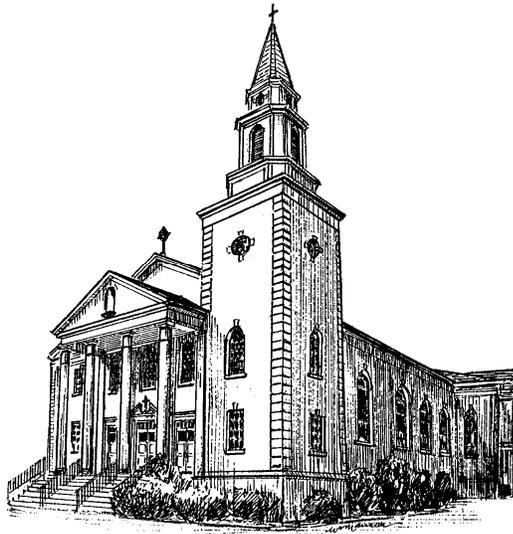


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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 McMorro
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
 5:30PM Basketball SH
 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
 7:30PM Finance Meeting FDVRm
 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

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 Crocheters 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



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 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



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 though 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.

