



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. 13 - Vigil
	St. Lucy
5:30PM	Maurice and Violet Richards
Sunday	Dec. 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Gene and Trudis Vioria
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michele Perrone
Monday	Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Peggy Keating
8:45AM	Sullivan Family
Tuesday	Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Mary Rose and Leo McCarron
8:45AM	Eileen O'Leary
Wednesday	Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Ria Katherine and Justin Duenas (Living)
8:45AM	Eileen O'Leary
Thursday	Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Margaret Cronin
8:45AM	Eileen O'Leary
Friday	Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Walter Gibb
8:45AM	Eileen O'Leary
Saturday	Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Pietro Sforza
5:30PM	Michael and Jim Sullivan
Sunday	Dec. 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Eileen O'Leary
10:00AM	John J. Hecker
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God are given in memory of Tim and Peggy Keating requested by their children.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Margaret Rose Lamoureux, Lauretta Baggs and Rose Marie Maher.

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. 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

Monday - Dec. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:30PM Advent Communal Penance Service UC

Tuesday – Dec. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
5:30PM Basketball
6:00PM Cleaning of Chandeliers UC
7:00PM Baptism Class PJ23Rm
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library

Wednesday - Dec. 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM Bell Choir UC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Heavenly BFF's Advent Art and Stories
by Bro. Mickey UC
After School Final Rehearsal Simbang Gabi SH

Thursday – Dec. 18

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. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
9:30AM & 6:00PM Distribution of Baskets LC
7:30PM Simbang Gabi UC and Social to Follow SH

Saturday – Dec. 20

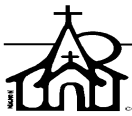
After 8:30AM Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 21

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup
Kitchen, Newark
8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School
11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library

Advent Penance Service

This year, our Tri-Parish Advent Communal Penance Service for the season of Advent will take place here at St. Mary's, on **Monday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 PM**. This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through this sacrament of healing.



**Pastor's
Corner**

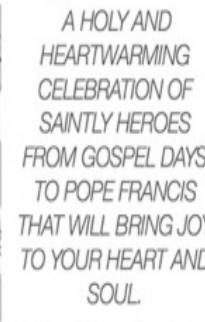
Dear Friends,

We are now at the Third Sunday of Advent, which we call Gaudete Sunday. The Rose Colored Vestment is worn to signify the meaning of this week that is joy. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his most recent Encyclical Letter wrote on the Gospel of Joy. He writes: "The Christian Message is called the gospel (good news), an announcement of joy for all people. The Church is not a haven for sad people but a joyful home! And those who are sad find joy in her, true joy!" These are words of wisdom for us as we continue on our advent journey and as we draw closer to Christmas. Let us pray that we experience this joy that Christ can give us if our hearts are open to it. Let us bring this joy to those we encounter in our everyday living.

I had made the announcement last week at the Daily Masses that beginning Monday, January 5th, we will have only one Daily Mass here at St. Mary's at 8:00AM. This has been something in the works for at least a year. I have consulted the priests here, the staff, our trustees and the Parish Council who all have given me the green light to put this into effect. Since we are not getting a third full-time priest, I knew that this would be the direction we would go. The 7:00AM is lightly attended and during the week, the chance of several funerals is always there. Many parishes in this area and throughout the Archdiocese offer only one daily Mass and so St. Mary's will be doing the same. Please be assured that when it is a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be three Masses offered. When the Intention Book for 2015 was open last year, only one mass intention was taken because I knew we were going in this direction. There were no 7:00AM Mass Intentions taken for that time in 2015. If the Mass Intention was taken for 8:45AM, it will now go to the 8:00AM Mass. This was not done to inconvenience anyone but to address the reality of where our local church is heading now. I know change is hard to accept at first but once it is put into effect, it soon will become the norm. There are at least three parishes in the area that have a 7:00AM Mass if some feel inclined to go to an early Mass.

Have a Great Week!

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



HEAVENLY BFF'S ADVENT ART AND STORIES WITH BROTHER MICKEY MC GRATH

Join artist and author Bro. Mickey Mc Grath as he shares paintings and stories from his multiple award-winning books, private commissions, and popular Monday Morning posts on Facebook.

