The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

Very Rev. Dominic G. Ciriaco, V.F. Pastor

Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Nicholas V. Bellotti, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Patrick Donohue, In-Residence

Rev. Mr. Duberley Salazar, Transitional Deacon

Deacon John L. Sylvester, Permanent Deacon

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Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA

Liturgy/KCIA Mr. William I M

Mr. William J. Mascitello, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics

Catecnetics

Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator* Ernesto Betancourt, *Parish Seminarian*

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!

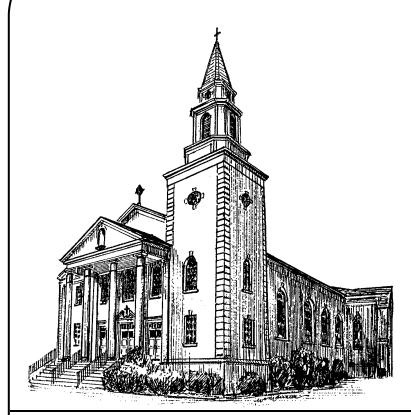
Religious Devotions

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

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 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

ST. MARY'S DUMONT



Saturday March 1 - Vigil

5:30PM Deceased Members of Brynes and

Farrell Family

Sunday March 2 - Eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00AM Vincenca Giunta 12 Noon Gregory Boettger Monday March 3 - Weekday

7:00AM Gerard Reilly 8:45AM James Martin

Tuesday March 4 - Weekday

St. Casimir

7:00AM Gerard Reilly 8:45AM Anne O'Neill

Wednesday March 5 - Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Ray Libranca

8:45AM Conception Santos (Living)

3:30PM No Intentions 7:30PM Mary Fuhrman

Thursday March 6 - Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Margherita Bonaldo 8:45AM Bernard Murphy

Friday March 7 - Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

7:00AM Hugh Galagher 8:45AM Alfred Barone

Saturday March 8 - Saturday after

Ash Wednesday St. John of God 8:30AM Amelia Volpitto

5:30PM Patrick O'Connor

Sunday March 9 - First Sunday of Lent

7:45AM Francisca Angelita Miguel 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Louis J. Garipoli

In Loving Memory



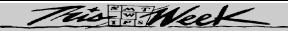
The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

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 Helen Steern.

Eucharistic Adoration - March 7th

On Friday, March 7th, we will have Eucharistic adoration after the 8:45 Mass until 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. Reposition begins at 6:45pm. Hope you can join us.



Sunday - March 2

11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library/School 1:30PM-5:00PM Pre-Cana School/LC Call to Continuing Conversion

Monday - March 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Burning of Palm by Rectory Garage 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting FDVRm

Tuesday - March 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM & 6:00PM FHC Prep. 1 UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SFC 7:30PM Adult Choir Practice Library

7:30PM-8:30PM Bereavement Support Grp. John XXIII

Altar & Rosary Candy Sale Starts

Wednesday - March 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Mass Schedule - 7:00AM, 8:45AM & 7:30PM

Prayer Service - 3:30PM

6:00PM Simple Supper Cafeteria

Ash Wednesday

Thursday - March 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

6:00PM-9:00PM Sports Activity CFC-FFL(Mitch) SH

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday - March 7

9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration LC

7:00PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday - Mar. 8

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

10:00AM-6:30PM Confirmation Retreat/4:00PM Parent

Meeting UC/School/Mass Second Collection - Peter's Pence

Sunday - Mar. 9

8:30AM PACT Angels Session / ACRE 5th & 8th Grades LC/School

Second Collection - Peter's Pence



"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We as Christians are called to treat each other with love as Christ has taught us. There are many in our community who are unable to join us at mass each week, who are longing to receive the Eucharist. We are in need of Eucharistic ministers to bring the Lord to our homebound. We ask that if you can serve your brothers and sisters in this way that you contact Fr. Michael Trainor. Thank you and God Bless.



Dear Friends.

This Wednesday, March 5 is Ash Wednesday and we begin the holy season of Lent. A reminder that ashes will be distributed at all the Masses and prayer service that day. The Masses are 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM. There will be a Prayer Service at 3:30PM. Morning Masses will be in the lower church and the afternoon service and evening Mass will be in the upper church. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence and the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. I share with you a spiritual writer's understanding of fasting to help us place ourselves in the spirit of Lent. May it truly be a time of spiritual growth for us.

"Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are a trinity of practices that form one single act of devotion. Traditionally, during Lent the Church asks us to take the funds saved by fasting and use them to increase our support of the poor. Fasting and almsgiving thus function as prayer in action, a devotion that has been part of Christian practice since antiquity.

Although we do not often stress the point, we can also look at the value of fasting as an ascetical practice alone, for fasting has its own inherent value, as witnessed by the monastic tradition in the Christian East and West. In fact, St. Benedict dedicates Chapter 49 in his Rule to fasting. This year, without foregoing the threefold Lenten practice, it could be beneficial to pay attention to supplementing our fast by looking at the other dimensions fasting involves.

