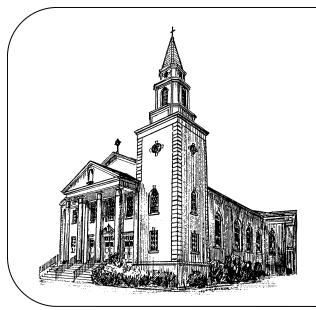
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent



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

Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, Administrator
Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, Parochial Vicar
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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 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, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

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.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT



Saturday Nov. 28 - Vigil 5:30PM Lois Palmisano

Sunday 8:00AM Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent Daniel Markert

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Deceased Members of the Rosica

Family

Monday Nov. 30 - St. Andrew

7:00AM Robert Smith

8:45AM Pedro and Natividad Lepon

Tuesday Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Family of Joan Barry8:45AM Frances Schueler

Wednesday Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Reynando DeCastro 8:45AM Daniel Amorese

Thursday Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

7:00AM Rene Magbanua 8:45AM Nancy Florio (Living)

Friday Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday

St. John Damascene

7:00AM Luke Garripoli 8:45AM Dagmar Rizzo

Saturday Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday

8:30AM - Memorial Mass

Maria Luz Tubianosa Eileen McDonald

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5:30PM Bryan du Laney

Sunday Dec. 6 - Second Sunday of

Advent

8:00AM Rene and Farah Gebusion (Wedding

Anniversary-Living)

10:00AM Howard Peters

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

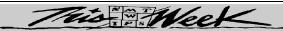
In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the Rosica Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Toribio V.

Almendra requested by his wife Cecil Almendra.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Elizabeth Funesti and Emerito Garcia.



Sunday – Nov. 29

9:00AM - 1:30PM Advent Wreath Making SFC PALAD EB Meeting after 12:00PM Mass SFC PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting after 12:00PM Mass FDVR

First Sunday of Advent

Monday - Nov. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School 7:30PM Filipino Choir Rehearsal UC

Feast of St. Andrew

Tuesday – Dec. 1

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:00PM Clean the Chandeliers UC

6:15PM First Schola Choral Rehearsal School

7:00PM Baptism Class PJ23Rm

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

Wednesday - Dec. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

7:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Party at

Madeleine's Petit Paris

Thursday - Dec. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday - Dec. 4

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration. Reposition starts 7:00PM LC

7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 5

7:30AM Rosary LC

11:00AM and 1:30PM First Penance Celebration UC

Food Collection

Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

Sunday - Dec. 6

11:00AM-12:00PM RCIA for Young Adults MSRm PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting after 12:00PM Mass FDVRm

PALAD Simbang Gabi Nativity Practice after 12:00PM Mass SH

6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm

Food Collection

Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

Second Sunday of Advent



PD Reflections

We begin the holy season of Advent this weekend. Sometimes it seems to me that Advent is the forgotten season in the Church's year. The seasons of Lent and Easter have an important place in our year and we don't celebrate Easter before its time yet people celebrate Christmas earlier and earlier each year. Advent coincides with the pre-Christmas season for the economy and it is often a challenge for us to "advent", to watch and wait and to pray when our culture is urging us to shop until we drop.

I often think that part of the challenge of Advent stems from the fact that people do not like to wait. We opt for fast food and faster internet times and quicker computers and tablets. We seem to be in such a hurry. As soon as Halloween passes we see signs of Christmas and before New Year's arrives Valentine's Day cards will be on display. The irony of the next four weeks is we will find lines in stores and delays in traffic and like it or not we will be waiting.

The prayer of Advent is "Come, Lord Jesus." We know Christ came and by word and deed announced the presence of the reign of God. This is a kingdom of peace and justice, a kingdom of healing and forgiveness, a kingdom of joy and love. Events such as those that took place in Paris remind us that the reign of God is not complete. Thus we are called to watch and to wait because we do not know when God will speak to us.

Hopefully each of us will find the time to celebrate this holy season of Advent. The daily readings at Mass are rich in meaning and a good place to begin. Various Advent booklets can also be a guide to our prayer and reflection. We will all be invited to celebrate Christmas early but let us not be like the world around us and end our Christmas December 26th but continue by observing the Feasts of the Holy Family, New Years, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord.

Fr. Pat

Offerings Still Available

2016 Bread & Wine:

Jun 12, & 19; July 3 & 10; Aug. 7, 21, & 28; Sept. 4, Sept. 18, & 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Nov. 20; Dec. 18.

2016 Sanctuary Lamp:

May 15; July 17 & 31; Aug. 7, 21, & 28; Sept. 18 & 25 Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Nov. 27; Dec. 11.

Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 4th



On Friday, December 4th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

<u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u> <u>Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Obligation</u>

On Tuesday, December 8 we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the day on which we remember that Mary, being prepared as the Mother of God, was conceived in the womb of St. Anne without any stain of original sin.

Our Masses that day are: 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM & 7:30 PM.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Dec. 12th



Mark your calendar. For the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 12th, we will have a bi-lingual Mass (English/Spanish) at the 5:30pm Mass.

