

**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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#### ***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. 14 - Vigil**  
**Sts. Cyril and Methodius**  
 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 Harriett and Christopher Hunter  
**Monday Feb. 16 - Weekday**  
 9:00AM Michael and Mary O'Neill  
**Tuesday Feb. 17 - Weekday**  
**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
 8:00AM Margaret, Frank and Brother Francis Markert  
**Wednesday Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday**  
 7:00AM Ivanica Telesmanich  
 8:45AM Justin Ng  
 3:30PM Service  
 7:30PM Raymond King  
**Thursday Feb. 19 - Thurs. after Ash Wed.**  
 8:00AM Luvidina DeCastro  
**Friday Feb. 20 - Fri. after Ash Wed.**  
 8:00AM Raymond King  
**Saturday Feb. 21 - Sat. Ash Wed.**  
**St. Peter Damian**

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### 8:30AM - Memorial Mass

Dominic P. Romano	Czeslaw Czerep
Peter Rooney	Rocco Velluzzi
Josephine DeCristofaro	Timothy Curtin
Derek Evans	Kieran Pillion
Rose Millaci	Edward Governale

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5:30PM Angelina Morelo  
**Sunday Feb. 22 - First Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's  
 10:00AM Staff Sgt. Reuben Gavyn Riley  
 12 Noon Lindeman Family

### In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Veronica Gorman requested by the Gorman family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Josefino Magat, Jr. and Maria Ibay requested by Lolita Magat.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John P. Tully, Richard McAllister, and Sergio Nepomuceno.



### Sunday – Feb. 15

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

### Monday - Feb. 16

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC

### President's Day

### Tuesday – Feb. 17

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC  
 5:30PM Basketball SH  
 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School Library

### Wednesday - Feb. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 Masses - 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM  
 Service - 3:30pm  
 6:00PM Simple Supper Cafeteria  
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

### Ash Wednesday

### Thursday – Feb. 19

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC  
 1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm  
 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

### Friday – Feb. 20

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC  
 7:00PM Basketball SH  
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

### Saturday – Feb. 21

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

### Sunday – Feb. 22

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School  
 11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library  
 2:00PM-6:00PM CFC/FFL (Mitch) SFC  
 7:00PM Parish Mission Sr. Jean McLoughlin SSND  
 Traveling the Gospel of Mark

### 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.

### Offerings Still Available

### Bread & Wine:

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

### Sanctuary Lamp:

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

### 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.



**Pastor's  
Corner**

*Dear Friends,*

This coming week we begin the holy season of Lent. February 18 is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 7:00am, 8:45am, and 7:30pm. There will also be a 3:30pm Prayer Service. Ashes will be distributed at all the services and they will take place in the Upper Church. In last week's bulletin, we published the Lenten Calendar. Please refer to this calendar as it contains all of the spiritual offerings and ideas to help make this a truly holy season for you. I draw your attention specifically to our Parish Mission that will take place here at St. Mary's on Sunday, Feb. 22 (7:00pm), Monday, Feb. 23 (7:15pm), and Tuesday, Feb. 24 (7:15pm); all held in the Upper Church. This mission will be led by Sister Jean McLoughlin, SSND, a school Sister of Notre Dame and her topic throughout the three days will be on "Traveling the Gospel of Mark (with sneakers on)". A beautiful way to enrich your Lenten Season.

Lent is also a penitential time for us as Catholic Christians. There are many opportunities to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is always offered on Saturday afternoons at 4:00pm. Confessions will be offered on three Mondays of Lent at 7:30pm March 9, 16, and 23. Our Communal Reconciliation Service will be held at St. John's, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 21 at 1:00pm. The beautiful tradition of Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm in the lower church.

These are just some of the many offerings for us during Lent.

As we begin this season of Lent, Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, gives us something to think about. She says:

*Lent is not a ritual. It is time given to think seriously about who Jesus is for us, to renew our faith from the inside out. It is the moment when, as the baptismal waters flow on every Easter Vigil altar, we return to the baptismal font of the heart to say yes once more to the call of Jesus to the disciples, "Come and see" (John 1:39). It is the act of beginning our spiritual life all over again refreshed and reoriented.*

Have a great week!

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

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2015 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 31, 2015.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

### **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.

### **Lenten Giving Tree**

Our parish will collect items for St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark. Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent. **Tags are available the first weekend of Lent, Feb. 21st - 22nd.**

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



***PACT/Religious Education  
Program***

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



religious@stmarysdumont.org.

## 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.

## ***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 9th. Candies will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 29, after all masses at the library.

**Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345**

It's that time again! The famous Columbiettes "Friday Night Fish Fry" will be held Friday, February 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ.

Menu: Fried beer battered fish, french fries, cole slaw, macaroni & cheese. Dessert, coffee and tea. Cash bar will be available. Cost: \$15.00 per person - Children 12 and under \$6.00.

Last year we had a SOLD out crowd, so this year get your reservations in early. Please call Chairwoman Nina at 201-338-2617 for reservations.

## Save the Dates !!!! Upcoming Events

**Wed., Feb. 25th** - General Meeting – (NEW DATE ) possible 1st degree.

**Fri., Mar. 13th** - Friday Night "Fish Fry" - Repeat performance - it's that popular!

**Wed., Mar. 18th - General Meeting**

For additional details : see our Facebook page or [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org) (select Columbiettes)

### 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 Feb. 01 - 08 | \$9,953.25 |
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| Same Weekend 2014 | \$9,156.00 |
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*Treasure from our children's envelopes. \$16.00*

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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 friend by telling them we are all unique.” “I fold laundry.”***

***"I made all the beds in my house."***

***“I helped someone in school.”***

***“I made my bed.” “I take out garbage.”***

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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.

## ***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.

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).

### ***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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***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.***

