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

# St. Mary's Church

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent



### **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. Michael Barone, Parochial Vicar

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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.

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**Saturday** Dec. 1 - Vigil 5:30PM Melody Kostka

Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent Sunday

Parishioners of St. Mary's 7:45AM

10:00AM Evelyn Paulsen 12 Noon **Diane Mathews** 

Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier Monday

Rene Magbanua 7:00AM 8:45AM Joan Barry

Tuesday Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday

**Anthony Sica** 7:00AM 8:45AM **Martin Greaney** 

Wednesday Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday

Amelita Banez 7:00AM

8:45AM Gertrude Kathleen Kress

Thursday Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Kathleen Krone 8:45AM Luz Tubianosa

Friday Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose

**Gloria Walters** 7:00AM

8:45AM Mary and Matthew Barry Saturday Dec. 8 - The Immaculate

**Conception of the Blessed** 

Virgin Mary Melody Kostka 8:30AM

12:00PM Linda and Eng Rubio (Living)

Johanna and James Joyce 5:30PM

Dec. 9 - Second Sunday of Advent Sunday

Czeslaw Gryszko 7:45AM

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon **Arthur King** 

# In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael, Jr. and Glenn Flanagan requested by Mary Ellen and Michael Flanagan.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Severina Oliver requested by Encarnacion Oliver.

# Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 7th

On Friday, December 7th, we will have I Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m.

Please consider spending time in prayer. and adoration of Jesus. All are welcome.



Sunday - Dec. 2

First Sunday of Advent

9:15AM - 10:00AM RCIA Inquiry Session SFC

6:30PM JWalk Meeting SH

After all Masses JWalk Wreath Pick-up

Food Collection

Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the

Religious

1:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Brunch at Chez

Madeleine, Northvale

Monday - Dec. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

7:30PM Parish Council Meeting FDVRm

Tuesday - Dec. 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Dec. 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – Dec. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

12:00PM Knitters FDVRm

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Scool

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) PJ23Rm

Friday – Dec. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration.

Reposition starts at 7:00PM LC

7:15PM Basketball SH

Saturday - Dec. 8

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed** Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses: 8:30AM and 12:00PM

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday - Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30AM PACT Angles Session LC/School After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice until 4:00PM SH

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Obligation

On Saturday, December 8 we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the day on which we remember that Mary, being prepared as the Mother of God, was conceived in the womb of St. Anne without any stain of original sin.

# From the **Pastor**

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Ready, Set, Go. The race is on. How many malls can you navigate? How many stores can you visit? How many presents can you buy? How many sales can you take advantage of? Retailers would have you believe that shopping is the only thing that matters for the next four weeks. On Black Friday many stores opened at midnight. Many others stores didn't wait. They were open on Thanksgiving Day itself. The crowds waiting outsider prove that too many people have brought in to the retailers message. Then there were those who missed Black Friday; they were resting up for Cyber Monday.

I know we all want to get the right present for everybody on our lists but do we really want to spend the next four weeks frantically rushing from store to store? I know that we all need to send cards and we all need to get the tree up and the decorations in place. I know that there are so many things that need to be done. The problem is that in spending so much time in getting ready for Christmas we forget to get ready for the coming of Christ.

As we enter into the Advent season, our readings this Sunday call us to be prepared. This is the same message the stores are giving us. The question is; what are we preparing for? Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and into our homes. As we prepare our homes for the coming holiday let us prepare hearts to welcome the King of Kings; a Savior born in a manger who has come to set us free.

# Fr. Carey



# 2019 Offerings Available

### **Bread & Wine:**

Apr. 7, 14, & 21; May 5; Jun. 9 & 30; Jul. 7 & 21; Aug. 11, 18, & 25; Sept. 8 & 22; Nov. 17.

### **Sanctuary Lamp:**

May 19; Jul 21 & 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 8 & 22; Oct. 13 & Oct. 20; Nov. 17, & 24.

# JWalk Wreath Pick-up

If you ordered Wreath or Blanket from our Youth Group, you can pick it up this weekend, Dec. 1 - 2 after all Masses by the rectory garages.

## Advent Communal Penance Service -Monday, December 10th

Join us at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's with the parishes of St. John's and Ascension. This service will be a communal service with opportunity for individual confessions with priests of all parishes.