Fasting's biblical dimensions have at least two referents: the desert wandering of the Israelites, when the Lord God fed his people with manna (Exodus 16); and Christ's forty days in the desert, when Satan tries to tempt him to abandon his mission Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke4:1-13). For their part, the Israelites learn to depend on God alone, and in the process they allow God to form them into a chosen nation. And Jesus? He learns that to be the Messiah, means to shed any and all forms of earthly power and glory.

At Easter, our fasting turns to feasting, when we relish the food and drink that God has given us for our sustenance and delight. And that delight increases because we can see it as a true gift from God. Furthermore, if we have fasted while tying our discipline to prayer and almsgiving, we can celebrate the risen Christ by knowing we have helped others find him, literally, in the "breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:30-31)"

Have a great week!

May God be Praised, Fr. Dominic

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2014 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

- 2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- 4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent,

 March 9, 2014 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15, 2014.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

This Week's Lent Schedule

Burning of Palm

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm by the Rectory Garage.

Ash Wednesday - March 5

Ashes will be distributed at the 7:00 am, 8:45 am and 7:30 pm Masses. There will also be a prayer service with distribution of ashes at 3:30 pm.

Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

All parishioners are invited to begin our Lenten Season by joining together for a simple meal at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. A freewill offering will be taken to share with St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark. Call the parish office to make a reservation.

Lenten Penance Opportunities

As part of the Archdiocesan initiative, *The Light is On For You* — Confessions will be held all the Mondays of Lent from 7:30—8:30 pm beginning March 10th. *Individual Confessions* also available Saturdays from

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm.

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...Ryan Shireman
Joshua M LaBazzetta...Aidan Nugent
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson
Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach
Major David Christopher Pierson

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.

Pray for our Sick

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Mary Sforza..Larry Rubin Margaret Bitteti...Donald Trainor...Lyla McMahon Suzanne West...Bob Dondero...Emily Stevens Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND...Christopher Bishopp Laura Widman Riccardi...Rose Marie Dellner Marcus Flaherty...Hailey van Weathering...Diana P. Eileen Flaherty...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Frank F. Bob Jackson...Jim & Debbie...Helen Smythe... Peggy Dunshee..Lidia Belulovich..Edelmira Muñoz Barbara Fawcett...Donna...Theresa Giacalone Theresa Giacalone...Patricia Ercolano

Rosary Linen Schedule for March

Mar. 02 Eileen Moloney Mar. 09 Sue Schettino Mar. 16 Mary Daly Mar. 23 Mary Loughlin

Mar. 30 Diane Gerrity

We will again have a Small Christian Group that meets once a week during Lent. We will be using the book "Open Our Hearts". For more information or to sign up, please call Coleen in the parish office at 201-384-0557 or email her at coleen@stmarysdumont.org.

Our parish will collect items for St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark.

Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent. Tags are available the weekend of March 8-9.

Social Justice Committee Meeting

The Social Justice Committee will meet Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pope John XXIII Room next to the SFC. All are invited to attend. We will start planning 2014 events and address such important issues as hunger, gun violence and fair trade.

Please join us for a prayerful, reflective meeting.

A Thought from Venerable Miriam Teresa:



...It is...impossible for anyone who is really trying with earnest effort to overcome self for the love of God not to think occasionally of Him for Whom he labors, in swift, affectionate remembrance or short, intense pleas for assistance.

(G.P., p. 126)

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

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.

Service at the Community Family Shelter Help

The next dates that our parish is scheduled to support the Family Promise Shelter are Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13. We are in need of people to cook a main dish or vegetable which we will bring to the shelter. We also need 2 people who

will sleep overnight. The overnight people can leave at 7:00 the next morning after the families have left.

Please call for more information or to volunteer: Betty at 201-384-3381 or Rose at 201-385-8520.

On Saturday, March 22nd, St. Mary's will once again volunteer at the Community Food Bank in Hillside. We will car pool at St. Mary's, meeting at 7:30 am and returning by noon. Sign-ups in advance are required; contact Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org. Due to the Food Bank's insurance regulations, no one under 12 is permitted in the

regulations, no one under 12 is permitted in the warehouse.

Deacon Duberley is hosting a Charismatic Concert in Spanish at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 5th, 7:30pm-11:00pm in the lower church. Cost is \$10.00 per person. More information to follow.



PACT/Religious Education Program

First Communion Parents



Check your First Communion parent letter for preparation sessions held in March and April, *Morning with Jesus*, and other important information. If the information on

the letter does not seem correct, please call the office or e-mail us.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

How are your Service Projects going? Service may be done in school or for local organizations. For opportunities at St. Mary's, check our bulletin and our e-mails and contact the group or the person in charge of the event directly.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT March 8, 2014 10:30 a.m. -6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12 - Meet at St. Mary's parking at 6:00pm. Presentation to 9th grade Confirmation Students at Ascension to inform them about J Walk.

Sunday, March 16 - Meeting at 6:30pm.

Saturday, March 22 - Trip to Community Food Bank in Hillside. We will car pool at St. Mary's at 7:30 am.

