

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*  
***St. Mary's Church***



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***December 27, 2015***

***The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and  
Joseph***

**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**



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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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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec.. 26 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Rose Farrell
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
8:00AM	William O'Shea
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Alicia K. Donohue
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents</b>
7:00AM	Romeo Grifal
8:45AM	Bridget Fishwick
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	Ivan Hernandez
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	Alicia K. Donohue
8:45AM	Charlie and John McMorro
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	Patrick Wade
8:45AM	Christine Walsh
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 1 - The Nativity of the Lord</b>
9:00AM	Valeriano Laya, Sr.
11:00AM	Beverly Walters
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 2 - St. Stephen</b>
8:30AM	Ann Theresa Herlihy
5:30PM	Bridget and Michael McCormack
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8:00AM	Nancy Wymer
10:00AM	Adele Consentino
12 Noon	Gerard J. Slattery

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

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Richard Delia, Jr. requested by his parents, Rich and Betty Delia.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann Herlihy requested by her son, John.

### **Please Note:**

All Masses will be in the upper church until January 10th, Baptism of the Lord.



**Sunday – Dec. 27**

***Solemnity of the Holy Family***

**Monday - Dec. 28**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

***Feast of the Holy Innocents***

**Tuesday – Dec. 29**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

**Wednesday - Dec. 30**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM OLPH Novena UC

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23

**Thursday – Dec. 31**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

**New Year's Eve**

**Friday – Jan. 1**

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary UC

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

***New Year's Day***

**Saturday – Jan. 2**

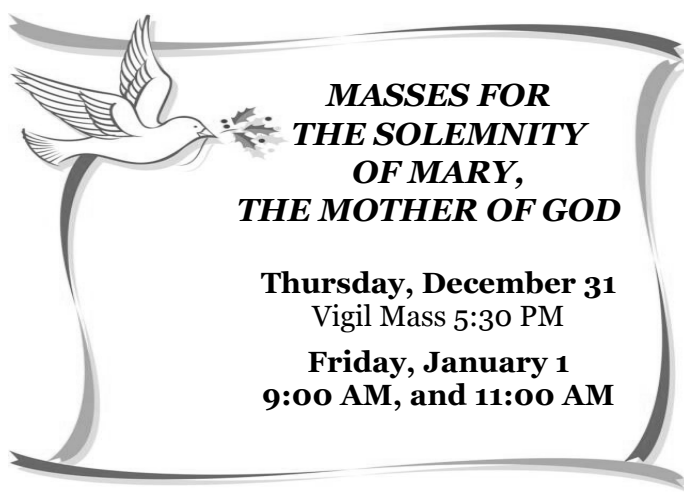
7:30AM Rosary UC

**Sunday – Jan. 3**

11:00AM RCIA for Young Adults PJ23

10:15AM Kids RCIA SFC

***Epiphany***



### **Parish Office Hours**

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

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 and

Friday, Jan. 1, 2016.





## PD Reflections

I thought that this might be the last of my reflections for our parish bulletin but it looks like I will have one more. Fr. Carey will soon arrive but the deadlines for the bulletin is much earlier due to the holidays. However, he will be back next weekend and plan to preach at each mass.

I have been reflecting on the nature of parish life. We hosted the funeral for Fr Ed Thompson last week. Fr. Ed, or FrEd as he was affectionately called, served St Mary's for six years and left here fourteen years ago. Many parishioners attended the vigil service or mass or dropped by to attend the viewing. They told stories of a friendly priest who loved children and planted a garden and had dogs and was moderator of the Altar and Rosary and participated in Cornerstone. In the past fourteen years there have been three pastors and one administrator, a deacon who became a priest? A seminarian who became a deacon and a number of parochial vicars. Yet there are many people who have been a part of St. Mary's much longer than 14 years

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. I have been blessed with a wonderful family and many of you have met them during the past year. I also have many other people who count me as a member of their family. My first parish, St. Bridget's in Newark, called itself the family of St. Bridget's. Fr. Ed asked to have his funeral here because he felt loved and appreciated; a member of the family. I have felt similar things. I am grateful for the last six months here. My legs can probably benefit from a slightly less demanding schedule but I do not plan to leave, merely transition, to a different type of ministry much like it was for the two years I was in residence here

Happy Family Day to the Family of St. Mary's.

*Fr. Pat*

**Eucharistic Adoration - January 8th**



Our Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday, Jan. 8th after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the upper church. Reposition begins at 7:00pm. Hope you all can join us and spend time with Jesus.

**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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*Since we have to send the bulletin early, the collection for Dec. 19 - 20, treasure from our children and their good deeds will be in the Jan. 3rd 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 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.

### **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 week-

end of Jan. 2 & 3.

