

HOLY WEEK 2018



Monday, March 26: Mass at 7:00 and 8:45 am

Chrism Mass at 8:00 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. At this liturgy the Sacred Oils used in our Sacramental life will be blessed and distributed to all parishes. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to call the Parish Office and we will carpool.

Tuesday, March 27, Wednesday March 28: Mass at 7:00 & 8:45 am

We will decorate the church for Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm on Tuesday March 27.

THE TRIDUUM 2018



Holy Thursday, March 29

According to the Church's ancient tradition there is one liturgy in each community on this day. That liturgy is celebrated in the evening. The whole parish assembles, its various groups gathered as one church, to enter as one community into the first movement of the Easter Triduum.

- **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7:30 pm in the upper church. Immediately following Mass everyone is invited to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Visitation of Churches:** In keeping with an old tradition, following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper we will visit three churches in the area. Anyone wishing to join this group is asked to meet in the parking lot immediately following Mass, we will carpool. We will return to St. Mary's for **Night Prayer at 11:00 pm** in the church.

Good Friday, March 30



On this day when Christ became our paschal sacrifice, the Church reflects on the Passion of our Lord Jesus, adores his cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world. In accordance with ancient tradition the Church does not celebrate Mass on this day, but celebrates the Lord's Passion.

- **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 am in the church
- **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** at 3:00 pm. This liturgy is a continuation of the one begun Holy Thursday. During this celebration we commemorate our Lord's Passion, we pray for the needs of the world, and we venerate the cross.
- **Scriptural Stations of the Cross** at 7:30 pm Upper Church. This is a word and song service of about one hour. It is ideal for those who are not able to attend the 3:00 pm service or those who want to participate in a very prayerful, scriptural way of the cross. It will be led by the youth of our parish.

Holy Saturday, March 31

- **Morning Prayer** with preparation rites for our elect, Scherman at 9:00 am.

- **Blessing of Easter Food** will take place following Morning Prayer. Families wishing to have food blessed are asked to bring a basket of food to church on Holy Saturday morning.

- **Decoration of the church** immediately following Morning Prayer.
- **Easter Vigil 8:15 pm** – *We gather this night to continue our celebration from Thursday and Friday. Just as our faith, thanks to Christ's resurrection, is made strong enough to keep us awake and watchful, so by our Easter Vigil, let us make this night blaze with light. We join with our elect: Scherman as he is initiated into our Catholic Faith.*



~~*~*~*~*~*~* **Easter Sunday, April 1** *~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Masses at 7:45 am, 10 am, and 12 noon

Salubong (Filipino devotion which reenacts the encounter of the risen Christ with his sorrowing mother) will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

St. Mary's Parish 2018 Lenten Calendar

Pray, Fast, Give



Our preparation for Easter is both baptismal and penitential. Lent is a forty-day retreat for our spiritual lives. Every Lent we come back to our baptism. We struggle with the hard questions we were asked: Do you reject Satan? Do you believe in God? Do you believe in the Church? We emphasize once again the three lifelong disciplines that are a part of every Christian life: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We prepare individually and as a community for the great paschal celebration, the Triduum. This year we pray for and with our Elect, Scherman Wright, as he undergoes final preparations for his Baptism at the Easter Vigil. We gather to be shaped by the Gospel, to be drawn into the great stories of our heritage, to celebrate the rites of penitence, to witness the transformation of the Elect and experience our own conversion.

St. Mary's Social Justice Committee

3rd Annual Coffee House and Mardi Gras Celebration
Friday February 9th. See center for more information.

Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale

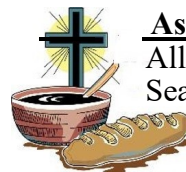
Orders will be taken for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. Order forms available in the rear of the church and at the parish office and must be submitted by February 27. Pick up will be Palm Sunday, March 24-25.

Burning of Palm

Monday, February 12 at 7:15 pm by the Rectory Garage.

Ash Wednesday – February 14

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.



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper February 14

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.

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday through Friday at 7:00 and 8:45 am.

Saturday at 8:30 am.

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 in Bergenfield at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 3.
- PACT Families, watch your email for PACT penance dates and times.

Novenas & Prayer

Our Lady of Perpetual Help – every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the lower church.

Miraculous Medal - Saturdays at the 8:30 am mass.

Divine Mercy Novena - March 30 - April 6. Novena will be prayed after 8:45 am Mass on April 2– 6, Saturday, April 7 following 8:30 am mass. On Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday the novena will be prayed in the Spiritual Formation Center. Watch the bulletin for time and place.

Eucharistic Adoration



Friday March 2 - Eucharistic Adoration in the lower church following the 8:45 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross

- We will celebrate the *Stations of the Cross* in the lower church all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm using different meditations. On Good Friday, March 30, we will have a communal, scriptural celebration of the Way of the Cross at 7:30 pm in the upper church, led by the youth of our parish.
- There will also be baskets in the upper and lower churches that will contain various *Way of the Cross* books. We encourage you to make a visit at any time during the week, do the Stations, and return the book to the basket. The lower church is open Monday through Friday until 3:30 pm and on Saturday until 5:30 pm. (Use the door closest to the parish office to enter the lower church.) The upper church is open on Saturdays from 4 pm until 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 7 am. until 1:30 pm.