Altar & Rosary Easter Candy Sale



March 10 - St. Patrick's Mass

On Sunday morning, March 16, we will honor St. Patrick at the 10:00AM Mass. Following the Mass, there will be a social in Szelest Hall. The Altar and Rosary Society will sell soda bread Saturday after the 5:30PM Mass at the back of the church and after all the Masses on Sunday



in Szelest Hall or while supplies lasts. We invite our parishioners to join us for this annual honoring of St. Patrick.

March 19 - St. Joseph's Day



On Wednesday, March 19, we will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 PM and will gather in the Spiritual Formation Center for a social afterwards, including St. Joseph's Pastries. Please join us and rejoice in the care and the prayers of the husband of Mary and the quardian of Jesus, St. Joseph.

Transfiguration Academy

The theme for Catholic Schools Week was Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. During this Lenten Season, we must ask how do we as individuals, reflect this idea.

As young Catholic School students of the 1950's and early 60's, we were taught that Lent was a time of self-sacrifice through which we would develop self-discipline. Who among us has not taken that idea and used it to give up our favorite dessert not so much as an act of faith, but as a self-imposed diet to lose that winter weight?

Vatican II brought with it a number of changes. One subtle change was a shift from the idea of giving something up to one of doing something positive.

The two ideas of sacrifice and doing something positive are not mutually exclusive. Often to do something positive one must be willing to give up something else. Giving to those less fortunate may require us to not buy or to postpone buying something we want. Being there for a friend in need to help them or just to listen may mean giving of your time. Being pleasant to someone you would not ordinarily speak to or would normally avoid may require a great deal of sacrifice.

So when we go to Easter Sunday Mass which is the person do you think Our Lord really wants to see? The person who is slightly thinner, or the person of Faith who is secure in the Knowledge of His teachings and who has followed His example of sacrifice and Service?

Remember, these ideas are not mutually exclusive. You could do Both!!

Be not afraid! – A Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00 AM and ending around 4:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Fr. Larry Richards and Gregory Floyd

Ticket price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens and priests & religious free including breakfast and lunch.

For registration please visit our website at www.rcanmenscommission.org or contact deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.

We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



Gino Angelo Monica Daniel Ryan Monica Rocco Joseph Monica Brady Michael Van Vleet ST. MARY'S DUMONT

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 Feb. 22 - 23 \$9,405.00 Same Weekend 2013 \$9.029.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$12.50

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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 took care of my baby cousin Jack."

"I used my money for crafts."

"I made pancakes for my family."

"I helped with clothes and grocery."

"I cleaned the table." "I helped."

"I am giving." "I am kind."

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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.

Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting is on Monday March 3rd at 8PM.

Irish Night

March 29th from 7-11PM. **céad míle fáilte** - bring your friends and family for a great time with live music from Frankie Curran and the Evergreens, corned beef & cabbage, bangers & mash, dessert and beverages. The cost is \$30 per person and reservations are a must. Call Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456 or you can email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal ---"When I called, you answered"

Thank you to the many families who have already contributed the Archbishop's Annual Appeal!

This is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us. This year, our parish goal is as follows:

Parish Goal 2014: \$55,611.00

To date, we have received over \$22,710.00 in pledges. There are so many ways God is made visible in the world around us. Our Church of Newark, which serves Hudson, Essex, Union and Bergen counties, sees God in the hundreds of thousands of people it takes care of every year by teaching, sheltering and caring for all who come to it for help.

One of the many programs that the AAA continues to support and enhance is the Archdiocesan seminaries. There are three seminaries in the Archdiocese of Newark that educate and train our future priests. In several recent years, the Archdiocese of Newark has ordained more men to the priesthood than any diocese in the United States. Supporting the AAA helps to subsidize these seminaries and helps to ensure a bright future for our Catholic faith!

We can only offer assistance to these seminaries because of **your** generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Won't you please take a moment to fill out a pledge card? Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/aaa, like us on facebook at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese!

Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345

Mark your calendars:

Friday, **March 14**th – Friday night "Fish Fry", reservations Call Nina at 201-338-2617 for recommended. reservation.

Sunday, March 30th – Bus trip to Atlantic City *including* Renault Winery luncheon

Sunday, April 6th – Annual Garden Tea Party & Tricky

Throughout the year, our organization raises money, which is donated each year to various women's & children's charities in our local area. If you would like information on joining the Columbiettes, just contact us at ETTES1345@gmail.com. This is a great time to join us.

Hospital Privacy



Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their In the Hospital 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 parish office and let us know.

St. Mary's R.C. Church 280 Washington Ave. Dumont NJ

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us for a series of six sessions of information, mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, strictly confidential setting. The group is led by trained facilitators certified by Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our mission is:

- To provide a Christ-centered group experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one.
- To support spiritually and emotionally those who mourn
- To provide knowledge of the grieving process and resources for the journey
- To offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences

Our session dates:

Tuesdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25th and April 1, 8th.

All meetings are held in the John XXIII room in the basement of the school from 7:30 – 8:30 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office at 201-384-0557 or fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office.

Pre-registration is required.

BERE	AVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP REGISTRATION
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PHONE NUMBER:	
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