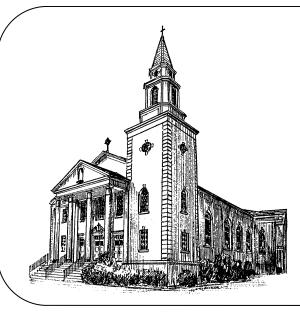
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 23, 2018 Fourth 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
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
Dr. William J. Mascitello, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics
Mr. Rudy Asistin, Business Administrator
Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Dory Weiss, Parish Secretary
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Chairperson Mrs. Janet Kaine, Parish Trustee

Mr. Michael Daly, Parish Trustee

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Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062 e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

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

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.



Saturday	Dec. 22 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday of
Advent	
7:45AM	Sister Eileen Franz
10:00AM	Pat Langford
12 Noon	Jeffrey Karash
Monday	Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Betty Benell
8:45AM	Angelo Aviles
	Christmas Eve Masses
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
6:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Tuesday	Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the
	Lord
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10:00AM	Emil and Felicia Beranja
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In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of the Markert and Quigley families requested by Anna Markert and family.

God and in memory of Robert and Joan Mascarelli requested by Linda Ebenhack and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John Joseph Donegan.



Sunday – Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday - Dec. 24 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00PM, 6:30PM and 12:00AM

Tuesday – Dec. 25 *Christmas Christmas Masses:* 7:45AM. 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon

Wednesday - Dec. 26 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

Thursday – Dec. 27 *St. John* After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) PJ23Rm

Friday – Dec. 28 *Feast of the Holy Innocents* After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 29 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 30 Solemnity of the Holy Family



Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass with Children's Choir 6:30 PM Mass 11:30 PM - Celebration of Carols 12:00 AM Midnight Mass with Adult Choir

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

> Monday, December 31 5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

From the Pastor

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The waiting is finally over. Presents have been purchased, wrapped and carefully placed under the tree. Cards have been sent to everyone we know and everything in sight has been decorated. We are prepared to welcome family and friends with an elaborate feast. Christmas is almost here. Let the celebrations begin.

But what are we celebrating? As we exchange gifts this Christmas, do we pause to remember the greatest gift of all? Do we remember that the whole reason for this season is the birth of child so many years ago? Do we place our hope in His promise of peace on Earth and eternity in Heaven?

In all the rushing around to get ready for this one day, it is so easy to forget what this one day is all about. In all the planning and preparations we have put ourselves through, have we lost sight of God's plan of salvation? In all the celebrations of the secular holiday that Christmas has become, have we forgotten that this is first and foremost a Holyday; in fact one of the holiest days of the year?

What we celebrate is the Incarnation of our heavenly Father's only begotten Son. He loves us so much that he came to live as one of us. Christ was born into this world just like you and me, and He died in this world that we might live forever with Him in His world. But the Incarnation is more than just an historical event. It is more than something that happened 2000 years ago. For our God is with us here and now. If our hearts are open to the power of God's love, then the Christ-Child is born again this Christmas. If we truly place our hope in God's plan of Salvation, then we live in the wonder of the Incarnation each and every day.

On behalf of all the priests and staff of St. Mary's Church, I wish you and all your loved ones the most joyous holiday season, the most holy of Christmas days and the true blessings of living in the wonder of the Incarnation of our loving God.

Vigil Mass

January 1, 2019 The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

<u>Please Note:</u> There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday, December 31, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

<u>Christmas Flowers</u>

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!

Parish Office Hours

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office *will be closed* as follows:

Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018 Monday, Dec. 31, 2018 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.



<u>Pictures for Nov. 2</u>

If you have framed photos of family members who have died that were placed in the church for the month of November, you can now pick them up at the Parish Office between 9:00am-6:00pm Monday-Friday.

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:

Jul 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 8 & 22; Oct. 13 & Nov. 17 & Nov. 24.

Save the Date!

25th Anniversary of Cornerstone Sunday, March 24, 2019

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Men's and Women's Cornerstone at St. Mary's!

Please save the date and spread the word to all those who participated in Cornerstone.

For information, please contact:

Anne Marie Bishopp at 201-501-8474 or Gary Barba at 201-385-8735.

