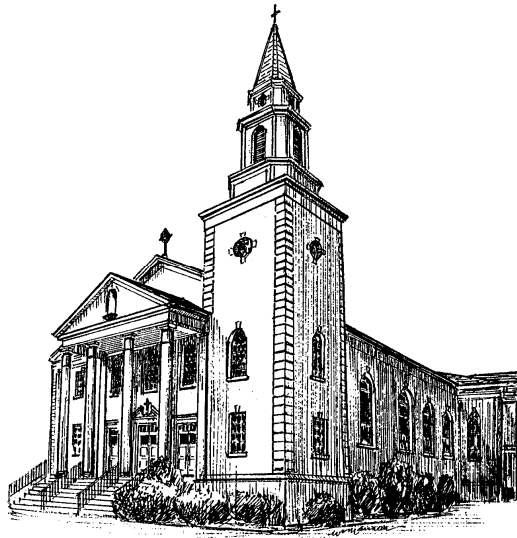


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 15, 2019

*Third 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/RCIA*
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Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
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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	Dec. 14 - Vigil
5:30PM	Melody Kostka
Sunday	Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Elmer, Willie, Elena Padaloy (Living)
12 Noon	Orlando and Reilly Families
Monday	Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Gene and Trudis Vilorio
8:45AM	Pat Langford
Tuesday	Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	In Thanksgiving Cachuela Family
8:45AM	James Kelly
Wednesday	Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Filomena Keefe
8:45AM	Marion Molinario
Thursday	Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Mary Pappas
8:45AM	Michael and James Sullivan
Friday	Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Jeffrey Karash
8:45AM	Ann Baranek
Saturday	Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Karen Camporeale
5:30PM	William Ramm
Sunday	Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	James and Theresa Serafini
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Ong Kim

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Joan and George Alvarez requested by their family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dorothy and Nicholas Behr requested by their grandchildren.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Michael Coleman and Potenciana S. Naong.

Good Deeds for Baby Jesus



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.

Sunday – Dec. 15

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School

9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm

11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team School

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice SH

6:30PM JWalk Meeting SH

Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

Monday - Dec. 16

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 Social Justice Meeting FDVRm

8:00PM RCIA MSRm

Tuesday – Dec. 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

Wednesday - Dec. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:00PM-7:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH

6:30PM Church Decorating

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

7:30PM Basketball SH

Simbang Gabi Set-up after Basketball SH

Thursday – Dec. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

6:30PM Church Decorating

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) Library

8:15PM Simbang Gabi Set-up

Friday – Dec. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM Distribution of Christmas Baskets LC

7:00PM Simbang Gabi UC; Pot Luck and Nativity Presentation to Follow SH

Saturday – Dec. 21

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRm

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!



**From the
Pastor**



With all the rushing around and all the worry about making sure that everything is done; all the gifts are bought, all the cards are sent and all the decorations are in place, it's sometimes hard to remember what Christmas is all about. I'm grateful to the Knights of Columbus for the banner on our front lawn that reminds us to "Keep Christ In Christmas" but, even for a priest, making this a reality is not always easy.

I think what we all need might be found this coming Friday evening when the children of our parish present their Christmas Pageant as part of our annual Simbang Gabi celebration. Our observance of Simbang Gabi gives our parish an opportunity to celebrate the Filipino heritage of many of our parishioners and allow the children of our parish to remind us what Christmas is all about.

Christmas is about children. Christmas is time for the child in each of us as we remember a simple story of faith, hope and love; the faith of a virgin who trusted the word of an angel, the hope of parents who brought forth a child into poverty, the love of a God who gave his Son to be our Savior.

Christmas is all about one special child, an infant born in a manger. And Christmas is all about the child in each one of us called to look with wonder upon the new born king. May the joy and wonder of Christmas be yours this day and each day throughout the coming year.

Fr. Carey

**We Welcome the Newest Members of
Our Parish Community**



Robert Maxwell D. Albano
Autumn Marie Krechkowski

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Retired Religious Collection

This weekend, we will take a second collection for the "Retired Religious Retirement Fund." The monies collected will help to care for all those religious sisters, brothers and order priests who gave their lives in service to the church. Please give generously to today's second collection.

**Vigil to Remember
Victims of Gun Violence
Sunday, December 15th**

Today, St. Mary's will join various organizations around the country remembering the victims of gun violence in the United States. After the 10:00 am Mass we will gather on the front steps of the church in a silent vigil as the church bells toll 28 times, one each for the victims of the Sandy Hook shooting.

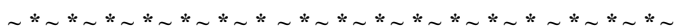
Nothing may make us feel more helpless than when we witness gun violence, especially against children. We wonder what we can do to try to stop the senseless cruelty on such a large scale, and how complex it may be to change a culture that creates it, or laws to prevent it.

"Blessed too are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." And so there are ways each person can do something to make a difference, as Jesus did with a group of followers.

In the same way that Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) got meaningful changes to help keep drunk drivers off the road, there is an organization concerned about gun violence, Moms Demand Action – NJ. You can learn more about them on Facebook.

Another local organization that is very active in working on New Jersey legislation is Ceasefire NJ - Coalition for Peace Action.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued this statement on gun violence in August, 2019: "We call for effective legislation that addresses why these unimaginable and repeated occurrences of murderous gun violence continue to take place in our communities. As people of faith, we continue to pray for all the victims, and for healing in all these stricken communities. But action is also needed to end these abhorrent acts."



