



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: Monday - Friday 8:00 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 Jan. 3 - Vigil
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 5:30PM Patrick O'Keeffe
Sunday Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00AM Mary Sforza
 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 12 Noon Robert Dellner
Monday Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann
 8:00AM Adele Consentino
Tuesday Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday
St. André Bessette
 8:00AM Barbara Gabetti
Wednesday Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday
St. Raymond of Penyafort
 8:00AM Cheryl M. and Nicetas A. Nardo
 Helen Kostka
Thursday Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday
 8:00AM Ronald Faso
Friday Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday
 8:00AM Frank Farrell
Saturday Jan. 10 - Christmas Weekday

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8:30AM - Memorial Mass

Pedro Lepon	Natividad Lepon
Elaine and Joseph Coll	Frances Scheuler
Thomas Tkacz	Peter Gulino
Patrick Hanley	Zorahoyda Llaguno
Chloe Ulshafer	Noreen Joyce

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5:30PM Daniel Markert
Sunday Jan. 11 - The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00AM James Boyle and Deceased Members
 of Boyle and McGowan Families
 10:00AM Helen DiSanto
 12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Edward V. Lane requested by his family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann Herlihy requested by her son, John.



The baskets of flowers in the sanctuary for this week is given for the intentions of Bob and Roz Callahan on their 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by Lisa and Buchheister families.



Sunday - Jan. 4

3:00PM Concert UC

Epiphany

Monday - Jan. 5

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday - Jan. 6

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

Epiphany (Traditional)

Wednesday - Jan. 7

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM OLPH Novena UC

7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (AnneMarie) SFC

Thursday - Jan. 8

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary UC

1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday - Jan. 9

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary UC

10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark

7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday - Jan. 10

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC

Sunday - Jan. 11

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School

12:00PM Baptism UC

Baptism of the Lord

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.

All Masses will be in the upper church until Sunday, Jan. 11, Baptism of the Lord.

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.



Dear Friends,

Epiphany

If you are reading this column, you probably have an interest in churchy things. I would bet that most people reading along with you could easily retell the story and write a few paragraphs about the Epiphany. The idea that the word “epiphany” means manifestation. The magi, sometimes called “kings” who brought the three gifts to the infant (likely not newborn) king, Jesus. The symbolism in the three gifts. The dream to avoid Herod. The Holy Family’s subsequent flight into Egypt. Reflections on the Epiphany move to a deeper level as the one doing the reflection ties the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God to the other *epiphanies* recounted in scripture such as the revelation to the shepherds, the Baptism of Christ, and the Transfiguration.

But take a second look at that simple reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Church at Ephesus, eclipsed by the prophet Isaiah and the Epiphany account in Matthew’s gospel. Paul states a simple fact: non-Jews are included in the covenant established (or renewed) by Jesus Christ. This is symbolized by the magi, who are certainly not Jews. In Ephesians chapter 3, Paul needs to emphasize that: *the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*

Years after the visit of the magi, predominantly Jewish communities struggled with the fact that the new covenant established by Jesus Christ was open to non-Jewish peoples. This was a challenge to Paul in his day. A similar challenge exists today. Paul has some beautiful contemplations of the church as Body of Christ and the importance of all members within it. These resurfaced and were developed in a big way in the documents of Vatican II, the council called by Pope St. John XXIII fifty years ago. But do we really understand, believe, or practice this concept today?

On a more basic level, Paul tells us (Col. 1:15) that Christ is the “image of the invisible God.” Our faith tells us that ALL human beings are imprinted with this image; it is the basis for our human dignity. In Paul’s time, the full inclusion of the non-Jewish gentiles into the Body of Christ, the Church was a big issue. We are faced with a similar challenge today, and perhaps can take this opportunity to reflect: Who is it, that in one way or another, we exclude from full participation in our families, communities, workplaces, our Church?

Bill Mascitello

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. 20 - 21 \$10,831.00

Same Weekend 2013 \$11,559.00

Treasure from our children’s envelopes. \$11.00

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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 gave gifts for ‘Toys for Tots’.”

“I helped mom with wrapping presents.”

“I cleaned the table.”

“I helped put up decorations.”

“I made cookies for my family.”

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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. 27–28, treasure from our children’s envelopes and their good deeds will be in the Jan. 11, 2015 bulletin.

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

The Magi heard and understood from the beginning; they followed the star of grace until it brought them to the feet and to the heart of their God. Having found Him they sought - Him they sought because they loved - they offered Him a perfect prayer: gold, frankincense, and myrrh - symbol of perfect union.

(G.P., p. 126)

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Please pray for her Canonization and visit our  
new painting of her located in the vestibule of our  
church.

