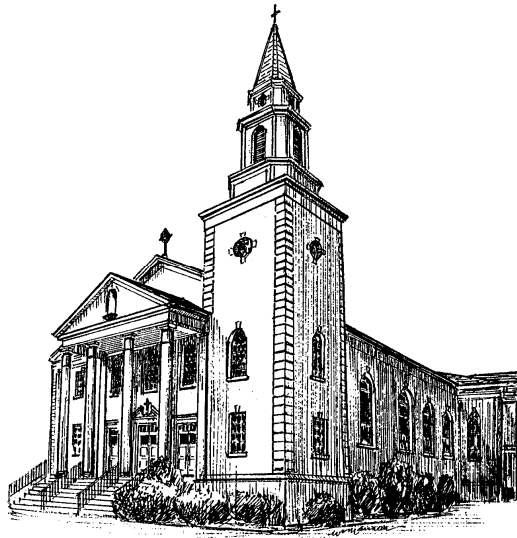


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

*December 5, 2021*

*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)

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Mass Reservation email:  
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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.



Table of Mass Intentions for the week, including dates (Saturday to Sunday), times, and names of the faithful.

***In Loving Memory***



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael Coleman requested by Mike and Mary Daly.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased members of the Quigley Family requested by Anna Markert.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Marjorie Manott.

***Parish Office Schedule***



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

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

This Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 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.**

**Deanery Penance Services**

To help us all prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the priests of our Deanery will come together each Monday evening of Advent to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be several priests each evening to hear confessions. Details can be found on the posters in Church. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, December 6 at 7:00pm
Ascension Church in New Milford
Monday, December 13 at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly
Monday, December 20 at 7:00pm
St. Joseph Church in New Milford

Confessions will still be heard here at St. Mary's each Saturday at 4:00pm.

**Synod on Synodality  
Listening Session**

As Fr. Carey explained a few weeks ago in the bulletin, Cardinal Tobin has called this Synod a global process of discussion and reflection on topics of particular importance to the Church. But this global process starts on a local level. Each parish in the Archdiocese has been asked to invite all people to come together so all voices can be heard.

**We hope to have this listening session at St. Mary's in Szelest Hall on Monday, December 13th at 7:00pm. If needed, we will host a second listening session in mid-January.**

So that we can properly prepare for this meeting, it is important that you let the Rectory know that you are coming. Please call 201-384-0557 and tell us how many people will be attending our meeting.

There is a great deal of information about the Synod on the Archdiocesan website, rcan.org. We encourage everyone to visit the website as we prepare for our parish meeting and I ask everyone to pray for the success of this Synod.





## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **PACT Schedules and Contact Information**

Please refer to color-coded schedules which were mailed to your home for the dates of PACT sessions (on the front of the page) and assignments due (on the back). Feel free to call or e-mail in advance of your session with any questions you may have regarding sessions or other scheduled meetings. If you are not receiving e-mails from us and our e-mails do not appear in your spam or junk mail folders, take a moment to provide us with an e-mail which accepts religiouised@stmarysdumont.org as a sender.

### **PACT Advent St. Nicholas Project**



Please check your e-mail for information on our PACT St. Nicholas Project and don't forget to bring donations to your December PACT session!

### **2021-22 PACT Program Year: Gathering Safely/COVID Protocol Agreement**

PACT parents- signed COVID protocol agreements are required for families to participate in activities here at St. Mary's whether we are meeting in the church or school building. If you have not done so, return your printed and signed gathering safely meeting protocol agreement (on blue paper) which was distributed last month. We thank you for your vigilance ensuring that our time together is as safe as possible.

### **First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession Preparation**

Congratulations to our first penitents! First Penance was celebrated last weekend with our first sacraments candidates. Pray with us that the Sacrament of Reconciliation may deepen their understanding (and ours) of a lifetime of opportunities for reconciliation with Jesus and our brothers and sisters in our families, Church, and the world.

### **Return to Religious Education**

We are in the process of helping our parish children stay on track with their Religious Education. Has your family been away from Religious Education? Contact us. Do you know a Catholic family with children who should be participating in Religious Education? Refer them to us at this time. Call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org



### **New Parents/Families**

To inquire about Religious Education and preparing for the sacraments, call or e-mail us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or religiouised@stmarysdumont.org for more information. Parents of families new to us attend an orientation appointment here at St. Mary's. Registration and participation at St. Mary's parish is required.

