

*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*

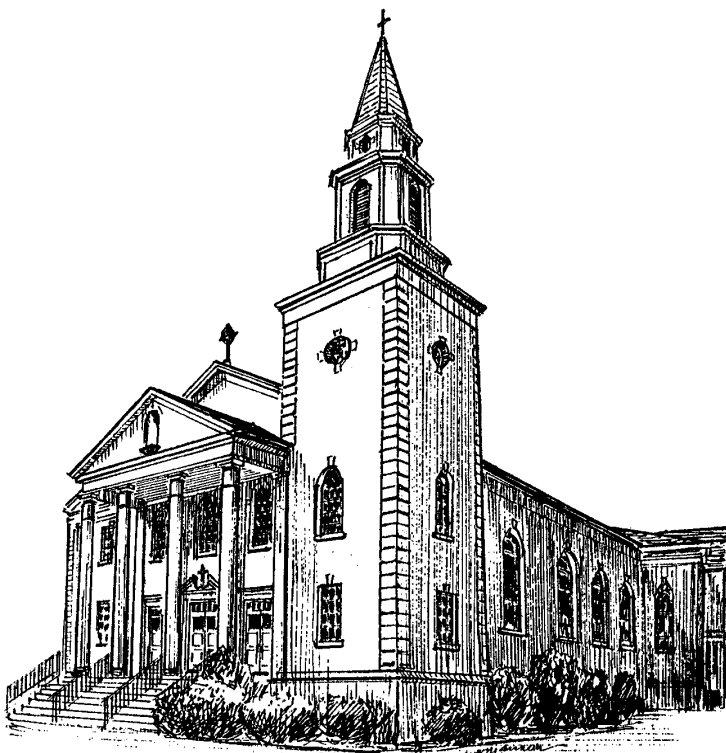
**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

#### *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

First Friday of the month, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 23, 2014**



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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>March 22 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Christopher Smolar
10:00AM	Matthew Grassi Bassillo
12 Noon	Aldo Luciano
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 24 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Thomas A. Genovese
8:45AM	James Martin
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	George L. Brown
8:45AM	Pedrito Lepon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 26 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Anne Coleman
8:45AM	Eleuteria Amora
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 27 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Marie McMahon
8:45AM	John and Dennis Daly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 28 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	William Dunn
8:45AM	Mary Maye
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 29 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Amelia Volpito
5:30PM	Richard Bush
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Kathleen and Frank McMorro
12 Noon	Deceased Members of the Rosica Family

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



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of the Rosica family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased members of the Rosica family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Barbara Fawcett.

### **Bereavement Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Loved One**

Tuesdays — March 25, April 1st and 8th. The group is lead by a trained facilitator certified by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. All meetings are held in the parish office from 7:30pm - 8:30 pm.

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

Bread & Wine - May 11 & 18; June 8; Aug. 24; Sept. 14; Oct. 5, 12, & 26; Nov. 16 & 23.

Sanctuary Lamp - July 6; Aug. 24; Oct. 12; Nov. 23.



### **Sunday – Mar. 23**

8:30AM PACT Saints Session/ACRE 5th & 8th Graders LC/School

1:00PM-5:00PM PALAD Spring Fling SFC

### **Monday – March 24**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting FDVRm

### **Tuesday – March 25**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Adult Choir Practice Library

7:30PM Eucharistic Minister Training UC

7:30PM-8:30PM Bereavement Support Group MSRm

### ***Annunciation of the Lord***

### **Wednesday - March 26**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

4:00PM Children's Choir Practice Library

5:00PM Bells Choir Practice UC

7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Finance Council Meeting MSRm

7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

### **Thursday – March 27**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

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

7:30PM Scriptures Study with Fr. Pat Library

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

### **Friday – March 28**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

### **Saturday – Mar. 29**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM-11:00AM Lenten Reflection for Ministers SFC

10:00AM-12:00PM Faith Sharing Group (Lorena) FDVRm

### **Sunday – Mar. 30**

7:30AM-11:30AM Prayer Breakfast CFC-FFL (Mitch) Cafeteria

3:00PM A Journey to the Potter's House SH

Altar & Rosary Candy Sale Ends



We invite our parishioners to come to...

### ***Our Tri-parish Lenten Communal Penance Service to be held at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 5, at 1:00 PM.***

The priests of St. Mary's, Ascension, and St. John's will be present that afternoon so that those attending the Penance Service will have the opportunity to go to the sacrament of Penance.



### From the Deacon's Desk

I'm amazed by how much goes on at St. Mary's that the vast majority of parishioners know very little about. In particular, the various charitable activities that are constantly occurring.

