

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

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#### *Mass Schedule*

**Saturday eve:** 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
**Holydays (except Saturday):**  
6:30 am, 9:00 am, 7:30 pm  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 am & 8:45 am  
**Saturday:** 8:30 am  
**Holiday:** 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

#### *Sacrament of Penance*

**Saturday:** 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Private confessions at any time. Please call rectory.

#### *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!

#### *Religious Devotions*

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Saturday following 8:30 am Mass

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 20, 2010**



**Happy Father's Day**

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**Transfiguration Academy:**

**Lower School: 201-384-3627**

**Upper School: 201-836-7074**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, Dumont, celebrate with Our Lady of the Assumption our life in Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, anointed at our Baptism and united in the Eucharist, we answer God's call to discipleship. We do this by proclaiming God's word, gathering to praise and thank the Lord, being a welcoming community and serving the needs of all God's people. We strive to live the Gospel message, as we share God's love with all people. We recognize and find strength in our diversity as we rejoice in our unity as the Body of Christ.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 19 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Donna Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 20 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	William O'Shea
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Deceased Members of the Rosica Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga</b>
7:00AM	Jose and Benita Manzano Robles
8:45AM	Tony Stecco
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 22 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Josephine Cordero (Living)
8:45AM	Dorothy Barcellona
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 23 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Samuel Donna
8:45AM	Fred Eisler
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>
7:00AM	Eileen Waters
8:45AM	Patrick Henderson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 25 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Daniel Maye
8:45AM	Napoleon and Concepcion Serafica
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 26 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Valerio and Maricar Laya
5:30PM	Daniel Maye
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 27 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	June Miloscia
12 Noon	James O'Shea Sr.

### In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of John Hecker requested by his family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Amando Dimarucot requested by the Asistin family

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Frank Messina.

### Pray for our Sick

If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the rectory office – 201-384-0557. We will put their names on the sick list once again and continue our prayer for them. If you want their name to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let us know that as well.

Peter Ramzi..Marie Woehrl..Margherita Bonaldo..Maureen G..John R. Ann Youngsworth..Debra Portillo..Marie McDermott..Barbara Fawcett Woke Family..Pat O'Connor..Alicia McMahon..Mary M..Eileen O'Leary Ann O'Neil..Anthony Matarazzo..Ben Zangoglia..Maria Cruz Frank Farrell..Genevive DeVirgiliis..Bob Jackson..Robert Conboy Carolina Aspiras..Peter Post..Larry Frisby..Carlos Cunha..Hyde Family Carl Cavera..Carole Chittenden..Lorraine Mooney..Donna Gonzalez Helen Griffin..Raul Rodriguez..Kristine Campbell..Vienna Schaper Helen Donnelley..Kelly Markowski

### Summer Office Hours

Beginning Friday, July 2, the parish office will close at 4:00 PM on the Fridays of July and August. We ask parishioners to make a note of this change. If you normally would need to get keys, etc., at the rectory after 4:00 PM on a Friday, please know that you will have to come earlier during July and August.

### The following offerings are still available:

Bread and Wine - July 18 & 25; Aug. 8, 22, & 29.  
Sanctuary Lamp - July 11, 18 & 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

*This Week*

### Sunday – June 20

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen  
Food Collection

### Father's Day

### Monday – June 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

### Tuesday – June 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
9:30AM Parents Group B05  
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH

### Wednesday - June 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC  
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – June 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
7:30PM Baptism Class School Library  
7:30PM-9:00PM Ballroom Dancing SH

### Friday – June 25

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
6:00PM-9:00PM Basketball SH  
7:30PM Rosary for Peace LC  
7:30PM-9:00PM Yoga School's Basement

### Saturday – June 26

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

### Sunday – June 27

### Best wishes to all of our fathers!



This Sunday, June 20, our nation honors the men of our nation who are fathers, who guide and guard the families entrusted to their care. We pray for the fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers and godfathers of St. Mary's on this day. For all that you do to unite, strengthen and support your families – we pray that the Lord will bless and guide you. We ask the intercession of St. Joseph, the good and faithful servant, who was given the responsibility for the care and protection of the family of Nazareth. May his example of faithful love and care be a model for all of the fathers of St. Mary's!

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting

Our next meeting for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will take place this Monday, June 21, at 7:30 PM, in the rectory. We will discuss the details for the parish Block Party on Aug. 15.

