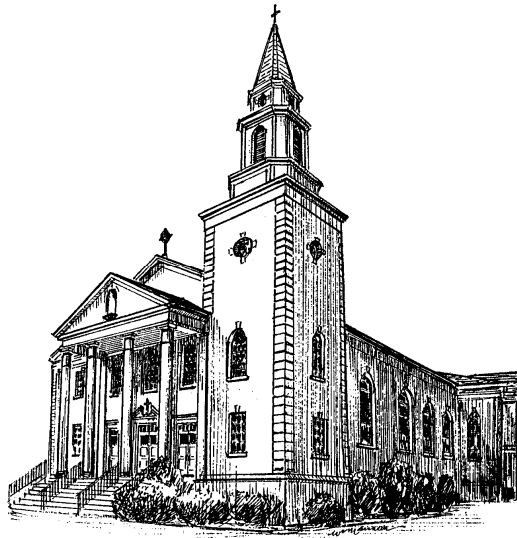


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
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Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
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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
Sunday	Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Evelyn Paulsen
12 Noon	Diane Mathews
Monday	Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier
7:00AM	Rene Magbanua
8:45AM	Joan Barry
Tuesday	Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Anthony Sica
8:45AM	Martin Greaney
Wednesday	Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Amelita Banez
8:45AM	Gertrude Kathleen Kress
Thursday	Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Kathleen Krone
8:45AM	Luz Tubianosa
Friday	Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose
7:00AM	Gloria Walters
8:45AM	Mary and Matthew Barry
Saturday	Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM	Melody Kostka
12:00PM	Linda and Eng Rubio (Living)
5:30PM	Johanna and James Joyce
Sunday	Dec. 9 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Czeslaw Gryszko
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 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 outside 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



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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.



Vigil to Remember Victims of Gun Violence Sunday, December 16th

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 16th, 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.

Simbang Gabi's Nativity
Presentation Rehearsal Dates

Dec 19, Wednesday, 5 pm -7pm

A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of two people on horseback in the lower left foreground. They are positioned against a dark, cloudy night sky. A very bright star or planet is visible in the upper right quadrant, creating a prominent four-pointed diffraction pattern. The horizon line is visible in the lower third of the image, with some distant landforms or hills silhouetted against the lighter sky.

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



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

Our MAP **Mass Attendance 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.

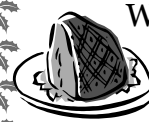
Please see the back page for more information.

Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets

We know we just completed the 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 bring them to the parish office as we have freezers ready to keep them.



Again, thank you and God Bless.

Thank You - Food Pantry



THANKS
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We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection. Special thanks to FAIRWAY MARKET who generously contributed 40 turkeys; SILVER PALATE FOODS who donated 10 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!

Anna Markert

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/Bead 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).



(Deuteronomy 16:10)

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*Treasure from our children: \$43.00*

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***“I talked with parents about lesson.”***  
***“I helped someone.” “I helped my dad.”***  
***...“I said my prayers.”***  
***“Opening the door for someone.”***

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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.

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

Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) for more information or to arrange a tour.