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Wednesday, December 12th



Please join us for the 7:30 p.m. Mass on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Following Mass we will have a social in the Spiritual Formation Center.

If anyone would like to help with this liturgy please email Kathy@stmarysdumont.org.

# <u>Vigil to Remember Victims of</u> <u>Gun Violence</u> <u>Sunday, December 16th</u>

It has been six years since 20 children and six faculty members at Sandy Hook Elementary School were killed while going about their normal activities. The deaths shocked the nation at the time, but since then there have been many more mass shootings – at schools, during concerts, in houses of worship, at places of work, at restaurants. In short, where ever people gather.

On Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00am Mass, two days after the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, we will once again hold a vigil on the steps of the church to pray for the victims, their families and an end to all violence, particularly mass shootings. The vigil will last about 10 minutes, with the only sounds being the toiling of the bells 26 times and ending by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners at this vigil.

# **Retired Religious Collection**

This weekend, Dec. 1-2, we will have the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

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# 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
Brian Collins...Christopher Lynch...Jaelon Magat
Bobby Dellner...Tyler Thompson...Aidan Nugent
James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman..Sean Flanagan
Joshua M LaBazzetta...Michael Whitford
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson
Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach
Major David Christopher Pierson...Steven Serpa
Charles Bennett...James Markert...Brian Manley
Christopher Smaldone...Brandon Barhydt
James Francis Ward...Joseph Ament

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.

We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2019. 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 parish office – 201-384-0557.

## **Pray for Our Sick**

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea...Joan Polis..Katie Shapiro Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan Diane Kowatch...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis Sandy Tolentino...Kathy R... John R...Braxton Pinero George DiCostanzo...Sean Hayes...Kyla Carney Phyllis Keefe...Glenn Hall...Richard King...RC Olivia Arrigoitia..Madelaine Develsco...Pat Miller Maureen Kostka...Christopher Shea...Francis Paige Rosemary Dellner...William Dellner...Pete Canino Holly Newman...Robert Neill...Anthony Montagnino Mildred Dellner...Kristi Carbonaro...John Perrotta Michael Curran...Nick F...Eileen F...Steve Petraglia Anita H...Al Taxter...James Carney...Lee Clark Buddy Valenzona...Mark Pierson...Aida Sarker

# December Rosary Linen Schedule

Dec. 2 Margaret Kennedy Dec. 9 Pat Barclay Dec. 16 Eleanor King Dec. 23 Mary Loughlin Dec. 30 Mary Whelan

# 2019 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available. The cost is \$4.00 for each missal.

# Simbang Gabi's Nativity Presentation Rehearsal Dates

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on: Dec 9, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass

Dec 16, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass

Dec 19, Wednesday, 5 pm -7pm

Any questions, please call Tatess 201-486-5852, Malu 201-387-9140 or Parish Office 201-384-0557.



**Simbang Gabi**, a joyous event and eagerly awaited especially by the children of St. Mary's Church, is happening this year on **Friday**, **December 21st at 7:00PM**. We welcome any food or monetary donations for the event. Please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 if you're willing to help. See the flyer in next week's bulletin.

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We will again this year, with your support and generosity, provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. **Gift tags are now** 

available. We invite you to please get a gift tag (or tags) and purchase the item that's being requested. Unwrapped Gifts must be returned by Monday, Dec. 10th. If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

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All children of the parish are invited to put a piece of straw in the crib for Baby Jesus each time they do a good deed, so Jesus will have a soft bed for Christmas! The crib will be in the foyer of the church.

## Christmas Flowers

**PLEASE** don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!





# PACT/Religious Education **Program**

### First Penance



First Penance/Reconciliation/ Confession was celebrated here Saturday, December 1st. Please continue to pray for the children who have met the Lord in his Sacrament of

Reconciliation, their families, and our entire parish family that we may be a living sign of the unconditional love of God our Father.

### PACT/MAP

MAP Mass Attendance Our **Program** continues! Students in our PACT Religious Education Program sign in at mass, whichever mass they attend on Sunday morning or the Saturday 5:30 p.m. vigil.



### St. Nicholas Project 2018



Will you help me visit "the least of these who are members of my family" that Jesus spoke about...? There are children, families, women, and men who have had some pretty hard times this year... *I am continuing the work of Jesus.* I will need your help..."

