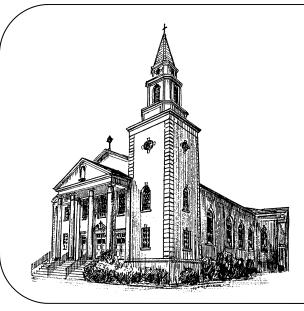
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent



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. 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/RCIA Dr. William J. Mascitello, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, Pastor

Mr. Rudy Asistin, Business Administrator Mr. Ed Kostka, Director Maintenance and Facilities

Katie Sylvester, Youth Ministry Ernesto Betancourt, Parish Seminarian Coleen Rugani, Receptionist Dory Weiss, Parish Secretary Mrs. Malu Canlas, Pastoral Council Chairperson Mrs. Janet Kaine, Parish Trustee Mr. Michael Daly, Parish Trustee

Parish e-mail: *info@stmarysdumont.org* Parish Website: *www.stmarysdumont.org*

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062 e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music: email: *music@stmarysdumont.org*

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.



Saturday Feb. 13 - Vigil 5:30PM Alice, George, and William Ramm Sunday Feb. 14 - First Sunday of Lent Maria Mircovico 8:00AM Kathleen Kilkelly 10:00AM Albamento and Rufina Bisquerra 12 Noon Monday Feb. 15 - Lenten Weekday Ludivina DeCastro 9:00AM Feb. 16 - Lenten Weekday Tuesday 7:00AM Fr. Ed Thompson 8:45AM Michael and Mary O'Neill Wednesday Feb. 17 - Lenten Weekday Intentions of Flordeliza de Guzman 7:00AM (Living) Fabian Banzil, Sr. 8:45AM Thursday Feb. 18 - Lenten Weekday Sophie Weaver 7:00AM Ivanica Telesmanich 8:45AM Friday Feb. 19 - Lenten Weekday John Daly and Margaret Cronin 7:00AM 8:45AM **Calub** Presas Saturday Feb. 20 - Lenten Weekday 8:30AM Joseph Johnson Rose Braganza Mary and Michael Martin 5:30PM Sunday Feb. 21 - Second Sunday of Lent 8:00AM **Edward Brennan** 10:00AM Irma Caputo Henry Yee

Special Intentions

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the special intentions of Stefano Piccinich on his 92nd birthday requested by Mattea and Robert Truppe.

In Loving Memory



12 Noon

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Josephine DeCristofaro requested by Mattea and Robert Truppe.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Josefino Magot,

Jr., Maria Ibay, and Leonardo Ebay requested by Lolita Magot.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Oscar Benvenuto and Kate Spedden.



Sunday – Feb. 14 10:15AM Kids RCIA SFC 11:00AM RCIA for Young Adults PJ23Rm PALAD's Venue World Marriage Valentine's Day

Monday - Feb. 15 After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC **President's Day**

Tuesday - Feb. 16 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 5:30PM Basketball SH 6:15PM Schola Choral Rehearsal School 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Wednesday - Feb. 17 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM Lenten Talk - "The Francis Effect" SFC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH 7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday - Feb. 18 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 1:00 Knitters & Crochetters FDVRm 7:00PM Bereavement Support Group MSRm 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Feb. 19 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – Feb. 20 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC Food Collection

Sunday – Feb. 21 7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark 8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School 10:15AM Kids RCIA SFC 11:00AM PACT Confirmation Retreat Team School 1:30PM Cub Scouts Award Ceremony SH 6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm Penitential Rite Candidate Food Collection

President's Day – February 15th

In observance of President's Day on Monday, Feb. 15th, the parish office will be closed. Please note that there will be only one Mass at 9:00 AM.

From the Pastor

As we enter into the holy season of Lent, we are reminded that the three pillars of a strong spiritual life are prayer, fasting, and the alms giving. As important as these are, there is much else each of us can do to enrich our spiritual lives during this Lenten season. To this end, the Archdiocese of Newark will host two spiritual conferences; one for women and another for men. The women's conference will be held on Saturday, February 27th and the men's conference will be held on Saturday, March 5th. Both conferences will be held at Seton Hall University and will be based on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. There is information about these conferences in the rear of Church. All are encouraged to attend.

Closer to home, on Monday evening, at 8:30 pm, February 15th, St. John's Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a special ecumenical event with a very special guest speaker, Fr. Aziz of Haworth's Syrian Orthodox Church. Fr. Aziz will speak on "The Plight of Christians in the Syria" in light of the ISIS and other threats. We need to realize that Christianity is under constant attack in many areas of the Middle East and the Syrian refugee crisis all too often overshadows the desperate situation for those of the Christian faith. All are invited to attend.

Lent invites each of us to examine our live, to acknowledge out faults and failures and to experience God's mercy. Let us see Lent as a gift; an opportunity to grow closer to God.

Fr. Carey

<u>The Apostles' Creed</u> During Lent and Easter

One of the options recommended by the Third Edition of the Roman Missal (The Order of Mass #19) is that during Lent/Easter Time the Apostle's Creed be recited rather than the Nicene Creed. The reason for this option is recommended is because of its close relationship with baptism. The Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises by the elect before they are baptized. It is also used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and by parents and godparents when bringing a child for baptism.

<u>2016 Lent</u>

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. **Tags are now available.**

Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent.

Crafts for Cancer

On the Sundays of Lent, our children from Liturgy of the Word with children will collect craft items. These items will be donated to Tomorrow's Children and Hackensack Medical Center.

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Lower Church using different meditations.

Lenten Penance Opportunities

- *Individual Confessions* are available Saturdays from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
- A *Communal Reconciliation Service* will be held at St. John's at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 19th we will participate along with Ascension parish.

