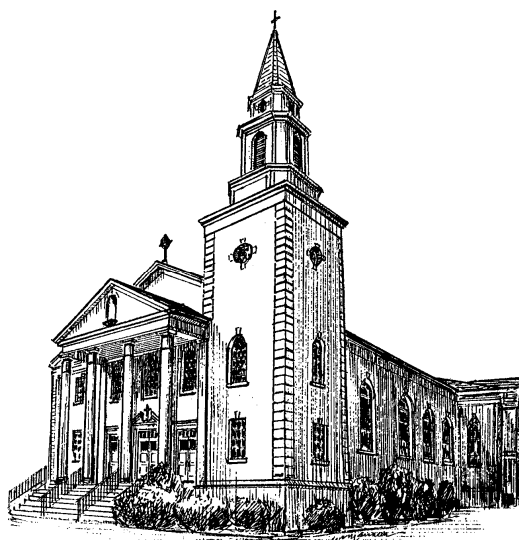


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

*December 11, 2022*

*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. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*  
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*  
Mr. Steven Zimmerman, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*  
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*  
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*  
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*  
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*  
Sheila Romaine, *Religious Ed. Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator*  
Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*  
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Parish e-mail: [info@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org)  
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email: [rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org)  
Food Pantry:  
Email: [foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:foodpantry@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.

## **NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY**

## ***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.







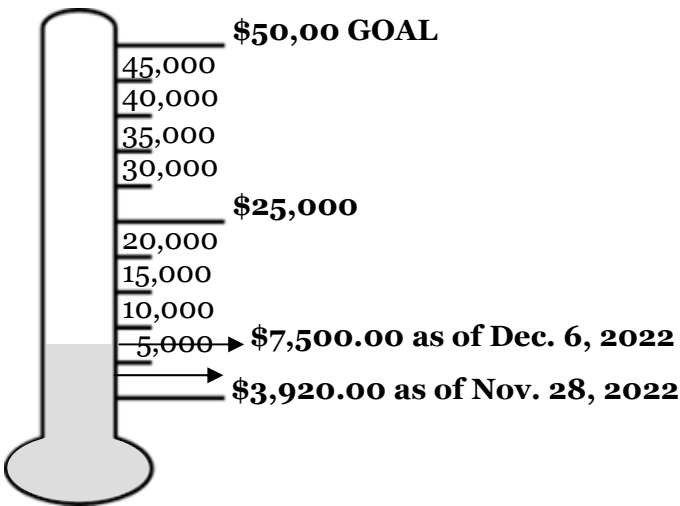
**IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME**

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize will be 25% of the proceeds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize will be 15% of the proceeds and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

Please return raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or drop in the collection basket in church. The winning tickets will be pulled on January 8th, 2023, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Like so many families in our parish, the covid crisis has caused a serious financial strain for St. Mary'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.



**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
- Brian Manley...James Francis Ward...John Murray
- Christopher Smaldone... Brandon Barhydt
- Steve Sullivan...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
- Anthony Dunkin...Vincent Mazzilli

**Pray for Our Sick**

- John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Sean Hayes...Arvin Erd
- Scott Tkacz...Caleb Jenkins...Hector Montero
- James Pelletiere...Skylar Frye...Kathleen Oates
- Anthony Montagnino...Cris Kelly...Danny Santulli
- George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...Angela Darata
- Nancy Caggiano...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
- Joseph Pierre-Antoine...SSND Wilton...Jeric Lalo
- Diane Lang...Mariantonia DiCostanzo...Anita Hucke
- Kristi Carbonaro...Carol Anne Barry...Ted Widman
- Joseph Vaccaro...Dorothy Peterson...Jim Nicholas
- Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito...Tina Fortalesa
- Frank Martin...Tienne Myers...Guia Mirabueno
- Hector Montero, Jr...Kevin Rainey...Mary Quilter
- Michael Falcone...Mary Ann Ragone...Rose Klenck
- Patricia Adone...Teresita Ariola...Jeannie Kweders
- Jonathan Jacoby...Laura Kibala...Fergus Begley
- Anthony Montalbano...Nick Marino...Brian O'Dowd
- Gabrielle Napoleone...Paquale Manzo...Jane Galo
- Raymond Pedalino...Audrey Maguire...Michael Vogt
- George Tarlac...Laura Labetti...Simone Borges
- Marcus Celeran...Mikkel Leutgeb...Viktor Bagang
- Camille Cabezas...Juan Guzman...Victoria Healey
- Pat Stella...Concepcion Santos...Ralph L...Marilyn I
- Lorraine M...Kathleen...Maureen...Joseph DiLascio

