

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

March 11, 2018

**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**

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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.



Saturday	March 10 - Vigil
5:30PM	Michael McCormack
Sunday	March 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Marie Longariello
10:00AM	Raymond Crowe
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	March 12 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Michael King
8:45AM	Nellie Fanahann Joyce
Tuesday	March 13 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Kathleen Boyd
8:45AM	Nabil Abou Daoud
Wednesday	March 14 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Nick Vietri
8:45AM	Edward Berger
Thursday	March 15 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Hugh Galagher
8:45AM	John McCann
Friday	March 16 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Thomas McCormick
8:45AM	Dennis Daly Sr.
Saturday	March 17 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Margaret Keane
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	March 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Kathleen and Frank McMorrow
10:00AM	Patrick O'Connor
12 Noon	Hernando Villamil

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Martin and Rose Bertolini requested by their family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dennis Guyre Sr. requested by Margaret and Robert Kenter.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Valerio S. Gaddi, Sr., Joseph Coll, and Patrick McDermott.

Peter's Pence Collection

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



Sunday – March 11

10:00AM Mass St. Patrick. Social to Follow SH
 4:00PM-6:00PM Youth Lenten Group YRm
 6:30PM-8:30PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC
 Second Scrutiny
 Food Collection
 Second Collection - Peter's Pence
 Soda Bread Sale after All Masses UC (Also after 10:00AM Mass in SH)
 Daylight Savings Time

Monday - March 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00PM RCIA Catechetical Session MSRm
 7:00PM PACT Angels Session/ACRE 8th Grade UC/School
 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting PJ23Rm

Tuesday – March 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 3:30PM PACT Angels Session/ACRE 5th Grade UC/School

Wednesday - March 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
 7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – March 15

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

Friday – March 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:00PM Basketball SH
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross LC

Saturday – March 17

St. Patrick's Day
 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
 10:00AM Faith Sharing Group (Lorena) FDVRm
 After 5:30PM Mass Youth Group Palm Cross Sale

Sunday – March 18

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark
 8:30AM PACT Angels Session/ACRE 5th & 8th Grades LC/School
 2:30PM CFC-FFL Christian Life Seminar (Mitch)SFC
 4:00PM-6:00PM Youth Lenten Group YRm
 6:30PM-8:30PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC
 Third Scrutiny
 After All Masses Youth Group Palm Cross Sale

From the Pastor

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His official feast day is not until next Saturday, but this weekend, we will celebrate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. While it is true that, in this country, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day has become more than the celebration of a 5th century bishop and has instead become a celebration of all things Irish, it is important to remember who St. Patrick was and how he worked to establish the Catholic faith in Ireland.

Details about Patrick life are extremely limited but from the two writings he left, we know that he was born in Britain and at the age of 16 was captured by Irish raiders who took him to Ireland where he lived in captivity for 6 years. As Patrick states in his "Confession," it was during this captivity that he experienced a spiritual awaken that led him, after his escape, to return to Ireland as missionary.

Early medieval tradition credits St. Patrick with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland and while evidence indicates that he was not the first missionary to bring Christianity to Ireland he certainly worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel and is honored for his efforts to convert all Ireland.

As we remember how hard St. Patrick worked to spread the Gospel in Ireland, we must remember that, as followers of Christ, we are called to continue his work. In our families, in our workplaces and in our community, we are all called to witness the Good News of Salvation and proclaim our faith in Christ.

Fr. Carey

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 the church or parish office before the end of Lent.

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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.

Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th



St. Joseph's Day
Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on Monday, March 19. In addition to our usual daily Mass schedule of 7:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., we will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 p.m. followed by a social featuring St. Joseph's bread and pastries in the Spiritual Formation Center. Please call the parish office if you're planning to attend the social so we can plan accordingly.

Liturgy Notes—What is a Scrutiny?

RCIA Update – Over the past few weeks and over the next few, we have seen and will see an increase in the intensity of the RCIA rituals. This is only fitting, since Lent is the period of final, prayerful preparation for our candidates and for the elect (the unbaptized). I would like to ask your prayers for our candidates and our elect.

This year Scherman is our Elect – preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Nicholas Taylor and Becky Cabrera are candidates preparing for completion of their initiation through Eucharist and Confirmation in the weeks following Easter.

