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

# St. Mary's Church

**December 4, 2016** 

Second 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. Stephen A. Carey, Pastor

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

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

Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Coleen Rugani, *Receptionist* Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary* 

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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 the parish office.

#### 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** Dec. 3 - Vigil 5:30PM Mary C. Leonard

Sunday Dec. 4 - Second Sunday of

**Advent** 

8:00AM Amy and Bob Browning

10:00AM John J. Hecker

12 Noon Patrick and Katherine Pizzollo

Monday Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Luz Tubianosa 8:45AM Lucrecia Decepida

Tuesday Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Gloria Waters 8:45AM Jack Lambe

Wednesday Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose

7:00AM Gloria A. Waters 8:45AM Louis Cremeni

**Thursday** Dec. 8 - The Immaculate

**Conception of the Blessed** 

Virgin Mary

7:00AM Matthew and Mary Barry

8:45AM Amelita Bañez

7:30PM Michele (Michael) Perrone

Friday Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Mary Rose and James Leo McCarron

8:45AM Trinidad Franciledo

Saturday Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday

8:30AM Michael Walsh

5:30PM Johawa and James Joyce

**Sunday** Dec. 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00AM Peggy Keating 10:00AM Anna Berger 12 Noon Claudia Bagliere

# In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael and Glenn Flanagan requested by The Flanagan Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Patrick Pizzollo requested by Angela Harrison.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Rev. Donald McLaughlin, Joseph A. Loughney, and Adriana De Jesus.



# Sunday – Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting FDVRm

12:30PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Brunch Chez Madeleine

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm

Food Collection

Second Collection-Retirement Collection for the Religious

#### Monday - Dec. 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting PJ23

#### Tuesday – Dec. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal UC

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

#### Wednesday - Dec. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

#### Thursday - Dec. 8

### Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

1:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm

#### Friday - Dec. 9

10:00AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark 7:00PM Basketball

#### Saturday - Dec. 10

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

#### Sunday - Dec. 11

#### Third Sunday of Advent

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School 12:00PM Baptism UC

After 12:00pM Mass PALAD Meeting-Simbang Gabi FDVRm

After 12:00pM Mass Simbang Gabi Practice SH 1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

# From the Pastor

This week, the Church will celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this feast we profess our faith that through the power of God's love, Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope IX on December 8, 1854 and, since then; volumes have been written trying to explain this doctrine. Still, many Catholics still confuse the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary with the belief in the Virginal Conception and Birth of Jesus.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is vital to our faith in explaining how the Eternal Son of God could be born of the finite creature Mary; how the divine could come forth from the corporeal. But more than trying to understand the theology behind the doctrine, we must embrace the reality of God's plan of salvation and Mary's place in that eternal plan.

Mary did more than just say yes to the Angel Gabriel. She did more than just agree to give birth to a child. She willingly accepted whatever God wanted. In this, Mary is our model of faith. She calls us to do as she did. To say yes to God at every moment of our lives. To live out God's plan of salvation for us each and every day. Like Mary, we must believe that God is with us in all our times of trouble, in all the struggles we face, with all our doubts and fears.

Just as God chose Mary, God chooses us to be his children, to be followers of Mary's Son. God calls us to eternal salvation and like Mary, we are called to say yes.

# Fr. Carey

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Obligation



On Thursday, December 8 we Daving shall celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the day on which we which means, remember that Mary, being prepared as the Mother of God, was conceived

in the womb of St. Anne without any stain of original sin.

Our Masses that day are: 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM & 7:30 PM.

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Please join us for the 7:30 p.m. Mass in the Upper Church on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our main celebrant will be Fr. Jesus Messias Ramos, who many may remember from his days with us as a seminarian.

Following Mass we will have a social in the Spiritual **Formation Center** 

## Advent Penance Service - Dec. 19th

Let Every Heart Prepare—Advent Communal Penance Service. Join us with the parishes of St. John's and Ascension at 7:30 p.m. here at St. Mary's. This service will be a communal service with opportunity for individual confessions with priests of all parishes

# The Advent Giving Tree

To prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, please provide a gift for one of his needy children in the Dumont Department of



Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.. Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" located by St. Joseph, purchase the item indicated, attach the tag to the UNWRAPPED GIFT, and return the gift to the upper church in the weekend or parish office during the week. Deadline to return the gift is Thursday, Dec. 8th 

# **Retired Religious Collection**

This weekend, Dec. 3-4, we will have the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection. 

# Good Deeds for Baby Jesus

All children of the parish are invited to put a piece of straw in the crib for Baby Jesus each time they do a good deed, so Jesus will have a soft bed for Christmas! The crib will be in the fover of the church.

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# 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...Patrick Booth
Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford
James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman
Joshua M LaBazzetta...Aidan Nugent
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson
Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach
Major David Christopher Pierson
Charles Bennett...James Markert
Christopher Smaldone

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.

