



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

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Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 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

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. From September thru May.

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!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

God's Plan for Giving - Tithing

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your parish Church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.



Saturday 5:30PM	Oct. 4 - Vigil Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday 8:00AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Oct. 5 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Louise Del Bianco Patrick O'Connor Nathan and Maria Paas
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 6 - Weekday St. Bruno Blessed Marie Rose Durocher Owen McCorry Mark A. Aragona
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary Helena Coll Donnie Doyle
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 8 - Weekday Mila Nepomuceno Dan & Kathleen Daly
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 9 - Weekday Sts. Denis and John Leonardi Renato and Jasmin Cachuela (Living) Dionisia Monzolin Frank Farrell
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 10 - Weekday Deceased Members of Frank Farrell and family Michael Walters
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Oct. 11 - Weekday John and Margaret Joyce Anne Taxter
Sunday 8:00AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Oct. 12 - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners of St. Mary's Mary Maye John Hilbert

Sunday – Oct. 5

8:00AM Mass Altar & Rosary Communion
Breakfast, Social to follow SFC
10:00AM & 12:00PM Mass Baptism UC

Monday - Oct. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting PJ23Rm

Tuesday – Oct. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
5:30PM Basketball
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SFC
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library

Wednesday - Oct. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Music Workshop Library
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Oct. 10

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

Saturday – Oct. 11

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30AM Community Food Bank of NJ in Hillside
After 5:30PM Mass K of C Sale of Roses for Life

Sunday – Oct. 12

1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting FDVRm
After All Masses K of C Sale of Roses for Life

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ben Picciano requested by Anne and Michael.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Frances Bishopp requested by her granddaughters.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John Cullen.

The flowers in the lower church were donated by Dan and Mary Canon in honor of Margaret Cannon.

Offerings Still Available**Bread & Wine:**

2015 - Jan. 18; Feb. 1; Mar. 15, 22, & 29; Apr. 26
May 3 & 10; June 7, 14, 21, & 28; July 19, 26.
Aug. 2, 9, 16, & 23; Sept. 20 & 27.

Sanctuary Lamp:

2015 - Mar. 15, 22, & 29; Apr. 19 & 26; June 21;
July 5 & 12; Aug. 2 & 9; Sept. 6, 20, & 27.



**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends,

We are witnessing two historical events this week. The first is more local, the Beatification of Miriam Teresa Demjanovich on Saturday morning, October 4 in our Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. It's historical because she is the first to be named "Blessed" from New Jersey. This is the final stage before canonization. This is the first Beatification Ceremony to take place here in the United States. We here at St. Mary's are no strangers to the name, Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich. Her painting hangs in the vestibule of our church after it was commissioned and blessed two years ago. We here at St. Mary's have been actively involved in spreading devotion to her and to her gospel message: that all of us are called to holiness. "A thought from Bl. Miriam Teresa" and her prayer of canonization appear weekly in our bulletin. The Sisters of Charity, the Congregation of Sisters that Bl. Miriam Teresa belonged to, opened and operated our parish school for over a decade. Let us rejoice in this historic moment for our local church and pray for her canonization and may her life inspire us to live holy lives.

The other historic event is the beginning of the Synods of Bishops on the Family called by Pope Francis and opens this coming week in Rome. It will continue on until next Fall 2015 when it concludes in the Pope's visit to Philadelphia. At the various meetings issues facing the church and families will be discussed. Included in this bulletin is a letter from the Holy Father on the meaning and significance of the Synod. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the talks and help the Bishops to make wise and thought provoking decisions.

Enjoy your week!

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

Anointing Mass – October 18th



On Saturday, Oct. 18, we will gather for our fall Anointing Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Szelest Hall. If you need a ride to the Anointing Mass, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 and let us know.

We invite all of our parishioners in need of this sacrament to this wonderful celebration of God's healing, whether that need is due to sickness or age. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Mass. We hope you will be able to join us for a light luncheon following Mass.

***A Thought from
Blessed Miriam Teresa:***



WHAT does it mean to enter into ourselves, to go into the house of the Lord, our soul, that we may converse with Him Who dwells there? It means that we strive to direct our minds, that is, our thoughts to Him Whose companionship we wish to cultivate, for the sake of better knowing His likes and dislikes, that we may satiate the one and avoid the other.

(G.P., p. 133)

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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.

**Spotlight on RCIA :
Classes starting in October!**

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic, or know someone who has questions about the Catholic faith? Do you "have all your sacraments" or know someone who "needs Confirmation?" If you can answer yes to any of these questions then the RCIA may be for you. Here at St. Mary's we have an active, on-going RCIA process for unbaptized adults, children over the age of 7, and for adults who need to complete their sacraments. Anyone with questions is asked to call me at 201-384-0557 at any time. Kathy Sylvester, Pastoral Associate for RCIA & Liturgy.

Hunger in the Land of Plenty

A recent study (Hunger in America 2014) reported that hunger remains a very real problem in New Jersey. Almost 900,000 people, over 10% of the population, rely on food banks.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called Food Stamps), funded by the federal government and administered by the states, has been a first line of defense against hunger. Last November all New Jersey SNAP households saw a decrease of about 5%. The average benefit is a little less than \$1.40 per meal.

