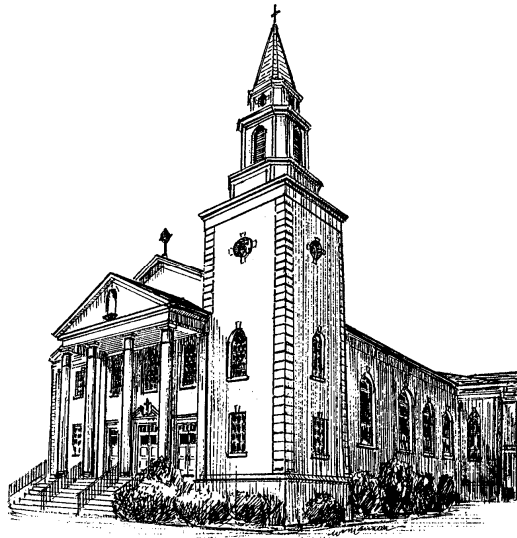


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 20, 2015

*Fourth 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*
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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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This Week

Saturday	Dec. 19 - Vigil
5:30PM	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Richards
Sunday	Dec. 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
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
Monday	Dec. 21 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Brett Lyness
8:45AM	William Ramm
Tuesday	Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Katherine Palumbo
8:45AM	Daniel Markert
Wednesday	Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Victoriana Gaviola
8:45AM	Michael McCormack
Thursday	Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday
8:45AM	Carolina Aspiras
4:00PM	Gerard Reilly
6:30PM	Sue Shin
12:00AM	Elizabeth O'Shea
Friday	Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
8:00AM	Sr. Joseph Cremin
10:00AM	Emil and Felicia Beranja
12:00PM	Ong Kim
Saturday	Dec. 26 - St. Stephen
8:30AM	- Memorial Mass
The Vucci Family	Ady McEntegart
Judy One	John Marzo
Alexander Marzo	
Family of Permuy and Barral	

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5:30PM	Rose Farrell
Sunday	Dec. 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00AM	William O'Shea
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Alicia K. Donohue

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 Gerard Reilly requested by his family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Rev. Edward C. Thompson, Frank Colleto, Melody Bronaugh-Kostka and Steven A. Charowsky.

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 PJ23Rm

6:30PM Youth Group JWalk Meeting YRm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday - Dec. 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Decorate the Church

Tuesday – Dec. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC

5:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:15PM First Schola Choral Rehearsal School

7:00PM Decorate the Church

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

Wednesday - Dec. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Decorate the Church UC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

Thursday – Dec. 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Friday – Dec. 25

After 8:00AM Mass Rosary LC

Christmas

Saturday – Dec. 26

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC

Sunday – Dec. 27

Solemnity of the Holy Family

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

MASSSES 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



PD Reflections

Tuesday is the winter solstice and the first day of winter. It surely hasn't felt like we are approaching winter with the mild temperatures we had last weekend. In fact it has been so warm that trees and plants are budding. Tuesday is also the shortest day of the year. We can see that it gets dark early each day and the sunrise is later. The good news is that slowly the days will get longer. From now until June 21 we will gain about six hours of daylight, about an hour every month.

It is no coincidence that we celebrate Christmas right after the longest night of the year. Christ is the light of the world we can see many displays of lights on the houses and yards around Dumont and throughout the area.

Although we look forward to Christmas and preparations for the celebration are being made, it is still Advent. I was happily surprised last weekend when someone whom I had just met wished me a Blessed Advent. During Advent the image of the approaching dawn is used in the Preface of the Mass. When does Christmas arrive? Families have different traditions. Some celebrate on Christmas Eve, others Christmas morning others even later in the day. The Christmas music we have been hearing for weeks will likely end on Saturday but for us Christmas is a season not a day. Our celebrations of this holy season continue Sunday with the Feast of the Holy Family, next Friday the Feast of Mary the Mother of God, the Epiphany on January 3 and the Baptism of the Lord on January 10.

Amidst the busy-ness of these days may we all make time for prayer and reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation. The Word became flesh and made a dwelling among us.

Fr. Pat

Offerings Still Available

2016 Bread & Wine:

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

2016 Sanctuary Lamp:

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

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!



Giving Tree - Thank You!



Thank you to all parishioners who took and returned the Giving Tree tags. Due to your generosity we were able to send 98% of the gifts to the Nurturing Place. Special thank you to all the elves who helped sort the gifts.

Josie Parrella

Hackensack Walk-in Shelter : Jan. 6, 2016

Our next trip to Hackensack Walk-in Shelter will be Wednesday, Jan. 6th. The pans will be available at the doors of the church the weekend of Jan. 2 & 3.



Due to new regulations, the shelter suggested to prepare only the following dishes:

Turkey or Chicken
Pasta,
Meatloaf,
Mashed Potatoes
and any types of Vegetables

Parish Office Hours

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office **will be closed** as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 24,
Friday, Dec. 25,
Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 and
Friday, Jan. 1, 2016.



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.”

Treasure from our children: \$5.00

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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 said my prayers.”***

***"I helped someone."***

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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.

PALAD Corner

Lucky Weeks Club Winner:

Raffle# 11 - Drawing Date: 12/09/2015

Name: John J. Keefe

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.*

Pray for our Sick

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...Mary Szymanski...Joan Polis
George DiCostanzo...Catherine...Barbara Moran
Betty & Joseph Kuprel...Donna Van Kleck
Theresa Giacalone...Steve Charowsky
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...Linda Deardoff...Ted Froonjian

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Rosary Linen Schedule for December and January

Dec. 20	Catherine Kelly	Dec. 27	Beverly Serafini
Jan. 3	Eleanor King	Jan. 10	Mary Boyle
Jan. 17	Diane Gerrity	Jan. 24	Sue Schettino
Jan. 31	Eileen Moloney		



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Nicholas Project



Thank you to all who donated to our PACT St. Nicholas Project. The efforts of St. Mary's parish are always deeply appreciated at Oasis. For more information about the Oasis Haven in Paterson, N.J., visit them online at www.oasisnj.org

Need to update Contact Information?