#### **Pray for Our Sick**

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Joan Polis Lyla McMahon...Joe Markert...Patricia Harrigan Tom Phelan..Hailey van Weathering..Pat Barclay Rita Crowley..Sandy Tolentino..Agnes Leonard Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner..Kathy R. Teagan Davis...George DiCostanzo...Lucy Buonarota Emily Del Vecchio...Dan and Jean Pope...James B. Wilberta Schreiber...Maureen Kostka...Dian Ang Peggy Dunshee.. Patricia Victory...Kristi Carbonaro Rob Lockett...Mary McGuire...Nikki Marinas Tina and Her Baby...Tricia Rankin...Riley Rose Rachel Revnolds...Mary Fitzgerald...Sean Haves Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Nick & Diane Kowatch Maureen Spulka...Richard King...Mary M. Evelvn Paulsen...Erin Pizzi...Thomas Folchi Jeffery Newman...Leo Newman...Stefano Piccinich 

# Rosary Linen Schedule for December

# Statue of St. Patrick

We have purchased a statue of St. Patrick which will be placed in our church (over by the Sacred Heart Mosaic). The cost of the statue was \$2,000. Donations to help cover the cost will be accepted at the rectory office. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the parish office or mail a check payable to St. Mary's to the parish office, just mark St. Patrick on the check. We will dedicate the statue at our annual St. Patrick's Mass in March.

#### **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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	<u> 2016</u>	<u> 2015</u>
Collection on Nov. 20 - 21	\$9,038.50	\$10,227.00
Collection on Nov. 26 - 27	\$9,675.00	\$ 9,074.25
Ruilding Fund	\$1,003,00	\$ 182100

Treasure from our children: \$24.00

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 vacuum my house and did the dishes."

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

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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.

# Mark Your Calendar - Dec. 16th



Simbang Gabi, a joyous event and eagerly awaited especially by the children of St. Mary's Church, is happening this year on Friday, December 16th at 7:00PM. We welcome any food or monetary

donations for the event. Please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 if you're willing to help. See the flyer in next week's bulletin.



# PACT/Religious Education Program

### Remember PACT - MAP

Mass Attendance Program has begun!

Sign-in books in vestibule

(the back of the upper church)



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Will you help me visit "the least of these who are members of my family" that Jesus spoke about...? There are children, families, women, and men who have had some pretty hard times this year...

I am continuing the work of Jesus.

I will need your help..."

Once again, the PACT/Religious Education office is collecting gifts for <u>OASIS Shelter for Women and Children</u> in Paterson. Won't you join us in our efforts to helping to provide for some of their needs? Bring items by Tuesday, 12/6 (St. Nicholas Day!)

A basic guideline is that a gift should be something your own child(ren) or nieces and nephews or grandchildren would need or like to have! These could include new clothing, sporting goods, handheld electronic devices, and gift certificate/cards. We need to deliver to Paterson early so please be generous and please be early! Cut out the St. Nick picture and attach it to the gift with tape.

Thank you and may we be guided by the example of Good St. Nick. For more information about him visit: www.stnicholascenter.org.



### St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

Our next meeting will be December 4th from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Youth Room!

If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list, please email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org. You can also follow us on twitter @stmarys\_jwalk.

# Transfiguration Academy

We thank the Home School Association, the Boys Scouts, and all who attended the Thanksgiving Dinner.

The students of Transfiguration Academy collected over 1,000 items for the St. John food pantry during the month of November. Pre-K 4A collected the most items, 188, and will be able to "dress down" for 2 school days.

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy 8th grade students who participated in the Queen of Peace Academic Games on November 19<sup>th</sup>. One team, the "Teen Tigers" finished in the top 5!

#### **Barnes & Noble Book Fair:**

On Saturday, December 10th all Transfiguration Academy friends and family are invited to join us at a Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at Riverside Square.

- Transfiguration Academy earns a % of all purchases – just give the cashier a voucher at checkout.
- Our students will be showcasing their artistic talent with live events on Saturday.
- We will have a school table staffed with Ambassadors on Saturday and hand out school literature

Use Book Fair ID Number: 11832391 at the store on December 10-11 or when you purchase on-line between December 10 – 16.

# Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:

• Call to pick up registration for a tour:

201-384-3627

Email:

principal@transfigurationacademy.org

• Visit our website:

#### transfigurationacademy.org

• Visit us on Facebook to experience how engaged our students and families are.

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.

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# Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets

We know we just completed the Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the <u>Christmas distri-</u> <u>bution</u> which will be on <u>Friday</u>, <u>De-</u> <u>cember 16th</u>.

Some items that we are in need of are:

Canned Fruit Canned Pasta, Cereal (Dry) Cranberry Sauce Peanut Butter Jelly Juice





We will especially need <u>turkeys and hams</u> 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.

