



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

Very Rev. Dominic G. Ciriaco, *V.F. Pastor*
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 Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
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 Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
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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	Oct. 25 - Vigil
5:30PM	Cora Toribio
Sunday	Oct. 26 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM	George Athayde
10:00AM	Miga Sigona
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	Oct. 27 - Weekday
7:00AM	James French
8:45AM	Henry Schaf
Tuesday	Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude
7:00AM	Pat O'Keefe
8:45AM	Owen McCorry
Wednesday	Oct. 29 - Weekday
7:00AM	Rosaleen and Maura McCarron (Living)
8:45AM	David George Kay
Thursday	Oct. 30 - Weekday
7:00AM	Elizabeth Day
8:45AM	Michael Walters
Friday	Oct. 31 - Weekday
7:00AM	Anne Mirante
8:45AM	Stefana D'Anna
Saturday	Nov. 1 - All Saints
9:00AM	Gerard Reilly
11:00AM	Deceased Loved Ones of Rene and Jasmin Cachuela
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Nov. 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
8:00AM	For All the Faithful Departed
10:00AM	For All the Faithful Departed
12 Noon	For All the Faithful Departed

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Augie Giorgio requested by the Rosica family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Crocetta Pidi requested by her son Joe Pidi.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased, Alfred Mertz, Josephine Catanio, and Josephine Curran.

Return to Standard Time



We return to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Therefore, please remember to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on the evening of Nov. 1st.

Sunday – Oct. 26

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School
11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library
12:00PM Mass in Honor of Fr. DeVincentiis

Monday – Oct. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:30PM Liturgy Meeting FDVRm

Tuesday – Oct. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM Children's Choir Library
3:30PM & 6:00PM First Penance Prep #2 UC/School
5:30PM Basketball
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library

Wednesday – Oct. 29

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 Yoga (Anne Marie) SFC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 30

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

Friday – Oct. 31

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Nov. 1

7:30AM Rosary LC

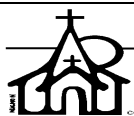
Sunday – Nov. 2

10:00AM Mass Reading of Role of Dead. Social to follow SFC.

Nov. 2 - All Souls Remembrance

The month of November is a special time when we remember those who have gone before us in faith and now share in the peace of the Lord's Kingdom. There are several ways in which we will remember them again this year:

- parishioners can write the names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Life;
- parishioners can bring in a photo of a deceased family member/or friend and place it in our remembrance area near the statue of St. Joseph (*please be sure that your name and telephone number are on the back of the photo so that we can call you when it is time to pick them up.*);
- if you have buried a loved one from St. Mary's this past year, come to the 10:00AM Mass that day when they will be named in the General Intercessions. Following the Mass, there will be some light refreshments available in the Spiritual Formation Center.



**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends,

This coming week, we will celebrate Halloween. Did you know Halloween has connections to Christianity and that it has a spiritual side to the celebration of all things scary? Here are some excerpts I came across on-line on the Christian spiritual meaning of Halloween!

“Is Halloween an Evil Holiday?”

Nope! The word itself means “All Hallows’ Eve” (“hallow” is an old-fashioned word for holy) because it’s the night before the feast of All Saints. There’s a lot of research that’s been done on the origin of this holiday but I’ll save you the long version and just tell you: it was always *our* holiday.

Halloween began to evolve as early as AD 270 from the Celt’s culture in Ireland who practiced a special costume party event the night before their annual feast of “Samhain”, which had a two-fold purpose. The feast was not only a memorial to commemorate their deceased relatives but also a thanksgiving to close the end of the summer season of light and to prepare diligently for entering into the darkness of the long winter season.

Superstition has it that the “eve” before the feast was then a time to ward off any evil spirits which they believed were cast out or released from the spirit world realm into their physical world and who would come to attack the feast celebration. Believing that demons, witches, and hobgoblins were real and existed, October 31 then became an annual costume event to try through disguised appearance fool the evil spirits into thinking they were not humans to be harmed.

The Druids, who were the Celt’s ruling class, required of everyone to attempt tricking the evil spirits by dressing up to look like goblins, witches, and devils, and by carving ugly, monstrous faces on gourds lighted with candles, and by sweetly putting treats outside their door. The challenge, according to superstition, was to divert the evil spirits attention away from their feast the following day.

