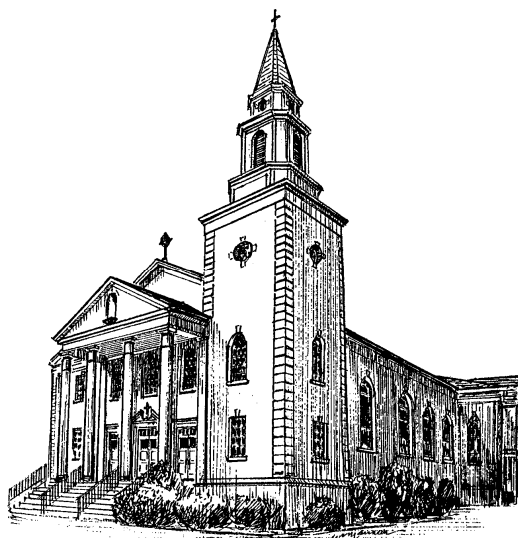


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 6, 2015

*Second 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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Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*
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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.

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Saturday	Dec. 5-Vigil
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
Monday	Dec. 7-St. Ambrose
7:00AM	Gloria Waters
8:45AM	Louis Cremen
Tuesday	Dec. 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM	Leo and Mary Rose McCarron
8:45AM	Jelena Grego
7:30PM	Michele Perrone
Wednesday	Dec. 9-Advent Weekday St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
7:00AM	Rosaleen McCarron
8:45AM	Johanna and James Joyce
Thursday	Dec. 10-Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Maria Laxina
8:45AM	Patty Pablos (Living)
Friday	Dec. 11-Advent Weekday St. Damasus I
7:00AM	Romeo Grifal
8:45AM	Ann Berger
Saturday	Dec. 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30AM	- Memorial Mass
Czeslow Gryszko	Margaret Farabough
Onesimo Guerrero	Edwin Guerrero
Sammie Gorospe	Lourdes Gorospe
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5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 13-Third Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
10:00AM	John Hecker
12 Noon	Agustin, Samuel, Josue, Siano, and Maria Andaya

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael and Glenn Flanagan requested by their parents Mary Ellen and Michael J. Flanagan.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Giunta and Orlando families requested by Mr. and Mrs. Bochicchio.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Edwin Stecklein and Mickey Corcoran.

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

Monday - Dec. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Filipino Choir Rehearsal UC

Tuesday – Dec. 8

Mass Schedule: 7:00AM, 8:45AM, & 7:30PM
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School
6:15PM First Schola Choral Rehearsal School

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Wednesday - Dec. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – Dec. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 12

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
5:30PM Bi-Lingual Mass (English-Spanish)
Baptism
Sale of Grave Blankets and Wreaths Youth Group
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday – Dec. 13

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
9:00AM-1:00PM Holy Name Hospital Free Health Screening SFC
11:00AM Newtown Shooting Remembrance UC
PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting after 12:00PM
Mass FDVRm
PALAD Simbang Gabi Nativity Practice after 12:00PM Mass SH

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Third Sunday of Advent



PD Reflections

Tuesday of this week is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is also the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Many times Jubilee years take place every 25 years as 1975 and 2000 were years of Jubilee. However Pope Francis has shown a willingness to do things in a new way. Interestingly such Holy Years begin the First Sunday of Advent but this one begins on the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

A few years ago Pope Francis mentioned that he was reading a book that impressed him. The title of the book was Mercy and the author is Cardinal Walter Kasper. The subtitle is The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life. Cardinal Kasper investigates the scriptural basis for God's mercy, the ways the ministry of Jesus were signs of mercy and the challenge to the church and to Christians to put mercy into practice.

Pope Francis said that this book has done him a lot of good. When we heard the Pope speak during his trip to our area, we can see how mercy has become such an important concept for him. A Holy Year is a time of grace and a time of prayer. Let us pray that we may experience more profoundly God's mercy toward us. May we work together to fashion a parish community of mercy and welcome to others. May the Church continue to put into practice the renewal begun at the Second Vatican Council and be an instrument of God's mercy and kindness to a world which needs such gifts so much.

Fr. Pat

Retired Religious Collection

This weekend, Dec. 5-6, we will have the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). 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 this weekend.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Obligation

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.***

The parish office will also be closed on that day.

