



St. Mary's Parish

Lent 2021

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, Ashley Munoz as she undergoes final preparations for 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.

PRAYER

Ash Wednesday – February 17th

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. YOU MUST RESERVE A SPACE IN CHURCH IF YOU WISH TO COME TO THESE SERVICES. Email us at contactus@stmarysdumont.org.

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday through Friday at 7:00 am and 8:45 am.
Saturday at 8:30 am.

Lenten Penance Opportunities

• *Individual Confessions* are available Saturdays from 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm.

Novenas & Prayer

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

Divine Mercy Novena - April 2-11. Novena will be prayed after 8:45 am Mass on April 5– 9, Saturday, April 10 following 8:30 am mass. The novena will end on Sunday, April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday. On Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday the novena can be prayed at home.



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 5 - Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration from 6 – 7 p.m. At 6 pm the Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary. Reposition service begins at 7 p.m.



Stations of the Cross

We will celebrate the *Stations of the Cross* in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm using different meditations. On Good Friday, April 2, the youth of our parish will lead us in the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm in the upper church.

- The upper church is open Monday through Friday until 2 pm on Saturday until 5:30 pm, and Sunday until 1:30 pm. Use the door closest to the parish office to enter the upper church.

Faith Sharing Groups for Lent

We will offer material for weekly faith sharing groups-- to be done virtually. If you would like to run a virtual group, using Zoom or some other platform, please let the parish office know and we will send you materials to use for these Lectionary based reflections. Call 201-384-0557 or email info@stmarysdumont.org.

PACT/Religious Education

Check your e-mail for a link to view the virtual PACT Parent Lent 2021 Meeting that was held last week. We are encouraging Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through virtual resources and parish-based events. Virtual links include child and family resources to help us renew and deepen our relationship with our merciful Lord as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery this Holy Week and Easter.

Feast Days

St. Joseph – March 19th. Masses will be at 7 am, 8:45 am and 7:30 pm.

Palm Sunday

Masses at 5:30 on Saturday, Sunday at 7:45 am, 10 am and 12 noon. As with all our Masses on Sunday Reservations are required.

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.

Virtual Lenten Giving Tree - Our parish will collect Gift Cards from CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Target, and Shoprite for St. Clare’s Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark and Oasis Center for Women and Children in Paterson. Please purchase gift cards and bring to the parish office weekdays from 9 am – 5 pm any time during Lent or drop in the collection in the church.

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>

St Mary's Food Pantry



As you prepare for Easter, please consider continually donating to the St. Mary's Food Pantry. Please drop non-perishable food items at St. Mary's rectory Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any Mass. Items most currently needed are listed below.

Our next drive through food donation will be on Saturday, March 20 from 10 am to 12 noon. The Easter distribution will be on Saturday, March 27. More information will be forthcoming.

PLEASE remember to check the dates on your items. Outdated items cannot be distributed. If you or anyone you know needs a bag or two of groceries, please call St. Mary's Parish Office between 9 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday at 201-384-0557. Nights and weekends please call the emergency number at 201-696-2819.

Items Most Needed: Peanut butter and jelly, syrup, bisquick, canned tuna or other meat/fish, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese, rice dishes, condiments, individually wrapped or packs of 4 rolls of toilet paper, paper towels (individually wrapped or not) and tissues.

Please remember that the need for food donations never ceases.

REMINDERS OF THE LENTEN SEASON

J-Walk -- Palm Cross Sale

Our youth group will be selling palm crosses again this year. We ask that everyone place their order for palm crosses in advance and we will have a drive-through pickup like the grave blankets and wreaths to distribute this year. An order form will be sent with more information.

Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale

Orders will be taken on-line for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy Pick up will be Saturday, Sunday, March 27 by the Rectory Garage. Watch the bulletin and weekly email blast for more information. The link for placing an order can be found by clicking here:

https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organization_id/119856/seller_id/5

If you cannot order on –line there will be some flyers in the parish office, for you to submit a paper order. You will need to fill it out and return it to the parish office by March 1st.

HOLY WEEK 2021

Monday, March 29: 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

Tuesday, March 30, Wednesday March 31: Mass at 7:00 & 8:45 am

THE TRIDUUM 2021

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, reservations are required for all the celebrations of the Triduum.

Holy Thursday, April 1

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. **(Reservation is required)**
- **Night Prayer at 11:00 pm** in the church.

Good Friday, April 2

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. **(Reservation is required)**
- **Scriptural Stations of the Cross** at 7:30 pm in the upper church. This will be a word and song service. 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. **(Reservation is required)**

Holy Saturday, April 3

- **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 am in the church with preparation rites for our elect, Ashley Munoz.
- **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.
- **Easter Vigil 8:00 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: Ashley Munoz as she is initiated into our Catholic Faith.* **(Reservation is required)**

Easter Sunday, April 4

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