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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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2014



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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



- Saturday Jan. 4 - Vigil**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 5:30PM Rose Mary Farrell
- Sunday Jan. 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord**
 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00AM Florentino Abat
 12 Noon Felisa and Arcenia Padaloy (Living)
- Monday Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday**
St. André Bessette
 7:00AM Nicolina Busanich
 8:45AM Maria Stela Tarabocchea
- Tuesday Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday**
St. Raymond of Penyafort
 7:00AM Nicetas Nardo
 8:45AM Bridget McCormack
- Wednesday Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday**
 7:00AM Sean Walsh
 8:45AM Nicolina Morin
- Thursday Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday**
 7:00AM Michael Stone
 8:45AM Martin Dunleavy
- Friday Jan. 10 - Christmas Weekday**
 7:00AM Patricia Goodman
 8:45AM Ann Tobia
- Saturday Jan. 11 - Christmas Weekday**
 8:30AM Helen Kostka
 5:30PM Willard Hollis
- Sunday Jan. 12 - The Baptism of the Lord**
 7:45AM James Boyle and Deceased Members
 of Boyle and McGowan Families
 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 12 Noon Jacinta Aldiano

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory Edward Lane requested by Marianne Lane.

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

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Eileen O'Leary and Vincent Zapata.



Sunday – Jan. 5

1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting FDVRm
Epiphany

Monday – Jan. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00pm PACT Angels Session UC/School

Tuesday – Jan. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 3:30PM PACT Angels Session LC/School
 5:30PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Jan. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
 7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Jan. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Jan. 10

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

Saturday – Jan. 11

7:30AM - 1:30PM Elks Free Throw Contest SH
 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Jan. 12

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
 10:00AM Baptism

Baptism of Our Lord

The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

Bread & Wine - May 4, 11, & 18; June 8; July 20;
 Aug. 24; Sept. 14 & 28; Oct. 5, 12,
 Oct. 19 & 26; Nov. 16, 23 & 30;
 Dec. 28.

Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9 & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20;
 Aug. 24; Sept. 28; Oct. 12, 19, &
 Oct. 26; Nov. 16, 23 & 30; Dec. 7.

What Goes Up, Must Come Down...

 Please join us on **Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7:00PM** to "undecorate" our church. All **Volunteers . . .** are welcome! Even if it is only for an hour, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when Christ was manifested to the whole world represented in the figures of the Three Wise Men or the Astrologers from the East. We too are asked to bring Christ to others, that the Christmas story is not meant to be kept isolated in the stable but shared with the world. Let us bring Christ to others during the Christmas season. Here is a quote from St. Francis de Sales that also captures the meaning of the Epiphany:

...Let us come close to the crib. If you love riches, you will find the gold that the kings brought; if you are looking for the smoke of honors, you will find that in the incense; and if you take delight in the delicacies of the senses, you will find the delicate perfume of myrrh that pervades the stable. Be rich in love for this adorable Savior, respectful in the familiarity with which you relate to Him, and delight in the joy of experiencing in your soul so many inspirations and affections because you belong exclusively to Him.

(Letters 1033; O.XVI, p. 291)

Have a Great Week and Merry Christmas!

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



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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 Dec. 21-22	\$11,559.00
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Same Weekend 2012	\$ 9,754.00
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Since we have to submit the bulletin early, collections for *Dec. 28 & 29* will be in next weekend's 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.

Sound System

Dear Friends,

Save our Sound has generated \$39,850,000 in donations thus far. The total cost runs about \$50,000. So to finish the fundraising off, we are looking for 35 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

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...Ryan 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 are 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...Mary Sforza
Margaret Bitteti...Donald Trainor
Suzanne West...Bob Dondero...Emily Stevens
Lorraine Riordan...Eileen O'Leary
Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND
Laura Widman Riccardi...Lyla McMahon
Christopher Bishopp...Walter Gibb
Rose Marie Dellner...Hailey van Weathering

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Jan. 5	Eleanor King
Jan. 12	Mary Boyle
Jan. 19	Diane Gerrity
Jan. 26	Sue Schettino

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Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. ***If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.***

GOD wills to become man. God wills to become man in a natural way - to be born of a human mother. God inclines toward Mary with infinite love, for He beholds in her a reflection of His splendor, as perfect as it is possible for a creature to achieve.

(G.P., p. 227)

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

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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.

 We have people coming to St. Mary's on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. Before we could fill out and sign the form, you have to be a registered active parishioner for at **least six months**. The best way to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter.

PLEASE – save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble – **come to the rectory office and register!**



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT Happenings

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to a new year working together with our parish families in St. Mary's PACT **Parents And Children Together** Religious Education program and sacramental preparation.

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting



Confirmation Candidates



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

Jan. 12 - *No Meeting*

Jan. 26 - Meeting at 6:30pm

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. 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.

