



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 - 5:00 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	Dec. 6 - Vigil St. Nicholas
5:30PM	Bryan du Laney
Sunday	Dec. 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Louis Cremen
12 Noon	Edith Couzzo
Monday	Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM	Margaret Cronin
8:45AM	Antonio Bussanich
7:30PM	Agustin, Samuel and Estefania Andaya
Tuesday	Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
7:00AM	Pete Callan
8:45AM	Johanna and James Joyce
Wednesday	Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Margaret Cronin
8:45AM	Czelslaw Gryszko
Thursday	Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday St. Damasus I
7:00AM	Dinko Picinic
8:45AM	Anna Berger
Friday	Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM	Margaret Farabough
Saturday	Dec. 13 - St. Lucy
8:30AM	Frank Amorese and Lucia Amorese
5:30PM	Maurice and Violet Richards
Sunday	Dec. 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Gene and Trudis Vilorio
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michele Perrone



In Loving Memory
The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael and Glenn Flanagan requested by the Flanagan family.

Special Intentions

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in Thanksgiving requested by St. Mary's Basketball group.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Anna Leyden and Brian F. Vido.

New Daily Mass Schedule

Beginning Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, there will be only one daily Mass at 8:00AM, Monday-Friday. Please make a note of this change.



Sunday – Dec. 7

10:00AM Mass Baptism
1:00PM PALAD Meeting. Simbang Gabi FDVRm
1:00PM PALAD Simbang Gabi Rehearsal SH
Food Collection
Second Collection-Retirement Coll. for the Religious

Monday - Dec. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
Masses: 7:00AM, 8:45AM, & 7:30PM
Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Tuesday – Dec. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM Children's Choir Library
5:30PM Basketball
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library
7:30PM Finance Meeting FDVRm
7:30PM Social Justice Meeting PJ23Rm

Wednesday - Dec. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM Bell Choir UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) SFC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
1:00PM-3:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:00PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Yoga (Linda)
7:45PM-8:45PM Bereavement MSRm

Friday – Dec. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Spanish).
Social to follow SFC

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday – Dec. 13

After 8:30AM Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 14

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
Following 10:00AM Mass Newtown Prayer Vigil
Outside Church
1:00PM PALAD Meeting Simbang Gabi FDVRm
1:00PM PALAD Simbang Gabi Rehearsal SH

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

On Monday, December 8 we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast is also the patroness feast of the United States. Masses are 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM.

The parish office will also be closed on that day.

It is hard for me to forget it is Advent because the first and last thing I see most every day is the very large Advent wreath outside my window. Most people do not have such a reminder but let us be mindful of this holy season. Happy. Advent.

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A HOLY AND
HEARTWARMING
CELEBRATION OF
SAINTLY HEROES
FROM GOSPEL DAYS
TO POPE FRANCIS
THAT WILL BRING JOY
TO YOUR HEART AND
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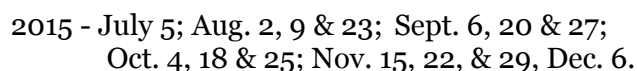
ADVENT ART AND STORIES

WITH

BROTHER MICKEY MC GRATH

St. Mary's Church
280 Washington Ave.
DUMONT, NJ

WED December 17
7:30 pm






PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT Program St. Nicholas Giving Project




 Please tape the picture of St. Nick to the items and deliver them to the Religious Education Office in the school by **Wednesday, December 10th**. Thank you for thinking of “the least” of our sisters and brothers as you participate in our St. Nicholas Giving Project for Oasis shelter in Paterson.

Save the date! First Holy Communion
Parent Meeting

The First Holy Communion meeting for parents is 2/10/15 in the Church at 7:30 p.m.



Confirmation Service Opportunities



Check the upcoming St. Mary's Advent 2014 calendar for events for Confirmation Service Projects. E-mail or call the person running the event for more information. One fun opportunity is decorating our church for Christmas Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Church. For information e-mail Mrs. Kathy Sylvester at kathy@stmarysdumont.org. Call the Religious Education office at (201) 384-3062 to help organize the gifts for our St. Nicholas project and help in other ways.

Youth Ministry - JWalk

"Attention Highschoolers!! JWALK will be having a meeting on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:30PM. It will be karaoke night and also open gym. Come by!! If you have any questions please e-mail Katie at stmarysjwalk@gmail.com."

Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets

We know we just completed the Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the **Christmas distribution** which will be on **Friday, December 19th**. We will especially need turkeys and hams so if you feel you can donate one, please bring them to the parish office as we have freezers ready to keep them. Some items that we are in need of are:


Mac & Cheese, Cake Mix, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Instant Mashed, Tuna, Cold Cereal, Juice, Pork and Beans, and Cookies.

Again, thank you and God Bless.

The Advent Giving Tree



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Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.

Please don't forget to pick up a gift tag that are now available from our Giving Tree located by St. Joseph's.

The deadline to bring the unwrapped gifts is Friday, Dec. 12th. It's important to attach the gift tag to the gift.

If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

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For St. John's, Newark

We are having a men's coat drive to benefit St. John's Parish in Newark. If you have **good used men's coat**, please bring them to the parish office. Your help gives dignity to people who are so badly in need.

Men's Coat Drive

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Thanks You - Food Pantry

We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection. Special thanks to Fairway Market who generously contributed 20 turkeys and two cases of yams; Silver Palate Foods who donated 10 cases of marinara sauce and 8 cases of oatmeal.

