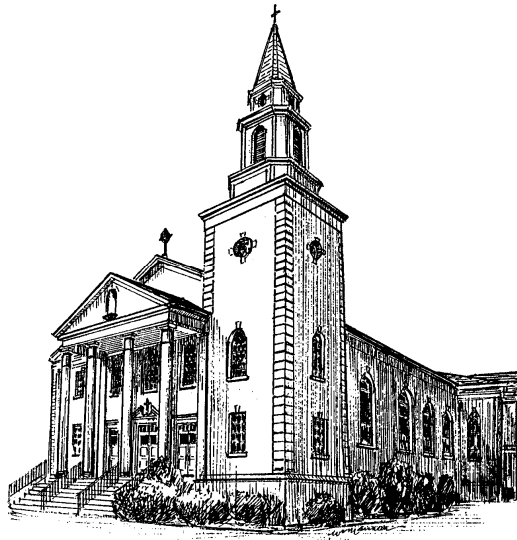


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 7, 2016

**Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



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. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Michael Barone, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. Rudy Asistin, *Business Administrator*
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.

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| Saturday | Feb. 6 - Vigil |
| 5:30PM | Helen Kostka |
| Sunday | Feb. 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00AM | Helen Zawaski |
| 10:00AM | Dennis Dalton |
| 12 Noon | Christopher and Harriet Hunter |
| Monday | Feb. 8 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Clemencia Awen |
| 8:45AM | May Ashley |
| Tuesday | Feb. 9 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Eamon and Maureen McAree (Living) |
| 8:45AM | Mary C. Leonard |
| Wednesday | Feb. 10 - Ash Wednesday |
| 7:00AM | Joan Barry |
| 8:45AM | Luigi Raffa |
| 3:30PM | Prayer Service |
| 7:30PM | Intentions of Myda Cook (Living) |
| Thursday | Feb. 11 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday |
| 7:00AM | Fr. Ed Thompson |
| 8:45AM | Dorothy Nicholson |
| Friday | Feb. 12 - Friday after Ash Wednesday |
| 7:00AM | Intentions of Soledad Reyes (Living) |
| 8:45AM | John and Eileen O'Neill |
| Saturday | Feb. 13 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday |
| 8:30AM | Mickey Corcoran |
| 5:30PM | Alice, George, and William Ramm |
| Sunday | Feb. 14 - First Sunday of Lent |
| 8:00AM | Maria Mircovico |
| 10:00AM | Kathleen Kilkelly |
| 12 Noon | Albamento and Rufina Bisquerra |

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Russell Paulsen requested by the Paulsen family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Aniano B. Yabut and Sante DiClaudio.

Sunday – Feb. 7

10:15AM Kids RCIA SFC
6:30PM Way of the Cross Practice UC
Soup Collection Youth Group

Monday - Feb. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00 PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:00PM Martha Group Meeting SFC
7:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting FDVRm

Tuesday – Feb. 9

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

Wednesday - Feb. 10

Mass Schedule: 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM
Service: 3:30PM
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Simple Supper SFC
7:00PM OLPH Novena UC
Second Collection: Archdiocesan Retired Priests
Ash Wednesday

Thursday – Feb. 11

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

Friday – Feb. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – Feb. 13

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
Call to Continuing
World Marriage

Sunday – Feb. 14

10:15AM Kids RCIA SFC
11:00AM RCIA for Young Adults PJ23Rm
PALAD's Venue
World Marriage
Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday – February 10th

Ashes will be distributed at the 7:00 am, 8:45 am and 7:30 pm masses. There will also be a prayer service with distribution of ashes at 3:30 pm.

From the Pastor

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While there may be some debate, most church scholars agree that the season of Lent was originally a period of retreat for those preparing to be received into the church at Easter. It was a final period of instruction and formation for those preparing to make the promises of baptism. It also came to be a period of public penance for sinners who were preparing to receive forgiveness and to be welcomed back into the church on Holy Saturday.

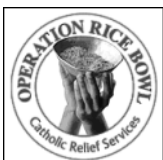
For most of us, our baptismal promises were made many years ago. But at Easter, each of us will be asked to renew those promises and recommit ourselves to Christ. Are we truly ready to make such a public profession of faith?

And while we are no longer asked to do public penance, most of us are aware that we are sinners in need of God's mercy. Have we done any private penance to show our God how committed we are to conversion?

The church gives us the season of Lent so that we are truly ready to celebrate Easter. We are called to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. We are called to acknowledge our sinfulness and ask for God's forgiveness. As we enter into the sacred season of Lent this week we are all called to consider where we are on our journey of faith. Lent calls us to see how far we have gone and to ask ourselves how far we need to go.

Fr. Carey

Operation Rice Bowl



Rice bowls are available in the church and are being distributed to children of our PACT/Religious Education families. Not containers for our "spare change," these bowls are to help our children to understand that as they make sacrifices, they can help others. Participation in the Rice Bowl program is very important as *Catholic Relief Services* continues to work to aid those affected by disasters around the world. 25% of what is collected stays right here in our archdiocese.

To find out more visit <http://orb.crs.org>.

