



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*
 Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, *Parochial Vicar*
 Rev. Patrick Donohue, *In-Residence*
 Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
 Salesians of Don Bosco, *Weekend Assistants*
 Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
 Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*
 Mr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*

Mr. Rudy Asistin, *Business Administrator*
 Mr. Gary Barba, *Business Administrator*
 Mr. Ed Kostka, *Director Maintenance and Facilities*

Katie Sylvester, *Youth Ministry*
 Ernesto Betancourt, *Parish Seminarian*
 Jesus Mesias Ramos, *Parish Seminarian*
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Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
 Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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 Parish Website: www.stmarysdumont.org

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062
 e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music:
 email: music@stmarysdumont.org

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	Feb. 7 - Vigil
5:30PM	Helen Zawaski
Sunday	Feb. 8 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM	Dennis Dalton
10:00AM	Peter Rooney
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	Feb. 9 - Weekday
8:00AM	James and Theresa Serafini
Tuesday	Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica
8:00AM	Sr. Maureen O'Neill
Wednesday	Feb. 11 - Weekday
	Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00AM	Luigi Raffa
Thursday	Feb. 12 - Weekday
8:00AM	John and Eileen O'Neill
Friday	Feb. 13 - Weekday
8:00AM	Daniel Markert
Saturday	Feb. 14 - Sts. Cyril and Methodius
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8:30AM - Memorial Mass	
Mona O'Brien	Romeo Adea
Florencia Dimarucot	Alexander Marzo
Maria Jocelyn Adea	Patricia Ann Foley
Rosario B. Santos	Anthony Del Fava
Czeslaw Gryszo	William Murray
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5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Feb. 15 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM	George Michael Woke
10:00AM	Peter J. Rogers
12 Noon	Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hunter

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 Russell Paulsen requested by the Paulsen family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Elmer R. Pavon.

Old Palms Wanted

Reminder bring your old Palm to Mass -- it will be burned on Monday, February 9th at 7:15pm by the parish office garages, to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Sunday – Feb. 8

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School

Monday - Feb. 9

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting PJ23Rm

7:15PM Burning of Palms by Parish Office Garages

Tuesday – Feb. 10

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SFC

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School Library

7:30PM FHC Parent Meeting LC/School

Wednesday - Feb. 11

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC

4:00PM Bell Choir UC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

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

7:30PM Yoga (AnneMarie) SFC

Thursday – Feb. 12

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

7:00PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Music Workshop Library

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Feb. 13

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC

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

Saturday – Feb. 14

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Food Collection

Sunday – Feb. 15

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark

Food Collection

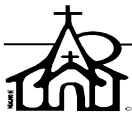
Ash Wednesday – February 18

Ashes will be distributed at the 7:00 am, 8:45 am and 7:30 pm Masses. There will also be a prayer service with distribution of ashes at 3:30 pm.

Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

All parishioners are invited to begin our Lenten Season by joining together for a simple meal at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. A freewill offering will be taken to share with St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark.

Call the parish office to make a reservation.



Dear Friends,

Sunday, **February 8**, is the ***first international day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking***. You may have noticed that we prayed for an end to this gross injustice at all our Masses this weekend. Through prayer and action, we can comfort and help empower our brothers and sisters who have suffered through this affront to human dignity. In the words of the Committee Chairman for Migration, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S. "If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference."

February 8 was the date chosen for this international day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking because it is the feast day of **St. Josephine Bakhita**, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian Sister of Charity and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

The Catholics Confront Global Poverty team of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services forwarded the following information regarding this issued in a recent letter “The House of Representatives passed H.R. 515, the International Megan’s Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking. The International Labor Organization estimates that 1.8 million children are victimized by commercial sexual exploitation every year. This bill will help reduce the demand for child sex tourism, saving the lives and upholding the dignity of countless children. It’s also an important contribution towards ending human trafficking by 2020, a goal identified by **Pope Francis and other religious leaders**. The Senate will have to take up and pass this bill, and the President has to sign it before it can become law.”

Let us as a parish community do our part by praying to end this horrific injustice.

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

President's Day – February 16th

In observance of President's Day on Monday, Feb. 16th, the parish office will be closed. Please note that there will be only one Mass at 9:00 AM.