The long history of this holiday is all over the board with which country and group of people were claiming it as their own. Even in the U.S. (a long time ago) there were some puritan wiccans who claimed Halloween as theirs. And then Hollywood reinforced the whole demonic idea with a couple scary movies, and then bada-bing, bada-boom, Christians were scared that participating in Halloween festivities was bad for your soul. Which I can understand because there is a lot of emphasis on death and gore and scary things. All those skeletons!

You know the one place where I saw *more skeletons* than suburbia on Halloween? A Carthusian monastery. The monks use skulls to adorn their walls, ceilings, doorframes, etc. They even used to greet each other with the phrase, “brother, remember your death”. These skulls aren’t morbid. They’re symbolic of those who have gone before us (all souls) and the destiny of our own bodies. It’s a reminder our bodies don’t last so we should work to discipline not comfort them.

And let’s not forget what we hear in church on Ash Wednesday: “Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return”. A.k.a. = death is coming.

These are *good* and *necessary* reminders that our current physical life is temporary.

You don’t remember that you’re living for eternity if you avoid an acceptance of death and its symbols. If we avoid Halloween, we miss out on this rich, Catholic, symbolism of our death. It’s not an evil holiday, it’s a Christian one. Someone tell Party City.

Trick or Treat! Enjoy the Week!

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

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary is having their Annual Christmas Party at Madeleine's Petit Paris on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome! The cost is \$42.00 per person. Reservation deadline is Sunday, Nov. 23rd. Please check the flyers at the doors of the church for more information.



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

PACT Family E-mail Addresses



It is important that we have valid contact information including a working e-mail address for all of our PACT families. To be included in our e-mail list, send us an e-mail at religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

First Penance



First Penance is scheduled for Saturday, 12/6. Tuesday preparation sessions for First Penance/Confession are underway. *Please take this opportunity to pray for those preparing to meet with the Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation, their families, and all who help to prepare them here at St. Mary's.*

Confirmation



The Confirmation Enrollment Form and other necessary paperwork are due for all candidates. Please return these to the Religious Education Office. Candidates should begin their service projects at this time.

Confirmation Retreat Team

The meeting is this week (Sunday, 10/26) after the 10:00 mass in the school library/meeting room. The meeting is for those who were confirmed and want to be part of the team for this year's retreat. The November meeting is scheduled for Sunday 11/23.

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Attention Teens: J Walk is Back!

Our first event is an Open Gym on Sunday November 2 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Come give us your ideas! Want to join the core team? We'd love to hear from you. Questions? Contact us at Stmarysjwalk@gmail.com.

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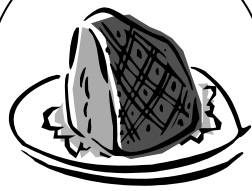
Men's Coat and White Socks
for St. John's, Newark

As the parish is aware, men and women from St. Mary's go to St. John's Parish in Newark on the second Friday of each month to prepare and to serve a noon meal. It is our way of serving the needs of those who are in desperate need. We also help them by bringing clothing to Newark. If you have ***good used men's coat and white socks***, bring them to the parish office and we will take them with us on Nov. 14th (Team C). Your help gives dignity to people who are so badly in need.

Thanksgiving Baskets

It is time to start collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets. We ask that if everyone brings one or two items, listed below, between now and when we distribute the baskets on Nov. 21st, we will be able to fill the baskets. Most of all, if anyone can contribute a **frozen TURKEY** or **HAM** please do so. Turkey or Ham can be brought to the Rectory and we will store them in our freezers. Thanks again for your kind generosity. Let's help our neighbors so they will have a bountiful Thanksgiving.

Ham



Turkey



Stuffing
Instant Potatoes
Rice
Macaroni & Cheese

Dessert Items:

Jello/Pudding
Cake & Brownie
Mix

Canned Goods:

Cranberry Sauce
Fruits
Vegetables
Pasta
Soup
Tuna
Beans

Drinks:

Juices
Coffee
Tea
Powdered Milk

Paper Goods:

Napkins
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

Apple Sauce Yams

On Mon., Nov 17, we will remember all of our deceased brothers and sister Columbiettes at the annual *Mass of Remembrance* at 8pm in the Council. We'll also recognize those who have passed away over the last twelve months. Family members or close friends of recently departed Knights and Columbiettes are invited to participate in the rose ceremony. The evening is open to everyone and coffee & cake will be served afterward.

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**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 five 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:

Thursdays: November 13 and 20th
and
December 4, 11 and 18th

All meetings are held in the Mother Seton room in the
parish office from 7:45 – 8:45 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____