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

# St. Mary's Church

November 29, 2020

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/RCIA

Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate* for Catechetics

Mr. John Weiss, Business Administrator Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

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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.

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Saturday Nov. 28 - Vigil 5:30PM Rosica Family

Sunday Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Angelina Uvenio 10:00AM Thomas Pagano

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday Nov. 30 - St. Andrew

7:00AM Andrea M. Banzil 8:45AM Presentacion Francia

Tuesday Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Joan Barry 8:45AM Joan Toupin

Wednesday Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM John Sullivan

8:45AM George Myghaskiw, Sr.

Thursday Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

7:00AM Ann Conte 8:45AM John Sullivan

Friday Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Joanne Kennedy 8:45AM Jerry Sena

Saturday Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday

8:30AM James Burke 5:30PM Donald Lostumbo

Sunday Dec. 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 10:00AM Christopher Bishopp 12 Noon Florencia Madlambayan

# In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Toribio Almendra requested by his wife and children.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the Rosica family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Paul Esposito and Robert (Bob) Kenter.

# **Updates**

#### **Masses:**

#### **Sunday Masses:**

In order to attend Sunday Mass, you must make a reservation by calling the parish office at 201-384-0557 by 12:00noon on Friday or by emailing us at contactus@stmarysdumont.org.

You will receive confirmation of your reserved spot. Masses are at 5:30pm on Saturday, 7:45am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm on Sunday. We continue to live stream the 10:00am Mass on Sunday for those who are at home.

#### Daily Masses:

Our daily masses are at 7:00am and 8:45am Monday to Friday and 8:30am on Saturday. You don't need to make a reservation to attend our daily masses.

#### **Guidelines:**

Please follow the following guidelines while visiting the church to ensure the safety of everyone at this time.

- Enter the church by way of the propped open side doors.
- All visitors must wear a mask at all times.
- All visitors must use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church.
- All visitors must maintain a 6-foot social distance from others at all times. Please sit only in designated pews. Members of the same household (living together) should sit together in designated areas. No one may sit in the marked off center of the pew.
- Please do not leave anything behind in the church such as tissues, papers, gloves, etc.
- If you are sick or have been I contact with someone who is sick, please do not visit the church at this time and wait the required 14 days.

#### **Volunteers:**

We need two volunteers to check in people at each Sunday. Email Kathy Sylvester at

kathy@stmarysdumont.org if you can help.



# **Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 4th**

On Friday, Dec. 4th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

# From the Pastor

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Just as our celebration of Thanksgiving had to be adjusted because of the ongoing corona virus crisis, so will our preparations for the celebration of Christmas. Big crowds waiting for Black Friday deals are being discouraged. People are not flocking to the malls and large holiday parties are being canceled. Everything must be adjusted to accommodate the reality of a virus that already killed so many, made many others seriously ill and threatens all of us, especially the most vulnerable members of our community.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light a single candle on our Advent Wreath. This is an apt metaphor for the dark times we all struggling through. We look forward to vaccines that will hopefully offer protection from this killer virus. This is the light shining in our darkness. This is what we have all been praying for.

As people of faith, we know that as important as vaccines are, the true light that comes into our world is Christ himself and that is what this Advent season calls us to remember. 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.

As we go through the busyness of the next few weeks, trying to get ready to celebrate Christmas in the midst of the covid crisis, let us all remember that in our darkness night Christ is there, the light in the darkness that leads us to eternal life.

# Fr. Carey



# 2021 Available Offerings

#### **Bread and Wine**

Jan. 24; Feb. 7 & 14; Mar. 7; Apr. 4 & 11; May 9 & May 16; Jun. 6 & 20; Jul. 4 & 11; Sept. 26; Oct. 3 & Oct. 17; Nov. 14 & 21.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Mar. 21; Apr. 25; May 2 & 23; Jun. 6; Jul. 4 & 11; Aug. 1 & 29; Sept. 12 & 26; Oct. 17 & 24; Nov. 14 & 21.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Obligation

Next Tuesday, Dec. 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States and also the principal patroness of the Archdiocese of Newark. This feast proclaims our belief that Mary was conceived without sin, preparing her to be the Mother of the Lord. Since this feast is a holyday of obligation, the Mass schedule for that day will be: 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM - 7:30 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 to look extra-special for Christmas.

# Food Pantry

The Thanksgiving Day baskets were packed and distributed to 67 seniors/families in town. Thank you to everyone who donated toward helping our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. Our Christmas basket distribution will happen in only 4 weeks! Please see the list below for items we are still in need of.

