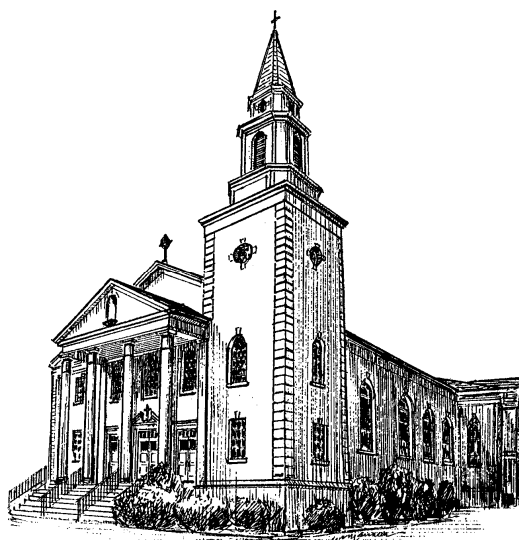


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*  
***St. Mary's Church***

***March 26, 2017***

***Fourth 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. 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*

Parish e-mail: [info@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org)  
Parish Website: [www.stmarysdumont.org](http://www.stmarysdumont.org)

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062  
e-mail: [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@stmarysdumont.org)

Director of Music:  
email: [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto: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





<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 25 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Lori Dalmacio (Living)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	John Ragone
12 Noon	Rosica Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 27 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Anne Coleman
8:45AM	Marie McMahon
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 28 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Celerino Orpilla
8:45AM	Daly Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 29 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Ed Kostka
8:45AM	David "Tim" Wagner
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 30 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Bob Kenter (Living)
8:45AM	Rose Bove
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 31 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Patrick Lynch
8:45AM	Edward Nacinovich
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 1 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Ed Kostka
5:30PM	Peter Ascione
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Peggy and Tim Keating
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Rodolfo Val Laya (Living)

### *In Loving Memory*



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God are given in memory of the Rosica Family.

### **2017 Offerings Still Available**

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

May 21; Aug. 6, 13, & 20; Sept. 17; Oct. 15.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp:**

Jul. 16 & 30; Aug. 6, 13, & 27; Sept. 24.

### **Lenten Penance Service**

A Lenten Penance Service will be held at St. John's in Bergenfield at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 1. We will participate along with Ascension parish.



#### **Sunday – Mar. 26**

8:30AM PACT Saints Session/ACRE 5th & 8th  
Grades LC/School

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

2:30PM-6:00PM CFC-FFL Seminar (Mitch) SFC

6:30PM JWalk Stations of the Cross Practice UC

Second Scrutiny

Food Collection

Altar & Rosary Easter Candy Orders Deadline

#### **Monday - Mar. 27**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session / Confession  
UC/School

7:30PM Faith Sharing Group (Tess) FDVRm

#### **Tuesday – Mar. 28**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session / Confession  
UC/School

6:30PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal School

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

#### **Wednesday - March 29**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

7:30PM Social Justice Speaker Hugh Carolla SFC

#### **Thursday – March 30**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

#### **Friday – March 31**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

#### **Saturday – April 1**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

8:45AM-Noon FHC Retreat / Morning with Jesus  
Church/School

10:00AM Faith Sharing Group ( Lorena) FDVRm

1:00PM Lenten Penance Service at St. John's  
Bergenfield

Sale of Palm Crosses by the Youth Group

#### **Sunday – April 2**

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

2:30PM-6:00PM CFC-FFL Seminar (Mitch) SFC

6:30PM JWalk Stations of the Cross Practice UC

Angels/Saints Make-up

Third Scrutiny

Sale of Palm Crosses by the Youth Group



## From the Pastor

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Last month, our parish kicked off this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, "Sharing God's Blessing." For those of you who got to watch the video, you know that this appeal is an important part of the Archdiocese annual budget funding many important ministries including Catholic education, seminary education, and Catholic charities.

Each parish is assigned a goal for participation in this appeal which is based on regular collection income. Because our parish is still working towards our goal for the Living Stones Capital Campaign which began last year, St. Mary's Appeal goal was reduced from \$57,000 to \$30,600. In the past month, we have received several pledges for the Annual Appeal but we are still a long way from reaching our goal. Once our goal is reached, half of what is collected will be returned to St. Mary's.