### Habitat for Humanity & St. Mary's

We have another date for working with *Habitat for Humanity*. That date is **Saturday, July 24**. We would be working in Garfield once again on a residence for teen mothers and their children. There is room for 5 volunteers in the morning – 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM – and 5 volunteers in the afternoon – 12:30 – 4:00 PM. Please contact John Soltes at 1-551-486-4367 (cell) or his e-mail address – soltes25@msn.com and let him know if you want to volunteer for that date, either morning or afternoon. **This is one way to seek to serve others during our anniversary year.**

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Continues

There are two important events that we want to announce that will take place within our anniversary year. The first will be our **Parish Block Party**, which will take place on **Sunday, August 15, 2010**, in our upper parking lot, from **2:00 – 6:00 PM**. There will be food and music and games and all types of fun. 2) The second important event will happen from **Oct. 10-13, 2010**. We will have a **Parish Mission**, which will be led by Catholic lay people called *Good News International*. The mission talks will be each evening from Sunday, Oct. 10, through Wednesday, Oct. 13. We hope that both of these events – our Block Party and our Parish Mission – will be a great time for our parish to gather during our anniversary year, that many of our parishioners will take time to gather in prayer and in joy.

### We welcome the newest members of our Parish Community



**BAPTISMS**

Faith Christine McAllister  
Nathanael Ethan A. Gonzalez



*My brothers and sisters in Christ,*

When I was as a child in our parish grammar school, as the academic year was coming to an end, I remember that the nuns that I had in school would always remind us that, although we were leaving for summer vacation, there was no vacation from God. I suspect that there are others at St. Mary's who may have been given the same message either in a parish school setting or in a Religious Education class. We may now think back on that message from our youth and smile, but there is wisdom in what those women were saying to us.

We know that God never takes a vacation from the love and concern that he offers to us. We are always "on his mind" and forever in his care. There is never a time that God is not conscious of us. And yet, we truly have to ask ourselves if that is the case with us – are we conscious of the Lord's presence in our lives in the course of the day?

That does not mean that we are constantly thinking of God. That would really be virtually impossible, especially in light of the other responsibilities that are so much a part of our lives, either at home or at work. However, there are ways in which we can be conscious of God during the course of our day.

That can be as simple as a prayer before meals, either at home or when we eat lunch at work. I remember being out to lunch one time with my sister and a friend of hers. Before we began to eat, her friend turned and asked me if I would lead us in a prayer of thanks to God for the food that we were about to eat. I have to admit that I was a little embarrassed that I had to be reminded about this.

I recall a painting that I once saw in a museum call *The Angelus*. It depicted people in a field who had stopped their work, uncovered their heads and were praying as the Angelus bell rang from the nearby church. I remember hearing one time about a Catholic university years ago where all work stopped, including classroom instruction, when *The Angelus* bell rang at noontime. I do not know if that is still done, but it certainly was a nice idea and a simple way for people to pray together.

As a child, when my family was traveling in the car together, sometimes we would be cut off by another driver and experience some other potentially dangerous situation. My mother, whose faith was simple but very strong, would simply say *God bless us* at that time. She was very conscious of the Lord's presence, protecting us from harm.

To acknowledge God's presence is not difficult, but it does take a conscious effort on our part. We need to be aware that God shows himself in simple ways during the day. As we are going to work and see the beauty of the sunrise or returning home at time and see the colors of the sunset, that experience mirrors the presence of God. When we hear a bell that rings from a church steeple, that sound can easily remind us of the presence of God in our lives in prayer. When someone says *Thank You* to us or holds a door for us or does some other simple act of kindness, that gesture can also be a reflection of the presence of God.

It is true – God never takes a vacation from us and we can always be sure that we never take a vacation from God by simply being aware of the many and varied and marvelous ways in which God shows his face to us each day.