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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.

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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.

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Mark Your Calendar - Dec. 18th

Simbang Gabi, a joyous event and eagerly awaited especially by the children of St. Mary's Church, is happening this year on Friday, December 18th at 7:00PM. We welcome any food or monetary donations for the event. Please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 if you're willing to help. See the flyer in next week's bulletin.

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The Advent Giving Tree



 To prepare for the birth of the 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.”

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**2014**

\$9,450.00

\$8,452.00

\$ 1,821.00

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“I helped with baking.”

"I dusted the library."

“I was patient with baking.”

“I cleaned the yard.”

“I helped my aunt walk her dog.”

"I bought a toy for Vaughn."

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*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.



Make a soft bed for the Baby Jesus! All children of our parish are encouraged to put a piece of straw in the empty manger every time they do a good deed. The manger will be placed in the lower church for PACT sessions and Liturgy of the word with Children. For other masses, it will be placed upstairs by the Advent Wreath. When families come to church children are invited to put a piece of straw in Jesus' bed.

Peter Ramzi...John Ramzi...Donald Trainor...Dona  
Suzanne West...Dan and Jean Pope...Riley 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..Mary Faley  
Clare Leonard...Rita Crowley...Curita Timeteo  
Rosemarie, William, and Mildred Dellner...Fred  
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...Steven Martin  
Frank Uvenio...Angelina...Isabel...Gustavo Puerta  
Rita Padrevito...Joanne Polis...Linda Deardoff  
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Dec. 6 Margaret Kennedy   Dec. 13 Pat Barclay  
Dec. 20 Catherine Kelly   Dec. 27 Beverly Serafini  
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**Lucky Weeks Club Winner:**

**Raffle# 9 - Drawing Date: 11/25/2015**

**Name:** Rich Melber

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



***PACT/Religious Education  
Program***

***PACT/Religious Education  
St. Nicholas Project***



Last call.

Please bring gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson by this Tuesday 12/8, we will be making a second delivery if we receive more items for the shelter. 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](http://www.oasisnj.org)

***E-mail Reminders***

E-mails have been sent to all of our PACT/Religious Education families with Advent reminders, the links from the parent meeting videos, and Confirmation service opportunities. If you did not receive the e-mail, you may e-mail us at [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org).



***Confirmation Retreat Team***

For those already confirmed who are helping with retreat, the December meeting will be 12/20/15.

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***Thank You - Food Pantry***

We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection. Special thanks to Fairway Market who generously contributed 15 turkeys; Silver Palate for their donation of cases of marinara sauce and oatmeal.



We also thank Dumont HS Football Team, Honiss School, Lincoln School, the Girl Scouts, 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 enables 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.

***Anna Markert***

***Knights of Columbus***

**Next Regular Meeting** – Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.

**Pancake Breakfast & Gold Buying Event** – To benefit the Council's Scholarship program on December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Adult Christmas Party** – Last call for Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. A great menu including an appetizer, salad, loin of pork, stuffing, potato, cake, coffee, beverages, and *Panorama* for your dancing pleasure; all for only \$35 per person. Reservation deadline is Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Christmas Party** - Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 2PM-5PM. Admission is free with a suggested donation to offset costs. Entertainment provided by *DJ Lady J* with games, dancing and Christmas "goodie" bags for each child.

Call Ken A for reservation for both **Adult and Children's Christmas Parties** at 516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@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](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org).

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***Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets***

We know we just completed the Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the **Christmas distribution** which will be on **Friday, December 18th.**

***Some items that we are in need of are:***

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Mac & Cheese   | Cake Mix,        |
| Canned Fruit   | Canned Pasta,    |
| Instant Mashed | Dry Cereal,      |
| Stuffing       | Jelly            |
| Peanut Butter  | Cranberry Sauce. |

We will especially need **turkeys and hams** so if you feel you can donate one, please bring them to the parish office as we have freezers ready to keep them.

Again, thank you and God Bless.

### **"Peace is Born from the Heart"**

In a couple of weeks we will remember the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary school and the 20 children, 6 staff members, the shooter's mother and the shooter. Since then there have been at least 160 shootings at a school.

