

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

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**Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Mrs. Barbara Barba, Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
**Mrs. Janet Kaine, Parish Trustee**  
**Mr. Michael Daly, Parish Trustee**

## *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!

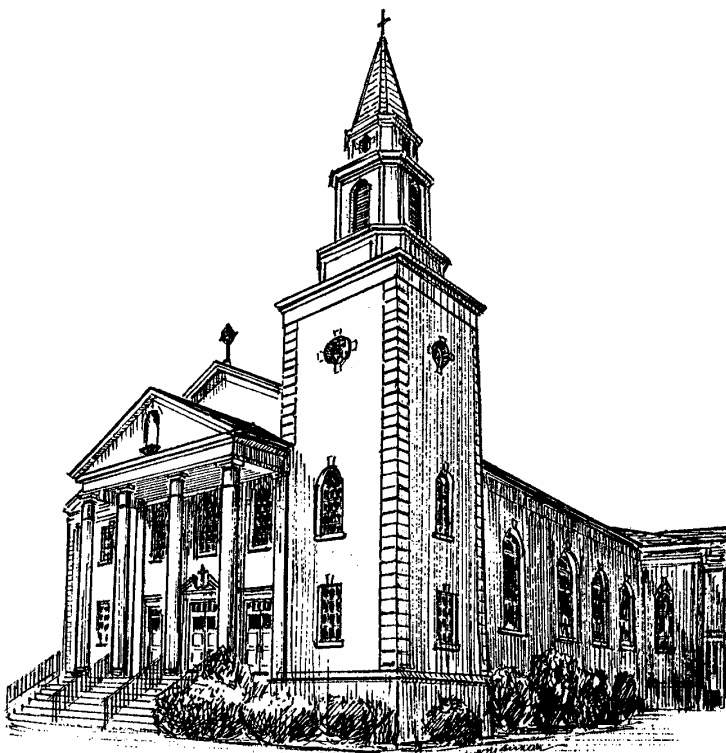
## *Religious Devotions*

**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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 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**



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 21 - Vigil</b> <b>St. Peter Canisius</b> 5:30PM Sr. Joseph Cremin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 7:45AM Timothy Keating, Sr. 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12 Noon Angel Aviles
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday</b> <b>St. John of Kanty</b> 7:00AM Peggy Keating 8:45AM Anna and Frank Zeisel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday</b> 8:45AM William Ramm 4:30PM Gerard Reilly 6:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12:00AM William O'Shea
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord</b> 8:00AM Pat O'Connor 10:00AM Emily and Felicia Beranja 12:00PM Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 26 - St. Stephen</b> 8:45AM Peggy Keating, Wilma Rey
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 27 - St. John</b> 8:45AM Bridget Fishwick
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> 8:30AM David George Kay 5:30PM Rose Farrell
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</b> 7:45AM Paul DiPaola 10:00AM Ong Kim 12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

### ***In Loving Memory***



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

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 Francine Marie Carattini.

### **The following 2014 offerings are still available for :**

Bread & Wine - May 4, 11, 18 & 25; June 8; July 20  
Aug. 3, 10, & 24.

Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9, & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20;  
Aug. 24.



### **Sunday – Dec. 22**

All Masses in the Lower Church

### **Monday – Dec. 23**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

### **Tuesday – Dec. 24**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

### ***Christmas Eve Masses:***

4:30PM, 6:30PM and 12:00AM

11:30PM Caroling

### **Wednesday - Dec. 25**

### ***Christmas Day Masses:***

8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM

### **Thursday – Dec. 26**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

### **Friday – Dec. 27**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:00PM Basketball

### ***Feast of St. John***

### **Saturday – Dec. 28**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

### ***Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs***

### **Sunday – Dec. 29**

### ***Solemnity of the Holy Family***

### **Christmas Flowers**

**PLEASE** don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!



## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### **Tuesday, December 24**

### **Christmas Eve**

**4:30 PM** Mass with Children's Choir

**6:30 PM** Mass

**11:30 PM** - Celebration of Carols

**12:00 AM** Midnight Mass with Adult Choir

### **Wednesday, December 25**

### **Christmas Day**

**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon**





We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2014. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557