Love,  
Fr. Bob

**St. Mary's Adult Softball Schedule**

Our parish has again fielded a team to participate in the Interfaith Softball League in the area. Following is the schedule of upcoming games in which St. Mary's is playing one of the other five teams: Tuesday, June 22 at 8:00 PM – Hickory Field; Sunday, June 27 at 2:00 PM – Rochelle Park Field; Wednesday, July 7, at 8:00 PM – Hickory Field, Hickory Street, Bergenfield; Sunday, July 11, at 2:00 PM – Rochelle Park Field; Sunday, July 18, at 2:00 PM – Hickory Field. ***Please come and support our parish softball team***

**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 for June 12-13	\$8,106.00
Total for same weekend in 2009	\$9,371.00
<b>Treasure from our children's envelopes</b>	<b>\$7.20</b>
Campaign donations received thus far in May	\$11,829.23

*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 my substitute teacher." "I helped grandpa."  
"I shared with my sister." "I cleaned my room."  
"I helped my mom take care of my brother."**

***"If anyone wishes to come after me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*** from the Gospel of Luke. We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in this society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think that they can have everything that they want. Jesus calls us to set our own personal wants aside so that we have the resources to follow him instead.

**Ministry – Greeters/Ushers**

One of the most important aspects of ministry is that of hospitality. When one feels welcome in church, they feel that they are part of the community that has gathered. In short, they feel that they belong. A powerful way in which this sense of belonging is proclaimed begins at the moment that we enter the church. The men, women and teens that are our greeters/ushers act in the name of the entire community to offer a word of welcome or a lending hand to those who may be experiencing difficulty. That greeting, that offer of help establishes a sense that this is my spiritual home, a place where I can come, not only because I am baptized, but because I feel as if I am a part of those who gather here for prayer. If you would like to be a part of our ministry of hospitality, to be a **greeter/usher**, please contact Fr. Bob at info@stmarysdumont.org and let us know. We will pass your name on to those who coordinate this ministry. ***Thank you for considering participation in this ministry of welcome and hospitality.***

**Tithing the Tithe – 2010**

For the month of May, our parish was able to tithe a total of \$1,484.00 from what we received in our Sunday collections. We have sent checks to the following people/groups in the following amounts:

- Nelson Bayona – Newark seminarian - \$330.00
- St. John Food Pantry, Newark - \$330.00
- Missionaries of Charity, Newark - \$330.00
- Emergency Fund - \$494.00

**Stewardship Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
*I pray that you will give me the wisdom to guide me on this faith journey of stewardship. Help me to understand that everything that I have is a gift from you. Open up my heart and my mind so that I may use these marvelous gifts to give back to you here on earth. I pray, Lord, that you will welcome me into your kingdom at the end of my life and that you are pleased with what I have done with all your gifts. Amen.*

**Intersection of Washington & Virginia Avenues**

This weekend, June 19-20, will be the last weekend that there will be a police presence on Sunday mornings at the intersection of Washington & Virginia Avenues. This is due to the reduced number of police reserves for the borough of Dumont. This will require greater caution when crossing at this intersection.





PACT/Religious Education Program Updates

PACT/Religious Education re-registrations

Please re-register for PACT/Religious Education before this school year ends, as we need the registrations in order to plan for our Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Sacrament Preparation programs for the coming 2010-11 school year. Thank you!

Re-registration materials are available in our Religious Education Office in the school building.

Religious Education - New Parents for our 2010-11 Program

All new parents attend an orientation explaining our PACT/Religious Education Program. Please call our Religious Education Office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.

Do you know of a family who has been away from our Religious Education Program, or maybe a family new in town, or a family with children no longer attending a Catholic School? Put them in touch with our Religious Education Office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.

Catechists Needed!

We are anticipating a need for catechists for Tuesday afternoons (Grades K-5), Monday evenings (Grades 6,7&8), and Sunday mornings (Family PACT/all grades). Call for more information about how you can help (201) 384-3062 or e-mail us at religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.

Congratulations, newly confirmed!

Did you get the letter asking you how you want to be involved at St. Mary's? If not, call (201) 384-3062 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.



St. Mary's Youth Ministry (SMYM)

Where our teens, 7th - 12th, grade can find peace and discover God's great plan for their lives.

But who do you say that I am?

Who is a Christian? A Christian is someone who believes and proclaims that Jesus is the Christ. "Christ" is a Greek word that means "the anointed one," or, in Hebrew, "the Messiah." Many people in Jesus' day believed that the Messiah would be a military hero who would save the Jewish people from the Roman Empire. However, Jesus revealed that the Messiah is really the Son of God, who would save the entire human race from sin by dying and rising from the dead. So, a Christian is someone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God. St. Peter was the first to proclaim that Jesus is Lord. He is sure that Jesus is not just an ordinary man. He believes that this man he follows is truly the Christ, God's Messiah, the Son of God. To be a Christian, to be able to really say and believe that Jesus is the Christ, is powerful and beautiful! It changes your life! This truth also changes the lives of those who hear it. So don't hesitate to keep saying it and living it with all your heart: Jesus is the Messiah of God! - Magnificat



Here is a picture of some of the teens who helped us at the carnival.