<u>NJ Food Bank Work Morning</u>

Parishioners are invited to spend a morning at the NJ Community Food Bank in Hillside sorting food for distribution to food pantries throughout NJ. This will be on Saturday, March 19th, meeting at St. Mary's at 7:45 am and returning around noon.

Contact Deacon John at 201-387-6889 or email him at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org

to sign up or for more information.

Sign-ups must be in by March 15th

St. Mary's R.C. Church

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Our session date - February 18th. (The third Thursday of every month.)

All meetings are held in the Parish Office from 7:00 - 8:15 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office at 201-384-0557 or just walk in on any third Thursday.

Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir Alicia Newball..Anthony Hacket, Jr. Donald Dickson...Anthony Dunkin Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins...Bobby Dellner Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman Joshua M LaBazzetta...Aidan Nugent Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson Christopher Minayn...Christopher Cookson Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach Major David Christopher Pierson Charles Bennett...James Markert...Patrick Booth If you have a relative serving in the military, please call the parish office so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

<u>Pray for our Sick</u>

Peter Ramzi...John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea Joan Polis..Tom Phelan...Dona...Steven Martin Suzanne West..Donald Trainor...Kristi Carbonaro Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon Teagan Davis...John Dillon...George DiCostanzo James Hans...Peggy Dunshee...Rita Padrevito Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner Angelina Uvenio...Frank Uvenio Tom Jones...Ilene Levine...Jeryl Jacobi Pat Barclay...Theresa Giacalone...Marie Caldera

Rosary Linen Schedule for February

<u> Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale</u>



Order forms for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy are available in the rear of the church and at the parish office. All orders must be submitted by Sunday, February 28. Pick-up dates will be March 19 & 20.

Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you.

Thank you for your understanding.

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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Collection Feb. 06 - 07, 2016\$11,031.50Same Weekend 2015\$9,953.25

Treasure from our children: \$13.00

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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 helped mommy at supermarket." "I talked with parents about lesson." "I helped someone." "I said my prayers."

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<u>Stewardship Prayer</u>

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.

Offerings Still Available

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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



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.

First Communion Preparation



Tuesday First Communion Preparation sessions begin 3/1. <u>Banner kit</u> <u>assembly will be done on this day as</u> <u>well.</u>

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.

10 Bradley Avenue, Bergenfield Phone (201)384-3627 Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org

A **<u>Paint/Wine Party</u>**, 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. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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 represents the diverse population of our school and community. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (age 4-13) 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.

The school and school office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, February 15-16 for the President's Day weekend.

<u>Knights of Columbus</u>

 $\textbf{Next Meeting} - \textbf{Monday February 15}^{th} at 8 \textbf{PM}$

Pancake Breakfast - Valentine's Day - The Council will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 14th from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash browns, orange juice and coffee or tea. The cost is only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under the age of 12. This is a Council fund-raising event to help support our good works.

Call Ken at 1-516-220-9333 and make your reservation so we can plan adequate supply of food.

Lecture Event on Monday February 15th 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** will be on 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!

61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628 - Just off Prospect Avenue

Hall Renting & Catering - Planning a party soon? Email kofc1345rentals@gmail.com or check our website: www. kofc1345.org.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgies

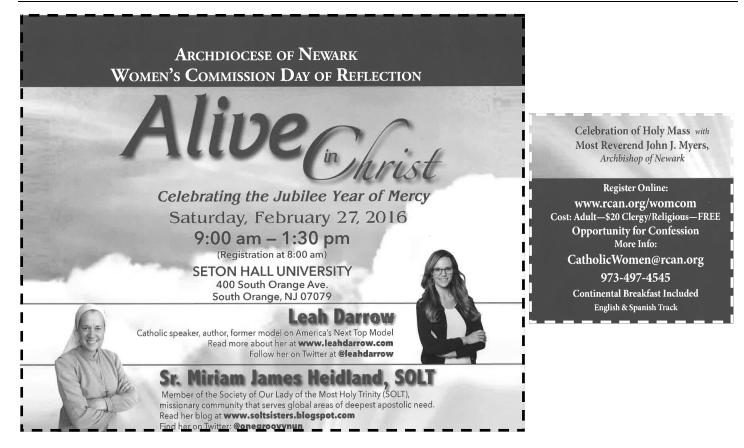
There will be special liturgies to be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark for couples celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of living the sacrament of marriage.

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.

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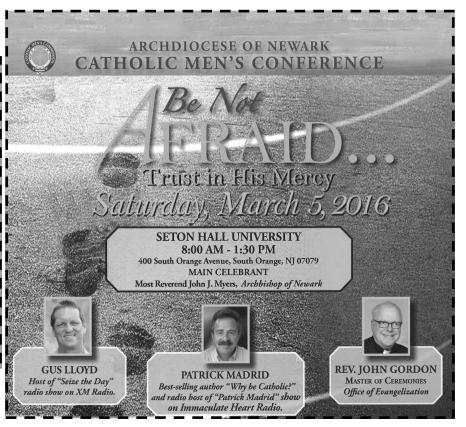


SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079 SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016 - 8:00 AM-1:30 PM REGISTER TODAY! Register online at www.rcanmenscommission.org or call us at 973-497-4545

SCHEDULE:

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration/Breakfast
9:00- 9:15 AM	Welcome Remarks & Opening Prayer
9:20-10:10 AM	First Talk
10:10-10:30 AM	Confessions/Fellowship/Exhibitors
10:35-11:20 AM	Second Talk
11:20-11:35 АМ	Confessions/Fellowship/Exhibitors
11:50-12:30 рм	Adoration
12:30- 1:30 РМ	Mass with Archbishop John J. Myers
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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.