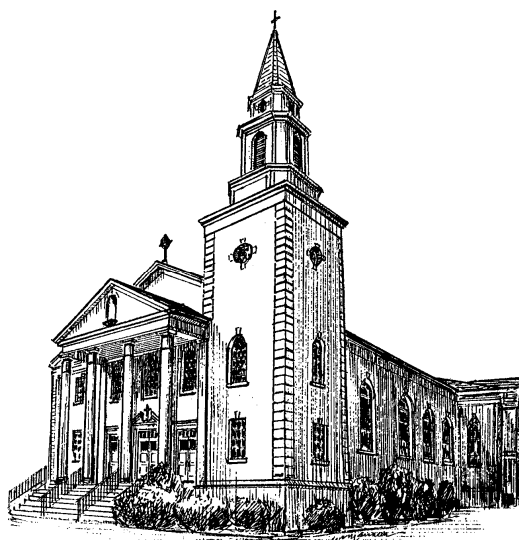


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

*December 1, 2019*

*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. Thomas Pendrick, *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/RCLIA*  
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*  
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*  
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*  
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*  
Mrs. Mattea Truppe, *Pastoral Council Chairperson*  
Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*  
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

Parish e-mail: [info@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org)  
Parish Website: [www.stmarysdumont.org](http://www.stmarysdumont.org)

Religious Education Office: 201-384-0557  
Extension 20

e-mail: [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org)

Director of Music:  
email: [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto: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.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 30 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Rose Von Sternstein
10:00AM	Bochiccho and Giunta Families
12 Noon	Brendon Devlin
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Sr. Theresa Mary McPartland
8:45AM	Patrocinio Quijano
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier</b>
7:00AM	Joseph L. Faulborn
8:45AM	Job Kuruppachery
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	William McKeever
8:45AM	Robert Kirchhof
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Louise Thomson
8:45AM	Nancy Degennaro
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	George Bukwich
8:45AM	Maria Luz Tubianosa
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose</b>
8:30AM	Matthew and Mary Barry
5:30PM	Gloria Waters
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Chester Gryszko
10:00AM	Graham Family
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

### ***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 Mr. & Mrs. M. Flanagan.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo requested by Lisa and Rich Russo and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Evelyn M. Paccione and Potenciana Naong.

### **Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 6th**



On Friday, December 6th, 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. 1**

#### ***First Sunday of Advent***

8:30AM-1:30PM Advent Wreath Making SH  
9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm  
6:30PM JWalk Meeting SH

### **Monday - Dec. 2**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC  
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School  
7:30PM Basketball SH  
7:30PM Advent Communal Penance Service  
Ascension Church, New Milford  
8:00PM RCIA MSRm

### **Tuesday – Dec. 3**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

### **Wednesday - Dec. 4**

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

### **Thursday – Dec. 5**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC  
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) Library  
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

### **Friday – Dec. 6**

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration.  
Reposition starts at 7:00PM LC  
7:15PM Basketball

### **Saturday – Dec. 7**

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC  
11:00AM & 1:30PM First Penance Celebration UC  
Food Collection

### **Sunday – Dec. 8**

#### ***Second Sunday of Advent***

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School  
9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm  
12:00PM Baptism UC  
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi  
Practice SH  
1:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon at  
Chez Madeleine  
Food Collection

### ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception*** ***Monday, Dec. 9th***

Since the 8th is a Sunday, we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent - the Feast Day bumps to Monday, Dec. 9th, but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 7:00AM, 8:45AM and an additional mass at 7:30PM since it is such an important feast.

From the Pastor



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Some stores started selling Christmas decorations in early October. A couple of satellite radio stations started playing Christmas music the day after Halloween and I've already received my first Christmas card. It seems that every year, so many people try to start the Christmas season earlier and earlier and then, the day after Christmas, it's all over.

We seem to have it all backwards. Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of the season of Advent, not the Christmas season. It is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ among us. But all too often, we are so busy sending cards, wrapping gifts and decorating everything in sight that we have no time to think about what we are really getting ready for.

Advent is a time of prayerful waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. It's a time to prepare our hearts to receive the greatest gift that God has given us; his only begotten Son. But all too often, we are so busy preparing our homes, we forget to prepare our hearts.

The celebration of Christmas really begins on Christmas Eve and we will continue to celebrate through all the days of Christmas until the Feast of Epiphany. I know its counter to everything that everyone is telling us but maybe this year we might try celebrate things in the proper order. Let's try using the Advent season to prepare spiritually for the celebration that is to come; the celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

Fr. Carey

Bridge Makers Meeting

Bridge Makers, a faith sharing community of LGBT, family and friends, will meet on Wednesday, December 11, 7:30 pm, at St Peter's the Apostle Church, 445 5th Ave, River Edge. The evening will begin with Taize Prayer in the church, with meeting to follow. Snacks will be provided; bring your own beverage. Bridge Makers is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and St. Mary's. Contact Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

Sunday Collection

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for Nov. 23-24, treasure from our children and their good deeds will be in next week's bulletin.

