

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church



Stained glass window Nativity Scene from the former St. Mary's convent chapel.

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Saturday	Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00PM	Gerard Reilly
6:30PM	Angelo Aviles
12:00AM	William O'Shea
Sunday	Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
8:00AM	Sister Joseph Cremin
10:00AM	Patrick Langford
12 Noon	William and Lorena Lo and Family (Living)
Monday	Dec. 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr
7:00AM	Bruce Yelle
8:45AM	Charlie and John McMorro
Tuesday	Dec. 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
7:00AM	Alfred H. O'Toole
8:45AM	Rose Farrell
Wednesday	Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
7:00AM	Cynthia Cambrola
8:45AM	Anna and James Hans, Sr.
Thursday	Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	David Kay
Friday	Dec. 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:00AM	Alicia K. Donohue
8:45AM	David George Kay
Saturday	Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30AM	James Hans
5:30PM	Ong Kim
Sunday	Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	James Hans
12 Noon	Angelina Luciano

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of William O'Shea requested by his wife and family.



Sunday – Dec. 25

Christmas Day

Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00Noon

Monday - Dec. 26

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday – Dec. 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Dec. 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

Thursday – Dec. 29

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 30

Solemnity of the Holy Family

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Saturday – Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary UC

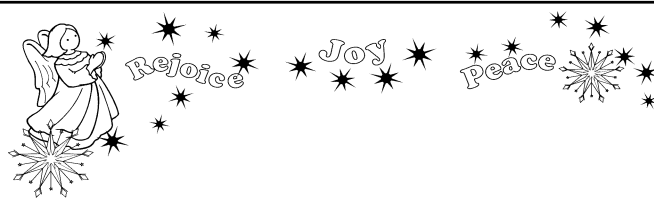
Sunday – Jan. 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

8:00 A.M. Sunday Mass **Time Change**

Starting Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 our Mass will **start** at **7:45 A.M.** instead of 8:00 A.M. Please make a note of this change.



MASSSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 1

7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon





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On behalf of all the priests and staff of St. Mary's, I wish you and all your loved ones the most joyous holiday seasons, the most holy of Christmas days and the true blessings of living in the wonder of the Incarnation of our God.

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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.

Monday, Dec. 26,  
Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 and  
Monday, Jan. 2, 2017



All Masses will be in the upper church until January 9th, Baptism of the Lord.

## ST. MARY'S

### ***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.*

We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2017. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557

### **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 Reynolds...Mary Fitzgerald...Sean Hayes  
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Nick & Diane Kowatch  
Maureen Spulka...Richard King...Frank Uvenio  
Evelyn Paulsen..Thomas Folchi...Mary M.  
Jeffrey Newman...Leo Newman...Stefano Piccinich  
Joan Mascarelli...Patrick Manley

## **Rosary Linen Schedule for December and January**

Dec. 25 Sue Schettino

**Revised January 2017 Schedule:**

|         |                 |         |                  |
|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| Jan. 1  | Mary Boyle      | Jan. 8  | Beverly Serafini |
| Jan. 15 | Catherine Kelly | Jan. 22 | Janet Kaine      |
| Jan. 29 | Diane Gerrity   |         |                  |

**DUMONT**



Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

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| <b>Our Parish Goal</b>        | \$649,793.00   |
| <b>To Date:</b> Dec. 19, 2016 |                |
| <b>Total Pledge</b>           | \$316,043.00   |
| <b>Total Amount Received</b>  | \$ 82,942.07** |
| <b>Number of Pledges</b>      | 154            |

Remember our plan is to use the **We Are Living Stones** proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- **New side doors of the church**
- **Elevator**

**\*\*We've reached our tithing goal of \$82,500.00!!!**

The portion to be shared is \$442.07 (total after Tithing goal) and the parish share is \$221.04. It's not too late to send in your pledge. The more you donate, the more share the parish will receive.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

**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. Just mark St. Patrick on the check. We will dedicate the statue at our annual St. Patrick's Mass in March.

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## Offerings Still Available

## Bread & Wine:

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

### Sanctuary Lamp:

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



***PACT/Religious Education  
Program***

***Remember our PACT – MAP***

Mass Attendance Program has begun!  
*Sign-in books in the vestibule  
(in the back of the upper church)*



## **St. Nicholas Project Update**



*St. Nicholas is on his way! We delivered our PACT-St. Nicholas project donations last Friday. The staff and clients are always grateful for the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's! For more information visit [oasisnj.org](http://oasisnj.org).*



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

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

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## Transfiguration Academy

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

The school and school office will be closed until Tuesday, January 3 for the Christmas recess.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627 or email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.



## ***Knights of Columbus***

**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 rollentine. All beverages, dessert, coffee, and tea also included. Only \$90 per person. Reservations and **advance payment required**. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. 516-220-9333 or email us at [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) for further details.

**Murder Mystery Dinner**—Friday, January 13th, 7pm-11pm. Come join us and local Dumont Teenage Actors for a fun evening of entertainment, accompanied by dinner and beverages. \$35 per person. For tickets call Willie C. at 201-951-9164.

**Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner Dance**—Please join us for this year's Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance being held on Saturday, January 28, 2017, 7-11 PM. This dance helps fund the Fr. Murray and our council scholarships. Our meal will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu, potato, and vegetable. Music and dancing for your enjoyment followed by dessert, coffee and tea. Beverages included. Cost of all is only \$35. Per person. To make a reservation

call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or  
email us at [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com)

**Corporate Communion**—There will be a Corporate Communion Sunday, January 29 at the 8:30am Mass at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly, NJ. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

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

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## Mark you Calendar

### **Hackensack Walk-in Shelter :**

***Jan. 11, 2017***

Our next trip to Hackensack Walk-in Shelter will be Wednesday, Jan. 11th.





## Blessing of a Christmas Crèche or Manger Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century representations of the nativity of the Lord were painted as wall decorations depicting not only the infancy narratives accounts of Christ's birth, but also the words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk taken to mean that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger.

*All make the sign of the Cross:*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord. All: Who made heaven and earth.

We are at the beginning of the days of Christmas. All through the season we will look on these images of sheep and cattle, of shepherds, of Mary and of Joseph and of Jesus.

Listen to the words of the Holy gospel according to Luke:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town and Joseph too went up for Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Then the Leader invites:*

Pray now for God's blessing as we look on these figures:

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

All make the sign of the cross.

Then Christmas Carols may be sung, such as Silent Night, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Away in a Manger, etc.

## ARE YOU REGISTERED?



*We wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy  
Happy New Year!*

**Anna Markert**

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## Patient Privacy Reminder

***PLEASE*** – save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble – **come to the rectory office and register!**

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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.

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The search is underway for  
Longest Married Couple in the U.S.  
Do you think you know who they are?  
Maybe it's your parents... grandparents...  
That nice couple who live down the street...

Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: [wwmelmc2017@gmail.com](mailto:wwmelmc2017@gmail.com)  
Nominations accepted until January 8, 2017.  
Winners will be announced February 2017 to celebrate World Marriage Day.  
Nominate a couple you know today!

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**The Scholarship Fund for  
Inner-City Children**

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools, will hold its 14th annual High School Basketball Festival on January 7 and 8, 2017 at Kean University in Union. The teams playing include St. Peter's Prep, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Seton Hall Prep, Mt. St. Dominic, St. Benedict's Prep, Union Catholic, St. Mary's, Don Bosco, Immaculate Conception, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph's Regional and Marist.

For complete game schedule, times, and information on ordering tickets, please visit [www.sfchoops.com](http://www.sfchoops.com) or call 973-497-4279.