Peter Ramzi...John Ramzi...Dona...Richard McAllister  
Roberto Choi...Helen Smyth...Yolanda DiCola...Richie  
Anita Harry...Mary Sforza...Margaret Bitteti...Brian Lowery  
Donald Trainor...Suzanne West...Bob Jackson...Eileen  
Bob Dondero...Emily Stevens...Brian J. Murphy  
Rita Crowley...Lorraine Riordan...Vivian Peene  
Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND...Bill Bochicchio...Danny  
Eileen O'Leary...Melody Andres...Kathy Gallagher  
Lidia Belulovich...Peggy Dunshee...Samantha Dente  
Eileen & Marcus Flaherty...Richard Fitzgibbon...Ellen Coll  
Hailey van Weathering...Melody Andres...Larry Rubin  
Lyla McMahon...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Steven Schapiro  
William, Robert and Mildred Dellner...Nancy Quiroz  
Deborah Gallagher...Kathy Jury...Laura Widman Riccardi  
Kristen & Baby Ellie Pochini...James Yenzer...Jack Maher  
Christopher Bishopp...Barbara Fawcett...John O'Brien  
Linda Rando...Virginia Fullmore

Dec. 22	Beverly Serafini	Dec. 29	Mary Daly
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Dear Friends,

God bless you for your generosity.

**Fr. Dominic**

*A Thought from  
Venerable Miriam Teresa:*



The revelation of God is the Word made flesh, born to make known to man the Eternal Love of the Father for the Son, and of the Son for the Father, which is the Holy Spirit. The healing power of the Lord and Word is in that same Holy Spirit, in the bonds of love, for it is Love that sanctifies, that defies man.

(G.P., p.164)

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Please pray for her Canonization and visit our new  
painting of her located in the vestibule of our church.

## Prayer for Canonization

*Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Sister Miriam loved so ardently, grant that we, like her, may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a public tribute of our veneration and love.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen.*

## ***Knights of Columbus***

## Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting is on Mon., January 6th at 8PM.

## Corporate Communion

On Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for the 9AM Mass at St. John's in Bergenfield for the last Corporate Communion of the year. Continental breakfast will follow at the Council.

**New Year's Eve** – Tuesday December 31st from 8:30PM to 1AM. Cost is \$70 per person for great food, beverages and live 50 & 60's music from *In Harmony*. Contact Larry at 201-315-0456 or by email at [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to make reservations, and then mail your check payable to the Columbian Club to: New Year's Eve, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. All reservations must be paid in advance.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM.  
Why not stop in and learn more about us!

**Hall Renting & Catering** - *Planning a party soon? Call Bob DeWald at 201-264-6290 for information or email [kofc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org).*




## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

## **PACT Happenings**

**PACT families: have you received our e-mails?**



 Our PACT/Religious Education Office has sent e-mail reminders and resources for Advent and other important Church initiatives. PACT families who have not received e-mails should provide us with a valid e-mail address at [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org).

## Christmas break

Our PACT/Religious Education office will be closed over the Christmas break. However, you can always leave us a message or send us an e-mail as we will be checking in during the break.

**First Holy Communion parents - save the date!**

Parents of First Communion candidates  
will meet Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.  
in the Church.



### 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 Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 mass.

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

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.

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**Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser for**  
**Lorraine Riordan-Mooney**

Hosted by Friends of Lorraine and the Knights of Columbus. The event will be on Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Ticket is \$20.00 per person. Ten years and younger are free. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses at St. Mary's, at the back of the church, on Dec. 21/22 and Dec. 27/28. One ticket entitles you to a one and a half hour seating. You can choose the time - 6:00pm; 7:30pm; 9:00pm.

There will be Tricky Tray, 50/50 Raffle and Cash Bar.

For ticket requests and donations, please contact  
friendsoflorraine@gmail.com.

*A Happy and Holy Holiday Season*



*The administration, faculty and students of  
Transfiguration Academy wish you and  
yours our very best for a happy, safe, and  
holy holiday season.*

Merry Christmas & Happy and  
Faith Filled New Year!

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## PALAD Corner

## ***Typhoon Yolanda Disaster Fundraiser***

We give thanks and praise to God for His many blessings!

The success of the Typhoon Yolanda Disaster Fundraiser held Sunday, December 8 at the Szelest Hall was made possible by prayers and the generous support of donors & contributors. We thank the performers- dancers & singers, from St. Mary's and St. John for making the afternoon an enjoyable one for the 120 attendees. We acknowledge Fr. Dominic Ciriaco and the staff of St. Mary's Church for their support on this project.

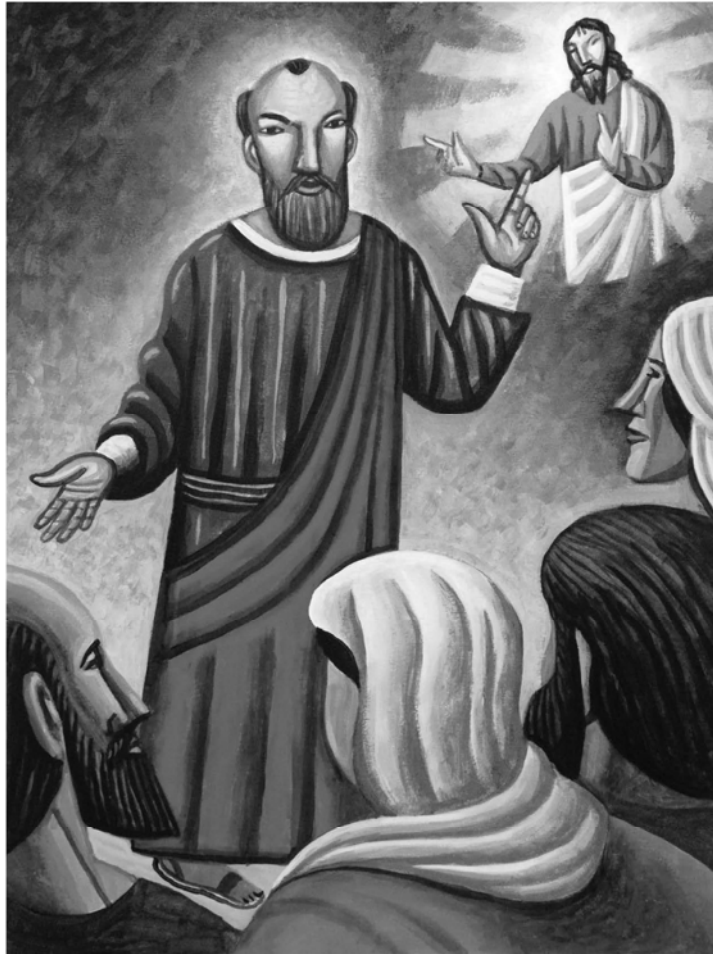
PALAD is grateful to all who have reached out to help our less fortunate brethren in the typhoon-battered central Philippines. A total of \$7,500.00 has been allocated to five dioceses: San Jose, Antique; Kalibo, Aklan; Capiz; Borongan, Samar; and Palo, Leyte. We thank you for touching their hearts. Please continue to pray for all the victims of Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan.

*"... The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow ...he Lord shall reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations! Hallelujah!" (Psalm 146:8-10)*

### ***Our Fifteenth Winner - Eleanor King***

**Raffle: #15 Ticket #: 1984 Drawing Date: 12/11/2013**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Take up the Gift of Apostleship

Father, you who give us signs of your compassion and love through the prophets you called in times past, through the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to your Son, and through the disciples you call in every age.

Now help us, we pray, to open ourselves to the gift of apostleship,

as Saint Paul urges.

Help us to take up our call to serve in the troubled world.

We rejoice in the strength and support of Emmanuel, God-with-us, and with the choirs of angels may we sing joyful carols everywhere, so that the way of Christ may be prepared,

and our world will be full of faith at the day of Christ's coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, December 22, 2013**

**A Pattern for Apostleship**



Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm: 24: 1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–24. This Sunday's Scriptures are bursting with good news for all of us. For Christians, the First Reading, from Isaiah, makes it clear that Mary and Joseph (the focus of the Gospel) are called to participate in a plan that has been unfolding for hundreds of years—a miraculous plan. Both the liturgy and the writings of the early Church emphasize that Jesus was born of a virgin mother. The response to today's Responsorial Psalm identifies this child as “King of glory,” and one of the verses calls us to “seek the face of the God of Jacob,” indicating that this royal child is a descendant of the great King David. (Today's O Antiphon is *O Rex Gentium*, O King of Nations.) Even in the midst of confounding the human circumstances that

result from these miraculous events, Mary and Joseph are models of integrity and obedience.

When we read the Gospel together with Paul's assurance that we are all called “to belong to Jesus Christ” and that Christ has given us “apostleship,” these readings encourage us to hear and to answer Christ's call. The pattern they provide for our apostleship is profound: Mary and Joseph's deep desire to do God's will, their honesty, and their prayerful, trusting response to their dilemma. St. Augustine went so far as to say that Mary's model of apostleship outweighed even her motherhood in importance (Sermon 25, 7). What does apostleship look like in your life? What exactly does it mean to you “to belong to Jesus Christ”?

The parish priests and staff  
extend our warm and  
joyful prayers and  
best wishes to all the families of  
St. Mary's for a  
Wonderful Christmas Day  
and  
Christmas Season.

