



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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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. 27 - St. John
8:30AM	Bridget Fishwick
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 28 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00AM	Paul DiPaola
10:00AM	Rose Mary Farrell
12 Noon	Ong Kim
Monday	Dec. 29 - Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
	St. Thomas Becket
8:45AM	Charlie and John McMorro
Tuesday	Dec. 30 - Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:45AM	David George Kay
Wednesday	Dec. 31 - Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:45AM	Margaret Cronin
5:30PM	Living and Deceased Maye and O'Flaherty Families
Thursday	Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00AM	Bridget McCormack
11:00AM	The Living Sullivan Family
Friday	Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:45AM	Ann Herlihy
Saturday	Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday The Most Holy Name of Jesus
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8:30AM - Memorial Mass	
Frank Laffey	Angela Wilson
Emilio Hernandez	Sergio Llanos
Ginger Morano	Judith McAlinden
Marion Scarano	Peter Cataudella
William Angst	Peter and Annie Rooney
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5:30PM	Patrick O'Keefe
Sunday	Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM	Mary Sforza
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Robert Dellner

Sunday – Dec. 28

Solemnity of the Holy Family

Monday - Dec. 29

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday – Dec. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

3:30PM Children's Choir UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Library

Wednesday - Dec. 31

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Masses: 8:45AM and 5:30PM

New Year's Eve

Thursday – Jan. 1

Masses: 9:00AM and 11:00AM UC

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

Friday – Jan. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration UC

TBA (Evening) Concert Dress Rehearsal #1 UC

Saturday – Jan. 3

7:30AM Rosary UC

TBA (Morning) Concert Dress Rehearsal #2 UC

Sunday – Jan. 4

3:00PM Concert UC

Epiphany

MASSSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31

5:30.P.M. - Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

9:00 A.M., and 11:00 A.M.

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of David George Kay requested by Kay Ramm.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

All Masses will be in the upper church from Dec. 25, Christmas until Jan. 11, Baptism of the Lord.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Madeline Marchese.



Dear Friends,

Feast of the Holy Family

This week the church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family, a quiet Feast, set in the middle of a very busy season. It is quiet, but nonetheless important. We are challenged to slow down and reflect on the importance of family and its role in our lives. In thinking about family I cannot help but reflect that we cannot choose our family – you get what you get! We are called simply to love them. In spite of whatever challenges certain members may present to us, we love them anyway. It has something to do with that “blood is thicker than water” thing. When families gather our dinner tables are rich with shared stories, varying political views, but the bond of love is stronger than whatever political views or difficulties we may face.

While writing this article, I was reminded of a true story in a collection of Christmas stories I was given years ago, called “The Frog in the Manger.” It is about a man, a priest actually, who simply loved frogs. His love affair with frogs stemmed from his early days as a priest when he was given a handmade stole with all kinds of animals on it. He noted that the kids were particularly fascinated with the frog on the stole and spent many a time with children reminding them that God loves them, warts and all. When he left that assignment, he received a tiny ceramic frog as a gift from the children which he kept on his desk. It soon begot other frogs. Over the years he received many frogs as gifts. But he always treasured that little ceramic one.

As his life progressed, there came a time when he was particularly discouraged, struggled with alcoholism, and generally felt bad about himself. One day his mother came to visit him when he was at a rehabilitation facility. As she prepared to leave she handed him a bag. In the bag was a big stuffed frog with a tag on it that said, “I love you, warts and all, Mom.” As he began to live his life in recovery, each year he placed the tiny ceramic frog given to him by the children in his manger scene as a reminder that he is loved “warts and all.”

I read the story each Christmas season because I just love it. It reminds me that we are loved by God, unconditionally. God loves us so much that he sent his only son, to dwell with us, to show us how to love.

As followers of Jesus, the challenge to love, in spite of our differences is presented to all of us and extended to all areas of our lives. Think about it. If we could simply love one another, “warts and all,” would not our communities be stronger? Our parish family be stronger? On this Feast of the Holy Family let us stop and think about how we are called to love one another, “warts and all.”

In Peace,

Kathy Sylvester
Pastoral Associate

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Eucharistic Adoration - January 2nd

On Friday, January 2nd, we will have Eucharistic adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the upper church. Reposition begins at 5:00pm. Hope you all can join us.