Thanks to Lincoln School for their food collection,
also Dumont High School.

Last but not least, thanks to our parishioners who have been contributing food as well as monetary donations for over 30 years.

A special thank you to the ladies and young men and girls who shelve the food and work on getting the boxes ready for distribution.

We were able to follow God's command to "feed the hungry" by giving turkeys, food and gift certificates to 53 families.

Anna Markert



Save the Date

Centennial Anniversary Dinner Dance Gala!!

It may be several months away, but we are asking our parishioners to save Saturday, **May 16, 2015**. We will bring our 100th anniversary year to a close with a joy-filled celebration at 5:30PM Mass, followed by a dinner dance at Colonial Inn in Norwood. The cost of that dinner dance will be \$85 per person. You can reserve your seats in two ways: 1) you can pay for each person up front, or 2) you can pay in monthly installments. The second option may be easier for couples.

Right now, we are just asking everyone to save the date – May 16, 2015!

Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Meeting - Our next regular meeting will be on Monday December 15th at 8PM.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa – On Sunday December 7th from 9AM to 1PM, we will be hosting a pancake breakfast with everyone's favorite guest – Santa Claus! The cost is \$10 per single person, \$15 per couple and \$25 for a family of five! Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit cup, coffee, tea or hot chocolate and the kids will get a little something from Santa.

Reservations aren't required, and all are welcome.

Christmas Party – Saturday December 13th from 7-11PM. With live music by Panorama Music, it promises to be a sellout. Dinner includes antipasto, pasta, turkey, mashed potato, vegetables, cake, hot and cold beverages, and a visit from Santa and his elves - all for only \$35 per person. Payment is required in advance to assure your reservation. Call Larry at 201-315-0456 for your reservation.

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday December 14th from 2-6PM. Enjoy an afternoon with Santa, DJ music, hot dogs with sauerkraut, chicken tenders, hamburgers, and french fries. There is NO CHARGE for this event. Reservations are required - call Larry at 201-315-0456 to make 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.

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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	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Collection Nov. 22 - 23	\$9,450.00	\$9,529.00
Collection Nov. 29 - 30	\$8,452.00	\$9,367.00

Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$27.91

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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 bought stuff for baskets for the soldiers."

"I wrote out birthday cards."

"I wrote out Christmas gift tags."

"I washed the dishes." "I set the table."

"I helped grandma upstairs."

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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.

Holiday Show

Elizabeth Synnott stars as "Gloria" in this original story and co-written with Ken Melamed. This story is woven together with familiar holiday songs, such as Silent Night, O Holy Night, Santa Baby, When My Heart Finds Christmas, Winter Wonderland and much more.

Adults \$20 * Students \$10 * Children under 12, donation only (any amount accepted). These donations will be donated directly to ASTEP.

Tickets: In person at Making Chocolate. On-line: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/967425>

RSVP to: findingchristmas2014@gmail.com



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 8, 2014 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the Patronal Feast day of the United States of America. Mary's faith and model of discipleship could be honored in many ways today. A simple way might be to place flowers by an image of her. Pope John Paul II referred to the "school of Mary." Consider what Mary's "yes" to God can teach about courage in answering God's call in our lives. Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12; Luke 1:26–38.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Juan Diego's indigenous name was *Cuauhtlatoatzin*, which means "talking eagle." Juan Diego referred to himself as "a nobody . . . a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf." Yet the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to him with a message to raise up the downtrodden. That God has raised the lowly is proclaimed in the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46–55). Consider praying daily over this text, from Luke's account of the Gospel, during Advent. Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1–2, 3 and 10ac, 11–12, 13; Matthew 18:12–14.

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 Come to Me

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). In the sections of Handel's *Messiah* leading up to Christ's birth is the oratorio "Comfort ye." There we hear words of consolation and solace proclaimed through the ages. You might want to consider listening to this or other music that might lead you to a spirit of contemplation as we prepare the way of the Lord who comes to comfort us. Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:25–31; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8 and 10; Matthew 11:28–30.

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Optional Memorial St. Damasus I, Pope

Pope Damasus was a patron/sponsor of St. Jerome, whose Latin translation of the Scripture (the Vulgate) was declared eleven centuries later as the official translation of the Bible. In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the crowds, "Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matthew 11:15). We are called to listen attentively to the Word of God. It is easier to listen to the Word at Mass if we have read it beforehand. You might want to plan to make time to read the Scriptures for Sunday a day beforehand. Today's Readings: Isaiah 41:13–20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10–11, 12–13ab; Matthew 11:11–15.

Friday, December 12, 2014 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today we celebrate the feast of the Mother of the Americas, as Pope John Paul II called Our Lady of Guadalupe. A young Native American maiden dressed as an Aztec princess appeared at the hill of Tepeyac to a poor local man, St. Juan Diego, on December 9, 1531. To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, you might want to place an image of her near the Advent wreath. Pray for the day when all will be afforded the dignity due them as a child of God. Today's Readings: Zechariah 2:14–17; Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26–38.

Saturday, December 13, 2014 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

In the year 304, this young Christian woman refused to renounce her faith during the persecution by the Emperor Diocletian and was martyred. Today, countless women and men have given their lives defending the Christian faith. Consider searching for stories of modern-day martyrs, such as Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, lay missionary Jean Donovan, and Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, who were abducted and martyred in El Salvador on December 2, 1980. Pray for those who suffer persecution or face a martyr's death. Today's Readings: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19; Matthew 17:9a, 10–13.



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