

*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.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**April 13, 2014**



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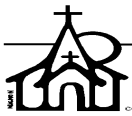
**Co-Sponsored School of St. Mary's, St. John and Ascension**

## **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**





## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

As we begin Holy Week, here is some Spiritual Advice from St. Francis de Sales.

"Let the world cry out as much as it wants; let human prudence censure and condemn our actions as much as it desires; we may have to listen to and suffer from all of this, but let us not be frightened or give up; let us rather pursue our course firmly and faithfully. Let worldly wisdom go on constituting what it considers excellence in worldly glory if it wants to. The true Christian,... who is tending toward Christian perfection, should, contrary to all the reasonings of human prudence, place all of his perfection in the folly of the cross [1 Cor. 1:18, 23], because it was in the folly of the cross that Our Lord was made perfect. So all the saints have endeavored to become wise in this folly, for this, they suffered all the contempt, censures and humiliations which came to them from the worldly wise. Perfection of the cross requires that we endure labors, persecutions and reprehensions for justice's sake. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice' sake. [Mt. 5:10]. This wisdom is wholly contrary to that of the world. Even though Our Lord cried out again and again: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, the meek, they who hunger and thirst for justice [Mt. 5:3-6], the world cannot embrace this wisdom. It cries out: 'Oh! How blessed are the wealthy, the oppressors, those who take vengeance on their enemies, and those whom one dare not offend.' See how the perfection of the cross is folly in the eyes of the world precisely because it embraces what is abhorrent to human nature" (*Lenten Sermons*, 166-67).

Have a Holy Week!

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

### Lenten Giving Tree

Our parish is collecting items for St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark. If you took a tag from our Lenten Giving Tree, **this week is the last week to bring in the items. The items can be drop off at the parish office.**

### Chrism Mass



Monday, April 14 Chrism Mass at 8:00 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. At this liturgy the Sacred Oils used in our Sacramental life will be blessed and distributed to all parishes. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to call the Parish Office and we will carpool.



### The Sign of the Cross-

### The Fifteen Most Powerful Words

Join Fr. Dominic for reflections on the meaning behind the Sign of the Cross according to Saint Francis De Sales on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Outside the Creed itself, there are few topics to which the Fathers testify as universally and unanimously as the pious practice of making, frequently and well, the Sign of the Cross.

With the help of this evening of reflection, St. Francis de Sales' love for the Sign of the Cross will enkindle yours. Soon you'll be saying with St. Jerome, "With every work, with all of my comings and goings, may my hand make the Sign of the Cross!"

### The Good Friday Collection Explained



Pictured (*left*) is the Jerusalem Cross. If you have the opportunity to visit the Holy Land you will see this cross displayed everywhere. The meaning behind the Jerusalem Cross can be explained in many ways. The most famous are its representation of the Five Wounds of Jesus Christ. Another is the large cross representing the Person of Jesus, with the smaller four crosses representing the Four Gospels spread to the Four Corners of the Earth started in the Upper Room, in Jerusalem, more than 2000 years ago on Pentecost. We are blessed with rich and marvelous tradition! The Good Friday collection is taken up once a year and provides the necessary basic cash flow, operating income if you will, to sustain the Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. It is our collective privilege and duty to preserve our tangible heritage in our Christian Holy Land. Please give generously!

### Peace Salam, Rami Qumsieh, KHS

[Rami will be selling religious items made from the Holy Land on April 26/27 after all the Masses.]

### Emergency Second Collection - Snow Removal



As you all know, we had a very harsh winter this year - freezing temperatures and huge amount of snow. Because of the amount of snow we've got, our snow removal expense was also huge. This weekend, we are having emergency second collection to help defray this expense. We ask if you could be generous as you can with this collection. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

*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  
Rose Marie, William and Mildred 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 Gialalone..Patricia Ercolano..Richard Fitzgibbon  
Kathy Krone...Bob Kenter...Laura Widman Riccardi  
Rosemary R.

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The **Special Children's Dance & Show** is coming on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is an old time radio show. Join us for a lively night of entertainment, with DJ Bobby Jay, some of your radio favorites, and special guest stars *Party of Five*. Bring your friends and family to support those with special needs. The cost is \$35 per person. Call Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

On Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a **Pancake Breakfast** for the support of our scholarship program. We'll be open for breakfast from 8:30AM to 1:15PM serving pancakes & sausages, juice, and coffee or tea. Cost is \$10 per person, \$25 max per family of five and children under 5 eat for free. Tell your friends and family to come down for a great breakfast and support a good cause. All are welcome, and no reservations are required!