You will laugh, cry, and learn whole new ways of looking at the saints- from Jesus's own family on earth through modern times, including thoughts from Pope Francis.

Treat yourself to a refreshing time of spiritual renewal and re-discover the JOY of the GOSPEL. Books, Christmas cards, and Bro. Mickey's 2015 Salesian Calendar will be available for purchase.

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

WED December 17
7:30 pm



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass with Children's Choir

6:00 PM Mass

11:30 PM - Celebration of Carols

12:00 AM Midnight Mass with Adult Choir

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

Liam Sean Fitzsimons
David Matthew Joy
Nicholas Joy



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

PACT Program St. Nicholas Giving Project



Thank you for your donations to the PACT/St. Nicholas Giving Project for Oasis shelter in Paterson. The staff and the people who need the support of the shelter are always so grateful for our generosity.


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.

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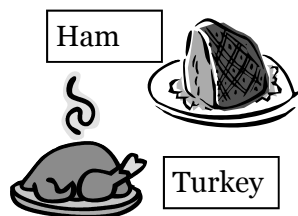
Youth Ministry - JWalk

" Attention Highschoolers, JWalk will be having a meeting tonight Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:30. We will be having an open mic night/ open gym. The first hour or so will be an open mic night so if you want to sing or play an instrument please let Katie know at stmarysjwalk@gmail.com."

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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.

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 Dec. 6 - 7	\$ 9,875.00
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Same Weekend 2013	\$10,778.00
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Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$13.00

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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 cleaned my room” “I cleaned the table.”  
“I went shopping with my mom.”***

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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.

Fair Trade Sale Update & Thanks

The Social Justice committee would like to thank all those that helped to make our Fair Trade Sale a success!! We are so grateful for the 34+ volunteers that helped set up tables, displayed items, helped customers, were security, calculated each sale, kept track of sales, counted inventory, repacked boxes and cleaned up. We are also grateful for all of the parishioners that came to shop and support the sale. We are happy to report that we sold approx. \$5,500 worth of goods, and that we will be sending over \$5,000 to the fair trade cooperatives. We look forward to bringing you unique gifts that help promote and sustain communities, around the globe, again in the future.

***God bless,
The Social Justice Committee***

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 Meetings - Our next regular meetings will be on Monday December 15th at 8PM. Our first meeting of the new year will be on Monday January 5th at 8PM.

New Year's Eve Party – A sumptuous cocktail hour with a cold shrimp bar, dinner including surf & turf including pasta, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and beverages with a champagne toast at midnight. Live music provided by *In Harmony*, featuring the music of the 50's and 60's. The evening runs from 8:30PM to 1AM. The cost is only \$75 pp. Reservations and payment in advance required. Email your reservation to kofc1345reservations@gmail.com and mail your check to PO Box 211, Dumont NJ 07628. The check should be made out to the Twin-Boro Columbian Club.

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!

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Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345

Our Annual Christmas "Pot Luck" Party/meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Hall, 61 Armour Place, Dumont. We will also be hosting a "First Degree" prior to the meeting. Come join us for this last meeting of 2014 to celebrate the Christmas season and welcome our new members. Please bring your favorite dish/appetizer/dessert to share and RSVP to labetti250@optonline.net or Joan @ 201.696.1159 for further information.

Volunteers Needed

Many hands make light work...
We will be decorating our
Volunteers... church for Christmas on
Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday and Dec. 23
beginning at 6:30pm. Please come and give us
a hand.

Christmas Flowers

PLEASE don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!



A New Christmas Ornament to Celebrate the 100th!

White with an image of the Statue of the Assumption. Cost is \$10.00 each. Limited quantities available. Will be on sale in the vestibule and parish office.

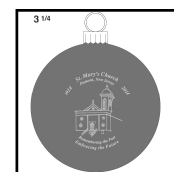
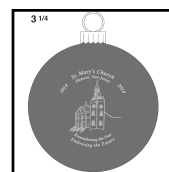


You Can Still Order:

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 a 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.



St. Mary's Church of Dumont

Celebrates

SIMBANG GABI 2014!

Friday, December 19

Mass starts @ 7:30 pm

Fellowship @ Szelest Hall



Sponsored by:

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of Dumont (PALAD)