Parents are reminded to update e-mail, cell phone, and other contact information here at the PACT/Religious Education Office as necessary. You can e-mail us at religiousd@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-3062.



First Communion Parent Meeting



Parents of those preparing for First Communion in the Easter Season should have received word about the upcoming parent meeting which is Tuesday, 2/2/16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Confirmation Retreat Team

For those already confirmed who are helping with retreat, there are three more Sunday meetings. They are (this Sunday) 12/20/15, 1/24/16, and 2/21/16 after the 10:00 a.m. mass/ before the 12 Noon mass.



Knights of Columbus

Next Regular Meeting – Monday December 21st
at 8PM.

New Year's Eve Party - Dec. 31st 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.

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 or check our website: www.kojc1345.org.*

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Transfiguration Academy News

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Mark your calendars! Transfiguration Academy's annual Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 22. Performances will be held at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Conlon Hall.

The students, faculty and staff wish everyone a healthy and blessed Christmas.

The school and school office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 23 and will remain closed until Monday, January 4 for the Christmas recess.

Thank You, Thank You

Due to the generosity of the families listed below, we were able to install a new stage curtain in Szelest Hall. It had its opening performance last Friday evening at our annual presentation of the Nativity during the Simbang Gabi.

A special thanks also goes to Nicholas Fazio for coordinating purchase and installation of the new curtain.

Janet and Warren Kaine
Riguerra & Bagan Family
Miloscia Family
George Donovan
Mary and Ed Kosta
Bridget and Francis Martin
Mike and Mary Daly
Alex and Margaret Yu
John and Grace Tagliareni
Arrigoitia Family
Sylvester Family
Brian and Dolores O'Dowd

Gilda and Richard Tedesco
Aguilar Family
Mullins Family
Tito and Malu Canlas
Elmer and Daisy Pacia
Sally & Ed Ariola (PALAD check)
Mary D, Malu and Eileen M
Carol McGuire
Bill & Angie Bocchichio
Tony and Cely Rosal
Marichi and Jun Adel
Michael and Marilyn Reidy

Nancy and Ken Florio
Rudy and Didi Asistin
JM Canlas
Raymond and Geraldine Harris
Josie Parrella
Roberta Elwell
Angela D. Harrison
Thomas and Joan Trank
Maryanne Trasmundi
Marie Digiorgio
George and Margaret Kennedy



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 21, 2015

O Radiant Dawn

As the Nativity draws near, the tone of our final week of Advent is filled with increasing joy. Once again, we hear the story of the Visitation and of the unborn John the Baptist leaping for joy in the presence of our Lord. The First Reading lets us know that winter is past and Christ, the beloved, is near. I invite you to place yourself in the First Reading and imagine your response to Christ. *Today's Readings:* Song of Songs 2:8–14 or Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Psalm 33:2–3, 11–12, 20–21; Luke 1:39–45.

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

O King of All Nations

Today we encounter Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. These women sing the praises of God at the birth of their children. Listen carefully to the Responsorial Psalm today and notice its connection to the Magnificat in the Gospel reading. Both texts praise God's power to cast the rich aside and raise up the poor. Jesus, the King of All Nations, has conquered the enemy, so let us rejoice. Today, you may want to meditate on the rich imagery presented in the Gospel. *Today's Readings:* 1 Samuel 1:24–28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4–5, 6–7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46–56.

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

O Emmanuel

In the First Reading, the prophet Malachi announces a messenger who will prepare the way for God's coming. The Gospel tells of the birth of John the Baptist, the one whose call to repent and prepare a way for the Lord began our Advent season. Have you listened to John's plea? Try to review your Advent journey tonight and be attentive to the rough ways in your life that still need to be straightened. Praise God for the good works already accomplished. *Today's Readings:* Malachi 3:1–4, 23–24; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 8–9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57–66.



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Thursday, December 24, 2015

Benedictus

On this final day of Advent, we hear Zechariah's response to John's birth. His canticle is sung every day at Morning Prayer. It blesses God for setting his people free. God has kept his promise and remembered his covenant. We are heirs to this promise, so let us sing of the Lord's goodness! Today is a perfect day to finalize your Christmas preparations by trimming the tree and putting up the crèche. *Today's Readings:* 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67–79.

Friday, December 25, 2015

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Today, with great joy in our hearts, we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! The Word of God has scattered the darkness; Jesus comes to set us free. All creation sings with joy, for God has been faithful to his promises. Because of the Incarnation, we are able to encounter Christ in the flesh and human life is changed forever. Today, try to take some quiet time to consider the season, and to ponder all of God's gifts to you in your heart. How can you use these gifts to help others and to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God? *Today's Readings:* (Mass during the Day): Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4, 5–6; Hebrews 1:1–6; John 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14.

Saturday, December 26, 2015

Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Stephen, the first martyr, teaches us that following Christ isn't easy. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the Church of the persecutions it will endure. As we celebrate the Incarnation, we need to reflect on our baptismal promise to faithfully follow Jesus even when it is difficult. Consider singing or reading the song "Good King Wenceslaus" today and reflecting on the text. *Today's Readings:* Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10:17–22.

Keeping the Seasons
Reproducibles for Advent–Christmas 2015–2016

Christmas Greetings

The priests, the deacon, and parish staff extend our warm and joyful prayers and best wishes to all the families of St. Mary's for a wonderful Christmas Day and Christmas Season.



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