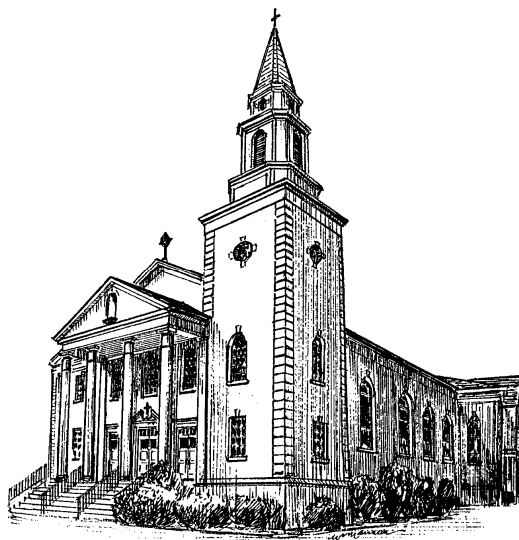


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

*December 13, 2015*

*Third 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*  
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*  
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*  
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Mr. Ed Kostka, *Director Maintenance and Facilities*  
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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.

**280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628** Parish Office: 201-384-0557 Fax: 201-384-4986



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 12 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 13-Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
10:00AM	John Hecker
12 Noon	Agustin, Samuel, Josue, Siano, and Maria Andaya
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross</b>
7:00AM	Robert Smith
8:45AM	Liam Cornyn
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Peggy Keating
8:45AM	Del Fava Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	James and Kathleen Hughes
8:45AM	Schettino Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Justin and Ria Duenas (Living)
8:45AM	Tim Joyce
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Mary and Mike Daly (Living)
8:45AM	Barry and Sharyn Family (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday</b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>- Memorial Mass</b>

Alfredo Filoteo      Teresa Sobieralski  
Titus Mendes      Philip Bloise

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5:30PM	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Richards
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Eileen O'Leary
12 Noon	Living and Deceased Members of the Maye and O'Flaherty Families

### ***In Loving Memory***



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rose Farrell requested by her family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Patrick Langford requested by the Langford family.

### ***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.



### **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  
Baptism

### ***Third Sunday of Advent***

### **Monday - Dec. 14**

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  
7:30PM Advent Penance Service Ascension Church  
7:30PM Social Justice Meeting PJ23Rm

### **Tuesday – Dec. 15**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School  
5:30PM Basketball SH  
6:15PM First Schola Choral Rehearsal School  
7:00PM Baptism Class PJ23Rm  
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

### **Wednesday - Dec. 16**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
5:30PM PALAD Simbang Gabi Nativity Practice SH  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH  
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

### **Thursday – Dec. 17**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm  
5:30PM Basketball SH  
7:00PM Bereavement Support Group MSRm  
7:00PM Simbang Gabi Set-up SH  
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

### **Friday – Dec. 18**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
9:30AM & 6:00PM Distribution of Christmas Baskets LC  
7:00PM Simbang Gabi Mass followed by Social UC/SH

### **Saturday – Dec. 19**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

### **Sunday – Dec. 20**

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

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School  
11:00AM PACT Confirmation Retreat Team School  
11:00AM-12:00PM RCIA for Young Adults MSRm  
6:30PM Youth Group JWALK Meeting YRm

### ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***



### PD Reflections

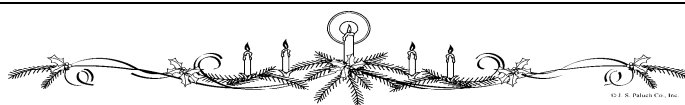
This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. We don't use Latin much these days. My seminary class was the last one that was required to major in classical languages. I do find my studies helpful watching Jeopardy and doing crossword puzzles. However the word "gaudete" means rejoice. This is one of two Sundays each year when there is the option to use rose color vestments. The other is Laetare Sunday in Lent.

Many years ago I was in a parish that did not have rose vestments. I received them in memory of Theresa Cervasio, a woman I used to visit and to whom I would bring communion. In Advent she used to sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". And so I brought them with me and found out that St. Mary's did not have them either.

Fifty years ago this week the Second Vatican Council was concluded. One sign of the renewal that this important event initiated was the fact that Latin was replaced in the Mass by the vernacular, in our case, English. And yet the documents of the Council had Latin titles and one of them, promulgated exactly fifty years ago this week, is titled *Gaudium et Spes*, Joy and Hope in English. The full title is the Constitution of the Church in the Modern World. When I think of Pope Francis and listen to his words I realize that he understood the message of the Council. The document begins, "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially of the poor, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."

And on this weekend let us rejoice in the Lord as we continue our Advent journey.

