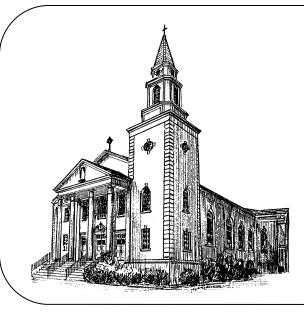
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

March 21, 2021 Fifth 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. Thomas Pendrick, 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/RCIA
Dr. William J. Mascitello, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics
Mr. John Weiss, Business Administrator
Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Dory Weiss, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee* Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

Parish e-mail: info@stmarysdumont.org Parish Website: www.stmarysdumont.org

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Director of Music: email: *music@stmarysdumont.org*

Mass Reservation email: contactus@stmarysdumont.org

Online giving: WeShare stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.

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, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper 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 20 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St.Mary's
Sunday	March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Vincent DiCostanzo
10:00AM	Kazimir Telesmanich
12 Noon	Mary Filingeri
Monday	March 22 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Leonor Canlas
8:45AM	Kay Ramm (Living)
Tuesday	March 23 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Maureen Kostka
8:45AM	Aldo Luciano
Wednesday	March 24 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	John and Madelyn Kerner
8:45AM	Kay Ramm (Living)
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In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Bill Ramm requested by Kay Ramm.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Salvatore Sciarrino requested by Pat and Joe Criscuolo.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Peter Roignant and Meikel Henry Manaog.

Sunday Mass Reservations

It is **<u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>** to sign up before coming to church on Sundays.

Call us at 201-384-0557 or Email at contactus@stmarysdumont.org

before 5:00pm on Fridays to make reservations.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, RESERVATION IS REQUIRED for ALL the Celebrations**

Palm Sunday Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** (Palm to be distributed at all Masses) Saturday, March 27 – 5:30 PM Sunday, March 28 – 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

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The Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 1** 7:30 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 2 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer 3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** 7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross**

Holy Saturday – April 3 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer with Preparation Rites for our Elect

8:00 PM – Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection**

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Easter Schedule

Easter Sunday – April 4** Masses at 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

<u>Stations of the Cross</u>

The Stations of the Cross We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Upper Church. Each week we will do the stations using a different meditation format (socially

distanced of course!). These include: Mary's Way of the Cross, Everyone's Way of the Cross, Stations of the Cross for Hope and Stations of the Cross for Healing. All are welcome to join us. We will also live stream this event for those who cannot come in person! The following are the links:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC7NxECIobJtklmwXnT_iPbw</u>

<u>https://www.facebook.com</u>/St. Mary'sChurch, Dumont, NJ

Please join with us in prayer.

If you want to follow along, we are also posting the meditations each week next to the bulletin and Sunday worship aid on our parish website.

MARCH 21, 2021



We entered into the sacred season of Lent way back on Ash Wednesday and now Easter is only two weeks away. When we began this Lent, many of us made a commitment to engage in some special penance, to give up some special food of behavior, or, perhaps we had decided to participate is some special spiritual exercise. Each of us made some commitment to making this Lent special so that we would be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

Well, how are we doing? Are we still committed to making this Lent special or have we given up? Have we persevered in our Lenten commitments or have they, like our New Year's resolutions, been quickly abandoned? Maybe we never even started our Lenten commitments because we knew that it was doomed to failure.

It's not too late to start and if we tried and failed, it's not too late to start again. We don't need an Ash Wednesday or a January 1st, to start making changes for the better. We don't need some special day to tell us now is the time to make a commitment to get closer to God. We don't need a calendar to dictate our spiritual life. All we need is the desire to change and realization that we can do nothing without God's help. If we are willing to make the effort, we can make these last two weeks of Lent really count.

It does not matter how many times we have tried before. This Lent is an invitation to the ongoing work of conversion. Conversion is a lifetime journey; a journey we do not make alone. Our God is with us each step of the way; always ready to give us another chance to know Him, another chance to receive His mercy, another chance to experience His infinite love.

