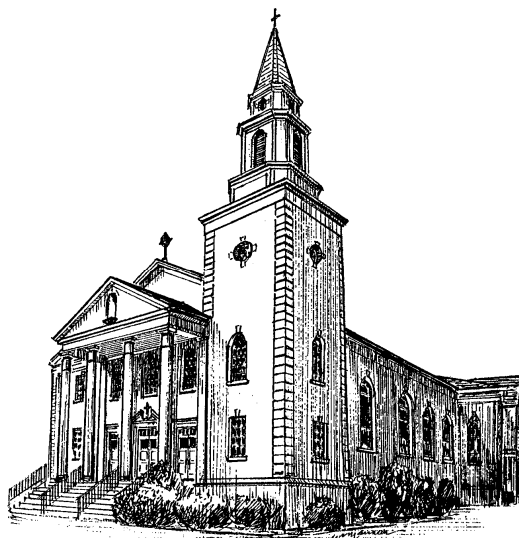


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

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*
Mrs. Mattea Truppe, *Pastoral Council Chairperson*
Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
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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.



Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:45AM, 10:00AM, 12 Noon
Monday 7:00AM, 8:45AM, 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 12:00AM
Tuesday 7:45AM, 10:00AM, 12 Noon
Wednesday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Thursday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Friday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Saturday 8:30AM, 5:30PM
Sunday 7:45AM, 10:00AM, 12 Noon

Dec. 22 - Vigil
 Parishioners of St. Mary's

Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Sister Eileen Franz
 Pat Langford
 Jeffrey Karash

Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday
 Betty Benell
 Angelo Aviles
Christmas Eve Masses
 Parishioners of St. Mary's
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Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
 Sister Joseph Cremin
 Emil and Felicia Beranja
 Ong Kim

Dec. 26 - St. Stephen
 Malu Canlas (Living)
 Maria Melucci

Dec. 27 - St. John
 Rollie and Tita Joaquin (Living)
 Dorothy Sy

Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents
 John Walters
 James and Anna Hans

Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 Paul DiPaola-10th Anniversary
 William Ramm

Dec. 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Parishioners of St. Mary's
 Alicia K. Donohue
 Anthony Del Fava

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



CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of 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.



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.

Fr. Carey

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

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

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!



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.



Pictures for Nov. 2

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.

The parish priests, the deacon
and staff
extend their warm and
joyful prayers and
best wishes to all the families of
St. Mary's for a
Most Blessed Christmas Day
and
Christmas Season.