Burning of Palm



Join us for a prayer service on Monday, Feb. 8th at 7:15pm by the rectory garage where we burn the palm, which will provide us ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

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Small Faith Sharing Groups

Small Group Sharing: Experience your Lenten journey more fully by joining in a small faith sharing group that meets once a week during Lent. Since this is the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** we will offer **reflections on Mercy as** well as Sunday Lectionary based reflections. Call Coleen in the parish office for information or to sign up for a small group. Call 201-384-0557 or email Coleen@stmarysdumont.org.

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Lenten Giving Tree

Our parish will collect items for St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark. Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent. Tags are available the first weekend of Lent, February 13-14.

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Items Needed for St. John's, Newark

As the parish is aware, men and women from St. Mary's go to St. John's Parish in Newark on the second Friday of each month, which will be Feb. 12th this month, to prepare and to serve a noon meal. It is our way of serving the needs of those who are in desperate need.

Right now we are in need of new white socks and underwear for men. If you could donate one or two of the items above, please drop them off at the Parish Office.

We greatly appreciate your generosity.

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Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale



Orders will be taken for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. Order forms available in the rear of the church and at the parish office this weekend, Feb. 6-7 and must be submitted by February 28.

Pick-up dates will be March 19 & 20.



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

PACT Weekday Parent Meetings

Parents of weekday PACT families may attend either February meeting. Meetings begin with prayer in the upper church:

Monday 2/22 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 2/23 at 3:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat Team



Have you been practicing the *examen*? For those already confirmed who are helping with retreat, there is one more Sunday meeting on 2/21 after the 10:00 a.m. mass/before the 12 Noon mass. The retreat

is Saturday, 3/5.

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Knights of Columbus

Next Meeting – Monday February 15th at 8PM,
followed by a . . .

Lecture Event at 8:30 (approximately). Our guest speaker is Father Aziz of the Syrian Orthodox Church. He will speak on *The Plight of Christians in Syria* in light of ISIS and other threats. All parishioners of our parishes are invited to attend. Coffee and cake will be served afterward.

Save the Date! Filipino Night – Saturday March 5th from 7-11PM.

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? Email kofc1345rentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org.*

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Columbiettes of St. John's
Council #1345 - Fish Fry

The Columbiettes is having a Friday Fish Fry on Feb. 12th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at St. John's Council, 61 Armour Place, Dumont. Cost is \$15.00 adults and \$7.00 children (12 and under).

Dinner includes beer battered fried fish, French fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, kale salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea and dessert.

For reservations, please contact Nina at 201-338-2617 or email ninad70@aol.com by Feb. 9th.

Transfiguration Academy News

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Phone (201)384-3627

Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org

Thank you! Thanks to all of the many people who made Catholic Schools Week a success! It was truly a celebration of the outstanding work our teachers and staff do each day, the success our students experience while they are attending Transfiguration Academy and when they move on to secondary schools, as well as a testament to all our parents and the parishioners of our local parishes whose sacrifice is making a tremendous difference in the lives of our children.

A Paint/Wine Party, sponsored by the Home/School Association, will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 7:30 – 10:00 PM in Conlon Hall. Admission is \$25 per person and includes the canvas, paint, brushes and a glass of wine. Contact Ann at Ann@regallc.com or call the school office, 201-384-3627 for more information or to purchase tickets.

International Night

will be held on Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Come out and support Transfiguration Academy and enjoy an array of food and entertainment that represent the diverse population of our school and community. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children and seniors. Tickets are available at the school office. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please call 201-384-3627 for more information or to purchase tickets.

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Wedding Anniversary Liturgies



There will be special liturgies to be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark for couples celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of living the sacrament of marriage.

On April 24, 2016, couples who are celebrating their 5th or 25th wedding anniversary this year can go to a special liturgy at the cathedral to be held at 3:00 PM that day.

On May 1, 2016, couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year can gather at the cathedral for a Mass at 3:00 PM.

If you would like to participate in one of these liturgies, you need to come to the parish office and fill in a registration form so that they know the names and the number of those attending each liturgy.



Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

We've only just gotten past Christmas, but Lent is around the corner. How can we as a parish community prepare?

Join us for our Lenten Simple supper on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 6 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center of the school. The supper consists of soup, bread, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the kids.

The cost is simply a free-will offering which is donated to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. It is a good gather as a parish community as we begin our journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, the disciplines of Lent.

All are welcome, please call the parish office 201-384-0557, to let us know you are coming



COME JOIN US!

***St. Mary's Social Justice Committee Presents:
EVENING PRAYER AND 5 REFLECTION SESSIONS
ON THE WEDNESDAYS OF LENT***

Feb 10th - Intro of talks at the Simple Supper.

6:00 pm in the school cafeteria

**1. Feb 17th - "The Francis Effect" reflections on our Pope
and the Jubilee Year of Mercy.**

7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.

**2. Feb 24 - Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home —
What does this encyclical say and what does it mean for us?**

Presented by our very own Dr. Bill Mascitello.

7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.

3. Mar 2 - Haiti – presented by Fr. Jack Martin

7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.

**4. Mar 9 - Social Justice – How does one live it? Presented by Carol Fay,
chairperson of Religious Studies at the Academy of the Holy Angels**

7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.

**5. Mar 16 - "Power of the Individual:
The Spirit of One Can Change So Many?"**

7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.