Advent Penance Service - Dec. 14th

This year, our tri-parish communal Penance Service for the season of Advent will take place at Ascension Church, New Milford on Monday evening, Dec. 14, at 7:30 PM. Advent is frequently a season for Catholics to reflect on their relationship with the Lord as they prepare to celebrate his birth and to bring the calendar year to a close. One way to do this is to celebrate the sacrament of Penance. This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through this sacrament of healing.

Retired Religious Collection

On the weekend of Dec. 5-6, we will have the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). This collection has been taking place for more than 20 years. Since 1988, when the collection began, the Archdiocese of Newark have been very generous in donating a total of \$18,785,923.

Our elderly religious engage in a ministry of prayer and their prayer is a great gift for the Church, it is a treasure! As Pope Francis recently said, it is "a great injection of wisdom for the whole of human society" ¹ and we could add "for the Church". We need them! Let us therefore support them.

Please consider prayerfully what you can offer on the weekend of Dec. 5-6.

ST. MARY'S **DUMONT**

Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir Alicia Newball..Anthony Hacket, Jr. Donald Dickson...Anthony Dunkin Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins...Bobby Dellner Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman Joshua M LaBazzetta...Aidan Nugent Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach Major David Christopher Pierson Charles Bennett...James Markert...Patrick Booth If you have a relative serving in the military, please call the parish office so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

Pray for our Sick

Peter Ramzi...John Ramzi...Donald Trainor...Dona Suzanne West...Dan and Jean Pope...Rilev Rose Rose O'Shea...Teagan Davis...Donna Khuri...John K. Ramzi Khuri...Sean Fleming...Marcus Flaherty Sean Hayes...Sandra Edmonds...John Perrotta Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..John Dillon Tom Jones...Ilene Levine...Crystal Stiefel...Fred Clare Leonard...Rita Crowley...Curita Timeteo Rosemarie, William, and Mildred Dellner Lisa Nallen...Peggy Dunshee...Angelina Uvenio Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Constance Cookson Fran Morrissey...Lisa Nallen...Mary Szymanski George DiCostanzo...Catherine...Barbara Moran Betty & Joseph Kuprel...Donna Van Kleeck Theresa Giacalone..Steve Charowsky..Marie Pochini Tricia Rankin...Marlene Nappi...Nancy Quiroz Anthony Vonatzingen..Tina Dore..Frank McKeon Jim Hans...Emily DelVecchio...Mary Faley Frank Uvenio...Angelina...Isabel...Gustavo Puerta Rita Padrevito...Joanne P.

The Advent Giving Tree



To prepare for the birth of the **Giving** Christ Child, please provide a gift for one of his needy children in the Dumont Department of

Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.. Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" located by St. Joseph, purchase the item indicated, attach the tag to the **UNWRAPPED GIFT**, and return the gift to the upper church in the weekend or parish office during the week. **Deadline to return the gift is** Thursday, Dec. 10th

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) ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for Nov. 21 - 22, treasure from our children and their good deeds will be in the Dec. 6 bulletin.

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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

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.

Rosary Linen Schedule for November and December

Nov. 29 Mary Daly

Dec. 6 Margaret Kennedy Dec. 13 Pat Barclay Dec. 20 Catherine Kelly Dec. 27 Beverly Serafini

Stage Curtain

We're looking for 35 families to donate \$100 each! We need to replace the stage curtain in the gym. (It was taken down because it no longer passed fire regulations). If you would like to donate to help replace the curtain, please place a check in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. If we act quickly we can have this done in time for our annual parish nativity at Simbang Gabi.

PALAD Corner Lucky Weeks Club Winner: **Raffle#** 8 - **Drawing Date:** 11/18/2015

Name: Michael L. Reidy

All drawings are held at Szelest Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Winners need not be present. Wednesdays. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Air Conditioning Project.



PACT/Religious Education Program

<u>PACT/Religious Education</u> <u>St. Nicholas Project</u>

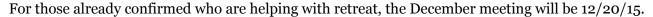




Please bring gifts for <u>OASIS Shelter for Women and Children</u> in Paterson by this Tuesday, December 1st. We are delivering this week so *please be generous*, and *please be early!* There is no need to wrap gifts, simply clip out the image of St. Nick and attach to the tag or the box.

Thank you and for more information about Oasis visit them online at www.oasisnj.org

Confirmation Retreat Team







First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession will be celebrated here at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 5th. Please pray for our candidates, families, and our parish family that we may always seek reconciliation with our forgiving Lord.



The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle

Diocesan Priests Serving in Latin America 24 Clark Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109

November 12, 2015

Very Rev. Dominic Ciriaco St. Mary's Parish 280 Washington Avenue Dumont, NJ 07628

Dear Very Rev. Ciriaco,

On behalf of The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle, thank you for allowing us to visit your parish the weekend of 8/22-8/23 and for the warm welcome extended to Fr. Dennis O'Brien by you, your staff and your parishioners.

We received your donation of \$3,483.90 from the Propagation of the Faith as part of the 2015 Missionary Cooperative Plan and we appreciate the wonderful response of your parishioners. It is because of the thoughtfulness and assistance of you and the people of your parish that we are able to continue our work with the poor in South America and to maintain our priests on the mission.