# <u> Thank You - Food Pantry</u>

We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection. FAIRWAY MARKET for their contribution of 15 turkeys; Dumont HS Football Team, Honiss School, Lincoln School, the Girl



Scouts, Boy Scouts, and especially to all of our parishioners who continue to give so generously each month by bringing food. In addition, thank you for the monetary donations made which enables us to give Stop and Shop food certificates for perishables.

We were able to give out over 50 baskets to families who really expressed gratitude to our parish for being so caring.

We also would like to offer thanks to our town DPW who have assisted us in distribution of the baskets to the schools and the workers who assisted in filling the boxes. God Bless!

#### Anna Markert

## We Welcome the Newest Members of Our Parish Community

Collin James McDermott Colton Kristopher Pindulic Matthew William Sontag Adrian Philip Stabile



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We have a new program called Spiritual Adoption Program. Participants in the program pledge to pray daily for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her 'spiritual parents' many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save the baby (and the mother) from the harm of abortion.

You will find at the doors of the church spiritual adoption and prayer cards. Please take a prayer card and pray the ten-second prayer daily for your "adopted child". You are also encouraged to name your baby and give him or her identity.



# Offerings Still Available

#### **Bread & Wine:**

Jan. 8 & 29; Mar. 5 & 19; Apr. 9; May 14 & 21; June 4 & 11; Jul. 2 & 9; Aug. 6, 13, & 20; Sept. 3 & Sept. 17, & 24; Oct. 1 & 15; Nov. 5; Dec. 17.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp:**

Feb. 19; Mar. 12 & 19; May 7, 14 & 21; June 11; Jul. 9, 16, 23, & 30; Aug. 6, 13, & 20 & 27; Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 15, & 22; Nov. 19; Dec. 3 & 31.

### **Knights of Columbus**

**Keep Christ in Christmas**—To help support the Council's charitable works around Christmas, we will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for \$5 each after all masses at St. Mary's on December 3rd and 4th.

**Council Meeting**—There is a Council meeting Monday Dec. 5th at 8pm. (Members only)

**Adult Christmas Party**—Join us for this festive celebration December 10th from 7pm-11pm. This classic Christmas meal will be accompanied by great entertainment, good friends, and the Christmas Spirit as we ask all attendees to bring one <u>NEW UNWRAPPED TOY</u> for our annual TOY DRIVE as well as a <u>NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM</u> for our local FOOD DRIVE. We will also have an optional <u>GRAB BAG</u>. To participate bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20. Sit down dinner will feature salad, stuffed shells, turkey with fixings, dessert, and beverages. Live entertainment by PANORAMA MUSIC. \$40 per person, RSVP required. Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333, or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation.

**Children's Christmas Party**—Sunday December 11 from 2pm - 5pm. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation per person). DJ Lady J and her elves will be providing music and games. A complimentary snack of hot dogs, french fries, juice, and dessert will be provided. Cash bar for the adults. And if everyone is good, there may be a visit from someone VERY special who lives at the North Pole. RSVP required. Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333, or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation.

**New Year's Eve**—presented by the Twin-Boro Columbian Club. The party is on! December 31st 8pm-1am. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the Shadows After Dark band. Appetizers will consist of antipasto, stuffed mushrooms, bacon wrapped scallops, homemade mozzarella, and shrimp cocktail. Main course will be served buffet style consisting of lobster ravioli, beef brisket, shrimp scampi, and veal rollettini. All beverages, dessert, coffee, and tea also included. Only \$90 per person. Reservations and advance payment required. To make a reservation call or text 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com for further details.

Murder Mystery Dinner - Friday January 13th. Stay tuned for more details.

**Hall Renting & Catering -** Planning a party soon? Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187, email KofCRentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. The hall is available with or without catering.

# **Eagle Project Update**

Thank you to all who have supported my Eagle Scout Project in so many different ways. As I am nearing completion I will be holding one more fundraising bake sale next week after all masses and PACT. There will be different types of holiday goods at this sale to exhibit your support of St. Mary's Church and this project. Thank you again to all, hope to see you next week at the fundraisers and please stop by to take a look at the ramp next to Szelest Hall.

With thanks, Kyle Buchheister Troop 1345

\*\*SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. MICHAEL VIETRI, VIETRI CONSTRUCTION, FOR ALL HIS TIME AND SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT\*\*

# **Home for the Holiday Concert**

Elizabeth Synnott will be doing a **Holiday concert** on **Sat.**, **Dec. 10th at 7:30** at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 344 Washington Ave. here in Dumont. This is a concert for our community. benefitting **Dumont Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Dumont Social Services**, which helps families in need here in town. For reservation, email elizabethhfh.brownpapertickets.com or divabeth@yahoo.com. \$25 General Admission, kids 13 and under free with unwrapped toy donation.

# Christmas Craft Show

On Sunday, December 4th, St. Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.

www.saintjosephregional.org