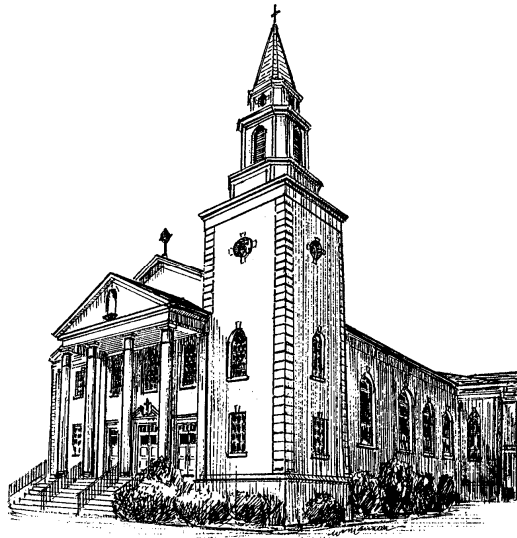


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 26, 2017

**Eighth 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 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*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Coleen Rugani, *Receptionist*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
Mrs. Mattea Truppe, *Pastoral Council Chairperson*
Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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Parish Website: www.stmarysdumont.org

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

Director of Music:
email: music@stmarysdumont.org

Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 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.

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557 Fax: 201-384-4986



Saturday	Feb. 25 - Vigil
5:30PM	Sr. Maureen O'Neill
Sunday	Feb. 26 - Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	John Ragone
12 Noon	Rufina and Albamento Bisquerra
Monday	Feb. 27 - Weekday
7:00AM	Gerard Reilly
8:45AM	John Kerner
Tuesday	Feb. 28 - Weekday
7:00AM	Eduardo Carretas
8:45AM	Leonardo Ibay
Wednesday	Mar. 1 - Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Rosario A. Guinto
8:45AM	Bridie McDonnell
3:30PM	Prayer Service
7:30PM	James Bolger
Thursday	Mar. 2 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Carmela DiLiberto
8:45AM	Peggy, John, and Rev. Dan Cronin
Friday	Mar. 3 - Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Gerard Reilly
8:45AM	Alfred Barone
Saturday	Mar. 4 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8:30AM	Anne O'Neill
5:30PM	Patrick O'Connor
Sunday	Mar. 5 - First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Norma O'Connor
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Todd Lostumbo

In Loving Memory



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

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Evelyn Paulsen.

Eucharistic Adoration - March 3rd



On Friday, March 3rd, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 AM Mass in the Lower Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 PM Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

Sunday – Feb. 26

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School
10:00AM-6:00PM Cub Scouts Set-up and Graduation SH
11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
Sending to Continuing Conversion

Monday - Feb. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session/Lent Parent Meeting UC/School
7:15PM Burning of Palms Rectory Garage

Tuesday – Feb. 28

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

Wednesday - March 1

Ash Wednesday

Masses: 7:00AM, 8:45AM, and 7:30PM
3:30PM Prayer Service
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Simple Supper Cafeteria
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
Collection-Archdiocesan Retired Priests

Thursday – March 2

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

Friday – March 3

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration.
Reposition starts 7:00PM LC
7:00PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – March 4

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
Call to Continuing Conversion

Sunday – March 5

10:00AM Mass Sending Rite of Election
1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm
6:30PM JWalk Stations of the Cross Practice UC

Ash Wednesday – March 1 **Mass Schedule**

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 God that we are committed to our 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

Ash Wednesday - March 1 **Simple Supper**



All parishioners are invited to begin our Lenten Season by joining together for a simple meal of soup and bread (peanut butter and jelly for kids) at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. A freewill offering will be taken to share with St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark.

Call the parish office to make a reservation.

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2017 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Lenten Giving Tree



the 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 available the first weekend of Lent, March 4-5. Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

Experience your Lenten journey more fully by joining a small faith sharing group that meets once a week during Lent using Lectionary based reflections. Call Coleen in the parish office, 201-384-0557 for information or to sign up for a small group. She will be happy to assist you in setting up and/or joining a small group. You may also email her: Coleen@stmarysdumont.org.

We Are Living Stones Update

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

Our Parish Goal	\$649,793.00
To Date: Feb. 21, 2017	
Total Pledge	\$316,393.00
Total Amount Received	\$ 96,362.33**
Number of Pledges	156

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**

****Our tithing goal of \$82,500.00 have been reached !!!**

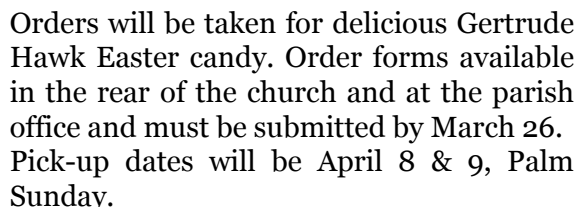
The portion to be shared is \$13,862.33 (total after Tithing goal) and the parish share is \$6,931.17. It's not too late to send in your pledge. The more you donate, the more share the parish will receive. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

Altar & Rosary San Alfonso Retreat:
March 31 - April 2

Theme: *Walking in the Dark,
Living in the Light*

The cost of this year's retreat is \$210. This includes two nights in a private room, six meals, Mass each day, opportunity for reconciliation; stations of the cross, conferences, and rituals. A little free time is provided on Saturday afternoon. There is usually a movie shown on Friday night; and our group always plans a nice get-together on Saturday with snacks and beverages. On Sunday morning, there is a presentation of certificates and pins to retreatants who have reached certain milestones. This year we will once again have several women receiving recognition.