I understand that many parishioners have chosen not to participate in this year's Annual Appeal because they are still working on fulfilling their pledges to the Capital Campaign. Because we have already reached our initial goal for the Capital Campaign, half of what is collected is coming back to our parish.

Some parishioners have chosen to make a pledge or a donation directly to St. Mary's recently established "Elevator Fund." All funds returned to St. Mary's from either the Capital Campaign or the Annual Appeal will go directly into this Elevator Fund. The cost for an elevator that will serve both the upper and lower churches is approximately \$300,000. I am sure that you agree that a church elevator is essential to the future of St. Mary's and with your help, I am certain that it will soon be a reality.

**Fr. Carey**

### **Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale** **Last Day to Place Orders - Mar. 26th**

Orders will be taken for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. Order forms available in the rear of the church and at the parish office and must be submitted by March 26.

Pick-up dates will be April 8 & 9, Palm Sunday.

### **2017 Lent**

#### **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.

### **Help Needed:** **Church Cleaning Volunteers**

Can you help us out? Our Church cleaning volunteers are in need of some help.

The current group has been dutifully cleaning our church (polishing the brass, cleaning the wax, dusting the sanctuary and foyer, etc for many years). As the saying goes they aren't getting any younger!

They are in need of some help on Friday mornings following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. While talking to them about this, they were saying that while they enjoy what they have been doing, they are finding it harder and harder to physically do the work.

Without giving up any confidences, their average age is 80! So they are in need of some younger blood to help them.

So, if you are available on Friday mornings after the 8:45 a.m. Mass for about an hour or so, please call the parish office and we will put you in touch with Nancy Florio who heads this group.

### **Social Justice Speaker**

Join us on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center as Hugh Carola from Hackensack RIVERKEEPER offers a reflection on Laudato Si and how it calls us to care for the environment.





## **Food Pantry -** **Easter Baskets**

This weekend is our food collection weekend for our Easter Baskets. If you could bring one or two items between now and when we distribute the baskets on Friday, April 7th to the parish office, we will be able to fill the baskets. Some of the items that we are in need of are listed below. If you can also donate a **turkey** or **ham** to this distribution, it would be greatly appreciated.

***We have enough canned soup,  
canned vegetables, canned  
beans, mac & cheese, cake mix,  
stuffing, and pasta.***



## Oatmeal Cereal

**Gravy:**  
Chicken  
Beef  
Turkey

## Laundry Dish

Shampoo  
Conditioner

## Toiletries

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Joan Polis  
Hailey van Weathering. .Pat Barclay.. Teagan Davis  
Rita Crowley.. Sandy Tolentino.. Wilberta Schreiber  
George DiCostanzo..Emily Del Vecchio..Sean Hayes  
Maureen Kostka...Frank Uvenio...Peter Dondero  
Jeffrey Newman...Leo Newman...Stefano Piccinich  
Patrick Manley...Margaret Strauss...Mallary Zwiren  
Eileen and Marcus Flaherty...Kristi Carbonaro  
Brian Gallagher...Lyla McMahon...Sheila Corrigan  
Tom Phelan...Diane Kowatch...Kathy R...Lauren Z.  
Yunzhi Ye...William, Rosemarie, Mildred Dellner  
Joan B...Baby Addison Vigos...Richard King...Lena  
Joseph and Betty Anne Kuprel...Colleen...Mabel  
Nina and Giuseppe Calamita...Mary McDonald

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### **Rosary Linen Schedule for the Months of March and April**

Mar. 26	Kathy Mullins	Apr. 2	Eileen Maloney
Apr. 9	Janet Kaine	Apr. 16	Diane Gerrity
Apr. 23	Mary Daly	Apr. 30	Eleanor King

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### Atlantic City Trip

The Dumont Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 28th. The price is \$26.00. The bus will be leaving from the Senior Center at 9:00am. Please be aware it depends upon the weather (weather permitting). Call Loretta at 201-385-2026 or Donna at 201-387-5040.

If you know of any one who would be in need of a basket, please let the parish office know at 201-384-0557. All information will be kept confidential. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help our brethren in need. Thank you and God Bless.





## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***



## **First Holy Communion Preparation**

A big “Thank You” to the parents who assembled the banner kits for our candidates for First Communion. Our *Morning With Jesus* is Saturday, 4/1... Please pray for the candidates who will be receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, for their families, and for our entire parish family as we prepare to welcome them to the table of the Lord this Easter season.

### Confirmation Preparation


Congratulations to our candidates who attended the Confirmation Retreat, and have committed to continue their preparation for the *Sacrament of Confirmation*.

Preparation sessions begin Monday,  
April 17<sup>th</sup>



## CRS Rice Bowls



 Have you seen the special calendar enclosed inside the Rice Bowl with daily thoughts and suggestions? The reverse of the calendar also has recipe ideas... You can download the Rice Bowl app at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/about/app>

**PACT – Mass Attendance Program**

Only a few more weeks of signing-in at mass for the 2016-17 PACT-MAP program year.



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

Practice dates for JWalk's Stations of the Cross for Good Friday are March 26, April 2 and 9 from 6:30-8:30pm in the church. Any interested high schoolers can email [youthmin@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:youthmin@stmarysdumont.org).



The Youth Group are selling only palm crosses on April 1-2 after all the Masses and on April 8-9 they will be selling palm crosses and Easter flowers as well after all the Masses.



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



**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 on March 18 - 19	\$ 9,568.00
Snow Removal	\$ 2,033.00
Same Weekend 2016	\$12,404.50
Snow Removal	\$ 1,733.00
Treasure from our children: \$24.00	

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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 someone." "I said my prayers."***  
***"I talked with parents about lesson."***  
***"I put my tooth fairy money in the rice bowl."***

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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.

**Academy of the Holy Angels** will be hosting a series of Admission Events for prospective students and parents. Families interested in learning about the advantages of a private, Catholic education and unique opportunities available at Academy of the Holy Angels are encouraged to attend our **6th Grade Sneak Peek, Coffee and Conversation**, or **Spring Open House**! For more information or to register please visit: <https://www.holyangels.org/admissions/admissions-calendar>.

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.



**Transfiguration Academy**

**Council Meeting and Lecture**—There is a Council Meeting on Monday, April 3rd at 8pm (Members only). At approximately 8:30pm we will open the Council to the public for a lecture from Carol Banacki, on The History of Camp Merritt, with some consideration of the Catholic presence at the camp. She is a long-time teacher and historian in the Bergenfield-Cresskill-Dumont area.

**Council Lenten Dinner**—The Council will be hosting its final Lenten Dinner on Friday, April 7 from 6pm to 8pm (doors open at 5pm). Detailed menu to follow. **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).

**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.

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

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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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 30, 2017, couples who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year can go to a special liturgy at the cathedral to be held at 3:00 PM that day.

On May 7, 2017, couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.***

**Congratulations!** Transfiguration had 5 basketball teams represented in the league finals. All 3 girls' teams took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' teams won the championship for their respective divisions. The Academy thanks Athletic Director Craig Von der Osten, the entire coaching staff, the parents, and all of the players for a successful season.

**Tuition Raffle:** Do you or someone you know have tuition bills to pay? Buy a raffle ticket— you could win a prize to help pay that tuition bill. First prize is \$2500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$1500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$1000 – payable to any accredited school/institution of the winner's choice. Each ticket is \$5 and can be purchased at the school office during school hours.

**TIGER FOR A DAY** - Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. On April 10th and 11th, your child has an opportunity to experience Transfiguration Academy firsthand by being a “Tiger for a Day.”

Students in grades K – 8 can spend one of those two days at Transfiguration Academy when the local public schools are closed for the spring break. Each student visitor will be partnered with a student ambassador from the Academy, attend all classes for his or her grade level, receive a complimentary lunch and take home a small gift in remembrance of their “Tiger for a Day” experience. Attendees will get to meet and interact with our students and faculty on a one-to-one basis.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school,

email: [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or  
call (201)384-3627

Please visit our  
website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and  
follow us on Facebook.

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The Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George is having a Veni Si Amas Vocation Retreat for Single Catholic Women ages 17-30 to be held at their provincial house in Alton, IL on the weekend of **April 21-23** (Divine Mercy Weekend). It will be a weekend of prayer and discernment.

For more information or to register, visit:  
[www.altonfranciscans.org/events](http://www.altonfranciscans.org/events)