PALAD Corner

The Winners of the Lucky Weeks Club Raffle:

Drawing Date: 12/20/13

<i>Raffle:</i>	<i><u>Ticket #</u></i>	<i><u>Name</u></i>
17th	1348	Ronald Rosal
18th	1140	Zeny Isaac
19th	1987	Deogracias Tantay
20th	1520	Lesa Rossmann

YOU'RE INVITED



 I would like to extend a personal invitation to all families of elementary school age children to visit Transfiguration Academy, during Catholic Schools Week; Sunday, Jan.26 through Friday, Jan. 31, 2014. We will begin the week-long celebration on Sunday the 26th with a new event, “the Transfiguration Experience”. Teachers of our various grades, subject areas and sports programs will have information tables set up in Conlon Hall from 10 AM to 1 P.M to discuss the many programs offered and the school spirit which makes Transfiguration one of, if not the finest elementary school in the Archdiocese. The H. S. A. will also be serving a pancake breakfast. Tours of the school will also be offered.

If you cannot visit during Catholic Schools Week, we would be happy to make individual appointments for you to tour the school and discuss the benefits of sending your child / children to Transfiguration. Call us at 201-384-3627. Our address is 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

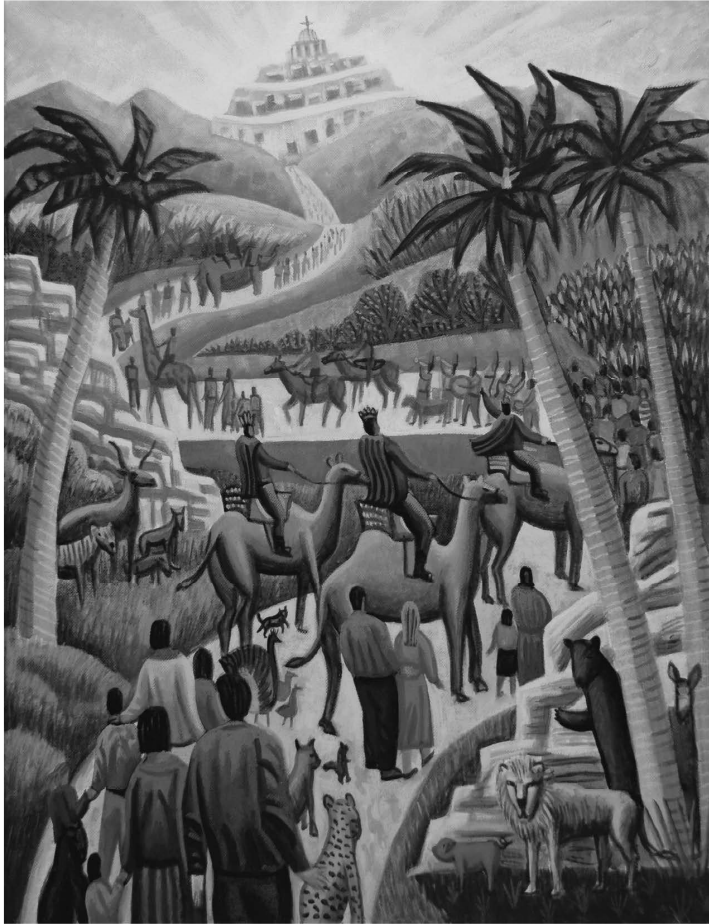
**Sincerely,
Mr. Tralongo
Principal**

The following are reprints excerpts from two unsolicited letters from parents. We believe they speak for themselves. (Edited due to space limitations.)

Ltr. 1: Hello— I just want to give you an update on my daughter. We completed another budget and eliminated some line- items that we and the kids can do without. Mr. Tralongo, I want you to know why I want her to stay. I can honestly say this is the first year that I have not had to pull my hair out, with my daughter not understanding the coursework. If she does not understand, she goes to tutoring with her teacher after school. This has helped tremendously. In addition, when I received the Terra Nova test scores I thought she did extremely well in reading and language arts. I feel the bar is raised at Transfiguration and children will usually rise to the occasion.

Ltr. 2: Mr. Tralongo, when my daughter got home yesterday (from her high school), she was talking a mile a minute about all her former teachers and bringing me up-to-date. While I know she has an edge in being prepared for religious studies, as it's been a part of her core curriculum since forever, it made me smile (inside and out) because she gets it! She is confident, content and eager to share what she has learned. It just made me feel very happy and proud that she realizes how much better off she is for having been a part of Transfiguration.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



A Family of Nations

Father, Creator of the stars of night,
you call us to be hope for the world
and bring good news of forgiveness
to all.

Your great light, Jesus Christ,
is the morning star that never sets.
May we all gather together in it and
come to you—

a family of nations.

May we be radiant at the sight:
the multitudes, the camels,
the gold and frankincense.