Fr. Carey

Upcoming Events:

<u>Saturday, March 27,</u> Drive thru Pick-up by Rectory Garages

1. 10:00am-12:00pm

Easter Food Basket Distribution

2. 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Altar & Rosary Easter Candy and J-Walk Palm Cross

Stewardship Reflection

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." -Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

<u>Prayer Of The Faithful</u>

That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

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)

 Collection March 13 - 14, 2021
 \$5,593.00

 Weekly On Line Giving
 1,059.00

 Total
 \$6,652.00

You can make a donation online, using the link **stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.**

We deeply appreciate the continued love and support you give to St. Mary's.



Catholic Stewardship in Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have **\$15,317.00** already **pledged** from **63 families** as of March 15, 2021.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?

If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available at the doors of the church or you can visit **www.rcan.org/sharing**.

Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

2021 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine

Apr. 11; May 9; Jun. 6; Jul. 4 & 11; Oct. 17; Nov. 14 Sanctuary Lamp May 2; Aug. 29; Oct. 24; Nov. 14



PACT/Religious Education Proaram

Ongoing PACT/Religious Education

Hopefully parents have had the opportunity to continue to work at home together with their submit Religious Education children and assignments through the online access portal. Our schedule indicates that we are two thirds through with our work at home for this 2020-21 year! Please continue to do your best for the remainder of the vear, and e-mail or call us with any issues you are experiencing with the online portal.

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion virtual Zoom preparation sessions begin tomorrow (Monday 3/22) at 7:00 p.m. check your e-mail for the link to join this session.

Confirmation 2021 Preparation

Confirmation virtual Zoom preparation sessions begin Monday, 3/29 at 7:00 p.m. These sessions are for candidates who will celebrate Confirmation at the



end of May this year. Check your e-mail for links to the session and more information.

PACT/Religious Education - update your **Contact Information**



If you are a part of St. Mary's Religious *Education program* and need to update e -mail addresses, phone numbers, or other contact information call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at

religioused@stmarvsdumont.org. . * ~ * ~ * ~ * ~ * ~ * ~

Lenten Giving Tree

Every year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we helped 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. Due to the pandemic, in place of purchasing different items, they are requesting gift cards from:

Visa, Walgreen, Target, Wal-Mart and ShopRite.

You can also make a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift cards. Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree to the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm or to the collection boxes during Lent.

Serving in the Military

John Eckel III..Jaelon Magat..Sean Flanagan Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...Steve Sullivan Christopher Smaldone...James Francis Ward Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner Anthony Dunkin...Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner John Murray

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Scott Tkacz James Carney...Michael Curran...Hector Montero Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Cris Kelly George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...John Weiss, Sr. Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas Nancy Caggiano...Joseph Pierre-Antoine Eric Granada..Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz..SSND Wilton Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco... Frank Uvenio Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner... Ed DeFreese...Frank Martin...Joseph Vaccaro Diane Lang...Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito Fred Herman...Tina Fortalesa

Food Pantry Thank you!



Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary's and other neighbors who participated in our spring drive through Tesus food donation that was held on Saturday, March 20, 2021. It was a huge

success. Not only were we able to pack groceries for our Easter distribution, but we also restocked the pantry for our April and May distributions. Look out for information on our summer drive through donation which will be in June.

However, if you are able, please do not wait for the next drive through event to donate. Non-perishable food items are continuously needed and can be dropped at the St. Mary's rectory Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 and 5. Items most needed are listed below.

Hams and turkeys can still be dropped off at the rectory between the hours of 9 and 5, Monday -Friday until Thursday, March 25.

If you or anyone you know are in need food, please call the St. Mary's emergency line at 201-696-2819.

We wish you and your family a blessed Easter season!

The St. Mary's Food Pantry Volunteer

Items Most Needed: canned fruit and potatoes, pasta sauce, syrup, bisquick, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, rice dishes, canned meats, individually wrapped or packs of 4 rolls of toilet paper, paper towels (individually wrapped or not), tissues, size 5 baby diapers, cereal.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

