

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

# *St. Mary's Church*

**February 14, 2021**

**Sixth 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*  
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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.



## From the Pastor

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I recently asked a friend what he was giving up for Lent this year and he said, "Haven't we already given up enough." I'm sure many people feel the same. It's been almost a year since we learned of a deadly virus from half way around the world; a virus that has forced us all to take so many drastic steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

The covid virus has taken so many things away from us. It has forced us to make major changes in our lives. It has limited our ability to do the things we want and to spend time with people we care about. I have a good friend who has not even held his new grandchild, born last May, because of covid travel restrictions. Zoom is great but it's not like really being there. It seems like we have all been in an extended Lent for the past 12 months.

So what do we do as a new Lenten season begins this week? What are we supposed give up to make this Lent really count? I guess that depends on how we see Lent and why we make Lenten sacrifices.

Lent was originally a period of preparation for those who were to be baptized at Easter. For us, Lent is time of preparation to renew our baptismal promises. This Lent can be a time to re-adjust our perspective; a time to cultivate an attitude of gratitude for the countless blessings God has given us.

As we hopefully move towards the end of this pandemic, let us not forget the lessons we have learned. We have learned that life is fragile and that each life is truly precious. We have learned that we are truly blessed by a God who loves us. We have learned that in these tough times we need each other and we need to reach out to those who are struggling. Let this Lent be a time to remember that no sacrifice we make compares with the sacrifice of our Savior who stretched out His arms on the Cross and died for our sins.

**Fr. Carey**

### ***President's Day – February 15***

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

### **2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

### **Lenten Giving Tree**



the giving tree

Every year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we helped St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark and Oasis Center for Women and Children in Paterson.

Due to the pandemic, in place of purchasing different items, they are requesting gift cards from CVS, Walgreen, Target, Wal-Mart and Shop Rite.

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree to the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm or to the collection boxes during Lent.



**PACT/Religious Education Program**

**Religious Education/ PACT Program Virtual Lenten Meeting**

Tuesday, 2/16/21 we will have a PACT virtual meeting for Lent at 7:00 p.m. Parents- check e-mails for the link to access the meeting!

**First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession Practice**



First Penance 2021 Preparation live and virtual practice will be Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 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 [religiouised@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiouised@stmarysdumont.org).

**Mass Reservations**

Sunday Masses:

***In order to attend Sunday Mass, you must make a reservation by calling the parish office at 201-384-0557 by 12:00 noon 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.

Dear Parishioners:

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us remember the three Lenten practices: Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving. As you prepare for Easter, please consider donating to the St. Mary's Food Pantry.



When you are able, please drop non-perishable food items at the St. Mary's rectory Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass. We thank all the parishioners who continually donate to the pantry. Items most currently needed are listed below.

Our next drive through food donation will be on Saturday, March 20 from 10 am to 12 noon. More information will be forthcoming.

PLEASE remember to check the dates on your items. Outdated items cannot be distributed.

If you or anyone you know needs a bag or two of groceries, please call the St. Mary's Parish Office between 9 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday at 201-384-0557. Nights and weekends please call the emergency number at 201-696-2819.

***God Bless, The St. Mary's Food Pantry Volunteers***

Items Most Needed: Peanut butter and jelly, syrup, bisquick, canned tuna or other meat/fish, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese, rice dishes, condiments, individually wrapped or packs of 4 rolls of toilet paper, paper towels (individually wrapped or not) and tissues

***Please remember that the need for food donations never ceases.***

**2022 Mass Book**

The 2022 Mass book will be opened on Wednesday, March 10th.

This year, Mass requests will be through the mail for the first couple of months. Please note that **only 8 Masses** will be available to each person requesting Masses for 2022: **Three Sundays or Holydays and Five weekdays**. This will ensure that all parishioners have equal opportunity for Masses for family and loved ones. You will receive confirmation of the dates and time you requested. Form will be in the bulletin and the website starting next weekend. You can drop off the form, with your donation, in the Parish Office during the week, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or in the collection boxes. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2022 Masses**.

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 McMahan..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...SSND Wilton

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

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have **\$3,822.00** already **pledged** from **18 families** as of February 8, 2021.  
 Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?  
 If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available at the doors of the church or you can visit **www.rcan.org/sharing**.  
 Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

**Volunteers Needed**

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.

**Stewardship Reflection**

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”  
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

**Prayer Of The Faithful**

That everything we do is for the glory of God.

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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)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Collection Feb. 6 - 7, 2021	\$3,643.00	\$8,812.00
Weekly On Line Giving	\$1,547.00	
Fuel	\$1,432.00	\$2,145.00

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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.

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**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.