May we proclaim our praises
of the Lord,

and may we be led to embrace the
Kingdom Christ preached
as it unfolds in our lives today.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, January 5, 2014

Witness to the Light

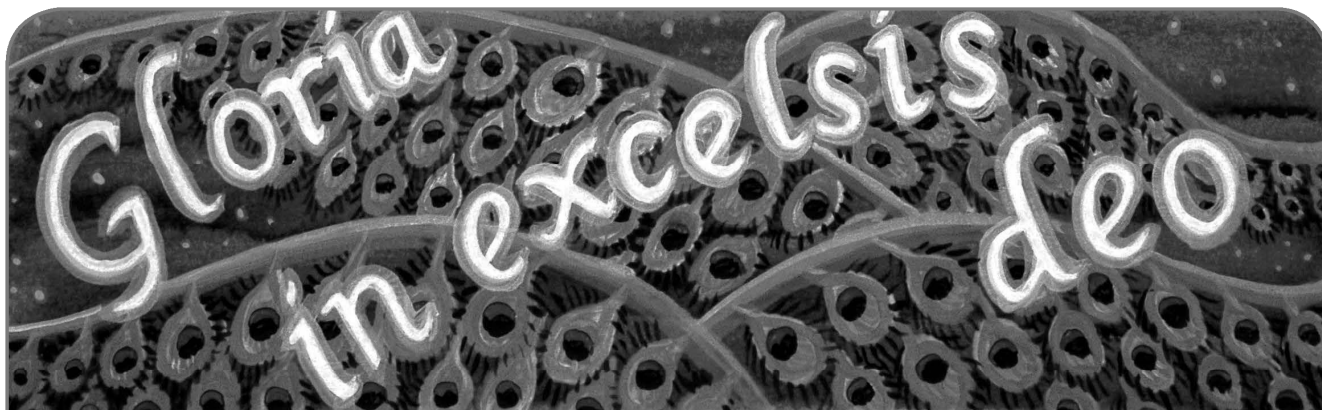


Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. In today's liturgy, God reveals his Son to us, and not only to us, but to "the nations," to everyone. Isaiah's prophecy is full of sharp visual contrasts: "your light has come," "darkness shall cover the earth," "his glory will appear over you." Isaiah wants us to see this revelation, this manifestation of God: "Lift up your eyes and look around." We are called to be witnesses and images of that light.

Just as Isaiah has painted a picture of people from distant lands streaming to Jerusalem, with gifts, "to proclaim the praise of the Lord," Paul wants us to understand that God's invitation to all people is true in his time as well: "the

Gentiles have become . . . members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Today's response to the psalm echoes that insight: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you," and the Gospel tells the story of strangers "from the East" who seek the newborn king of the Jews. The outsiders see and understand. They have "observed his star" and come with gifts, whereas Herod, the chief priests, and scribes are unaware and respond with fear.

The mystery of the Epiphany is a present reality and a hope for the future. So "lift up your eyes and look around." Don't miss seeing the glory of God, and don't miss joining in the great procession.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 6

Memorial of Saint André Bessette

Saint André Bessette (1845–1937), whose memorial may be celebrated today, is a model of humility and hospitality. As a Holy Cross Brother in Montreal, André served as door keeper for over forty years. He greeted the poor and visited the sick, who were often cured. Yet he never attributed the cures to himself; they were the work of Saint Joseph. Today the magnificent national shrine of Saint Joseph's Oratory sits on Mount Royal in Montreal, Canada. In what ways might you offer hospitality or care to others? Today's Readings: 1 John 3:22–4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.

Tuesday, January 7

Memorial of Saint Raymond of Penyafort

Today's Gospel presents Jesus's first miracle at Cana, where water was changed into wine. It was an act of hospitality that enkindled his followers' faith in him. St. Raymond of Penyafort (1175–1275), whose memorial may be celebrated today, was a Dominican lawyer and canonist. He was so expert that the pope called him to Rome to condense and bring order to the Vatican's compilation of laws. His final product became the authoritative law collection for the Church at that time. Today's Readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:34–44.

Wednesday, January 8

Be Not Afraid

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus walking on the sea during a storm, calling out "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid." The phrase "be not afraid" appears in the Bible 365 times. These are the first words that Pope John Paul II used to open his papacy on October 22, 1978. Consider using this phrase as part of your daily prayer. Today's readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.

Thursday, January 9

Proclaim the Good News

The Word of God, especially when proclaimed at the liturgy, is meant to be a source of spiritual growth (as it was in the synagogue at Nazareth). When Jesus quotes from the Prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel, he is announcing that the Spirit is indeed working in him to produce the signs of the Kingdom: release for captives, healing for the blind, freedom for the oppressed. In what ways might you advance the coming of the Kingdom? Today's Readings: 1 John 4:19–5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22a.

Friday, January 10

Make Me Clean

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the man cured of leprosy, whose request for healing is such a strong statement of his faith. He is sure that Jesus can heal him, if only Jesus chooses to do so. And of course Jesus does choose to heal him. Today's Readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.

Saturday, January 11

Intimacy of Christ

Today's Gospel brings Christmas Time to a close by recalling the important roles of John the Baptist. In Advent we saw his ministry as a baptizer preparing a way for Jesus, and notably as the baptizer of Jesus (commemorated in tomorrow's feast). Today John is explaining that he feels no competition with Jesus. He says "He who has the bride is the bridegroom" and calls himself "the friend of the bridegroom." The intimacy of the marriage bond is the human paradigm for the intimacy between Christ and the Church (the bride). John has assisted the bridegroom in his marriage to the Church, to the people of God. In what way will you celebrate the end of Christmas Time? Today's Readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5 and 6a and 9b; John 3:22–30.



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