## 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.*

## Thank You - Food Pantry

**Upcoming Meetings** - Our first meeting of 2015 will be on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.

**Right to Life March** – Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 [kojc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kojc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kojc1345.org](http://www.kojc1345.org).*

We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Christmas food collection. Special thanks to the Dumont HS Football Team, Honiss School and Lincoln School, Girl Scout Troop 171, and to all of our parishioners who continue to give so generously each month by bringing food. In addition, thank you for the monetary donations made which enabled us to give Stop and Shop food certificates for perishables. We were able to give out over 56 baskets to families who really expressed gratitude to our parish for being so caring.

We also would like to offer thanks to our town DPW who have assisted us in distribution of the baskets to the schools.

We wish all a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year.



The First Holy Communion meeting for parents is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 7:30 p.m.

There are two more meetings for the team before the retreat. They will be held Sundays- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:00 mass (about 11:00) in the school library/meeting room next to the Religious Education Office.

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Transfiguration received a grant from the Carol and Robert Williams Charitable Fund. We were honored to have Mr. Williams tour our school and discuss our goals and vision for the future of the Academy. The following is our letter acknowledging the grant and thanking Mr. & Mrs. Williams for their generosity.

*Dear Mr. & Mrs. Williams.*

*On behalf of all of us at Transfiguration Academy, I want to thank you for your most generous gift of **\$10,000** toward the purchase of student lockers.*

*I also wanted to express my deep appreciation not only for the grant, but just as importantly for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with me, tour the facilities, and listen to our goals for the future of our school.*

*While our main focus has and will continue to be the academic and spiritual development of our students, we recognize that we must provide surroundings that are safe and nurturing. Your contribution will go a long way toward providing lockers, which will enhance our educational environment.*

*As we discussed, tuition covers only two thirds of the cost to educate a student, and while our cost per pupil is much lower than that of public schools, it is only through contributions such as yours that we can hope to maintain the high standards that have always been associated with Catholic Schools.*

***Respectfully,  
Sal Tralongo  
Principal***



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!***





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

**Monday, January 5, 2015**

### Memorial of St. John Neumann

John Neumann (1811–1860) became the bishop of Philadelphia at age forty. He is well-known for his holiness, spiritual writing, and preaching, but also for the parochial school system that he organized. He was the first US bishop to be beatified, and was canonized on June 19, 1977. Like Philip and the other disciples in today's Gospel, John Neumann answered the call of Jesus to "follow me." What are some concrete ways in which you are following Jesus Christ? Today's Readings: 1 John 3:22–4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

### Optional Memorial of St. André Bessette, Religious

St. André Bessette (1845–1937) was a model of hospitality. As a Holy Cross brother in Montreal, André served as a porter for more than forty years. He greeted the poor and needy and visited the sick, who were often cured. He did not attribute the cures to himself but to St. Joseph. Today, we might want to consider how we are hospitable to others. Today's Readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:34–44.

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**

### Be Not Afraid

In today's Gospel account, Jesus urges the apostles to go ahead of him in the boat. While the apostles are at sea, the waves become tumultuous. Eventually, Jesus walks on the sea during the storm, saying to them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Do we expect God in the storms of our lives? When God gets into our rocky boat and the turmoil of our lives calms, do we recognize him? Today's Readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

### Encounter Christ

Christ proclaims in today's Gospel passage that the Spirit of the Lord has anointed him "to bring good news to the poor." If we are to be Christ in the world, we must wonder about our responsibility to the poor, about how we bring "good news to the poor." In a variety of settings, Pope Francis has referred to the "culture of encounter." He urges people to encounter people outside of their usual circles, especially the poor. Do we encounter the poor with an attitude of mercy, with a willingness to genuinely meet them? Today's Readings: 1 John 4:19–5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22a.

**Friday, January 9, 2015**

### Eternal Life

"God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son," today's First Reading states. Again, we see in a reading of Christmas Time a focus on eternal life. The message of new life in Christ, which is the message of the Resurrection, begins at Christmas Time while we celebrate the birth of Christ. Have you taken time during this Christmas season to contemplate the sense that Christ came into the world to offer eternal life? Has your attitude toward Christmas matured to meditate on the reason for his coming? Today's Readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.

**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

### He Must Increase

As we draw near to the end of Christmas Time, John the Baptist acknowledges that Christ has come, and that his work will diminish. "He must increase, but I must decrease," John tells his disciples. Are our lives marked with such humility? Are we able to step out of the way and let the Light of God be seen? Such is a humble act, but humility is fruitful, as Pope Francis said in a Homily only months into his papacy. Today's Readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 3:22–30.



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Featuring:  
***The Adult Choir***  
and  
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**Sunday, January 4th 2015 at 3:00pm**

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