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

## Chicken

## Pasta,

## Meatloaf.

## Mashed Potatoes

## and any types of Vegetables

The drop off location is the Knights of Columbus, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, between 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Wednesday. Phone number is 201-387-9750.

## ***Knights of Columbus***

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**Baptisms**



## ***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](http://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 [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@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 two more Sunday meetings. They are 1/24/16, and 2/21/16 after the 10:00 a.m. mass/before the 12 Noon mass.



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### ***Transfiguration Academy News***

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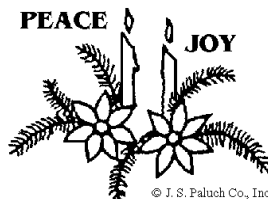
Thank you to all who participated in and attended Transfiguration Academy's annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 22.

***The students, faculty and staff wish everyone a healthy and blessed New Year.***

The school and school office is closed until Monday, January 4 for the Christmas recess.

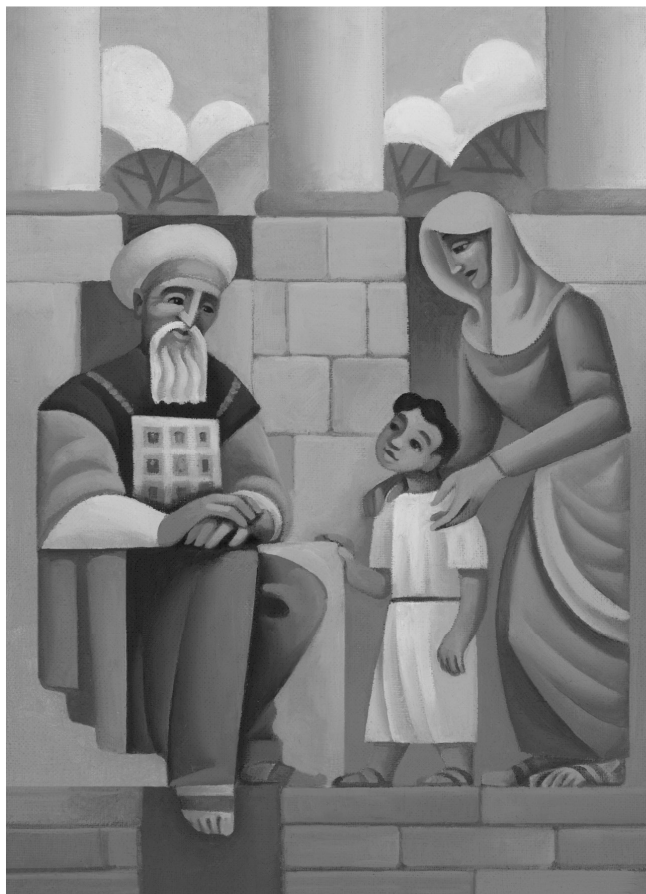
## ***New Year's Greetings***

The priests, deacon, and  
the parish staff  
wish to extend to  
all of our parish families  
their prayers and  
best wishes for  
a blessed and peaceful  
New Year.



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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



## Teach Your Family

Loving God, protector of families,  
you entrusted your Son to the care of Mary  
and Joseph.

Like all families, they experienced  
difficulties and blessings.

On this Feast of the Holy Family,  
bless family life everywhere.

Give families heartfelt compassion,  
kindness, humility, gentleness,  
patience, and love.

Grant them forgiving hearts and fill them  
with joy and laughter,

so they may proclaim the Good News of  
salvation to the ends of the earth.

Grant couples an increase in love  
and devotion,

so that their bond may reflect the love  
of the Holy Trinity.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to fill parents  
with wisdom and understanding

as they lead their children in faith and  
cultivate their relationship with Christ.

May we forever offer you thanks and praise  
for the gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