**Fr. Pat**



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Thursday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM** Mass with Children's Choir

**6:30 PM** Mass

**11:30 PM** - Celebration of Carols

**12:00 AM** Midnight Mass with Adult Choir

**Friday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon**

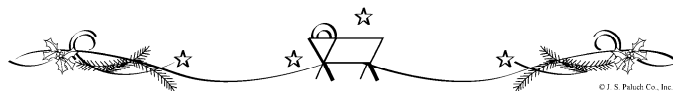
### MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Thursday, December 31**


Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

**Friday, January 1**

**9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM**



### Volunteers Needed

 Many hands make light work... We will be decorating our church for **Volunteers**... Christmas on Monday, Dec. 21, Tuesday and Dec. 22 beginning at 6:30pm. Please come and give us a hand.

### Christmas Flowers

**PLEASE** don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!



### Rite of Acceptance

On December 6, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with five young parishioners who will be preparing for Baptism.



They are: Isabella Rivera, Nicole and Shawn Ong, Oscar Guillen and Alexander Ramos. This Rite is a formal acceptance of them as "catechumens" those who are preparing for Baptism. In this ritual they came before our parish community stated their intention to follow Christ, and asked for membership in our community. The community accepted their intention and promised to support them as they begin this journey. From this point forward, Isabella, Nicole, Shawn, Alexander and Oscar will be "dismissed" each Sunday following the Liturgy of the Word, to be further nourished by the Word of God. They are now joined to our parish as catechumens and it becomes the responsibility of the entire community to support them on their journey toward baptism.

**Take the time to say hello when you see them and assure them of your prayers.**

- To John Scalice and his volunteers and to all those who prepared food so that we could serve the hungry in Hackensack Walk-in Shelter on November 11th.
- To Anna Market, Nancy Florio, and their crew for helping to make the Thanksgiving baskets that we give out to needy families in the area. Thank you to all those who provided food for our food pantry. Baskets were distributed on November 20th.
- To Mike Daly, St. Mary's Basketball Group, and their volunteers who took time to dust the chandeliers and to clean the globes.

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** - *Extended deadline!*




Please bring gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson by this Tuesday PACT session (12/15). Our second delivery will be the next morning. *Gifts returned after Tuesday will not make it to Oasis in time for sorting and*

*distribution for Christmas.*

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)



**Congratulations First Penitents!**



Congratulations to all of our young parishioners who participated in our First Penance/Reconciliation celebration last Saturday. May they, and all of us, develop the habit of turning to our merciful God who always seeks us out when we seem to be lost in sin.

### Confirmation Retreat Team



For those already confirmed who are helping with retreat, the December meeting will be next Sunday 12/20 after the 10:00 a.m. mass/before the 12 Noon mass.

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## **St. Mary's Youth Group—JWalk**

If you preordered a grave blanket and/or Christmas wreath you can pick them up after mass by the rectory garage.

Next week we will be Christmas Caroling (between the times 6- 7:30) if you or someone you know would like us to come by and sing some Christmas classics to you please e-mail Katie Sylvester at [Stmarysjwalk@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarysjwalk@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

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### **Offerings Still Available**

## 2016 Bread & Wine:

May 22; Jun 12, & 19; July 3 & 10; Aug. 7, 21, & 28  
Sept. 4, 18, & 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Dec. 18.

### 2016 Sanctuary Lamp:

May 15 & 22; July 17 & 31; Aug. 7, 21, & 28; Sept. 18,  
Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Dec. 11.

### **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.

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## ***Knights of Columbus***

**Next Regular Meeting** – Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 8PM.

**New Year's Eve Party** - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> from 8PM-1AM. Join us for a super extravaganza! Enjoy a great menu featuring prime rib, lobster tail, appetizers, dessert, and an after midnight Happy New Year snack. The band *Perfect Timing* will provide music for the evening! Ring in the new year in style for only \$90 per person. Advance payment is required to guarantee your reservation! Call Ken 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 [kojc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kojc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kojc1345.org](http://www.kojc1345.org).*

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### **RCIA Schedule**

***Kids RCIA:***

Weekly meeting from 10:15 to 11:30 in the SFC.

**Adult RCIA:**

RCIA – Completion of Initiation: 2015–2016

**Class schedule:**

All classes follow 10 a.m. mass and meet in the John the XXIII room of the school. We will meet every other week, unless we decide otherwise. Confirmation will be on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

October 11, 25; November 8, 22; Dec 6, 20; January 3, 17, 31; February 14, 28; March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22; May 29<sup>th</sup> Confirmation; June 5 last meeting.

## Year of Mercy



This past April, Pope Francis announced an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 and continue until Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

This Jubilee Year promises to be a time of grace for the Universal Church. Archbishop Myers designated six other Archdiocesan Parishes and Shrines as "Pilgrim Churches." Each of these Pilgrim Churches will enable the faithful to gain a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions as those at the Cathedral Basilica. The Pilgrim Churches are: St. Francis Xavier, Newark; St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Linder; Divine Mercy, Rahway; Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge; Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington; and Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City.