### **Confirmation Preparation**



The opening meeting for Confirmation Preparation candidates and their parents and/or sponsors was held this past Monday. For more information call us or e-mail religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.

### **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.

### **2022 Available Offerings**

#### **Bread and Wine:**

Jan. 16 & 30; Feb. 13; Mar. 13 & 20; Apr. 3; May 1 & 8; July 3, 10 & Jul. 17; Aug. 7 & 28; Sept. 4, 11 & 18; Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 20 & 27; Dec 4, 11 & 18.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp:**

Jan. 16 & 30; Feb. 13; Mar. 6 & 13; Apr. 3, 10, 17 & 24; May 1 & 22; June 5 & 12; Jul 31; Aug. 28; Sept. 4, 11 & 18; Oct. 9.

**Are You Registered?**

If you have recently moved or even if you have been attending for years, stop by the parish office and register.

**Why do you need to register?**

There are many reasons such as:

- There’s a feeling of becoming part of the parish community.
- You give the parish a chance to get to know you better.
- The parish will have a way to communicate with you by sending you emails or mails to keep you up-to-date on the parish news.
- **Registration is required** to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony.
- If you’re planning to register your child(ren) to our religious education program, the families of those attending must be registered parishioners.
- When a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or if a parish needs verification of your status as a practicing Catholic, these **can’t be done if you’re not registered.** You need to be registered as an active parishioner for several months.

Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm; Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

**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)**

	<b><u>11/20 - 21</u></b>	<b><u>11/27 - 28</u></b>
Collections	\$7,427.00	\$6,066.00
Weekly On Line Giving	<u>1,577.00</u>	<u>1,027.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$9,004.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,093.00</u></b>

There are also other ways to support the parish by using our On-Line Giving: WeShare. The link is [stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](https://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com) or you can call your bank if they can do on-line payment on your behalf.

**Please check St. Mary’s website for the WeShare Donor Match Program.**

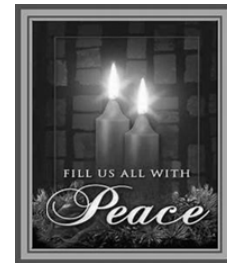
We greatly appreciate your continued support to St. Mary’s.

**St. Mary’s Food Pantry**

The Thanksgiving Day baskets have been packed and distributed to 49 seniors/families in town. Thank you again to everyone who donated toward helping our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. Our Christmas basket distribution will happen in only 2 weeks! We are still in need of about 15 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 16. We are also in need of syrup, bisquick and toilet paper (individually wrapped or packs of 4).

**Thank you for your continued support of the St. Mary’s Food Pantry**

*Peace to all on this second week of Advent  
The Food Pantry Volunteers*



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The Cathedral Concert Series Fiftieth  
**Candlelight Carol Sing**  
The Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble  
*John J. Miller, conductor  
Kristin Dabaghian, organist*

Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
and  
Thursday, December 16, 2021

Performances Begin at 8 PM  
Doors Open at 7 PM  
Ramped Entrance on Ridge Street  
Masks Strongly Recommended

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
Park and Clifton Avenues, Newark

For more information call 973-484-2400  
[www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

## Only 3 Days Left

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

We got an email from The Nurturing Place wanted to know if we are “still willing and able to assist them” to their Christmas celebration and we responded “YES” that we will help them.

The Nurturing Place still have very restrictive regulations so they are approaching the Christmas season the same as last year. Their goal is to still assist with a little "Christmas Magic" the best way they can. The Gift Cards worked out so well last year and they hope to continue this tradition in 2021.

They have about 60+ children, in addition to approximately 35-40 moms they hope to assist this year.

Based on the past generosity of the people of St. Mary's, we would like to ask once again for gift cards 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):



Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree on the envelope to the parish office or to the collection boxes by **Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Saint Mary's  
Altar & Rosary Society  
Invites you to... ..

CREATE NIGHT

Whimsical Heart Door Hanging

\*ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED\*

Friday

January 28, 2022

7:30pm-10pm

\*Please DO NOT arrive before 7:20 pm  
as parking will be limited before then

RSVP Jan. 21, 2022

St Mary's Church

Szelest Hall

B.Y.O.B. & SNACKS

\*ADULTS ONLY\*

\$35.00 per person



Contact: Lynne Vietri (201)647-5404

Payment: St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society (Check or Cash)

Saint Mary's Altar & Rosary Society Create Night

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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