Fr. Carey

ST. MARY'S

<u>Serving in the Military</u>

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..Aida Sarker Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan Diane Kowatch...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis...RC Sandy Tolentino...Kathy R... John R...Braxton Pinero George DiCostanzo...Kvla Carney...Buddy Valenzona Phyllis Keefe...Glenn Hall...Richard King...Lee Clark 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...Mark Pierson Michael Curran...Nick F...Eileen F...Steve Petraglia Anita H...Al Taxter...James Carney...Sean Hayes Eric Granada...Joe Paquiz

December 2018 and January 2019 **Rosary Linen Schedule**

Dec. 23 Mary Loughlin Mary Whelan Dec. 30 Jan. 06 Marv Boyle **Beverly Serafini** Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Mary Loughlin Jan. 27 Janet Kaine

Our Heartfelt Thank You to the many parishioners who **h**ave given canned food, turkeys or hams and money, with which we can purchase food certificates for the Christmas Baskets, [Special thanks to the children of Honiss and Lincoln Schools for the bags of food that they collected and donated to our food pantry and to DPW for delivering the bags to the schools.] **D**urchased the items in our gift tags from the Advent Giving Tree, **D**urchased items for our PACT St. Nicholas Project - Oasis in Paterson, **C**leaned the chandeliers, **h**elped decorate and prepare the church. You made it all possible that we were able to help the needy families in our area and also make our church look so beautiful for the coming Christmas season. Again, thank you so much.

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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: Dec. 13, 2018	
Total Pledge	\$305,090.25
Total Amount Received	\$228,271.99
Number of Pledges	159

The portion to be shared is \$145,771.99(total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the parish share is \$72,886.00.

Remember our plan is to use the *We Are Living* **Stones** proceeds to build an **Elevator** inside the church.



PACT/Religious Education Proaram

PACT/Religious Education

Families with children up through eighth grade (who are not in Catholic school) should be enrolled in our PACT/Religious Education Program. This is part of the overall education curriculum for Catholic more information children. For e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-3062

Confirmation

<u>Retreat Team – Final Meeting</u>

The final Retreat Team meeting is 1/6/19 at 11:00 a.m. (after the 10:00 a.m. mass) in the Religious Ed. Office in the school building



Retreat for Confirmation Candidates

Saturday, 1/12, candidates arrive at 10:00 a.m. Parents and sponsors 4:00 p.m.

First Communion Preparation



Parent meeting for First **Communion**

Tuesday 1/15 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Morning with Jesus

Children preparing for First Holy Communion and one parent attend the Morning with Jesus scheduled for Saturday 1/19 -8:45 a.m. -Noon

PACT/MAP

In order to participate in our PACT/ MAP incentive program, students in our PACT Religious Education Program sign in at mass, whichever mass they attend on Sunday (or Saturday 5:30 p.m.)



2018 Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for supporting the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We have received \$17,505.00 in pledges (Goal \$44,067.50) from 102 families and as of December 11, 2018 we received \$17,311.00. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline, December 31, 2018.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list, please email Beth Miloscia at vouthmin@stmarysdumont.org. You can also follow us on twitter @stmarys jwalk.

Transfiguration Academu



Calling All Alumni! Are you an alumnus of Transfiguration Academy, St. John's, St. Mary's, or Ascension? Our newly formed alumni committee is looking for you! If you or someone you know graduated from any of these schools, please share vour contact information with our committee so that you can receive information about fellow alumni and special alumni events. Please email your name, email, and cell phone (if you would like to receive text messages) to

alumni@transfigurationacademy.org.

The students, parents, faculty, and staff wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas. The school office will be closed from December 24 – January 2.

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.

<u>Knights of Columbus</u>

New Year's Eve Party - December 31st from 8PM -1AM we will be hosting our New Year's Eve party with Sound Illusion DJs featuring two DJs to ring in the new year playing all your favorites from 40's big band selections to today's top hits. Only \$85 per person includes passed hot hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner with choice of 8 different entrees, assorted dessert bar, coffee, tea, and a midnight champagne toast. Watch the ball drop with us on the big screen in our dining room this year! Open bar all night. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516 -220-9333 or emailing

KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. ADVANCE PAYMENT required. Make check payable to Twin-Boro Columbian Club and mail to Ken Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628.

OASIS

<u>St. Nicholas Project</u>

We thank you for your donations for Oasis Haven for women and children in Paterson. For more information about the work of Oasis and how to volunteer visit https://oasisnj.org/.

<u>God's Plan for Giving:</u>

"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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Since we have to submit the bulletin early, collection for Dec. 15-16, treasure from our children and their good deeds will be in future bulletins.

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<u>Stewardship Prayer</u>

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.

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