**God's Plan for Giving:**

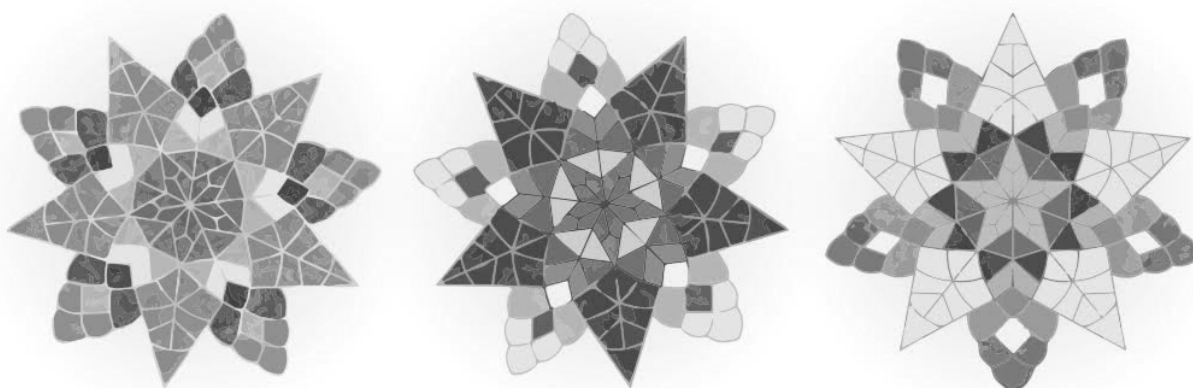
*"The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."*  
 (Deuteronomy 16:10)

	2022	2021
Collections: Dec. 3 - 4	\$7,962.00	\$5,606.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,707.00</u>	<u>1,542.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,669.00</u>	<u>\$7,148.00</u>

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

**Electronic/Online Giving** is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

For more information or to sign up you can visit **[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)** from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.



**Come & Celebrate!**

*Simbang Gabi*  
*2022*

**at St. Mary's Church, Dumont  
December 23, 2022, Friday, 7PM Mass.**

*"Encounter to Share the Light of Jesus"*

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**SAINT MARY'S CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES**  
**July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	<u>Year Ending 6/30/2021</u>	<u>Year Ending 6/30/2022</u>
SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS	390,883	392,878
CHRISTMAS	29,403	28,097
EASTER	23,363	21,565
GIFTS & DONATIONS: (Bequest, Restricted, Other)	95,941	130,596
FUNDRAISING NET	38,344	54,867
INVESTMENT INTEREST	6,450	5,724
RENTAL INCOME	101,173	99,084
ADDITIONAL REVENUES: (Candles, Line Dancing, Religious Ed, Other)	46,663	63,470
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b><u>732,220</u></b>	<b><u>796,281</u></b>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	575,469	560,299
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Copiers, Snow Plowing, Alarms)	25,434	25,673
PLANT RELATED: (Repairs, Insurance, Care of Grounds)	50,106	80,521
UTILITIES	93,175	99,434
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT: (Books, Cleaning Supplies, Computers)	33,937	40,389
GENERAL: (Rectory Provisions, Religious Education)	40,209	98,111
ASSESSMENT	86,556	65,028
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>904,886</u></b>	<b><u>969,455</u></b>
 <b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	 <b><u>(172,666)</u></b>	 <b><u>(173,174)</u></b>
<u>EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES &amp; EXPENSES</u>		
SBA PPP LOAN - FORGIVEN	90,647	0
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	3,000	994
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	648	2,000
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>(79,667)</u></b>	<b><u>(174,180)</u></b>

As required by the Archdiocese, this week's bulletin includes our Annual Report on the financial state of the parish. You will note that St. Mary's continues to operate at a serious deficit. For St. Mary's to operate without a deficit we must increase income and to decrease expenses. We have taken a number of steps to decrease expenses and we will continue to look for additional way to do so.

Our efforts to increase income include our participation in the Archdiocesan Parish Reengagement Program and various fund raising efforts like our Mega 50/50 Raffle. Another significant source of income for St. Mary's is rental income from our school. Because of flood caused by a broken pipe and the damage it caused, St. Mary's lost the tenant that rented the basement level of our school building. With a great deal of effort, a new tenant has been found. Hopefully, this new tenant will take up occupancy within the next few months. With this new tenant and with the other steps we have taken, St. Mary's is looking to a much healthier financial future.

As our parish emerges from the covid crisis, we are working hard to ensure that St. Mary's operates with a balanced budget. The fact that we are doing as well as we are is thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. I thank you for continued support of St. Mary's and I ask for your prayers as we move forward.