What Events Are Coming Up For Teens?

"Trip to Newark Food Kitchen to feed the hungry" - Sunday, July 18 (8a-12p). Permission slips will be required. Please contact us in advance to get one.

"Parish Block Party" - Sunday, August 15 (2-6p). There will be food, music, and games, and all types of fun.

Are you looking for Internet resources to help you parent teens?

"Family Life Center International - Faith & Family."

http://familylifecenter.net/

Need To Talk To Us? You can meet us at the music platform after the 10:00 Masses, call us at (201) 385-2936, or e-mail us at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org. We'll see you at Mass! Charlie & Lesa.

Grocery Certificates

Shoprite, Stop & Shop and Jollibee grocery certificates are now available for purchase at the rectory, Mon.-Fri., 9:00AM to 6:00PM.

The Question: Are we Gambling with our Children's Futures?

Pres. Obama has pledged to add \$900 million in his 2011 budget to the \$3.5 billion he earmarked for school-improvement funds last year, as part of the stimulus package. Under those guidelines, schools and districts could adopt one of four strategies to qualify for the funds:

- \* A turnaround, in which the staff is replaced, and a new instructional program is adopted.
\* A school closure, in which students are enrolled in other, better-performing schools in the district.
\* A "restart," in which the school is reopened as a charter school.
\* A school "transformation," in which the school takes steps to improve by addressing curricula, structure, governance, and teacher education.

Still, some educators note that there is no research proving the effectiveness of these approaches.

One recent study, by the Consortium on Chicago School Research, examined the effects on students of closing 18 elementary schools - the strategy on which the Obama administration's "closure" option is based - and found that a majority of students were sent to schools that were just as low performing.

The problem with [the administration's emphasis on turnaround strategies] is that there is no evidence on what works in turning around low-performing schools. So they're placing a large bet on an unproven approach," says Grover "Russ" Whitehurst, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and director of the Brown Center on Education Policy. "There's an intuition here - that we all share - that if you can get rid of the worst schools and put into their place better schools, that's good. But we don't know how to do that." (excerpt from Christian Science Monitor Article).....

YES WE DO!

The Answer: TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

It has been a challenging and rewarding year for all involved with Transfiguration Academy. Our accomplishments Exceeded expectation. Re-accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools, achieving the "Best Transportation System" award in the "Future Cities" Engineering Competition, winning several awards in the Bergen Catholic High School Art Contest, and achieving among the highest writing scores in the Archdiocese of Newark. This year's graduating class, won over \$970,000 in scholarships, bringing the 4 year total of scholarships and grants won by our graduates to over Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars! (\$2,300,000)

The Academy however is more than academics; it is about character and faith formation, based on our Catholic Christian beliefs and tradition. Our students put their faith into action. This year, Academy students collected over food for the needy, raise over \$3000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and raised funds for the Holy Childhood Society and over \$1,000 for Haitian Earthquake victims.

We all can be justly proud of these achievements. The seeds of academic achievement and character formation have found fertile soil. Our seedlings have been nourished due to our co- sponsoring parishioners', tender loving care and support, and are growing in the warm sunlight of our faith.

The Academy is a proven entity which has achieved the highest standards in Catholic education. Let us contribute to your child's success. Don't gamble on their future!

Invest in their Future!!!!!!

Catholic Schools - Dividends For Life

Registration is now open!

Call 201-384-3627 to register or make an appointment

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Pancake Breakfast - June 27, 2010

The Dumont Boys Basketball Team will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on June 27, 2010, from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, at the Knights of Columbus, 61 Armour Place in Dumont. The cost is \$6.00 per person and children under 5 are \$3.00. For the cost of the breakfast, we get all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, coffee, tea and juice.

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Broadway Bound

We're heading to Broadway once again in September. We have requested 35 tickets to see the musical comedy Promises, Promises for Friday evening, Sept. 10, 2010. The cost is \$99.50 per person for seats in the first mezzanine. To reserve a seat, you must come to the rectory as soon as possible. There is also a charge of \$15.00 for the cost of the bus. That will be collected the evening of the show. First-come, first-serve basis only.