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.

Parish Office Hours



During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office **will be closed** on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015.

Offerings Still Available

Bread & Wine:

2015 - Feb. 1; June 14; July 19 & 26; Aug. 2, 9 16, & Aug. 23; Sept. 27; Oct. 4, 18 & 25; Nov. 15 & Nov. 22.

Sanctuary Lamp:

2015 - July 5; Aug. 2, 9 & 23; Sept. 6, 20 & 27; Oct. 4, 18 & 25; Nov. 15, 22, & 29, Dec. 6.

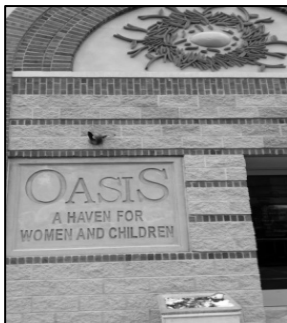


If interested in this position, please mail resume to 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ, 07628 attention Dory Weiss or email at info@stmarysdumont.org by Jan. 12, 2015.



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

PACT Program St. Nicholas
Giving Project



Recently we delivered our PACT/St. Nicholas gifts to Oasis Shelter in Paterson. The staff and the people who need the support of the shelter are always so grateful for our generosity. For more information about the work they do, visit <http://www.oasisnj.org/>

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.



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**Thank You from the Giving Tree
Committee**



To all our parishioners who purchased gifts for the needy families in Dumont and the Nurturing Place in Jersey City...*Thank You.* Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who donated their time to help sort and pack the gifts. Without your help, this program will not be possible.

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Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Meetings - Our first meeting of 2015 will be on Monday January 5th at 8PM.

Right to Life March – Thursday, January 22nd we will again have busses going to Washington DC for the annual march. The cost is \$15 per person for the round trip. Support life with your presence. Contact Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 to reserve your spot.

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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Collection Dec. 13 - 14	\$9,499.00
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Same Weekend 2013	\$7,692.00
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Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$10.00

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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 helped my teacher with an absent student.”***

***“I took care of my dog when she was sick.”***

***“Gave his cousin some of his old toys.”***

***“I played with someone.”***

***"I'm celebrating my grandma's birthday."***

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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.

***Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for Dec. 20–21, treasure from our children’s envelopes and their good deeds will be in the Jan. 4, 2015 bulletin.***

## **New Year's Greetings and Blessings**

*As we enter into this*

*New Year - 2015,*

*we want to extend the prayers and best  
wishes of the priests, parish staff and  
Pastoral Council to the families of St.  
Mary's.*

***May the new year be filled with  
peace, joy and wonder.***



**A Happy & Faith Filled New Year!  
From  
Transfiguration Academy**



This week we celebrate new beginnings! Let us ask Our Blessed Mother, to continue to watch over and bless all our families and the Academy as she watched over Jesus as we continue on our Faith-filled journey through life.



## ***St. Mary's Centennial Celebration Memories***

As the mid-point of St. Mary's centennial year approaches, work is underway on an Anniversary book to mark this important event.

We are asking parishioners to contact us if you were a part of any organizations that go back in time, including . . .

*Holy Name Society  
CYO - Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts  
Catholic War Veterans  
Graduates of St. Mary's School  
Friday Night Holy Hour & Pizza  
Sacristy Helpers  
Search Program  
Catholic Daughters of America*

We are also looking for photos and other memorabilia from the school, particularly graduating class photos. Also, if you have fond memories of any of the priests who have served at St. Mary's, we would like to interview you. Please leave your name and number at the parish office and we will contact you soon.

## ***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 100<sup>th</sup> 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!***

St. Mary's Music Ministry presents:

# *An Epiphany Concert*

In celebration of the  
100th Anniversary of  
St. Mary's RC Church

Featuring:  
*The Adult Choir*  
and  
*The Children's Choir*

With Sacred Works by:

Beethoven  
Mendelssohn  
Schubert  
Rachmaninoff

...and other festive selections

**Sunday, January 4th 2015 at 3:00pm**

**\$10 Suggested Donation**

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E-mail [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:music@stmarysdumont.org) for more information