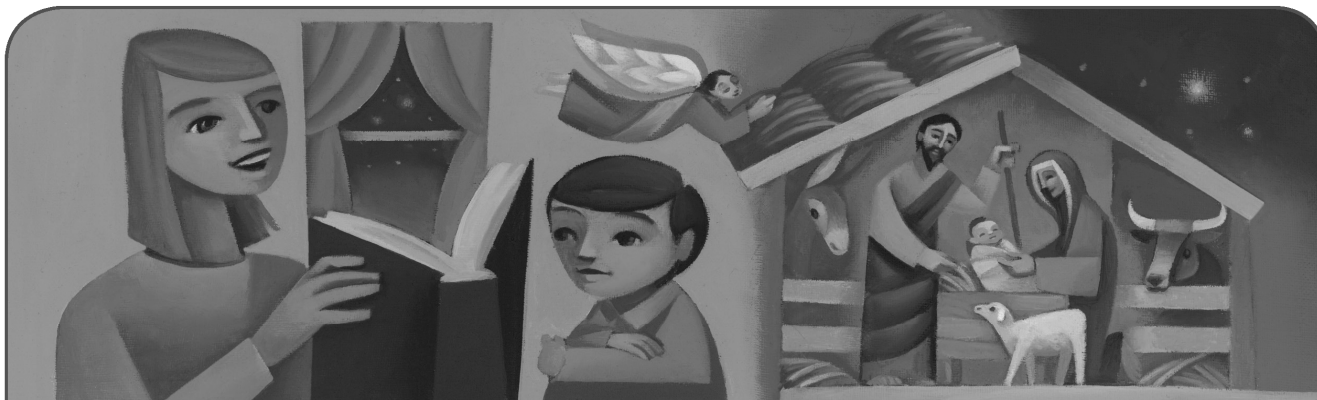
**Sunday, December 27, 2015**

## Mutuality



*Today's Readings:* Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28; Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5 or Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; Colossians 3:12–21 or 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24; Luke 2:41–52. This week the Church invites us to reflect on what it means to be a “holy family.” The Gospel tells the story of Mary and Joseph discovering Jesus in the Temple. Upon finding Jesus, who at age twelve is on the verge of assuming the religious duties of an adult, his parents inquire as to why he remained behind. Jesus’ answer baffles them; yet he goes with them. This passage depicts mutuality in their relationship. Mary and Joseph retained their authority but were awed by Jesus, while Jesus, the Son of God, submitted to their will. This situation is resolved without struggle or humiliation.

This theme of respect and obedience is highlighted in the First and Second Readings as well. These readings outline what is needed for living a life of “compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” (Second Reading from Colossians). Such qualities require respect and mutuality. Just look at Jesus’ relationship to his parents. They molded him and taught him the tradition; yet he led them closer to God. As members of the household of God, love should guide the way we live with and relate to one another. This week, consider the areas of your life that need forgiveness. How might you witness God’s love?



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 28, 2015

#### Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

The story we hear today is a disturbing and unexpected one during the joyful season of Christmas. To protect his reign from the prophesied new king, Herod orders the mass killing of all boys aged two years and under. God's power prevails and the Holy Family escapes the slaughter. The First Reading reminds us to walk always in the light of Christ. Who are the "innocents" today? Revisit the Exodus story (11:1—12:36) and reflect on its connection to today's feast. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124:2–3, 4–5, 7cd–8; Matthew 2:13–18.

### Tuesday, December 29, 2015

#### Light of Revelation

In the First Reading, we are reminded to live in the Light and follow the Light. We learn in the Gospel that Jesus is a light to the entire world. Simeon's prophecy declares that God sent Jesus for all the nations. His rule will be unlike anything the world has seen; it will reveal the Kingdom of God. The coming of Christ demands that we change how we live. Simeon's song is called the Benedictus and is sung at Night Prayer. In this prayer, Simeon thanks God that he has seen the coming of the Messiah. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6; Luke 2:22–35.

### Wednesday, December 30, 2015

#### Love

The Letter of St. John continues to remind us that our lives must be consonant with God's love. Because of the Incarnation, we have encountered Christ. This encounter should transform our hearts. Christ instructs us to remain rooted in God's love and not to be enticed by worldly things. Is your life rooted in God's love? Perhaps you could gather some friends and family and go Christmas caroling tonight to a nursing home or soup kitchen. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Luke 2:36–40.

### Thursday, December 31, 2015

#### False Teachers

In the First Reading today, John is warning us against false teachers. He indicates that some have already left the community. I wonder what enticed them to leave. John hints that their faith was insincere. The Gospel highlights the fact that the true teacher, the Word made flesh, dwells among us. Those who accept him will have eternal life. Today, consider how you might do or say something that will spread the light of Christ. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 11–12, 13; John 1:1–18.

### Friday, January 1, 2016

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

God has surely looked upon Mary and blessed her. Think about everything that she has said yes to and the confusion it must have stirred up. Yet, Mary faced God with confidence and contemplation. She teaches us that God desires to dwell within us. God has blessed us through her; he sent his Son to ransom us and give us peace. To celebrate, sing your favorite Marian song or pray the Rosary. *Today's Readings:* Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21.

### Saturday, January 2, 2016

#### Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Today the First Reading continues to warn against false teachers. John proclaims that because we have been anointed in Baptism, Christ dwells within us and we have heard the truth. The saints we honor today were great teachers and fought against false teachings. They were fervent in sharing the Gospel and in helping the Church clarify the language with which it praises the Holy Trinity. Let us pray today that all those who teach might be filled with wisdom and truth. *Today's Readings:* 1 John 2:22–28, Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.



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