San Alfonso is located in Long Branch, NJ, right on the shoreline. Since Hurricane Sandy, they have rebuilt their boardwalk and gazebo-the property is quite beautiful and very peaceful; and the view of the ocean always spectacular. There is a lovely chapel and a nice dining room where drinks and cookies are available 24/7. The gift shop is open several times during the weekend and offers some very nice religious items.



If you would like to join us this year, a deposit check for \$50 should be made out to San Alfonso Retreat House. Please bring the check to the Parish Office by March 7th or mail to Wendy Lawrence at 95 Depew St., Dumont, NJ, 07628. If you have any questions, please call Wendy at 201-385-7593.



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



For WEEKDAY PACT Program parents.
Attend either meeting:
Monday, 2/27 at 7:00 p.m. or
Tuesday, 2/28 at 3:30 p.m.

First Communion Preparation Sessions begin Tuesday, March 7th. Parents received the schedule at the parent meeting. For more information, call us at (201) 384-3062.

The Confirmation Candidate Retreat is Saturday, March 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

<The *Peer Retreat Team* arrives 30 minutes prior.>
Parents and sponsors join the candidates at 4:00 p.m.

Candidates will attend the 5:30 p.m. mass together.

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Bread & Wine:


Mar. 5 & 19; Apr. 9; May 21; Jul. 2; Aug. 6, 13, & 20;
Sept. 17 & 24; Oct. 1 & 15; Dec. 17.

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

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The 2018 Mass book will be opened on Tuesday, March 14th.

The Stations
of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross

Starting Sunday, March 5, JWalk will be starting practices for the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday. We will practice on the Sundays of Lent from 6:30-8:30pm in the church. Any interested high schoolers can email youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.

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.

International Night – Come and enjoy an evening of international food and entertainment on Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (4-13) and senior citizens and are extremely limited. Tickets must be purchased by March 6 and will not be available at the door. Please contact the school office for more information and tickets.

Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge – Catholic schools from Deanery 3 participated in the annual Catholic Challenge hosted by Transfiguration Academy on February 8th. Students representing Transfiguration Academy, the Academy of St. Therese of Lisieux (Cresskill), St. Joseph (Oradell), St. Peter Academy (River Edge), and the Academy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Tenafly) answered questions about the Catholic faith. The winners were:

First Place: Arielle Maravilla,

The Academy of St. Therese of Lisieux

Second Place: Cynthia Jacob,

Transfiguration Academy

Third Place: Tracy John,

Transfiguration Academy

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy student Hans Victor Sto. Tomas, a member of Cub Scout Pack 139, who was awarded the Parvuli Dei religious Cub Scout emblem by Cardinal Tobin at a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, February 12.

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

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.”

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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.*

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**Columbiette Fish Fry**—The Columbiettes will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday March 10th from 6pm to 8pm (doors open at 5pm) consisting of tossed green salad, cole slaw, Italian bread, macaroni and cheese, baked fish with lemon butter sauce, fried fish, dessert, coffee, and tea. Cash bar will be available. Price is \$15 per person, children 12 and under \$9, children 3 and under free. RSVP REQUIRED. To make a reservation call Nina D. at 201-338-2617 or email [ninad70@aol.com](mailto:ninad70@aol.com).

*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.

**Irish Night**—Join us for one of our most popular events on Saturday March 25th from 7pm-11pm. The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of a Cheese Platter, Corned Beef, Potatoes, and homemade Scones. Coffee, tea, and beverages are included. Live Entertainment by Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. All for \$35 per person. RSVP REQUIRED. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

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If you're looking for First Communion items, visit St. Francis Gift Shop. They have a wide variety of selections and much more.

Your patronage supports their infirm sisters.

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**Council Scholarships**—The applications and eligibility rules for 8th Graders attending a Catholic High School in September and for High School Seniors attending a 4 year College or University in September are available on the Council website [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a member in good standing for at least one year. Children and grandchildren of deceased members remain eligible. Completed applications are due April 30th.

## 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.

All events are held at the Council Hall located at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ unless otherwise noted.



## St. Mary's Church

### Handicapped Ramp into Szelest Hall

The ramp leads into Szelest Hall, which makes the entire first floor of the school building handicapped accessible. This ramp was the Eagle Scout Project of Kyle Buchheister of Troop 1345.



Shown in the picture (left to right) blessing of the ramp is Fr. Stephen Carey, Pastor of St. Mary's, Edrik Bautista, Christopher Boratgis, Kyle Buchheister, Mike Vietri, a parishioner who volunteered his time and expertise in seeing this project to completion, Deacon John, and Fr. Pat. The blessing took place on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

Pictured are representatives from the Boy Scouts, Mike Vietri, Kyle's mom Maureen, Kyle, and his dad Gary Buchheister, (in the wheelchair) who was the first person to use the ramp.