In the coming weeks, more information will be made available to you regarding pastoral resources and Jubilee Liturgies for the Year of Mercy. Archbishop Myers encourages us to visit the Jubilee Website [www.im.va](http://www.im.va). This website, maintained by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, already has many resources available to you, including the Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year. Our own Archdiocesan Website [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) will soon have a special section devoted to the Year of Mercy.

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### Transfiguration Academy

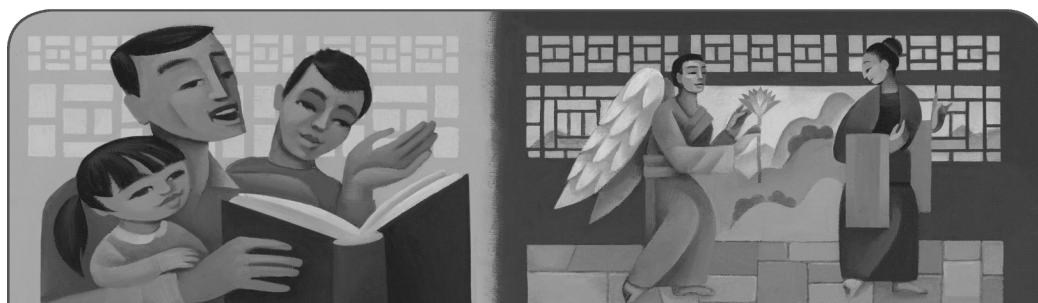
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Thank you to all who participated in and/or attended the Book Fair held at the Barnes & Noble in Riverside Square.

Thank you to the Home School Association who sponsored Lunch With Santa this past Friday. All students, staff and faculty were treated to a free holiday lunch.

Our Student Council is holding its annual winter weather clothing drive. Donations of hats, gloves, and scarves are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Mark your calendars! Transfiguration Academy's annual Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 22. There will be a performance at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM.



### THIS WEEK AT HOME

#### Monday, December 14, 2015

##### Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

John of the Cross is a great model during this Advent season. Though not all of us are called to a life of asceticism, we are called to surrender ourselves to our loving God. In the darkness of his self-denial, John saw the Light of Lights. He was filled with hope for the coming of the Messiah and a desire to faithfully witness God's love. Use the psalm refrain as your prayer today. Like St. John, may Christ teach you the path of life. *Today's Readings:* Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27.

#### Tuesday, December 15, 2015

##### Sinners Forgiven

The verse for the Gospel Acclamation asks the Lord to come quickly and forgive our sins. This short verse prepares us to hear the Gospel parable. Read the Gospel aloud and then ask yourself, "Do I respond more like the first son or the second son?" Jesus has come into the world so that sinners might be forgiven and have a share in eternal life. He points out that the outcasts of his day got the message but the religious leaders ignored "the way of righteousness." *Today's Readings:* Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Matthew 21:28-32.

#### Wednesday, December 16, 2015

##### God's Reign

Today's Gospel highlights that the Reign of God is at hand. Jesus' healings are a sign that he is the Messiah, the fulfillment of God's promise. In the First Reading, the sovereign power of God is proclaimed—"I am the Lord, and there is no other." Only God can save the oppressed and persecuted. What signs help you to know that God's reign is near? *Today's Readings:* Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 7:18b-23.

#### Thursday, December 17, 2015

##### O Wisdom

Today marks a shift in our Advent preparations. The Scripture readings and the Liturgy of the Hours focus more directly on the coming of Christ. The "O" Antiphons begin today as well. The first antiphon, "O Wisdom," calls upon Christ to teach us the way of salvation. As we learn from the psalm, the earth will be filled with justice and peace at the coming of the Messiah. *Today's Readings:* Genesis 49:2, 8-10, Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17.

#### Friday, December 18, 2015

##### O Adonai

It is clear from today's readings that Jesus is the ruler of the House of Israel; he is the one who comes to rescue the poor and afflicted. As the prophet Jeremiah foretold, Jesus, the Lord of Justice, restores God's people and brings them home to rest securely in God's house. God is with us! He has shown his mighty power and saved us! As you light the Advent wreath tonight, ask yourself, "Am I ready?" *Today's Readings:* Jeremiah 23:5-8, Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.

#### Saturday, December 19, 2015

##### O Root of Jesse

The First Reading and the Gospel share some similarities. Both women in these readings are barren and receive news that God will bless them with a child. These events show God's power and his desire for his people to be free. From the moment of conception, both Samson and John are consecrated to God. Each works to deliver God's people. Samson fights against the Philistines, and John announces the coming Messiah who causes kings to be silent. Christ is a sign of God's love to the nations. Today, return to your Jesse Tree, thanking God for his work in Jesus' family and yours. *Today's Readings:* Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.



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