We have parishioners who regularly travel to Newark to feed those who are homeless, who work with Family Promise to help homeless families have a place to sleep and enjoy a good meal, who bring food prepared by our parishioners to Hackensack to feed more of the homeless. Plus there is the food pantry, our gathering of items for the poor at Lent and Christmas . . . well, you get the idea.

Why do we do all of these things? Is it because it is the ethical thing to do, to alleviate the suffering of those around us?

Pope Francis, in a recently homily, declared that Christianity is not "ethics." That it is the story of salvation – that Christianity is the "flesh of Christ who bends without being ashamed over those who suffer." The pope pointed out that Jesus criticized how the teachers of the law had transformed the observance of the Commandments into a "formality," transforming "religious life" into ethics and forgetting the root, which is the story of salvation.

In view of all that St. Mary's does to alleviate the suffering of others, what is the mission of the newly formed Social Justice Committee?

There is broad agreement that we do a lot of charity work, but the gospel calls us to more. As Pope Francis wrote in "The Joy of the Gospel," *We can understand Jesus' command to his disciples: "You yourselves give them something to eat!" Mark 6:37; it means working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor, as well as small daily actions of solidarity in meeting the real needs which we encounter.*

What Pope Francis is telling us (and in keeping with the writings of his predecessors) is to provide charity to meet the immediate needs of the poor and to also address those conditions that keep the poor, well, poor. The Social Justice Committee's mission is encourage more of our parishioners to become involved in the works of charity and to educate our parish on what conditions, structures and obstacles the poor are facing, begin the discussion on solutions, and advocate for change.

In his Lenten message the Pope challenges us "to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it." May we have the courage to go out to care for one another, bringing mercy, hope and joy.

Deacon John

### Lent 2014

#### 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.
- ***Individual Confessions*** also available Saturdays from 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm.



#### Scripture Study with Fr. Pat

Please join us on Thursdays - March 27th, April 3rd and 10th at 7:30 pm in the Library of the school. Enter by the doors closest to Park Avenue.

#### An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on Food Insecurity

On Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center please join St. Mary's Social Justice Committee for an evening reflecting on the important issue of food insecurity in today's society and how it connects with scripture. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

#### Giving Tree

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.

#### Crafts for Cancer

On the Sundays of Lent our children from Liturgy of the Word with Children will collect craft items. These items will be donated to Tomorrow's Children and Hackensack Medical Center.

#### The Apostles' Creed

You may have noticed at Mass today that we used the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

#### Social Justice Committee Meeting

The Social Justice Committee will meet Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pope John XXIII Room next to the SFC. All are invited to attend.

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 Hackett, 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.*

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

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Mar. 23 Mary Loughlin                      Mar. 30 Diane Gerrity  
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The Catholic Daughters of America Court 1639 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th Grade student going into a Catholic High School, September 2014. Deadline for application is May 1, 2014. CDA meets 3rd Tuesday at Our Lady of the Victories Church, Harrington Park, 7:00pm. New members are welcome. For application or membership info, please call Christine Michel at 201-384-9748

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 **\$29,400.00** in pledges. If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office.

The intellect and will are made by God to be filled with Himself, and therefore their capacity is, in a sense, unlimited.

(G.P., p. 246)

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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.*

It is not too late to donate to our Easter Baskets. If you could bring one or two items between now and when we distribute the baskets on Friday, April 11th to the parish office, we will be able to fill the baskets. Some of the items that we are in need of are listed below. If you can also donate a turkey or ham to this distribution, it would be greatly appreciated.

Cereals  
Oatmeal

Pancake  
Mix & Syrup

Canned Pasta:  
Ravioli, Beefaroni

Beef or Brown  
Chicken or Turkey

Mandarin Oranges,  
Peaches, Pineapple,  
Mixed Fruit,

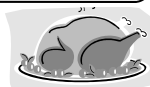
Canned/Dry Milk  
Coffee, Apple Juice

Tuna



## Peanut Butter and Jelly

Ham/Turkey



Potatoes:  
Canned White  
Instant Mashed  
Sweet Potatoes  
Yams

If you know of any one who would be in need of a basket, please let the parish office know at 201-384-0557. All information will be kept confidential. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help our brethren in need. Thank you and God Bless.



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

**PACT Parents**

Our regular PACT sessions come to a close in April as we concentrate more on our sacramental preparation. Our final Sunday sessions are 4/6 (Angels) and 4/27 (Saints). Monday Angels final session and Parent Meeting is 4/7 and Tuesday Angels final session and Parent Meeting is 4/8.

## **First Communion Preparation**



The next two First Communion Preparation Tuesday sessions are 4/1 and 4/22. The *Morning With Jesus First Communion Retreat* will be Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 8:45 a.m. – Noon.

