

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!

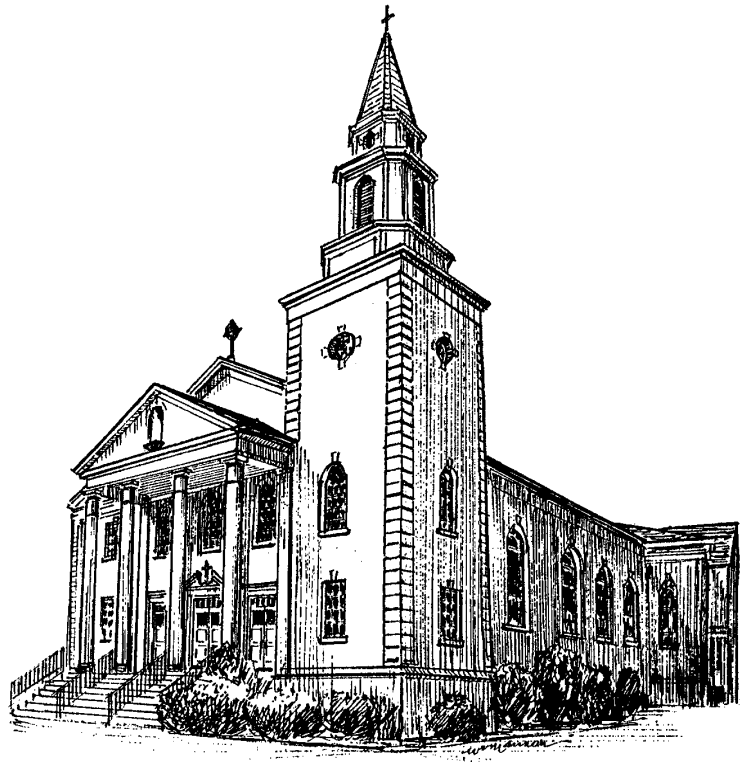
Religious Devotions

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

The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2014



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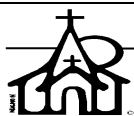
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Co-Sponsored School of St. Mary's, St. John and Ascension

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



**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends,

This past week, I came across an article in the Opinion Section of the Bergen Record entitled "What Makes Us Happy?" Maybe you read it too. It was fascinating piece about a recent talk given by a Psychology Professor, Catherine Sanderson, at Amherst College where she describes what really makes us happy as humans. Is it wealth? a better location to where we live?, a higher IQ?, a better marriage?, more friends? Well, she says that none of these will bring pure happiness. So what will bring happiness to us? Professor Sanderson says: faith, religion, and belief in God bring real happiness as cited in her study used for her talk. Other things that make us happy: nature, exercise, eating well, and getting enough sleep. How interesting though that Faith and God is at the top of the list. She states in the article: "One often asked question is, why are religious people happier? It's the fact that you have a community, a church, a synagogue, a Bible study group. It's the social support network that is fulfilling. You could well be working in a soup kitchen, joining a book club or belonging to a neighborhood watch. It's the sense that we are looking after one another that matters. She also says that people who are believers have a certain mind-set, the power of prayer, the belief in an after-life, the sense that someone is looking after you, that there is a higher power that things happen for a reason. This mind-set, she says, helps people make sense of tragedy, struggles, and loss. One can believe, "I'll see this person later.", or "God only gives you what you can handle.", or "There is a silver lining in the suffering." "Religion", she says, "is about helping other people and having others looking after you."

Pope Francis states these same ideas in his recent Apostolic Exhortation: "The Joy of the Gospel", where he states that "with Christ joy is constantly born anew." To be followers of Christ, we must experience this joy and bring it to others then we will truly experience the happiness that faith brings. So if we want to be truly happy, let us continue to do what we are currently doing by expressing our faith through worship and helping others and supporting the church through our time, talent, and treasure.

Have a great week!

May God be Praised,
Fr. Dominic

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 Jan. 25 - 26 \$8,725.00

Same Weekend 2013 \$9,574.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$16.00

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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 held the door open for people at school."***
- "I helped the kids at school with their work."***
- "I made thank you cards for my friend."***
- "I cleaned my room."***
- "I did the dishes."***
- "I said my prayers."***
- "I helped someone."***

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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.

**Concert to Benefit victims of
Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines**

The concert by Riverside Guitar Duo at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 26 for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines was wonderful and they were able to raise \$992.00 that will be donated through the American Red Cross. We thank everyone who attended the concert and their generous donation to this fundraising.



St. Mary's, Dumont Mardi Gras

Dinner-Dance

Saturday March 1, 2014

*Szelest Hall's doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner and dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

Tickets are \$20 per person
Proceeds will go towards the Centennial events.*

BYOB

Mardi Gras Mask Contest

*Make & Wear your best Mardi Gras mask
for a chance to win a prize*



Tricky Tray & 50/50

*If you would like to donate a basket or items for our tricky tray,
please bring it to the parish office by February 22.*



The music will be DJ-style featuring
Mardi Gras party music.

Tickets will be on sale at the parish office.

No tickets sold at door.

**Adult only event, 21 and over.*



SAINT MARY'S CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES
July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

<u>REVENUES</u>	Year Ending 6/30/2012	Year Ending 6/30/2013
SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS	508,237	529,131
CHRISTMAS	37,309	35,396
EASTER	27,761	29,655
GIFTS & DONATIONS: (Bequest, Restricted, 25%Restricted Rental, Other)	204,659	174,105
FUND RAISING NET	29,526	26,739
PROGRAM FEES	13,556	16,895
INVESTMENT	17,177	11,046
RENTAL INCOME	453,880	265,850
ADDITIONAL REVENUES: (Candles, Weddings, Funerals, Ads)	39,525	54,744
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,331,630</u>	<u>1,143,561</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	627,500	603,128
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Copiers, Snow Plowing, Alarms)	36,575	30,773
PLANT RELATED: (Repairs, Insurance, Care of Grounds)	62,001	46,619
UTILITIES	80,353	87,639
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT: (Books, Cleaning Supplies, Computers)	75,280	87,972
GENERAL: (Rectory Provisions, Religious Education)	128,676	138,557
SCHOOL SUBSIDY	211,293	83,750
ASSESSMENT	105,660	109,860
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,327,338</u>	<u>1,188,298</u>
 OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	 <u>4,292</u>	 <u>(44,737)</u>
<u>EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES & EXPENSES</u>		
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	53,938	5,956
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	427,452	243,246
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(369,222)</u>	<u>(282,027)</u>