

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

# *St. Mary's Church*

*December 6, 2020*

*Second 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*

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  
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[contactus@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:contactus@stmarysdumont.org)

Online giving: WeShare  
[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)

## **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>Dec. 5 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Donald Lostumbo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 6 - Second Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Christopher Bishopp
12 Noon	Florencia Madlambayan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose</b>
7:00AM	Gloria Waters
8:45AM	Joan Mascarelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:00AM	Mary and Matthew Barry
8:45AM	Concepcion Parrella (Living)
7:30PM	Michael Coleman
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Michael Coleman
8:45AM	Uberto Tarabocchia
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	James Flaherty
8:45AM	Maria Raffa
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Kenneth Rankin
8:45AM	Margaret Fardough and Brid Fishwick
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
8:30AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
5:30PM	Dennis Mulheren
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 13 - Third Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Gene and Gertrude Vioria
10:00AM	Thomas Duffy
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 requested by Mary Ellen and Michael and Flanagan Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Michael Coleman requested by the Daly Family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Josephine Aniciete.

### ***Parish Office Schedule***



In observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, the parish office will be closed.

## **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](mailto: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 in 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](mailto:kathy@stmarysdumont.org) if you can help.

### **Christmas Flowers**



***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.

From the  
Pastor

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Once a year, the Archdiocese instructs pastors to give a report to the parishioners on the financial health of the parish. As you can see from the report, financially, this has not been a great year for St. Mary's. The covid crisis that has affected every facet of our normal lives has had a serious impact on our budget. Not only have we struggled with the effect of the pandemic, we have also been dealing with the repair costs associated with last year's flood in the school building.

However, all things considered, St. Mary's is keeping its head above water and this only because of the generous support of our parishioners and for that, I am truly grateful. Because of the pandemic lockdown, we missed major collections on Palm Sunday and Easter. We also were forced to cancel the Carnival; our most important annual fund raising event. We have had a couple of small fund raisers and we were fortunate that we qualified for a loan/grant from the federal government's covid relief program. And with vaccines on the near horizon, we look forward to a new year with renewed hope that things will slowly start returning to normal.

In an effort to get our parish on a firmer financial footing, we had decided to hold a raffle to replace the one missed when we were forced to cancel the carnival. By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. I know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we strive to make this special raffle a great success. If you need more raffle tickets, they are available at the Rectory.

Like so many of you, I am looking forward to the end of this incredibly difficult year. But with the end so near, let us not lower our guard. We must continue to do what we can to limit the spread of this incredibly serious virus by avoiding crowds, practicing social distancing and wearing masks. As we move forward, I ask everyone to prayerfully consider how to best help St. Mary's through the financial difficulties created by the covid crisis.

*Fr. Carey*

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

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.**

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***Food Pantry***

Thank you again to everyone who donated to help our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. Our Christmas basket distribution will happen in only 2 weeks! Please see the list below for items needed. Please drop nonperishable food items at the rectory between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass. 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.

***God Bless,***  
***The Food Pantry Volunteers***

***Items Needed:***  
Peanut butter and jelly, apple sauce, syrup, bisquick, individually wrapped toilet paper or packs of 4, Chef Boyardee and turkey gravy



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***Retired Religious Retirement Fund***  
***Second Collection Dec. 12-13***

**Help our elders.**  
In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



***PACT/Religious Education Program***

**Virtual Religious Education/ PACT Program Update**

Thank you to our parents and catechists for your patience as we navigate virtual Religious Education this year! At this time, we are working to improve the way communication between catechists and families takes place. For more information, call (201) 384-0557 extension 20 or e-mail [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@stmarysdumont.org)

**PACT Contact Information and E-mail Addresses**



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 [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@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](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)**

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

**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.

*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

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**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; Oct. 3 & 17; Nov. 14 & Nov. 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.

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**Are You Registered?**

We have people coming to St. Mary's on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. Before we could fill out and sign the form, you have to be a registered active parishioner for at **least six months**. The best way to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter.

**PLEASE** – save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble – **come to the parish office and register!**

**SAINT MARY'S CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES**  
 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

<b><u>OPERATING REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>Year Ending 6/30/2019</u></b>	<b><u>Year Ending 6/30/2020</u></b>
SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS	470,652	399,096
CHRISTMAS	35,259	38,343
EASTER	28,677	16,217
GIFTS & DONATIONS: (Bequest, Restricted, Other)	101,657	99,623
FUND RAISING NET	51,842	29,287
INVESTMENT INTEREST	5,779	5,315
RENTAL INCOME	207,915	196,048
ADDITIONAL REVENUES: (Candles, Ads, Other)	51,035	48,613
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b><u>952,816</u></b>	<b><u>832,542</u></b>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	563,645	593,420
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Copiers, Snow Plowing, Alarms)	24,509	26,056
PLANT RELATED: (Repairs, Insurance, Care of Grounds)	70,727	60,181
UTILITIES	99,622	92,922
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT: (Books, Cleaning Supplies, Computers)	44,852	45,733
GENERAL: (Rectory Provisions, Religious Education)	57,517	43,498
ASSESSMENT	102,876	96,984
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>963,748</u></b>	<b><u>958,794</u></b>
 <b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	 <b><u>(10,932)</u></b>	 <b><u>(126,252)</u></b>
<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES &amp; EXPENSES</u></b>		
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	32,058	197,761
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	<u>28,550</u>	<u>246,482</u>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>(7,424)</u></b>	<b><u>(174,973)</u></b>



## Only 3 Days Left

### Advent Giving Tree – The Nurturing Place (York Street Project)

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):

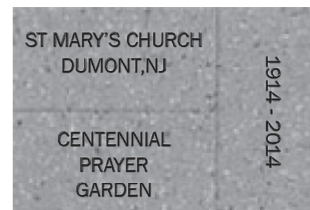


We greatly appreciate any donation you can give us. Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree to the parish office or to the collection boxes by **Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**.



# 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, 2020.**