We are grateful to you for the opportunity to speak to your congregation about the Society of St. James and its work. Be assured of a remembrance in the prayers of the priests of our Society.

Sincerely,

Christine O'Kane Preaching Coordinator

Knights of Columbus

Next Regular Meeting – Monday December 7 at 8PM.

Pancake Breakfast & Gold Buying Event — To benefit the Council's Scholarship program. Please support our first fundraiser of the year for the scholarship fund on **December 6th from 9AM to 1PM**. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and hash browns. It's just \$8 for Adults, \$4 for children under 12, with a family maximum of \$25.

We will also be hosting a Gold Buying Event during the breakfast. Bring in any unwanted gold or precious metals and receive cash on the spot. Get extra cash for your holiday shopping. Attend either event or both.

RSVP to Ken at 516-220-9333 or email kof1345reservations@gmail.com

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 or check our website: www. kofc1345.org.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT

J-Walk – St. Mary's Youth Ministry

2015 Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket

Order Form

Place Order weeks of November 22, November 29 – Pick-Up December 13, 2105 (at Rectory Garage)

Name:	
Contact Person Phone #	Email:
Drop form at parish office or email stmarysjwalk@gmail.com Payment due upon delivery.	

14 " Double-Sided Decorated Balsam Wreath

<u>Quantity</u>

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@\$20.00 each = \$ _____

Pick choice of wreath

- Natural décor wreath, pine cones and berries
- ____ Holiday ball wreath, pine cones & Christmas balls

Balsam Fir Decorated Grave Covers 16" x 32 "

Quantity

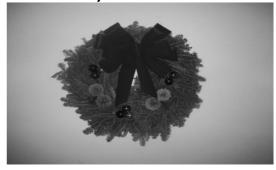
\$25.00 each = \$



Natural Décor Wreath



Holiday Ball Décor Wreath



Candlelight Carol Sing

The 45th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 17th, at 8:00 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7:00 pm both nights. Christmas music will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation.

For more info call 973-484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org.

Bergen Regional Medical Center

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, needs volunteers to: Transport long-term residents to and from hospital Masses, to be friendly visitors to those confined to bed or wheelchairs, and to set up and take down altar items for hospital Masses on Saturdays (3:30pm)and Sundays (11:15am). If you are 18 years of age or older and wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. Edito Gamallo at 201-414-0522 or Fr. John Quill at 201-421-0009 for more information. God will reward you for your kindness.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, November 30, 2015 Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

The Gospel narratives say little about Andrew, but tradition tells us he evangelized Greece and Turkey and was crucified. The theme of today's Gospel is summed up in the phrase "Follow me." Andrew and Peter risked everything to follow Christ. Jesus invites us every day to follow him and to give witness to his love and mercy. During Advent, take time each day to reflect on your life in Christ. Jesus has called you. How do you respond to his invitation? *Today's Readings*: Romans 10:9–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18–22.

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 Justice Shall Flourish

During the season of Advent, we reflect on the coming of the Messiah not only as a child, but also at the end of time. Today's passage from Isaiah and the psalm describe a world where justice will flourish. All violence and war will cease, and peace will have dominion over all the earth. What a wonderful picture! This week, pray for the peace of Christ to infuse the hearts of rulers, homes, and institutions. You might also consider making a Jesse Tree with your children and discussing the First Reading. *Today's Readings*: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 Abundance

Like the Gospel, the First Reading depicts a scene of God's abundance and care for us. Jesus saves us from sin and death so that we can share at the eternal feast. In the Gospel, Jesus cures those brought to him, then broke bread with them, so that they would not go hungry. This act is a sign of God's love, and of the abundance we will share on that final day as followers of Christ. This week, share a feast with someone and give thanks for God's mercy. *Today's Readings*: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29–37.

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

The three readings proclaimed today highlight that the just will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In this season, we are asked to ready ourselves and evaluate where our heart is. Is it ready to receive Christ? Do you listen to God's word, and are you moved to act with kindness? Jesus says that those who listen and follow his ways will be like a house built on rock. Because of their steady faith, these people will rejoice as they enter the kingdom. Choose a verse or two of Psalm 118 and sit quietly with it and allow it to penetrate you. *Today's Readings*: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1 and 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.

Friday, December 4, 2015 Light and Healing

I love the refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Like the blind men in the Gospel, Jesus, the Light, heals and guides us. In faith, we firmly follow Christ, and by sharing in his life, we are saved from our blindness. As you pray today, ask God to heal your blindness so you can see the light of his glory and stand in awe of God's might. Consider using the psalm response as a mantra for your prayer throughout the day. *Today's Readings*: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.

Saturday, December 5, 2015 Discipleship

In today's Gospel, Jesus, who has been teaching and curing disease, commissions the twelve disciples to go forth and minister to the lost sheep of Israel. He instructs them to announce that the Reign of God is at hand. You too are a disciple of Christ. We are partners in ministry with Jesus. In what ways are you announcing the Reign of God and gathering the lost sheep? *Today's Readings*: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8.



