

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 12, 2021

*Third 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*
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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, 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.

From the Pastor

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For more than a century, religious orders of women and men in this country have been a vivid and influential presence, especially in education and health care. They contributed immeasurably to the rise of a vast immigrant population to America's middle class. The decisive role that sisters, brothers, and religious order priests played was undertaken in a spirit of service and selflessness. Any salary or stipend they received was reinvested in the ministry of the community.

For many years, the elderly members of religious communities were supported and cared for by the younger members of community. This worked as long as new vocations to religious life kept pace with their aging population. However, as the number of vocations has declined, serious financial burdens are being incurred by numerous religious communities.

In our nation, there are more than 35,000 religious men and women over the age of 70, many in need of skilled nursing care. A number of religious communities are joining together to maximize resources in an effort to meet the needs of their aging members but they need our help.

This weekend we will take a second collection for the "Retired Religious Retirement Fund." The monies collected will help to care for all those religious sisters, brothers and order priests who gave their lives in service to the church. They have all given so much. Can't we give a little back to them?

Please remember, tomorrow evening, St. Mary's will host its first Listening Session as part of the world-wide Synod on Synodality. This session will begin at 7:00 pm in the Szelest Hall. If you will to participate, please notify the Rectory.

Fr. Carey

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.



2021 CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve

4:00 PM, 6:30 PM Mass
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25
Christmas Day

7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

John Eckel III...Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan
Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...James Francis Ward
Christopher Smaldone...Steve Sullivan...John Murray
Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner
Vincent Mazzilli

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Sean Hayes
James Carney...Hector Montero...Scott Tkacz
Tom Phelan...James Pellettere...Skylar Frye
Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Cris Kelly
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...Elaine Haddad
Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas
Nancy Caggiano...Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Annette
Eric Granada...Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz...SSND Wilton
Kristi Carbonaro...Frank Uvenio...Carol Anne Barry
Joseph Vaccaro...Dorothy Peterson...Diane Lang
Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito...Jim Nicholas
Tina Fortalesa...Peter Fiumefreddo...Frank Martin
Tienne Myers...James Hughes...Hector Montero, Jr.
Barbara Leahy...Pasquale Tedesco...Arvin Erd
Mary Ann Ragone...Patricia Adone...Michael Falcone
Rolando Joaquin...Kevin Rainey



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 religioused@stmarysdumont.org as a sender.

PACT Advent St. Nicholas Project



Please bring gift card donations for the PACT Giving Project benefiting the women and children at Oasis Haven to our PACT Saints session next week. If you bring them to the office, mark them "PACT St. Nicholas Project". Thank you for your generosity!

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 religioused@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 religioused@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 last week. For more information call us or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

"Be The Gift"

The Knights of Columbus, St. John's Council 1345, invite you to a Family Advent Retreat - "Be The Gift" on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00PM at Conlon Hall at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 18 N William St., Bergenfield, NJ. The presenter will be Colleen Kelly-Rayner. For more information, please call Gerry Flood, Grand Knight at 914-343-5508 or St. John's Religious Ed Department at 201-384-3601.

"Candlelight Carol Sing"

The Cathedral Concert Series Fiftieth "Candlelight Carol Sing" will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15 & Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Performances begin at 8:00pm. Doors open at 7:00pm. Ramped entrance on Ridge St. *Masks strongly recommended.* For more information, call 973-484-2400. Website: www.cathedralbasilica.org.

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)

Collections - Dec. 4 - 5	\$5,606.00
Weekly On Line Giving	<u>1,542.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,148.00</u>

There are also other ways to support the parish by using our On-Line Giving: WeShare. The link is **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.

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Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Prayer Of The Faithful

By David Baranowski

That we may take time every day to show our gratitude to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

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Bridge Makers Meeting

Bridge Makers, a faith sharing community of LGBT, family and friends, will meet on Wednesday, December 15, 7:30 pm, in St. Mary's school. The entrance in the parking lot closest to Park Ave will be open. This will be the first in-person meeting since February 2020.

Bridge Makers is a joint ministry of St. Peter's, River Edge and St. Mary's. Contact Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

St. Mary's Food Pantry

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2021. We could not have helped the many families and seniors without their efforts. So in no particular order, our angels are:

- Father Carey, Father Pat, Father Tom,
Deacon John
- The Parishioners of St. Mary's,
Dory Weiss-Parish Secretary
- Kathy Sylvester-Pastoral Associate for
Liturgy/RCIA
- Abner Buensalida, Shane Kelly &
Jose Lopez-St. Mary's Maintenance
- Beth Meloscia and her Youth & Young
Adult Ministry
- Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Phil Alloca,
Matthew DiGiolamo,
- Mrs. Anna Markert, Meghan & Patrick
Romaine, The Pacana Family
- Amanda & Michael Vietri,
Our Confirmation Candidates
- And The Ladies of the Food Pantry: Mary
Auriti, Kathy Downing,
- Vicki Dripchak, Karen Ebenhack, Melissa
Gracey, Lynda McGowan,
- Denise McKeary, Cathy Pacana & Sheila
Romaine

We hope everyone has a blessed 2022.

Denise Alloca & Lynne Vietri



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

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PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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Include Names _____

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**Big
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Raffle**

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.

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 2nd, 2022, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Like so many families in our parish, the covid crisis has caused a serious financial strain for St. May's. This special raffle will help us make up some lost ground. 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.