The Council is located at 61 Armour Place, just off Prospect Avenue in Dumont and we're open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM. Why not stop in and learn more about the good works of the Knights of Columbus!

**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)*

*A Thought from  
Venerable Miriam Teresa:*



All grace has been given us in Jesus Christ, our Mediator with the Father, Who yearns to pour out upon us the abundance of gifts He bought at the price of His precious blood.

(G.P., p. 47)

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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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## 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.*



As we enter the holiest period of the Liturgical year may the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with us all.

Transfiguration Academy  
Strengthening Faith, Enlightening minds,  
Transforming heart ..... One Student at a Time

## Registration

Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, **Pre K 2 Plus through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**, for the 2014/ 2015 school year.

All eligible students may be enrolled by visiting the school office. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence. If you wish to arrange an appointment to tour the facilities and see the school in session, please call the school office: 201-834-3627.

We invite you to visit our website:

**www.transfigurationacademy.org**

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### ***Rosary Linen Schedule for April & May***

Apr. 20 Catherine Kelly  
May 04 Madelyn Kerner

Apr. 27 Beverly Serafini  
May 11 Eileen Moloney



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## Through Water and Word to the Cross

Father of all nations and peoples,  
again we begin the procession.  
Holding our palms, singing hosannas,  
we pass by the font, the place of Baptism,  
as we ponder the Passion and Death  
of your beloved Son.  
Give us, your holy people, well-  
trained tongues  
that we may speak to the weary a word  
that will rouse them.  
Help us to embrace the downtrodden  
and suffering.  
Lead us to acts of justice, mercy, and com-  
passion.  
As we enter this holy time, help us to pick  
up the Cross  
and walk the paschal way,  
proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord to  
the glory of the Father.  
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 forever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, April 13, 2014**  
Journey to the Cross



Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24 (2a); Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66. Today, we begin our solemn commemoration of the events that reconcile us with God, and that take us to the heart of our faith: “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.” Through Scripture readings, we commemorate Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem, his Passion, and his Death. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we look forward to the Resurrection. All week, we will follow Christ through his Paschal Mystery: his dying and rising. Today our hosannas ring and our palm branches wave, as we proclaim: “Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father.”

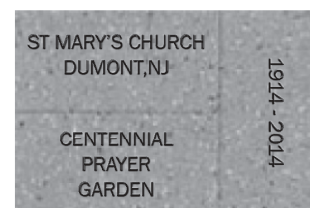
Everything in today’s liturgy puts us in spiritual tune for the Triduum: the blessing of palms with holy water, the procession, the image of Christ hailed by the people, Jesus’s praying of Psalm 22 from the Cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”, and the Cross itself. We stand, we sit, we kneel, we bow as we prepare to celebrate the great Paschal Triduum. All of these lead us to embrace the Passion as an event of life-giving suffering. Today’s second reading reminds us of how suffering can lead to sharing in the glory of God, and thus the Church proclaims, “Jesus Christ is Lord!”

As you enter into this Holy Week, recall a time when you felt betrayed or when your faith was shaken. Take that to the Cross with you this week.



# St Mary's Church

## Centennial Prayer Garden Fund Raiser



*Now is your chance to support the church with a onetime donation that will last a lifetime.*

*Everyone is invited to buy a brick, either for you or for someone else,  
to commemorate special occasions, or to honor or remember a special loved one.*

*What a great way to be remembered and to acknowledge special occasions!*

### Engraving Information

Your brick can have up to **3 lines** of wording and numbers **20 characters per line**

*(this includes spaces and punctuation)*

Please make sure your engraving information is spelled correctly

**(Please print clearly)**

Brick #1


Brick #2


Brick #3 - For more than 3 bricks, please make another copy of this flyer


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Bricks @ \$50.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ (Brick size 4 X 8")

*Make Checks Payable to:* St. Mary's Church

*Mail completed form and donation to:* St Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, N.J. 07628

Or drop in collection box or at the Rectory.

*~ Deadline to order is May 12, 2014 ~*