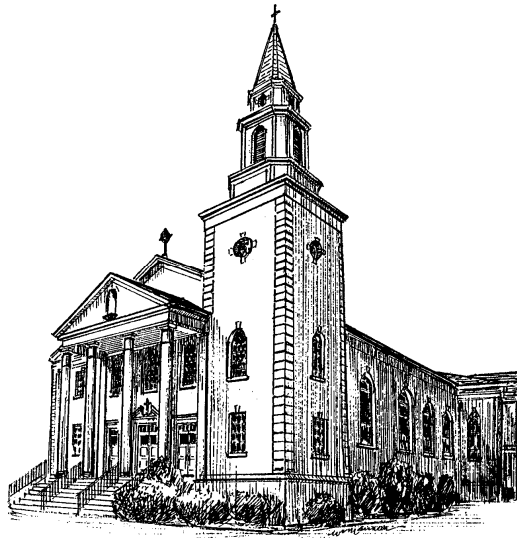


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 22, 2019

*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. 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*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
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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. 21 - Vigil
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
Monday	Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Angel Rubio
8:45AM	Virgilio Sepe
Tuesday	Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Eugenio and Gertrude Vioria
8:45AM	Angelo Aviles
	Dec. 24 - Vigil
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
6:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Wednesday	Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
7:45AM	Sr. Joseph Cremin
10:00AM	John and Petrina Scalice
12 Noon	Anthony Sica
Thursday	Dec. 26 - St. Stephen
7:00AM	John Walters
8:45AM	Malu Canlas (Living)
Friday	Dec. 27 - St. John
7:00AM	Bridget Fishwick
8:45AM	In Thanksgiving Abad Family
Saturday	Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents
8:30AM	Rosina Marchetti
5:30PM	Severina Oliver
Sunday	Dec. 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:45AM	Paul DiPaola
10:00AM	Alicia K. Donohue
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday – Dec. 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9:15AM RCIA Kids MSRM

Monday - Dec. 23
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School
 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

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

Wednesday - Dec. 25
Christmas Day
 Masses: 7:45AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon

Thursday – Dec. 26
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

Friday – Dec. 27
Feast of St. John
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
 7:15PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 28
Feast of the Holy Innocents
 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 29
Solemnity of the Holy Family

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

Available Offerings for the Year 2020

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

Sanctuary Lamp:
 Aug. 23 & 30; Nov. 22; Dec. 6 & 13.

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Bernard McHugh, Linda Gilbert and Mary Barragato.

Please Note:

All Masses will be in the upper church starting Christmas Day, Dec. 25th until January 12th, Baptism of the Lord.

From the Pastor

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For some, the Christmas season started back in September when certain stores started selling holiday decorations. Most people at least waited until the Thanksgiving turkey was finished but that might not have stopped them from visiting Black Friday sales that started early on Thanksgiving evening. Once the first candle of the Advent wreath was lit, it seemed that everyone was given permission to whole heartily throw themselves into the Christmas season. I even have a few friends who mail all their cards the day after Thanksgiving and have had all their shopping done since Halloween. So many people spend so much time getting ready for one day that they fail to understand that the Christmas season does not start really until Christmas Eve. The days and weeks leading up to Christmas is the season of Advent; a time of prayerful waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The season of Advent is a great gift that we all too often fail to recognize. It is a time to focus on all the gifts we have received from our loving God. It is a time to focus on the greatest gift we have received from our God; the gift of his only begotten Son. Christmas reminds us that the Son of God was born in space and time but more importantly it reminds that, if we truly open to the power of God's love, the Son of God is continually reborn in hearts each and every day.

The same people who think the Christmas season starts so early think that it ends the very next day. They forget that Christmas Day is celebrated for eight days, for a full octave and the Christmas season is with us until early January when we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Just as they miss the gift of the Advent season, they miss the full meaning of the real Christmas season.

We still have a couple of Advent days to enter into the prayerful waiting for the coming of our Savior. We also have the entire Christmas season to celebrate God love for us. On behalf of all the priests, deacon and staff of St. Mary's Church, I wish you and all your loved ones the most joyous Christmas seasons and all the blessings of living in the wonder of the Incarnation of our loving God.

Fr. Carey



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day

7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31
Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



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.

Mark Your Calendar

***Hackensack Walk-in Shelter -
Jan. 8, 2020***

Our next trip to Hackensack Walk-in Shelter will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2020

More information to follow.



We will be starting a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning January, 2020. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are in the military, ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557.

Serving in the Military

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...John Eckel III
Brian Collins...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...James Francis Ward
Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner

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.

Pray for Our Sick

- John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Kyla Carney
James Carney...Michael Curran...Barbara Bauer
Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahan..Tom Phelan
Anthony Montagnino...Michael Flanagan...Nick F.
Fiona Moran...Rhiannon McMahan...Mary DiCrisofalo
Sandy Tolentino...Maureen Kostka...Richard King
Noberto Quezada...George DiCostanzo...Richard Ward
Eileen F...Helen Gordon...Kristi Carbonaro
Barbara Barba (of Arizona)...Jason Matos...Jeanne
Eric Granada...Joe Paquiz...Rosemarie Dellner
Mildred Dellner...William Dellner...Myra D'Silva
Al Taxter...Frank Uvenio...Earl Anthony Quirolgico
Tessie Ariola...Angela Darata...Nancy Caggiano
Scott Tkacz...Joseph Pierre-Antoine

**December 2019 and January 2020
Rosary Linen Schedule**

- Dec. 22 Mary Loughlin
Dec. 29 Mary Whelan
Jan. 05 Mary Boyle
Jan. 12 Beverly Serafini
Jan. 19 Mary Loughlin
Jan. 26 Janet Kaine

**2019 Sharing God's Blessings
Annual Appeal**



Thank you for supporting the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We have received \$29,014.00 in pledges (Goal \$54,645.00) from 147 families and as of December 13, 2019 we received \$27,170.00. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline, December 31, 2019. Again, thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We Are Living Stones Update



To Date: December 13, 2019
Total Pledge: \$301,379.62
Total Amount Received: \$267,174.21
Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$184,674.21 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the parish share is \$92,337.11.

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.

PALAD Corner

Lucky Weeks Club Raffle Ticket
UPDATE

#12 Winner: Irene Jeffers
Ticket #1407

The winners at the Simbang Gabi drawings will be in next week's bulletin.

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



PACT/Religious Education Program

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The PACT/Religious Education Program is for children of our parish in grades 1-8 who are not enrolled in Catholic Schools and their families. For more information call us at (201) 384-0557 Ext. 20 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Important First Communion Preparation Announcements:

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.



Advent Wreath Making Dec. 1, 2019



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)



Since we have to submit the bulletin early, collection on Dec. 14 - 15, treasure from our children and their good deeds will be in next week's bulletin.

Christmas Greetings

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