Last weekend we begin to celebrate the Scrutinies for Scherman, our Elect. Just the word scrutiny gives a glimpse of the ritual's meaning. The elect (those preparing for baptism) are asked to scrutinize their lives and see where they are weak in the journey to baptism and where they are strong. Keep in mind there is a definite presence of evil in the world. If Scherman is journeying toward baptism, might there not be a force trying to keep him from getting there? The scrutinies are three rituals of self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. They are celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are meant to uncover then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out and strengthen all that is good. They are reinforced by an exorcism and are meant to protect the elect against sin and Satan, and to protect them against temptation and to give them strength. We will celebrate the scrutinies at the 5:30 Mass with Scherman, our elect. But ideally, it is a time for all of us to reflect on how we need to be strengthened – in what ways do we thirst? How are we blind? How can we be brought to new life and begin again? As we pray for Scherman we are also to pray for ourselves.

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...John Oppici
 Bobby Dellner...Patrick Booth...Jaelon Magat
 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...Brian Manley
 Christopher Smaldone...Sean Flanagan

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
 Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan
 Diane Kowatch...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis...RC
 Rita Crowley...Sandy Tolentino...Wilberta Schreiber
 George DiCostanzo...Sean Hayes...Kyla Carney
 Peter Dondero...Richard King...Phyllis Keefe
 Betty Anne Kuprel...Nina Calamita...Joan Toupin
 Fr. Pat W. Donohue...Larry Rivera...Teresita Ariola
 Diane Mariconti..Anthony Montagnino..Joel Rivera
 Jennifer Samson...Kristi Carbonaro...Kathy R.
 Ali McMahon...Mary Cannon...Rosemary Ray
 Patricia Tetro...Michael Curran...John R

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Rosary Linen Schedule for March

Mar. 11 Sue Schettino
 Mar. 18 Madelyn Kerner
 Mar. 25 Kathy Mullins

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Altar-Rosary Easter Candy

Gertrude Hawk Easter candy order pick-up dates will be March 24 & 25, Palm Sunday, at the school library after all Masses .

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2018 Offerings Available

Bread & Wine:

Aug. 5 & 12; Sept. 2 & 30; Oct. 14; Nov. 18.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Jul 8 & 15; Sept. 2, & 23; Dec. 2.

Food Pantry Easter Basket

This weekend, March 10 - 11, is our food collection weekend for our Easter Baskets, which will be distributed on Friday, March 23rd. We will be using the same list of items as in our monthly collection. This time if you can also donate a turkey or ham to this distribution, it would be greatly appreciated and help our brethren in need.. You can drop off your donation at the church or at the parish office during the week.



Ham/Turkey



Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pancake Mix and Syrup

Cold Cereal

Jell-O and Pudding

Dry Packaged Soup
Dry Milk

Ketchup

Bar of Soap
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent

Toothpaste
Shampoo

Paper Towel
Toilet Paper

Please Note: We have plenty of canned vegetables, soup, and pasta.

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. Thank you and God Bless.



Save the Date

St. Mary's Church

Cinco de Mayo Dinner Dance

Saturday, May 5th
6:30 PM
Szelest Hall



PACT/Religious Education Program

Lenten Sunday PACT



Special thanks to Mary Auriti and our catechists who facilitated our *Lenten Lapbook* special project. Everyone loved this activity. We created our own lapbooks which provide an opportunity to be mindful of *these days of Lenten Journey*. (Pictured here is Beth Miloscia.)

Confirmation Interviews



Please call or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org if you need to schedule a brief candidate-staff member interview.

Confirmation Retreat Team Wrap-up

Sunday, March 18 after the 10:00 a.m. mass in the school library/choir room next to the Religious Education Office. We will be done in time for the 12 Noon mass.

PACT-MAP Mass Attendance Program

Remember that sign-in books for our PACT-MAP program are located in the back vestibule of the upper church. To be part of this special incentive program, PACT students should sign in every time they attend mass at the Saturday evening vigil or Sunday morning.



Call Me By Your Name

A Lenten Afternoon of Reflection including Mass for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics and their loved ones.

When: Sunday March 18, 1:30-6:00

Where: San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ

Facilitated by Rev. Francis Gargani, C.SS.R.

All are welcome!

To reserve a space or for more information, please contact 908 822 5895 or email: SacredHeartIGI@gmail.com

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: March 5, 2018

Total Pledge \$308,376.00

Total Amount Received \$182,788.81

Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$100,288.81 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$50,144.41**.

Remember our plan is to use the **We Are Living Stones** proceeds to build an **Elevator** inside the church.

St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

The youth group will start preparing for the living stations prayer service that they lead on Good Friday evening. Any high schoolers who like to participate are invited.

Our practices will be on:

Sunday, March 11th

Sunday, March 18th

Sunday, March 25th



All practices will be from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Upper Church.

Anyone who is interested should email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org.



Our youth group will be selling palm crosses after all the Masses next weekend.

Calling Cornerstone Alumni.

