His blessed Humanity will be hidden hereafter in the tabernacle. Oh, what a holy, beautiful, peaceful light is the light of the Infant Heart of Jesus! How it longs to come forth and manifest itself to all, to console, to instruct, to illuminate! Are we, also, longing to receive this light? Are we praying with our whole hearts that it may come to us, and that we may be prepared to receive it? However great our spiritual enlightenment may be, we are still, in some measure, "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death." But the light is coming; already we can see the dawn upon the mountain. When Mary was born, the first ray of light tinged the eastern sky; when Jesus was born, the light of this mystic moon was as the light of the true sun, because of her perfect union with Him; and the light of the sun was sevenfold, as the light of seven days. The light was sevenfold; that is, the light was perfect, for it was the light of God.

Coming up this week, please be mindful of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 9. It is a holy day but not of obligation. We are offering three Masses that day, 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM. A wonderful way to honor Mary and prepare for Christmas this Advent Season is to come to Mass. Another way to prepare is the Evening of Advent Meditation on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Fr. Jim Worth, a priest from the Archdiocese and an accomplished musician will provide meditative music and reflections on the Season of Advent. It will be at 7:30PM in the Upper Church. Fr. Jim will be accompanied by Mr. Frederick Golz, Music Director at St. Pius X in Old Tappan.

Finally this week, join us on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:30PM in the Lower Church for Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be in Spanish and English and a festive social will follow in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Have a great week.

**May God be Praised,
Fr. Dominic**

The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

- Bread & Wine - May 4, 11, 18 & 25; June 8; July 20
Aug. 3, 10, 17, & 24.
- Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9, & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20;
Aug. 10, 17, & 24.

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>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Collection Nov. 23 - 24	\$9,529.00	\$9,321.00
Collection Nov. 30 - Dec. 1	\$9,367.00	\$9,121.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$30.00

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 take care of my new baby cousin."

"I bought a shirt for my sister with my birthday money."

"I shared my clothes with my sister."

"I shared with my sister." "I cleaned the table."

"I raked the leaves." "I helped clean my toys."

"I cleaned the table." "I helped my friends."

Stewardship Prayer

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.

Sound System

Dear Friends,

Save our Sound has generated \$38,000 in donations thus far. The total cost runs about \$50,000. So to finish the fundraising off, we are looking for 40 more people to donate \$200 a piece towards the project or whatever you can give and the work can begin.

If you can help us out with a donation, please call the parish office and let us know.

God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Dominic

Many Thanks...

We sincerely thank you for your generous donations to our Special Emergency Collection last weekend, November 30-December 1, to help the victims of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. We were able to collect so far \$3,153.00.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT Happenings
ADVENT Calendars

The parish Advent 2013 schedule distributed at the PACT parent meetings and has been e-mailed as well. PACT families who have not received e-mails should provide us with a valid e-mail address by e-mailing us at religiouised@stmarysdumont.org

First Penance



Please pray for our candidates and their families who met our forgiving Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday. May they always know that even though "sometimes we get it wrong... God forgives us every time" that we ask for forgiveness with contrite hearts.

St. Nicholas Project

Our PACT parish families are reaching out to OASIS shelter in Paterson to help provide for some of their needs this Christmas season. Donations of new toys, clothing, and gift cards may be brought to the Religious Education Office. Our final deadline for donations this year is Sunday, December 15th (the Sunday Saints PACT Session).



For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success stories, visit http://www.oasisnj.org/ or call 973-881-8307.



CONFIRMATION Service Projects

Candidates should check our bulletin and our e-mails for upcoming parish events and contact that person or group directly to volunteer.



Confirmation PEER RETREAT TEAM

The next Confirmation Retreat team meeting will be today (Sunday December 8th) after the 10:00 mass in the school library/meeting room. For further information please call the office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org

St. Mary's Youth Group (J Walk) Schedule

- Dec. 15th - Meeting at 6:30pm
Dec. 23rd - Serving the poor in Newark with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal 9:00am church parking lot.
December 29th - No Meeting
January 4th - 8:30 am trip to NYC Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square and Rockefeller Center.

Blessed Are They That Hunger and Thirst After Justice: for They Shall Have Their Fill.

Caritas Internationalis, the Vatican-based federation of 164 Catholic charities, has organized a "wave of prayer" that will begin at noon, December 10th on the South Pacific Island of Samoa and head west across the world's time zones.

Pope Francis will offer his blessing and support for this campaign in a five-minute video being released on the eve of the launch.

Caritas is urging Catholics to take a few moments at noon on Tuesday, December 10 to join the world in praying against hunger as well as engage in long-term action though raising awareness, advocacy, charitable work or other efforts supporting food security.

So set your cell phones to remind you to join the wave at noon and pray for an end to hunger, even if it's simply the Lord's prayer, with special emphasis on "Give us this day, our daily bread."

For more information see Caritas Internationalis website at food.caritas.org.

"A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table." - Pope Francis

Festival Choir

St. Mary's Music Ministry is in search of singers and instrumentalists to form a special "Festival Choir" that will aid in worship at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. The music will have a more contemporary feel and is open to teenagers and adults (9th grade and up). Rehearsals will begin during the first week of Advent (time TBD). Please e-mail music@stmarysdumont.org with your name, instrument (or voice), and projected availability for the month of December so rehearsals can be scheduled accordingly!

The Advent Giving Tree:



Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. Gift tags are now available. Please return the unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 8th. If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

Calling on Parents of Tots and Teens of St. Mary's!!!

We are now putting together the cast for the Nativity. Sign your children up; he/she could be an angel, a shepherd, an innkeeper, a king - or, the poor girl, the drummer boy, Joseph, or Mary. Give them the experience of being in the story of Christmas. Then watch them with glee as they tell their story. Rehearsals will be on December 8 (6-8pm) & 15 after the 12 noon Mass. The Nativity, presented in our annual Simbang Gabi @ St. Mary's, features on Friday, December 20. You may leave your contact information @ 201-385-8529 (Marichi), or 201-486-5852 (Tatess), or 201-384-0557 (Parish Office).



Give Thanks for the Music



AN ADVENT

MEDITATION

SOLL

ACCT

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 at 7:30pm
SAINT MARY CHURCH
Dumont, New Jersey

MR. FREDERICK GOLZ Piano
FR. JIM WORTH Vocals

\$15.00 Donation



CARE, SHARE & HELP

Disaster Fundraiser for the Victims of Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in Central Philippines

A fund raising afternoon of caring, sharing, helping, dancing, Karaoke singing & performances!

Snacks/Refreshments Available

Admission by Donation

All Are Invited/Welcome

Sunday, December 8, 2013

After 12:00 Noon Mass

St. Mary's Church Gym/Szelest Hall

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ

Sponsored by: The Philippine-American Apostolate of Dumont (PALAD)

SAVE THE DATE

Transfiguration Academy

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Saturday, December 14, 2013

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Barnes & Noble

Riverside Square

Hackensack, NJ

Please mention Transfiguration Academy or our Bookfair ID Number: 11254158 at checkout.

We will be having events for students and their families on Saturday from 10a to 8p

If you have questions or want to help, please email Lesa and Charlie Rossmann at:

lesacharlie@juno.com

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