

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of
St. Mary's Church



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STAN GORSKI

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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*
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Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
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Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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Director of Music:
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Mass Reservation email:
contactus@stmarysdumont.org

Online giving: WeShare
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.



Saturday	Dec. 26 - Vigil
5:30PM	Bill Ramm
Sunday	Dec. 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Alicia K. Donohue
12 Noon	Richard Delia, Jr.
Monday	Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents
7:00AM	Anna and James Hans, Sr.
8:45AM	Angel Rubio
Tuesday	Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	Jose Tumaneng
Wednesday	Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Erwin de los Reyes
8:45AM	Patrick Wade
Thursday	Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Joanne Kennedy
8:45AM	Charlie and John McMorrow
5:30PM	Mildred Carey
Friday	Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00AM	Betty Walters
8:45AM	Adele Consentino
Saturday	Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:30AM	Ann Theresa Herlihy
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Jan. 3 - Epiphany of the Lord
7:45AM	Angelina Luciano
10:00AM	Gus and Mary Pappas
12 Noon	Bernard McHugh

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of the Quigley and Markert families requested by Anna Markert.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dan Schettino requested by Sue Schettino.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Hortensia Garcia.

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 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 if you can help.

2021 Available Offerings

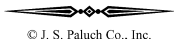
Bread and Wine

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

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.

From the Pastor



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On this last Sunday of 2020, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we look back on a most incredibly difficult year. We have watched in horror as racial unrest tore apart too many cities. We have survived an election that has forced us to examine the deep division that exists in our nation. And we have struggled through the greatest health crisis of the past 100 years; a pandemic that has, world-wide, taken more than a million and half lives, a pandemic that has radically affected the way we live our daily lives. I am sure that we all look forward to the end of the year 2020.

Thanks to the promise of effective vaccines, we look forward to a new year with renewed hope; hope that in the not too distance future a vaccine will protect us from this deadly pandemic and that our lives will slowly return to some sense of normalcy. More importantly, we find our hope in the birth of our Savior.

This Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that life was not always easy for the little family of Jesus and Joseph and Mary. A young virgin, an espoused husband prepared to divorce her, a long journey to Bethlehem, giving birth in a stable, the flight to Egypt; in the less than perfect life of the Holy Family, they faced more trials than we can count. But no matter what they faced; the Holy Family placed their hope and trust in God's plan of salvation. We need to do the same thing.


As we move beyond the struggles of 2020, perhaps the New Year's resolution we all need to make is to have more trust in God. We need to remember that we are never alone. We need to remember that the God, who loves us so much that he gave us his Son to be our Savior, will be with us through all the trials and tribulations that the New Year might bring. If we can do that, we too can be a holy family.

Fr. Carey

Parish Office Schedule

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office **will be closed** on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 and Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.






Rejoice Joy Peace

**MASSES FOR THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Thursday, December 31, 2020
5:30 PM Vigil Mass

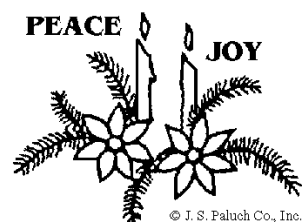
Friday, January 1, 2021
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



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New Year's Greetings

The priests, deacon, and
the parish staff
wish to extend to
all of our parish families
their prayers and
best wishes for
a blessed and peaceful
New Year.



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Dear Parishioners,

As one year ends and a new one begins, we are called to consider the passing of time. And so again I offer this prayer for your reflection.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Carey*

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice.

Lord, we thank you for your gift of the seasons. Through your reflected beauty, they help us to mark the passing of time.

Bless us with your special accuracy, those who help us be organized and on time, who help us keep our schedules and appointments.

Bless us with sensitivity when we impose on the precious time of others.

For those whose time is now eternity, share the blessing of your light and peace.

You said, "Watch and pray, for you know not the day or the hour." May the anticipation of your coming turn us to you each day.

Take from us the guilt and failure of the past by deepening our faith in your forgiveness.

Spare us all anxiety and worry for the future by strengthening our trust in your ever watchful and loving providence.

Teach us to live each day in your love, cherishing each moment as we experience it, leaving all else safely in your hands.

Hear us now in your mercy and extend your blessing to the instruments, calendars and timepieces we use to measure time.

Bless our clocks and watches so we may experience the miracle of each second. May they help us not miss what is important while you keep us from our machine-like routine. Free us from being clock watchers, make us time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of weeks and months, of holy days and holidays, of feast and fasts, all our special days of remembering.

And finally, Lord, bless this new year, each of its days and nights. Bless us with full means and new moons, with happy seasons and healthy lives.

Grant to us, Lord, your gift of love and peace.

Amen

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2020. We could not have helped the many families and seniors without their efforts. So in no particular order, our angels are:

Boy Scout Troop #1345
The Dumont Board of Education
The Dumont High School Athletic Department
The Dumont High School Athletes
The Dumont Police Department
The Parishioners of St. Mary's
Father Carey, Father Pat, Father Tom, Deacon John
Dory Weiss, Parish Secretary
Kathy Sylvester, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
Shane Kelly & Jose Lopez, St. Mary's Maintenance
Beth Meloscia, Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Phil Alloca, Mrs. Anna Markert,
Meghan Romaine, Amanda Vietri & Michael Vietri
The Ladies of the Food Pantry: Kathy Downing, Vicki Dripchak,
Karen Ebenhack, Melissa Gracey, Tammy Martrin, Mary Auriti,
Lynda McGowan, Denise McKeary & Sheila Romaine

We hope everyone has a blessed 2021.

Denise Alloca & Lynne Vietri



ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT!!!



THANK YOU to our parishioners who already purchased the raffle tickets.

To those who haven't purchased the raffle tickets, you still have time. REMEMBER to purchase only 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.

Tickets are \$20.00 each. There will be three (3) prizes

- 1st Prize will be 25% of the proceeds
- 2nd Prize will be 15% of the proceeds and
- 3rd Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

Please return raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or drop in one of the collection boxes in church. *The winning tickets will be pulled on January 3rd, 2021, the Feast of the Epiphany.*

I realize that the covid crisis has caused financial struggles for many families in our community. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might be able to help your parish and be assured that we are most grateful for whatever each family might be able to do.



We are 34% of our goal!