Food banks and food pantries (like the one at St. Mary's) are a vital part of feeding those who are experiencing food security, of which 40% are children.

Consider helping to feed the hungry and experience what working at a food bank is like by volunteering to serve at the New Jersey Community Food Bank in Hillside.

Next **Saturday, October 11**, we will gather in the parking lot of St. Mary's at **7:30 am** and carpool to the food bank. We'll spend the morning sorting food for distribution to food pantries throughout the state. We will be back by noon.

Sign-ups are necessary by Wednesday, October 8th. Please e-mail:

deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org
 or leave a message at the Parish Office
 201-384-0557

Due to insurance regulations, children under 12 are not permitted in the warehouse.

The disciples approached him and said, “Dismiss the crowds so they can go and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “Give them some food yourselves. (MT 14:15-16).



You Can Still Order:

- The unique hand-crafted art created especially for our parish of the “Little White Church” our current church and the statue of the Assumption. Each piece is approximately 1 1/2” deep and 6 “ high. Cost: \$22 each or the entire set for \$60.00. Please stop by the parish office to place your order.
- Christmas Ornament designed especially for the *100th Anniversary of St. Mary’s Parish* are available for purchase at the parish office. It’s Red Glass ornament with gold lettering and artwork featuring the “Little White Church” on one side and our current church on the other! Cost is \$7.00 each.



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

PACT/Religious Education

All of our PACT programs and sacramental preparation programs have opened up for this our 2014-15 year. We are grateful for those catechists and volunteers who have stepped forward to make all of our Religious Education efforts possible. For more information about our programs or possible volunteer opportunities contact us (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

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International Night!!!



Next month we will be having our annual International Night on Friday, Nov. 7, 2014 in Szelest Hall. More details to follow.

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Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Meetings

Our next regular meeting will be on Monday
October 6th at 8PM.

Save the Date for Italian Night!

Join us for a wonderful evening of dinner and dancing with entertainment by Panorama Music on Saturday October 11th from 7-11PM. Antipasto, salad, baked lasagna, meatballs, sausage, braciola, dessert, Limoncello and beverages – all for only \$35 per person. Payment is required in advance to assure your reservation. Call Larry at 201-315-0456 for your reservation.

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 or check our website: www.kofc1345.org.*

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Respect Life - St. John , Bergenfield

Are you expecting the birth of a baby in your family, or do you know someone who is? St. John would like to celebrate God's gift of life with you at a special Mass. All are welcome to attend and pray for expectant parents and their families on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014 at 3:00PM in the upper church.

Attendance at this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

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 Sept. 27-28 | \$10,059.00 |
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| Same Weekend 2013 | \$ 9,038.00 |
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*Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$21.00*

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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 walked my aunt’s dog.”***

***"I holded the door for people."***

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

***“I helped someone.” “I said my prayers.”***

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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.

## High School Open House

# Immaculate Heart Academy

500 Van Emburgh Ave., Washington Township, NJ.  
Sunday, Oct. 19 from 11:00AM - 2:00PM and on  
Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM.

On-line pre-registration is requested at [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com). For more information, please call 201-445-6800.

# Saint Peter's Prep

Sunday, October 5, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. For more information please call 201-547-6389.



## The Holy See

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### *LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO FAMILIES*

*Dear families,*

With this letter, I wish, as it were, to come into your homes to speak about an event which will take place at the Vatican this coming October. It is the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is being convened to discuss the theme of “pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization”. Indeed, in our day the Church is called to proclaim the Gospel by confronting the new and urgent pastoral needs facing the family.

This important meeting will involve all the People of God – bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the particular Churches of the entire world – all of whom are actively participating in preparations for the meeting through practical suggestions and the crucial support of prayer. Such support on your part, dear families, is especially significant and more necessary than ever. This Synodal Assembly is dedicated in a special way to you, to your vocation and mission in the Church and in society; to the challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children; and the role of the family in the life of the Church. I ask you, therefore, to pray intensely to the Holy Spirit, so that the Spirit may illumine the Synodal Fathers and guide them in their important task. As you know, this Extraordinary Synodal Assembly will be followed a year later by the Ordinary Assembly, which will also have the family as its theme. In that context, there will also be the World Meeting of Families due to take place in Philadelphia in September 2015. May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the Church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel.

I am writing this letter to you on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus

as the Messiah (cf. *Lk* 2:22-38). Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally “seen” salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigour and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey.

Dear families, your prayer for the Synod of Bishops will be a precious treasure which enriches the Church. I thank you, and I ask you to pray also for me, so that I may serve the People of God in truth and in love. May the protection of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph always accompany all of you and help you to walk united in love and in caring for one another. I willingly invoke on every family the blessing of the Lord.

*From the Vatican, 2 February 2014*  
*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

**FRANCIS**

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***Pope Francis provided this prayer for the Synod of Bishops on the Family in his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family.***

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
 in you we contemplate  
 the splendor of true love,  
 to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
 grant that our families too  
 may be places of communion and prayer,  
 authentic schools of the Gospel  
 and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
 may families never again  
 experience violence, rejection and division:  
 may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
 find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
 may the approaching Synod of Bishops  
 make us once more mindful  
 of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
 and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
 graciously hear our prayer.