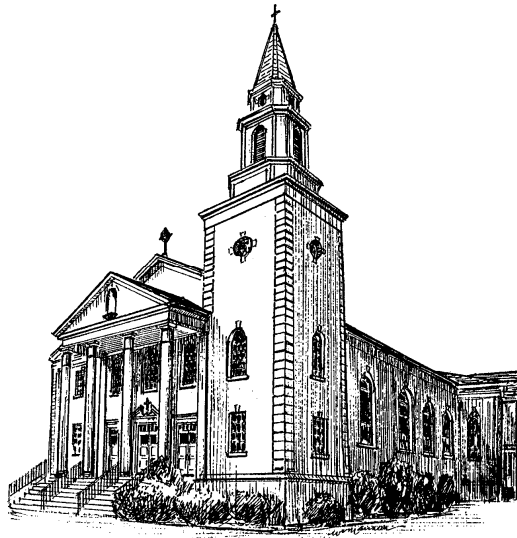


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*  
**St. Mary's Church**

**February 7, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**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  
Extension 20  
email: [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org)

Director of Music:  
email: [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:music@stmarysdumont.org)

Mass Reservation email:  
[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, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper 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> 5:30PM	<b>Feb. 6 - Vigil</b> Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Feb. 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Helen Kostka Betty Walters Dominick Colavito
<b>Monday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 8 - Weekday</b> Marianne Lane Victor Ghilain
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 9 - Weekday</b> Ann Mgt Gargin (Living) Victor Ghilain
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica</b> Sr. Bridget O'Shea Claire Mackin
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 11 - Weekday</b> Dan and John Daly Mary Benecchi
<b>Friday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 12 - Weekday</b> Jose Carretas Elizabeth Walters
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30AM 5:30PM	<b>Feb. 13 - Weekday</b> Florenca Dimarucot Sr. Maureen O'Neill
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Feb. 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sr. Maureen O'Neill Jeffers, Reilly and Serpa Families Parishioners of St. Mary's

### ***Special Intentions***

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Amy, Merv and Marc Rubiano on the occasion of their birthdays.

### ***In Loving Memory***



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Betty Duffy requested by her granddaughters.

### ***2021 Available Offerings***

#### **Bread and Wine**

Feb. 14; Apr. 11; May 9; Jun. 6 & 20; Jul. 4 & 11; Oct. 3 & 17.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

May 2; Jul. 4; Aug. 29; Oct. 24.

## **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.

### **Faith Sharing Groups for Lent**

Lent is coming! We once again offer faith sharing groups --- to be done virtually. If you would like to be a part of a group or run a virtual group, please let the parish office know and we will send you materials to use for Lenten Reflection

# From the Pastor

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In a discussion I was having with a good friend of mine who is a priest in the Episcopalian Church, he casually mentions that one of the things he envied about the Catholic Church was the fact that we had cloistered community of both men and women. This comment totally surprised me. I thought what a strange thing to envy about Catholic Church. When I asked him why, he said, “Don’t you realize that at every minute of every day, somewhere in the world there is cloistered community of nuns or brothers praying for your Church?”

This past week, the Catholic Church celebrated the World Day for Consecrated Life in which we honor and give thanks for all the men and women who serve the Church in religious communities, those in cloistered life and those who serve in so many active ministries. In addition to those who live in community, our archdiocese is blessed to have individuals who are part of secular institutes, who are consecrated virgins and those who have taken private vows.

For more than 170 years, the Archdiocese of Newark has been blessed by the service of countless men and women in consecrated life, most especially in education and in health care as well as in parish ministry. They have touched so many lives with their compassion, their care and, most importantly, with their prayers.

In observance of the World Day for Consecrated Life, our Archbishop, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, last weekend celebrated a special mass for those in consecrated life and to honor those individuals who were celebrating special jubilees. Because of covid restrictions, attendance was strictly limited.

Let us all give thanks for all the women and men in consecrated life who serve the church and let us all pray that the church will be blessed with an abundance of vocations to consecrated life and ordained ministry.

**Fr. Carey**

## Stewardship Reflection

*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”*  
*Mark 1:35, 38*

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

## Prayer Of The Faithful

That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.

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## 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)*

Collection Jan. 30 - 31, 2021	\$5,673.00
Weekly On Line Giving	\$1,212.00
Same Weekend 2020	\$9,448.00

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## 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.



### PACT/Religious Education Program

#### Religious Education/ PACT Program

Please subscribe to the St. Mary's Church general e-mail list to receive weekly updates about what is happening here at the parish. Note: this is not a contact e-mail for Religious Education! You can subscribe to the parish e-mail by e-mailing "subscribe" to [contactus@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:contactus@stmarysdumont.org)

#### First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession



First Penance 2021 Preparation materials have been distributed and virtual First Penance 2021 Preparation has begun! Please pray with us as we prepare to bring candidates to Reconciliation with our forgiving Lord during Lent.

#### Confirmation 2021 Preparation Registration



Parents are asked to complete registration forms with their candidates indicating that they will be enrolled in preparing for Confirmation Preparation. Registration forms should be returned by 2/16/21.

#### PACT/Religious Education - update your Contact Information

If you are a part of St. Mary's Religious Education program and need to update e-mail addresses, phone numbers, or other contact information call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org).

Listed below are the names of our friends or loved ones 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...Jun Adel  
Ed DeFreese...Frank Martin...Joseph Vaccaro  
Diane Lang...Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito  
Fred Herman

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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!**

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#### 2020 Contribution Statements

If you want a statement regarding your 2020 contributions, please call the parish office and give us your name, address and envelope number. We will get the statement to you in a timely fashion.

# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ at the start of this new year.

Though different in many ways, our recent celebration of Christmas, reminded us so powerfully that Christ is the Light that shines in the darkness.

In more ways than one, this past year seemed to be covered by shadows and dimmed by the dramatic global pandemic that continues to affect our world. Despite the uncertainty and adversity, the People of God remain steadfast in their witness and stewardship, and for this I am grateful.

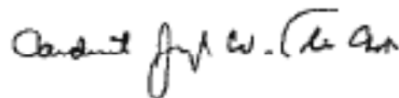
As is customary for this time of year, I would like to humbly ask your support for the 2021 Annual Appeal which will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care of the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?

I can assure you that 100% of your contribution will fund the case for support outlined in the enclosed brochure. The gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church and nothing more.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. May Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our Mother, protect you and lead you ever closer to her Son.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Newark

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*“Through Him was Life, and this Life was the light of the human race. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

John 1:4-5