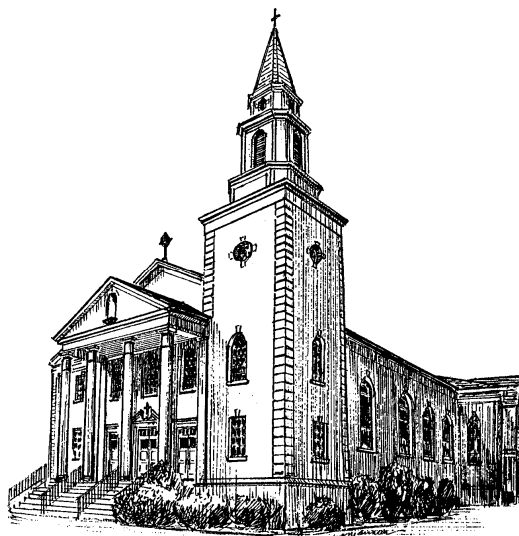


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 19, 2021

*Fourth 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*

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Extension 20
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contactus@stmarysdumont.org

Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve**

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

**Saturday, December 25
Christmas Day**

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

(NO 5:30PM Vigil Mass)

Sun., Dec. 26 - 7:45AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 PM

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Friday, December 31
5:30PM Vigil Mass**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

(NO 5:30PM Vigil Mass)

Sun., Jan. 2 - 7:45AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 PM



Table with columns for Day, Time, and Mass Intentions for the week (Dec 18-26)

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

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.

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.

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.

Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself.

Prayer Of The Faithful

By David Baranowski

That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

2022 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

Parish Office Schedule

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office will be closed as follows:



Friday, Dec. 24
Monday, Dec. 27, 2021
Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 and
Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

**From the
Pastor**

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A year ago, as we prepared to celebrate Christmas, we lived with the constant threat of covid infections as we prayed for an effective vaccine that we knew was so very close. This year, safe and effective vaccines are readily available for all those who want one and many of us have already received a booster shot for extra protection. And still, because of new and emerging variants of the virus, we still live with the fear of covid. Sadly, new infections are increasing in so many parts of our world as is the death rate caused by covid-19.

Even as we celebrate the vaccines that have saved so many lives as well as new treatment options for those who contract covid infections, we must all realize that the battle against covid-19 is not over. This means that we must all do what we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Wearing a mask is always a simple and effective way to limit the spread of the virus. Avoiding large crowds is also a simple step to limit our exposure. This means that the size of our Christmas celebrations should also be limited. And of course, I ask those who have not yet chosen to get vaccinated to prayerfully reconsider their decision.

Extra caution will also be needed when you attend Christmas Mass and all other masses during the Christmas season. We expect attendance to increase and we will also be welcoming visitors from all over. Wearing a mask and maintaining as much distance as possible are sensible choices to make.

We want this Christmas to be a joyous celebration of our faith but we also want it to be covid free. Along with all the priests and staff of St. Mary's, I pray that you and your loved ones will have a happy and safe Christmas.

Fr. Carey



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...Arvin Erd
- James Carney...Hector Montero...Scott Tkacz
- Tom Phelan...James Pelletiere...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...Frank Martin...Rolando Joaquin
- Tienne Myers...James Hughes...Hector Montero, Jr.
- Barbara Leahy...Pasquale Tedesco...Kevin Rainey
- Mary Ann Ragone...Patricia Adone...Michael Falcone
- Tom Sgugglia

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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)

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the Collections and Weekly On Line Giving for Dec. 11 - 12 will be in next week's bulletin.

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 the back of the bulletin for the WeShare Donor Match Program.

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

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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 religioised@stmarysdumont.org as a sender.

PACT Advent St. Nicholas Project



It's not too late! Please bring gift card donations for the PACT Giving Project benefiting the women and children at Oasis Haven to the Religious Education or parish office, mark them "PACT St. Nicholas Project". Thank you once again for your generosity!

Return to Religious Education

We are still in the process of helping our parish families stay on track with their Religious Education. Have your children 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 religioised@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 religioised@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.

Our Heartfelt Thank You to...



the many parishioners who purchased gift cards and made monetary donation to our Advent Giving Tree.

Cards were picked up on Sunday, Dec. 12th. This is a tremendous help to the Nurturing Place to help them celebrate Christmas this year.

With your generosity we reached our goal.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Josie Parrella

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 DiGirolamo,*
- 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

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"Believe in December"
 A benefit concert for the Poor Parish in Surigao and Music Media Ministry

FEATURING

Gina Picinic Kea Chan
 Rev. Raul Caga, SVD Rev. Ed Sombilon

With the Special Participation of FAVN Choir
 Paolo Areza (Pianist)

Date: Wednesday December 29, 2021
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Venue: St. John Evangelist Church - CONLON HALL
 19 N William St., Bergenfield, NJ 07621

For ticket sales:
 Isabel (78)-757-4062
 Email: HolyTrinitychurch01@outlook.com DONATIONS | \$25



ONLY TEN DAYS LEFT



WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the
WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260
<https://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com>



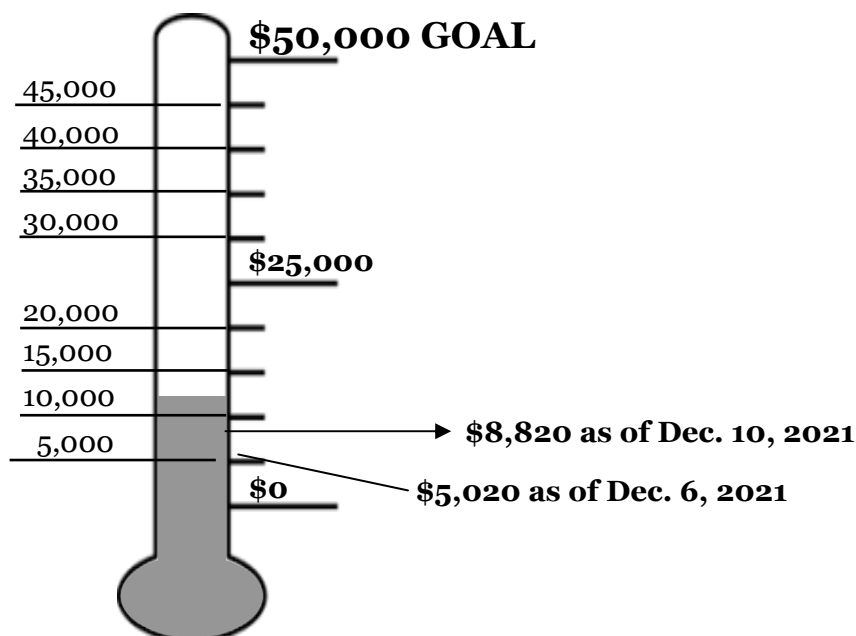
By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. I know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we 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
- 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.



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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Include Names _____

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