November, 2018

Once again, our PACT/Religious Education Program is collecting gifts for families in the programs of OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Won't you join us in our efforts?

Please bring gifts by Tuesday, December 6th (St. Nicholas Day!) We need to deliver to Paterson early so please be generous, and please be early!

Thank you and may we be guided by the example of Good St. Nick. For more information about him visit: www.stnicholascenter.org.

For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success stories, visit http://www.oasisnj.org/or call 973-881-8307.

Great saint of Advent, Nicholas, pray for us that we may be infused with the Spirit of generosity this Advent/Christmas and throughout our lives. Amen.

# Please see the back page for more information.

# Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets

We know we just completed Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the Christmas distribution which will be on Friday, December 14th.

Some items that we are in need of are:

Cereal (Dry), Cranberry Sauce **Instant Mash Potatoes** Cake Mixes Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Napkins

> We will especially need **hams and** turkeys so if you feel you can donate one, please do bring them to the parish

office as we have freezers ready to keep them.

Again, thank you and God Bless.

# Thank You - Food Pantry



We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection. Special thanks to FAIRWAY MARKET who generously contributed THANKS 40 turkeys; SILVER PALATE FOODS

who donated to cases of Marinara Sauce for distribution.

Thanks to the Girl Scouts who also held a drive to stock the pantry. Last but not least thanks to our parishioners who have been contributing food as well as monetary donations for over 35 years.

A special thank you to the ladies who shelved the food and worked on getting the boxes ready for distribution. Thanks to our young helpers who helped fill the boxes.

We also would like to offer thanks to our town DPW who have assisted us in distribution of the baskets to the schools.

We were able to follow God's command to FEED THE HUNGRY by giving turkeys, food and gift certificates to 48 families. We also were able to donate 17 turkeys to Social Services in town.

God Bless!

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# St. Nicholas Project 2018

Suggested gift items are below. Remember to bring gifts early... and don't wait for the next PACT session! A basic guideline is that a gift should be something your own child(ren) or nieces and nephews or grandchildren would need or like to have! Cut out gift tags below and attach them to items for the St. Nicholas Project...by 12/6 Thank you!

### **ELECTRONICS**

Handheld electronic games MP3 players DVDs – children/teen

### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

Art Sets – various ages Crayola Color Wonder Sets Jewelry makers/Band weavers Drawing kits/pads/markers

### **CLOTHING (NEW)**

Teen-Children-Women- all ages/sizes

### **TOYS**

Trucks and Cars
Hot Wheels Sets
Mr. Potato Head and similar
toys
Dolls — various ethnic groups
and ages
Doll strollers
Barbies- various ethnic groups
Disney/character type items
Dishes and tea sets
Legos and similar play sets
Games

### **GIFT CARDS**

VISA-type gift cards Target Marshalls Walgreens/CVS Barnes & Nobles Paterson local stores

### **SPORTS**

Basketballs Footballs New sneakers Teamwear/Jerseys/caps





Cut out the St. Nick pictures and attach them to gifts with tape and return to the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office/Rectory. Gifts should be unwrapped (wrapping paper and tape may be donated).





### 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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<u>2018</u> <u>2017</u>

Collection on Nov. 17 - 18 \$8,971.00 \$9,197.00 Collection on Nov. 24 - 25 \$8,907.00 \$8,395.00 Building Fund \$2,064.00 \$1,984.00

Treasure from our children: \$43.00

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 talked with parents about lesson."

"I helped someone." "I helped my dad."

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..."I said my prayers."

"Opening the door for someone."

# 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.

# **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**: Nov. 26, 2018

Total **Pledge** \$305,340.25 Total Amount **Received** \$225,986.03 **Number of Pledges** 159

The portion to be shared is \$143,486.03(total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is** \$71,743.02.





# Transfiguration Academy



**Congratulations** to the following Transfiguration Academy alumni who achieved Honor Roll at Paramus Catholic High School for the first quarter:

### **Principal's List**

Lilliana Alava Rachel Cajucom Kenneth Calle Aidan Icasiano Gabriella Macre Julianne Robert

### **First Honors**

Robert Cajucom Jarid O. Chappell Emily Tharakan

Are you looking for a quality education in a Catholic setting? Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.

Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org for more information or to arrange a tour.