This past Labor Day weekend 145 people were shot to death and 302 were wounded by gunfire. This includes a 5-year old boy who was shot and killed by his mother, who had fired at her boyfriend in the heat of an argument. Also killed that weekend were a New York State government lawyer and a Detroit rapper.

This year has seen 337 mass shootings (4 or more people shot in a single incident). The most violent day was August 2<sup>nd</sup>, when there were five mass shootings ([www.shootingtracker.com](http://www.shootingtracker.com)).

What should our response be? Below are excerpts from statements issued by various religious leaders:

*The tragedy of the past days has called the nation into a period of mourning. We are all deeply affected by the killings in Newtown, Connecticut. Perhaps it was the thought of first graders suffering such brutality, innocent children enduring trauma just before Christmas. Perhaps it was the tragedy of yet another young person losing complete control while suffering from mental illness. Perhaps it is the poignant reminder that every day in urban areas, children are gunned down, often by other children. There is much to mourn, but mourning is not enough. The killing must stop. America is losing its future. Gun regulation is an imperative. Automatic weapons created for the battlefield have no place in the hands of children or adults incapable of taking responsibility for their use. This societal rupture has been going on far too long and demands immediate action by our national leaders. This is not about protecting the second amendment, but rather protecting the most precious resource we have - the gift of life. This is also a time to restore civility to our world and work to change the pervasive culture of violence found throughout this nation, and especially in the entertainment industry.*

Leadership Conference of Woman Religious, Dec 20, 2012

*The Sandy Hook tragedy has caused great anguish for parents and others who attempt to safeguard our children. In addition to the outpouring of prayers and support from around the nation, understandably this tragedy has given rise to discussions about national policies and steps that can be taken to foster a culture that protects the innocent and those most vulnerable among us. It is time for our nation to renew a culture of life in our society.*

*Sacred Scripture reminds us time and again to "be not afraid." Indeed, we must find within ourselves the faith-filled courage to address the challenges our nation faces, both in our homes and in our national policies. These challenges encompass many areas with various complexities. Here, we offer particular words regarding the issue of the regulation of fire arms, the standards for the entertainment industry, and our service to those with mental health needs. As religious leaders, we are compelled to call on all Americans, especially elected leaders, to address these issues.*

*With regard to the regulation of firearms, first, the intent to protect one's loved ones is an honorable one, but simply put, guns are too easily accessible. The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, in their document, "The International Arms Trade (2006)," emphasized the importance of enacting concrete controls on handguns, for example, noting that "limiting the purchase of such arms would certainly not infringe on the rights of anyone."*

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Dec. 21, 2012

*Gun violence is taking an unacceptable toll on our society, in mass killings and in the constant day-to-day of senseless death. While we continue to pray for the families and friends of those who died, we must also support our prayers with action. We should do everything possible to keep guns out of the hands of people who may harm themselves or others.*

Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, Jan. 2013  
(includes leaders from Protestant, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Catholic faiths)

*It is estimated that Americans today possess about 300 million firearms. No one can be under the illusion that limiting their number and use would be enough to impede horrendous massacres in the future, such as the one in Newtown, which shook the conscience of Americans and of the world, of children and adults alike. But it would be much worse if we were to satisfy ourselves with only words. And if the massacres are carried out by people with mental illness or distorted by hate, there is no doubt that they are carried out with arms. Forty-seven religious leaders of various confessions and religions have issued a call to American politicians to limit firearms, which "are making society pay an unacceptable price in terms of massacres and senseless deaths." I'm with them.*

*Peace is born from the heart, but it will be easier to achieve if we have fewer weapons in hand.*

Vatican spokesman Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ, Dec. 2013

### **St. Mary's Social Justice Committee**

For more information on the Social Justice Committee contact Deacon John at [deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org).

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(Spiritual Formation Center, school building, lower level)  
(280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628)
- **Sunday, December 13, 2015 / 9 AM – 1 PM**

\*\*\* For questions call **201-833-3355** or email [filipinomedical@holyname.org](mailto:filipinomedical@holyname.org)

\*\*\* Kung may katanungan tumawag sa **201-833-3355** or mag email sa [filipinomedical@holyname.org](mailto:filipinomedical@holyname.org)

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