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 Jan. 31 - Feb. 01 | \$10,238.00 |
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| Same Weekend 2014 | \$ 9,983.00 |
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*Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$18.00*

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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 wrote out birthday cards.”

“I cleaned room.” “I said my prayers.”

“I helped someone.”

"I talked with parents about lesson."

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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.

### **Help Needed for Family Promise Shelter**



 What is needed are volunteers to prepare and serve the evening meals, two people each night to stay over, and see that the guests have breakfast and are on the bus by 6:00am. The overnighters are free to leave then.

If you would like to help us in this worthy cause, please call Betty at 201-384-3381 or the parish office at 201-384-0557.

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



## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion**



The First Holy Communion meeting for parents is this Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 7:30 p.m. Separate Tuesday preparation sessions for

First Communion begin in March.

### **Confirmation Candidate Retreat**

The retreat for Confirmation Candidates is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> beginning 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's. Parents and sponsors arrive at 4:00 p.m. and we attend the 5:30 mass together.



### **Confirmation Retreat Team**



Our final meeting for the team leading the retreat will be held 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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### **Youth Ministry - JWalk**

J - Walk will meet at 6:30 on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Church to rehearse for the Stations of the Cross we will present on Good Friday

If you have any questions e-mail Katie at [stmarysjwalk@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysjwalk@gmail.com).

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### **"Snowsical - The Musical"**

The latest triumph for the Transfiguration Drama Club

Once again Conlon Hall resounded with applause as our Drama Club demonstrated their outstanding talents as they performed "Snowsical - The Musical".

The music was beautiful, the acting superb, and the evening magical in this latest production.

As other schools and districts cut back or eliminate their arts programs due to budget cuts, we believe that the Arts are an integral part of a child's education and provides different areas for self-expression, socialization and development. Under the outstanding direction of Mrs. Cristina Bontia, our Drama Club has flourished, and we look forward to many more outstanding performances.

### **Transfiguration Academy**

10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.  
201-384-3627

## ***St. Mary's R.C. Church***

### **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 monthly 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:**

**The third Thursday of every month.**

All meetings are held in the Parish Office  
from 7:00 – 8:15 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office at 201-384-0557 or just walk in on any third Thursday.

## **Knights of Columbus**

### **Upcoming Meeting**

The next lecturer meeting is on Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. Our guest lecturer is Anthony Mastroeni who will speak on *Blessed Miriam Teresa*, New Jersey's answer to the housewives of New Jersey.

### **Columbiettes Fish Fry**

Will be on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6PM. Save the date, details to follow.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM. Why not stop in and learn more about us!

**Hall Renting & Catering** - Planning a party soon? Call Bob DeWald at 201-264-6290 for information or email [kofc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org).

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### **Altar & Rosary Easter Candy Sale**



Easter Candy Sale is now going on! Brochures are at the doors of the church. All order forms can be dropped off at the rectory. The deadline is March 9<sup>th</sup>. Candies will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 29, after all masses at the library.

### ***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.



### ***The Parish Community of St. Mary's Church – 100 Years***

***Joyfully invites you to our Centennial Anniversary Dinner Dance Gala***

***Place: Colonial Inn Norwood, 545 Tappan Road***

***Day: Saturday***

***Date: May 16, 2015***

***Time: 7:15PM - 12:15PM***

***Price: \$85.00 per person***

***Attire: Evening***



***Return this bottom part to the rectory for reservation.***

***Name :*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Phone #*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Payment Options: Pay in Full*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Monthly Installments*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Up to 10 people per table. Please seat me with:***

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| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

***Deadline: April 30, 2015***

***Traveling  
the Gospel  
of Mark  
(with sneakers on) . . .***

*Sr. Jean will also speak with PACT Parents at  
their sessions on Sun. Feb. 22 and Tues. Feb. 24.*

***You are invited to St. Mary's Parish Mission,  
led by Sister Jean McLoughlin, SSND, on  
Sunday, February 22, 7:00 pm;  
Monday, February 23, 7:15 pm;  
Tuesday, February 24, 7:15 pm;  
in the upper church.***

***ON YOUR MARK . . .  
for an adventure that will draw  
you closer to God.***

***GET SET . . .  
to see your life and our  
parish community change for the better.***

***GO . . .  
with an open mind, heart and spirit and  
watch grace abound in your own story.***