Church Decorating

**Wednesday, December 18th and
Thursday, December 19th**

Many hands make light work!!!



Please join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 18th and Thursday, Dec.**

19th at 6:30 p.m. to decorate the church. On Wednesday, we will

do the "heavy" stuff, trees and wreaths. Thursday will be finishing touches. This is also a good opportunity for Confirmation candidates to fulfill their service hours.



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

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession



Congratulations to our first penitents who participated in this sacrament of mercy this past Saturday, 12/7. May they always understand the depths of God's love in their lives.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Tuesday, 1/7/20 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



First Communion Morning With Jesus for Parents and Candidates

Saturday, 1/11/20 8:45 a.m. – Noon. Meet in the lower church.

PACT/MAP



Children in our PACT/MAP Mass incentive program should sign in for mass in the sign-in books in the back vestibule of the Upper Church.

Confirmation Retreat Team

Next meeting Sunday 1/12/20 after the 10:00 a.m. mass in the Religious Education Office in the school. The Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, 1/25/19.



2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal



Our parish **goal** this year is **\$54,645.00**. We have received as of December 9, 2019 **\$28,989.00** in **pledges** from **147** families and have achieved approximately **53.05%** of our goal. **Your participation in this campaign is vitally important.** Our goal can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity!

Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown your support and generosity. **YOUR** gift will truly make a difference.

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We Are Living Stones Update

To Date: December 9, 2019



Total Pledge \$301,379.62
Total Amount Received \$267,049.21
Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$184,549.21 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$92,274.61**.

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign. Remember our plan is to use the **We Are Living Stones** proceeds to build an **Elevator** inside the church.

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PALAD Corner

Lucky Weeks Club Raffle Ticket UPDATE

#11 Winner: Julia Castillo
Ticket #1942

We have had 11 drawings and 10 more to go - \$50 prize on Wednesday 12/18, and at Simbang Gabi on 12/20, 4 \$50 and 4 \$150 prizes. Names of winners are announced thru an email to those who submitted valid email addresses, on a list posted in the church vestibule, as well as in the church bulletin and website.

Thank you once again to all of you who sold and/or purchased raffle tickets for our Elevator Fund. You have helped us get closer to seeing the installation of an elevator at St. Mary's come to fruition.

Marichi Adel

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2020 Sunday Missals

Copies of Sunday missals are now available for purchase. The cost is \$3.00 for each missal.

Knights of Columbus

New Year's Eve Party - December 31st from 8PM-11AM we will be hosting our New Year's Eve party with **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** provided by **The R&B Show** to ring in the new year playing all your favorites from classic selections to today's top hits. Only \$95 per person, includes passed hot hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner with choice of 8 different entrees, assorted dessert bar, coffee, tea, open bar, and a midnight champagne toast. Watch the ball drop with us on the big screen in our dining room this year! **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.

Bergen County Mass for Life - On Sunday January 12th St. John's Council #1345 along with the Bergen County Federation of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate a Mass for Life at 12 noon at the Society of African Missions (29 Bliss Ave.) in Tenafly, NJ to pray for the most vulnerable, babies in the womb. Following the Liturgy, everyone is invited to St. John's Council #1345 at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ for a pasta meal. All proceeds will go toward helping protect the unborn. The buffet meal will consist of bread, salad, pasta marinara, and meatballs. A \$10 suggested donation is requested. **RSVP REQUIRED** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Fr. Murray Memorial Dance - Please save the date. The Fr. Murray Dance will be on Sunday **AFTERNOON**, January 26th. We will begin the day's events with a mass at 12 noon to remember Fr. Murray at the Society of African Missions (29 Bliss Ave.) in Tenafly, NJ. That afternoon approximately 1:30PM we will have a **Brunch Buffet** (menu to follow) at our Council Hall in Dumont, with live entertainment provided by DJ & Vocalist Jerry Tolve playing all your favorite oldie and contemporary dance hits. As always the proceeds will go towards both the State Scholarship Fund as well as our Council Scholarship.

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**Simbang Gabi's Nativity
Presentation Rehearsal Dates**

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on:
 Dec 15, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass
 Dec 18, Wednesday, 5 pm -7pm
 Any questions, please call Parish Office 201-384-0557, Tatess 201-486-5852, Malu 201-387-9140, Marichi 201-385-8529.

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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Collection Dec. 7 - 8	\$8,123.00
Same Weekend 2018	\$9,164.00

Treasure from our children: \$13.00

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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 helped someone."***
- "I said my prayers."***
- "I talked with parents about lesson."***
- "To be responsible."***

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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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Parish Office Hours

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



Monday, Dec. 23 thru Wednesday,
 Dec. 25, 2019
 Monday, Dec. 30 thru Wednesday,
 Jan. 1, 2020

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Available Offerings for the Year 2020

Bread & Wine:

Jan. 26; Feb. 9 & 16; Mar. 22; May 3; Jun. 7; Aug. 23
 Aug. 30; Oct. 4, 18 & 25; Dec. 13.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Aug. 23 & 30; Nov. 22; Dec. 6 & 13.



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:

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or send email to info@stmarysdumont.org

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