Calling All Parents/Youth of St. Mary's Church !!!

We are now putting together the cast for the Nativity for our annual Simbang Gabi (Advent Night Mass) celebration. Sign your children/yourself up for any of the following roles/positions:

- \*Angels (girls) and shepherds (boys), ages 3-12
\*3 Kings (3 boys) and Innkeepers (3 girls), ages 12-15
\*Stagehands

Watch them with pride as they participate in the "Greatest Story Ever Told"!

Simbang Gabi 2019 celebration will be held on Friday, Dec 20, at 7pm at St. Mary's, Dumont.

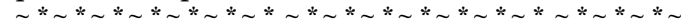
Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on: Dec 8, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass; Dec 15, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass; Dec 18, Wednesday, 5:00 pm -7:00pm.

Please leave your contact information by Dec. 1 with any of the following:

- Parish Office 201-384-0557.
Malu 201-387-9140 Tatess 201- 486-5852
Marichi 201-385-8529

Advent Communal Penance Service - Monday, Dec. 2nd

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

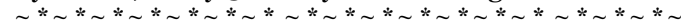


Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Thursday, December 12th



Join us for a special liturgy in Spanish and English to celebrate this feast of the Patroness of the Americas in the Upper Church at 7:30 p.m, followed by a social in the school cafeteria.

If you would like to help out and make refreshments for after the mass, contact Kathy Sylvester, kathy@stmarysdumont.org.



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***

***PACT Programs Important Information***

Parents were sent a letter via e-mail and postal mail with important about our PACT/Religious Education programs. If your family did not receive a letter and/or e-mail, please call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org).

***St. Nicholas Project***

We will be collecting new toys, clothing items, and gift cards at the PACT/Religious Education Office for OASIS Haven in Paterson. Cut out the image of St. Nick and attach it to your unwrapped gift before you bring it to St. Mary's. Donations are due by Monday, 12/9. For more information, please call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org).



***First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession***



Please take this opportunity to pray for our candidates, their families, and our parish family that we may joyfully experience reconciliation with our merciful Lord this Advent. Our family celebration of First Penance is scheduled for Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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***PACT/MAP***

Signing in at mass is underway for our PACT/MAP Mass incentive program. Sign-in books are located in the back of the Upper Church and are arranged by grade.



***Confirmation Retreat Team***

Next meeting Sunday 12/15 after the 10:00 a.m. mass in the Religious Education Office in the school



***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 20th.**

***Some items that we are in need of are:***

- Pasta Dry Cereal Canned Fruits...Gravy...Peanut Butter...Jelly
- Pancake Mix & Syrup...Detergent...Paper Towels...Toilet Paper



We especially need **hams**, so if you feel you can donate one, please bring them to the parish office as we have refrigerators ready to keep them. Thank you and God Bless.



In celebration of our Savior being  
born unto us, please join us at

# SIMBANG GABI

(Night Mass)

On Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

## *St. Mary's Church*

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628

**Potluck dinner and program will follow after mass at Szelest Hall  
(hosted & coordinated by PALAD)**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Tatess Abad : (201) 244-5774**

**Malu Canlas : (201) 387-9140**

**Marichi Adel: (201) 385-8529**

**St. Mary's Rectory: (201) 384-0557**

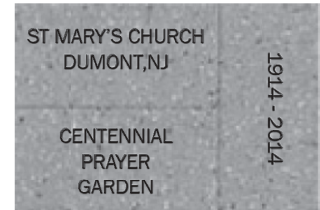
**or send email to [info@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org)**

**\*\*\*A love offering of \$25.00 per family is appreciated.\*\*\***



# St. Mary's Church

## Prayer Garden Memorial Brick



*Memorial bricks for the St. Mary's Prayer Garden may be purchased in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion. Bricks are ordered annually and placed in our garden in the spring. If you would like to order a brick, please complete the form below:*

### Engraving Information

Your brick can have up to **3 lines** of wording and numbers **20 characters per line** (this includes spaces and punctuation)

Please make sure your engraving information is spelled correctly  
**(Please print clearly)**

Brick #1


Brick #2


Brick #3 - For more than 3 bricks, please make another copy of this flyer


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Bricks @ \$50.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ (Brick size 4 X 8")

Make Checks Payable to: St. Mary's Church

Mail completed form and donation to: St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, N.J. 07628  
Or drop in collection box or at the Rectory.

**Deadline to submit the form is December 31, 2019**