Join us for a morning of reflection Saturday April 14th from 9:30 am until 12 noon in the Spiritual Formation Center.

Fr Donald Sheehan will join us to offer the reflection.

This a wonderful opportunity for all of to come together, to catch up with one another and reflect on where our journey has taken us since Cornerstone. Just call the parish office at 201-384-0557 and let us know you can come!



High School Honor Roll Recognition

Some of the Catholic high schools send us a list of students of our graduates who earn honor roll status. The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement.

Paramus Catholic High School: Principal's List: Kenneth Calle, Raymond Meagher, A. Blaise Rossmann, Jeffrey Tharakan. 1st Honors: Lilliana Alava, Lucia Castaneda, Julianne Robert. 2nd Honors: Joseph Abriam, Justine Abriam, Andrew Cadiente, Robert Cajucom, Catherine Gallagher, M. Jude Rossmann

Academy of the Holy Angels: Principal's list: Mary Haws. Honor Roll: Haram Kim, Shae Baker-Lobo.

Upcoming events open to the public (please contact the Academy for more information):

Thu, Mar 22: Poetry Night @ 7:00 p.m. in Conlon Hall

Poetry Night in Transfiguration is a celebration of the different expressions of a person. It showcases the inner beauty of oneself through words, song, dance, or any form/ medium the person wishes to use. This year's Poetry Night entitled "Psalms: Songs of the Soul" brings to life the different talents of Elocution, Dance, and Hymns. Let this night be a celebration of the joy of finding God in our lives and nourishing our souls.

Tue, Mar 27: Science Fair from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Conlon Hall

Students in the 6th through 8th grades will present an array of different experiments in scientific topics including biology, medicine, astronomy, and physics, to name a few. A unique factor in our science fair is the judging of projects by outside scientists from surrounding elementary and high schools as well as colleges. Students in the 1st through 5th grades are also given the opportunity to participate but are not judged.

Mon, Apr 2 through Fri, Apr 6: Easter Camp from 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m for children ages 4 and up. The cost is \$190 per child with sibling discount available. Some of the activities include outdoor playground fun, indoor sports and games, storytelling, reading, movies, interactive games, arts and crafts, music and dance, & daily prayer. The registration deadline is Mar 23.

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 3 - 4	\$10,868.00
Same Weekend 2017	\$10,643.00

Treasure from our children: \$25.00

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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."

"Feeding my pets."

"I got a snack for mom & dad."

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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.

TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY CONT'D.

Do you want to learn more? Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 though 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. We also have a video: <https://youtu.be/I2bF37YBpbs>

Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgies

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. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The dates are as follows:

April 29, 2018 3:00 PM
 5 years and 25 years (All counties)
May 6, 2018 3:00 PM
 50 years (All counties)

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.

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Spring Craft Show/Sale

On Sunday, March 18, Saint Joseph Regional H. S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Spring Craft Show/Sale from 10 am until 4:00 p.m., showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists including many new crafters. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.** www.sjrnj.org.



The poster features a black and white illustration of a stage setup with spotlights. The text reads:

**St. John's Council
Columbiettes #1345
PRESENTS**

**A "LENTEN" "SPUD"
TACULAR EVENT**

**GIANT POTATO BAR
WITH ALL THE "MEATLESS"
FIXINS!
TONS OF TOPPINGS TO CHOOSE FROM**

Soup, salad, beverage & dessert also included, cash bar available

**Friday, March 16, 2018
6:00pm - 8:00pm
\$15.00 per person
(\$7.00 children 10 and under)**

**Knights of Columbus Hall
61 Armour Place
Dumont, NJ**

**For reservations call Nina at 201-338-2617 or
email NinaD70@aol.com or labetti250@optonline.net.**

Don't be a COUCH Potato  **Load up your Spud!**



Knights of Columbus

Children's Easter Egg Hunt—Sunday March 18th from 2pm - 5pm. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation per person). DJ Lady J and her bunnies will be providing music, an Easter Egg Hunt, and other fun games for the children. A complimentary snack of burgers, french fries, juice, and dessert will be provided. Cash bar for the adults. RSVP required.

Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333, or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Irish Night - Saturday March 24, 2018 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, Cabbage, Potatoes, and homemade scones. Coffee, tea, and beverages are included. Live entertainment by Frankie and the Currans. \$35 per person. **RSVP REQUIRED** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events - Special Children's Dinner Dance featuring "The R&B Show" April 14, Wine & Beer tasting April 28th Stay tuned for more details.

Hall Renting & Catering

If you are planning a party for a special occasion please call now to save the date. Call Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, email TBCCrntals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. The hall is available with or without catering.