Also, we will need turkeys and hams for Christmas. If you are able to donate a turkey or ham, please bring it to the rectory Monday – Friday between 9 am and 5 pm by Thursday, December 17.

Lastly, as we continuously support families in town through our church and Dumont Social Services, please continue to drop nonperishable food items at the rectory between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass.

#### God Bless, The Food Pantry Volunteers

#### Items Needed:

Progresso and Campbells soups, pasta, sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, syrup, bisquick, individually wrapped toilet paper or packs of 4, Chef Boyardee, and turkey gravy



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# PACT/Religious Education Updates

# <u>Virtual Religious Education/ PACT</u> <u>Program Update</u>

Our virtual Religious Education program has officially begun, but it is not too late to register your family. Families with children who should be in our programs for Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation should contact us at this time for further information. Call (201) 384-0557 extension 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

# <u>PACT Contact Information and E-mail Addresses</u>



Families in our Religious Education program who need to update e-mail addresses or other contact information, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at

religioused@stmarysdumont.org

## Sacrament Preparation Programs



Virtual/Zoom meetings will be scheduled for mid-January for parents of St. Mary's parish children in PACT or Catholic schools who will prepare to receive the First Penance,

First Holy Communion, or Confirmation in 2021.

Supporting St. Mary's

We know that regular expenses continue in your family, as they do in your parish family. We appreciate your consideration and whatever help you can offer as you continue to support St. Mary's. There are a number of ways you can support the parish:

- You can mail your contribution to the parish.
- You can drop your envelopes off in the kitchen mail box at the back of the rectory at any time or bring it to the parish office weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm.
- You can make a donation online, using the following link:

### stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

We deeply appreciate the continued love and support you give to St. Mary's.

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If you ordered Wreath or Blanket from our Youth Group, the contactless Drive-Thru pickup at the rectory garage is on Saturday, December 5th, between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

Listed below are the names of our friends or loved ones since March, 2020 who are Serving in the Military and Sick . Should the name(s) be removed or if you want to add new names on the list who are in need of prayer, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 and we will start praying for them. If you want their name to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let us know that as well.

# Serving in the Military

John Eckel III..Jaelon Magat..Sean Flanagan Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...Steve Sullivan Christopher Smaldone...James Francis Ward Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner Anthony Dunkin...Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner

# **Pray for Our Sick**

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Scott Tkacz James Carney...Michael Curran...Hector Montero Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Cris Kelly George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...John Scalice Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas Nancy Caggiano...Joseph Pierre-Antoine Sally Ariola Eric Granada..Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz..John Weiss,Sr. Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco... Frank Uvenio Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner

# **Knights of Columbus**

# **Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs and Magnets**

Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs and Car magnets will be available at St. John's Council (61 Armour Pl. Dumont) on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 4PM. They are available for a \$5 donation per sign/magnet. If you cannot make it during these times, call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 and we will make arrangements to get you what you need.

# 2021 Sunday Missals

Copies of Sunday missals are now available for purchase. You may pick one up in the church by the Sacred Heart Shrine on the Rectory Side or at the parish office. The cost is \$4.00 for each missal.

# <u> Advent Giving Tree – The Nurturing Place (York Street Project)</u>

Normally around this time of year, we are getting ready to let you know what Christmas gifts we would be asking for you to donate to send to the children of the *Nurturing Place* and their moms. This year, as everyone knows, is not "normal". Below is an excerpt from the email they sent to us as about how we can help them celebrate Christmas this year:

I am reaching out today with regards to Christmas. YES! I did say CHRISTMAS! It seems so, so far away, but is just around the corner. This year, due to very restrictive regulations, we are approaching the holiday season very differently. It saddens me greatly that we will not be able to provide in the same way this year to our families who so look forward to the beautiful and thoughtful gifts you all provide. We want to keep some sense of the holidays here for our families, so our goal is to still assist with a little "Christmas Magic" the best way we can. Our only reasonable solution to meeting the very strict health and safety regulations is to not seek gifts as we have done for so many years in the past, but instead provide gift cards to the families. We know and understand that this definitely puts a very different feeling to the spirit of giving and we absolutely understand if this year you decide not to organize and donate. However, if you are able to assist us, we would truly be grateful. We are fortunate that so many of our families have returned and are back in our care. We would like to prepare them as soon as possible for the holiday season.

Based on the past generosity of the people of St. Mary's, we agreed to ask for gift card donations so that we may help the Nurturing Place prepare for Christmas this year. The following is the list of suggested gift cards we are asking you to provide (any amount which you feel is affordable is appreciated):















We greatly appreciate any donation you can give us. Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree to the parish office or to the collection boxes by **Wednesday**, **Dec. 9**<sup>th</sup>.