Personal Lenten Reflections

Materials are available at the doors of the church and in the vestibule for adults and children to aid us in our Lenten prayer and reflections. Take them for yourself and your family.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

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

Family Sharing: PACT families have been given the CRS Rice Bowl materials for use at home and additional family handouts. Copies of these materials are available in our Religious Education Office.

Feast Days

Our annual **St. Patrick's celebration** will be held on Sunday, March 11 at the 10:00 am Mass. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing and bagpipes.



Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on Monday, March 19. In addition to our usual daily mass schedule of 7 and 8:45 a.m. we will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 pm followed by a social featuring St. Joseph's bread and pastries in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Archdiocesan Faith Events

March 3: "Alive in Christ Reviving Our Families."

Day of reflection sponsored by the Women's Commission at Seton Hall University. Cost is \$25. Featured speakers are: **Hallie Lord**, the author of *On the Other Side of Fear: How I Found Peace*, co-founder of the Edel Gathering, and host of Hallie Weekly on SiriusXM's The Catholic Channel. **Gloria Purvis**, the creator of Authentically Free at Last show and host of Morning Glory radio show, both on EWTN, and editor of African American Catholic Youth Bible. **Brittany Harrison, FMS**, a contributor to the Catholic Hipsters Handbook. She is a frequent guest on Relevant Radio's Morning Air Show and The Drew Mariani Show. She is also actively involved as Campus Minister, Theology Department Chair, and Educational Technology Program Coordinator. She is a Salesian Sister at Mary Help of Christians Academy in Haledon, New Jersey. The Spanish track will feature **Kathia Arango** and **Ylma R. Acevedo**. For further information about the Spanish track and to register go to: <http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission> or call 973-497-4545. **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin** will be the celebrant for the closing Mass.

March 10: "Be Not Afraid...The Victory is Christ's" Men's Catholic Conference at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Speaker for the English track will be Guy Lombardi, Jr, Quarterback Coach for the New Orleans Saints. Speakers for both the Spanish and English Tracks are Jessie Romero, a bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, and Hector Molina one of the most dynamic and sought after bilingual Catholic speakers and evangelists in the country. **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin** will be the main celebrant at the closing Mass. For more information or to register online go to www.NJCatholicMen.org. Cost \$25.

Social Outreach

One of the disciplines of Lent involves "alms giving" or helping those in need. There are many opportunities for social outreach in our parish community. **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. Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent. Tags are available the first weekend of Lent.

Feeding the Hungry:

Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen— On Sunday, February 18 and Sunday March 18, PALAD will feed the homeless at the shelter in Newark. Everyone is welcome to join this effort. For further information call Mitch Carretas (201) 384-3894 or Malu Canlas (201) 387-9140.

St. John's Parish in Newark – On Friday, March 9, a group of our parishioners will go to feed the hungry. As always we also bring white socks with us as well. Call the parish office for further information.



NJ Food Bank Work Morning - Saturday, March 10, join us for a few hours of work at the NJ Food bank in Hillside, NJ. We will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 7:45 am and return by 12 noon. Call Deacon John Sylvester at 201-387-6889 or email him at DeaconJohn@stmarysdumont.org by March 5 to sign up or for more information.

Monthly Food Collection - February 17 & 18 and March 10 & 11. Your generosity through gifts of food and money help to keep our food pantry stocked and will enable us to make baskets to distribute to local needy families for Easter. Easter food baskets will be distributed on Friday, March 23rd.

CRS Rice Bowl



In addition to being given to PACT families, rice bowls are available in the church. Not containers for our "spare change," these bowls are to help our children to understand that as they make sacrifices, they can help others. Participation in the Rice Bowl program is very important as *Catholic Relief Services* continues to work to aid those affected by disasters around the world. 25% of what is collected stays right here in our archdiocese. To find out more visit <http://orb.crs.org>.

Eco-Palms

One half of our usual palm order is Eco-Palms. By purchasing Eco-Palms for our Palm Sunday celebration we play a role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in the harvesting communities.



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.



J-Walk -- Easter Flower and Palm Cross Sale

Our Youth group will be selling Palm Crosses on the weekend of March 17 & 18. Easter flowers will be sold on the weekend of March 24 and 25 along with remaining palm crosses.

St. Mary's Social Justice Committee Presents:

The 3rd Annual Coffee House Social

Join us for Music & a Mardi Gras Celebration

Friday, February 9, 2018
7:30 PM, Spiritual Formation Center
280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628

Performances by:

~ ST. MARY'S CHOIR ~

~ ONTHEWINGS ~
& others

Sing along to popular songs

Mardi Gras Refreshments / BYOB

Suggested Donation \$10

For more information call: 201-384-0557
deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org - <http://stmarysdumont.org>



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February 24-28

*Instead of giving something
up for Lent this year, why
not "do something?" Join us
at our Parish Mission*

given by

FR. BRUCE LEWANDOWSKI, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Bruce is a Redemptorist priest (the same order as Cardinal Tobin) and the pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Baltimore, Maryland.

Fr. Bruce will preach at all the masses the weekend of February 24-25. He will also offer a reflection on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (Feb. 26-28) at 7:30 pm in the Church.