Your child's First Communion "practice" and mass are listed on the parent letter. Please check the letter and call us with any questions you may have about preparation and celebration of First Communion.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Interviews are taking place now. If you need to schedule or change your interview, please e-mail [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@stmarysdumont.org). or call us at (201) 384-3062. The five Confirmation Preparation Monday evening sessions begin 4/21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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**St. Mary's Youth Group (JWalk)**

### **Easter Flower and Palm Cross**



Our Youth group will be selling Easter flowers and palm crosses on April 5/6 and Palm Sunday weekend April 12/13. Funds raised will be used to support our youth group's mission trip.

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### ***Knights of Columbus***

## Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting is on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.

## Irish Night

March 29<sup>th</sup> 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, desert and beverages. The cost is \$30 per person and seating is now limited. Call Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

**Save the Date** for our *Special Children's Dance & Show* on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

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).*

### **TEMPORARY Parish Maintenance Man Needed**

We are now in need of a **TEMPORARY** full time maintenance person here at St. Mary's. The position requires general maintenance skills (electrical, plumbing, carpentry); a Black Seal or the ability to get one; general good health that would allow for some heavy lifting; ability to do landscaping in the warmer months. **If you are interested or know someone who is, please call either Fr. Dominic or John Weiss at the Parish Office – 201-384-0557.**

**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)***

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| Collection March 15 - 16 | \$11,010.00 |
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| Same Weekend 2013 | \$ 9,569.00 |
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***Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$7.90***

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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 helped cook dinner.”      “I did my chores.”***

***"I talked with parents about lesson."***

***"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.

***Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345***

Mark your calendars:

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** – "*Get on the Bus*" to The Showboat Atlantic City Casino *including* a stop at the Renault Winery for lunch & a tour. The cost is \$50.00 pp with a \$25.00 Casino refund. The bus will depart the Knights of Columbus, 61 Armour Place, Dumont at 8:30 am, returning at 10:00 pm. For reservations call Lillian @ 201.342.5142.

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Garden Tea Party & Spring Tricky Tray.** Join us for the fun from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the K of C hall in Dumont. Single and table reservations now being accepted. Call Joan @ 201-696-1159, email: labetti250@optonline.net or mail your reservation and payment to: Laura Labetti - 250 Dixon Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628. Hurry as this event sells out quickly.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## Let Water Flow to the People

Father of all the nations,  
in the desert, your servant Moses  
struck the rock,  
and water flowed for the people.  
At the well, Jesus talked to a woman,  
who led many to believe in him.  
Like her, we long for your living water.  
Fill our empty buckets so that we can  
give a drink  
to the thirsty we meet today.  
Refresh our minds and move us  
to bring others to your Son.  
Lead us again to the paschal waters  
of faith  
that bring forgiveness and peace.  
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, March 23, 2014

Pondering Baptism



Today's Readings: Exodus 17:3–7; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9 (8); Romans 5:1–2, 5–8; John 4:5–42. Today's stories about water are intended to remind us of Baptism. Through the elect, those preparing for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil, we can look more deeply into our own Baptisms. Jesus is the living water, and as we hear today, the Scriptures, prayers, and music of the liturgy often emphasize the life-giving properties of water.

Whether in the story of a rock split open to provide gushing water, or as a man standing by a well, offering living water, God pours out the cleansing, rejuvenating experience we need. Today's Gospel teaches about morality, spirituality, revelation, mission, ministry, and faith. In this Lenten period of purification and enlightenment, the elect

are pondering these aspects of the Christian life at a deep level. We, too, can reflect on them more deeply as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

In the presence of Jesus's living water, the woman at the well could confront her sins, open her heart, reorder her life, and turn to God. Immediately, she ran to tell others. We, also, go to the well for a deep encounter with Jesus. Cleansed and invigorated by the water he offers, we, too, run off to bring others back to him.

Use these words of today's Responsorial Psalm as a way to stay alert to the purification and enlightenment Jesus is offering: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness."



**An illustrated  
parable that  
brings the  
gospel to life.**

**“This is the word that came to Jeremiah  
from the Lord, *go down to the Potter’s house  
and there I will give you my message.*”**

*Jeremiah 18:1*

Nowhere is there a more vivid example of the relationship  
between God and His people than is seen in the relationship  
between the potter and their clay.

*A Journey to the Potter’s House* brings you face to face  
with God in a way that will forever change the way you  
understand His working in your life. This is one journey  
you don’t want to miss.

**Saint Mary's of Dumont**

**MARCH 30, 2014**

**3:00 PM**

**Szelest Hall**

**Refreshments following**

**280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ**