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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!

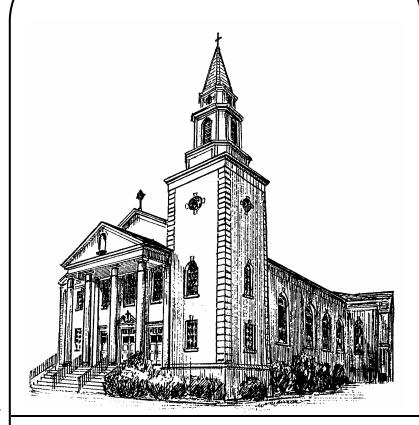
Religious Devotions

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013



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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

ST. MARY'S DUMONT



Saturday Dec. 21 - Vigil

St. Peter Canisius

5:30PM Sr. Joseph Cremin

Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday

7:45AM Timothy Keating, Sr. 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Angel Aviles

Monday Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday

St. John of Kanty

7:00AM Peggy Keating

8:45AM Anna and Frank Zeisel

Tuesday Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday

8:45AM William Ramm 4:30PM Gerard Reilly

6:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12:00AM William O'Shea

Wednesday Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM Pat O'Connor

10:00AM Emily and Felicia Beranja 12:00PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday Dec. 26 - St. Stephen 8:45AM Peggy Keating, Wilma Rey

Dec. 27 - St. John Friday 8:45AM Bridget Fishwick

Saturday Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30AM David George Kay 5:30PM Rose Farrell

Sunday Dec. 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary, and Joseph

7:45AM Paul DiPaola 10:00AM Ong Kim

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Lovina 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!





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





Dear Friends,

Here we are at the Fourth Sunday of Advent with Christmas upon us. May the Peace and Love of the Christ Child penetrate our hearts and enkindle in us the desire to serve Him more and more. Our Masses for Christmas Eve are: 4:30PM, 6:30PM, and the Midnight Mass, yes at 12:00AM! On Christmas day, Masses are 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00Noon.

Here is a Christmas Wish from St. Francis de Sales, it is my wish too for all of you!

"This is the grace I desire for you, that you remain very near to this sacred Savior who is about to gather us all around Himself in order to keep us always under the standard of His most holy protection, just like the shepherd who has care of His sheep and of his flock. May His goodness grant us the grace to hear His voice, as sheep hear that of their shepherd (John 10:27), so that in recognizing Him as our sovereign Shepherd we will not stray away nor listen to the voice of the stranger who remains near us like an infernal wolf, always ready to ruin and so devour us (I Peter 5:8). May we have the fidelity to keep ourselves submissive, obedient and subject to His wishes and commands, in order that we might begin in this life what, with the help of God's grace, we shall do eternally in heaven."

Sermons of Advent and Christmas, p. 61

Happy Advent! Merry Christmas!

May God be Praised, Fr. Dominic



Parish Office Hours



During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office will be closed as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013 and Monday, Jan. 1, 2014.

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)

[Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the Sunday collection and treasure from our children's envelopes for the weekend of Dec. 21-22 will be in Dec. 29 bulletin.]

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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.

Our Heartfelt Thank You to All Who ...



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have donated non-perishable food, turkeys or hams for the Christmas Baskets, and monetary donations with which we could purchase food

certificates for the Christmas Baskets also.

purchased the items from the Advent Giving Tree,



cleaned the chandeliers, and

helped church

helped decorate and prepare the church for Christmas.

You made it all possible that we were able to help the needy families in our area and also make our church look so beautiful for the coming Christmas season.

Again, thank you so much.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT

Serving in Afghanistan

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces, especially in Afghanistan. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir Alicia Newball...Angelica Peji...Anthony Hacket, Jr. Donald Dickson...Edward Bryan Frago Anthony Dunkin...Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford James Phillips...James R. Melady...Rvan Shireman Joshua M LaBazzetta...Capt. Peter Messina Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach Major David Christopher Pierson...Aidan Nugent

If you have a relative serving in Afghanistan, please call the rectory so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

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

Pray for our Sick

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 ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Rosary Linen Schedule December 2013

Dec. 22 Beverly Serafini Dec. 29 Mary Daly

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

A Thought from Venerable Miriam Teresa:

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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)

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 29th, 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 201-315-0456 email or by 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 or check our website: 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.

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 4th 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 26th after the 10:00 mass.

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.

<u>Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser for</u> <u>Lorraine Riordan-Mooney</u>

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!

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.

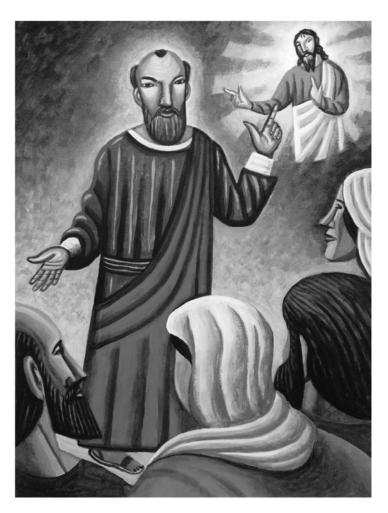
"... The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow ...he Lord shall reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations! Hallelujah!" (Psalm 146:8-10)

Our Fifteenth Winner - Eleanor King

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

ST. MARY'S DUMONT

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.

