

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 4, 2022

*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**

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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.

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.

From the Pastor



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This week, the Church will celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this feast we profess our faith that through the power of God's love, Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope IX on December 8, 1854 and, since then; volumes have been written trying to explain this doctrine. Still, many Catholics still confuse the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary with the belief in the Virginal Conception and Birth of Jesus.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is vital to our faith in explaining how the Eternal Son of God could be born of the finite creature Mary; how the divine could come forth from the corporeal. But more than trying to understand the theology behind the doctrine, we must embrace the reality of God's plan of salvation and Mary's place in that eternal plan.

Mary did more than just say yes to the Angel Gabriel. She did more than just agree to give birth to a child. She willingly accepted whatever God wanted. In this, Mary is our model of faith. She calls to do as she did; to say yes to God at every moment of our lives; to live out God's plan of salvation for us each and every day. Like Mary, we must believe that God is with us in all our times of trouble, in all the struggles we face, with all our doubts and fears.

Just as God chose Mary, God has chosen each and every one of us to be his children and calls us to be followers of Mary's Son. God calls us to eternal salvation and like Mary, we are called to say yes.

Fr. Carey

We Welcome the Newest Member of Our Parish Community



- Austin Michael Algeri
- Parker Thomas Briggs
- Liliana Skye Felix
- Logan Hunter Jonson
- Antonio Jiray Pinedo

The Advent Giving Tree

Only 3 Days Left



We will again this year, with your support and generosity, will provide Gift Cards to families through The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.

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 2022.

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

Gift tags are now available. We invite you to please get a gift tag (or tags) and purchase the item that's being requested. Please drop off your donation and marked Giving Tree on the envelope to the parish office or to the collection baskets by **Wednesday, Dec. 7th.**

If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-384-0557.

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Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

2nd Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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Retired Religious Retirement Fund Second Collection Dec. 10-11

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, “Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church.” Donations to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.



PACT/Religious Education Program

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession



Congratulations to those who celebrated First Penance with us Saturday. Please pray for our penitents, their families, and our parish that we may all continue to grow in the forgiveness that the Lord offers us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



St. Nicholas Project 2022

There is still time to participate as in our St. Nicholas Project. We are collecting gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. To participate, cut out the St. Nick tag above and tape it to your gift of new clothing, a gift card, toy or sports item and bring gifts to St. Mary's by Tuesday, December 6th (St. Nicholas Day!) We need to deliver to Paterson early so please bring your donations in at this time.

For more information about him visit: www.stnicholascenter.org



For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success stories, visit <http://www.oasisnj.org/> or call 973-881-8307.

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

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2023 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:
Feb. 19; Mar. 26; Aug. 13; Sept. 24;
Oct. 1, 15 & 22; Dec. 10 & 17.

Sanctuary Lamp:
Jan. 29; Apr. 23 & 30; May 21; Jul. 2; Aug. 13;
Sept. 3, 10 & 17; Nov. 19.

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Christmas Flowers



PLEASE don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!

IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME

God's Plan for Giving:

Once again, St. Mary's is hosting a big 50/50 Mega Raffle. When we did this for the past two years, the pot exceeded \$45,000. It would be great if, this year, we could reach \$50,000. I'm sure everyone would like to win a share of such a large pot.

"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)

By now, most parishioners should 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 Mega Raffle a great success. If you need more raffle tickets, they are available at the Rector's.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Collections: Nov. 19 - 20	\$6,931.00	\$7,427.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,011.00</u>	<u>1,577.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,942.00</u>	<u>\$9,004.00</u>
Collections: Nov. 26 - 27	\$7,496.00	\$6,066.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,434.00</u>	<u>1,027.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,930.00</u>	<u>\$7,093.00</u>
Building Fund	\$2,390.00	\$2,106.00

As we continue our slow walk towards normalcy, we need to remember that covid is still a reality we need to take seriously and like so many families in our parish the covid crisis has caused a serious financial strain for St. Mary's. The proceeds of this Mega Raffle will help St. Mary's reach our goal of financial stability.

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

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Electronic Giving

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.

If you are a current online giving user and you participate in the Parish Re-Engagement and Offertory Program you will need to log into your account and update your giving to reflect your intention.

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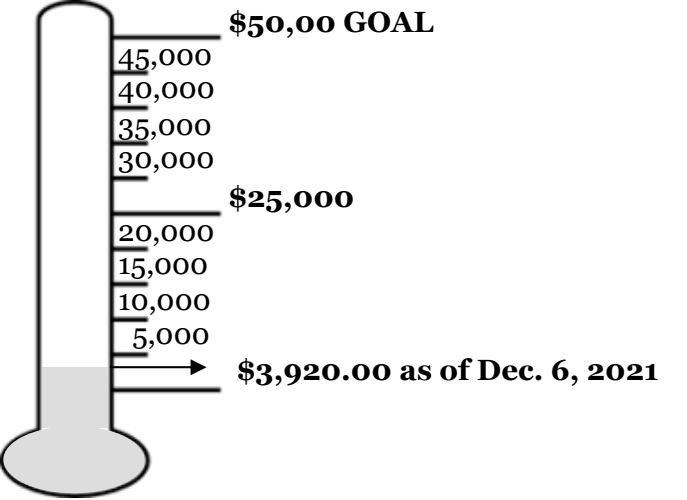
2023 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available for purchase. The cost is \$4.00 for each missal.

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Altar & Rosary Christmas Chocolate Sale Pick-up

If you ordered Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, they're ready for pick-up at the Parish Office Garages on Sunday, Dec. 11th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.



ADVENT Deanery 3 RECONCILIATIONS 2022

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION
234 N Farview Ave. Paramus, NJ 07652

NOV. 28 MONDAY @ 7 PM
tel 201 261 6080

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
300 Elm St. Oradell, NJ 07646

DEC. 05 MONDAY @ 7PM
tel 201 261 0148

SAINT JOHN EVANGELIST
29 N Washington Ave,
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

DEC. 17 SATURDAY @ 1PM
tel 201 384 0101

ASCENSION CHURCH
256 Azalea Dr.
New Milford, NJ 07646

DEC. 19 MONDAY @ 7PM
tel 201 836 8961



Talk To Me...

My Peace I Give You!

“For this son of mine
Was dead and is alive again;
He was lost
And is found again.”

Luke 15:24

Several Priests To Choose From

RECONNECT — A PRIEST WILL LISTEN!

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.

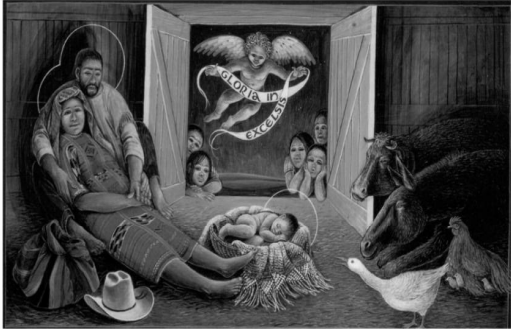
Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

The Cathedral Concert Series

NAVIDAD LATINA 2022

UNA NOCHE DE VILLANCICOS EN ESPAÑOL

A NIGHT OF LATIN AMERICAN AND SPANISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Coro Hispano de la Catedral y Coral Arquidiocesana
The Cathedral Spanish & Archdiocesan Choirs

Con la participación especial de los Querubines de la Catedral.
With a special participation of the Cathedral Cherubs.

Olfary Gutiérrez, *directora*

VIERNES 9 DE DICIEMBRE 8:00 PM

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Candlelight Carol Sing

The Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble
John J. Miller, conductor
Kristin Dabaghian, organist

Wednesday, December 14, 2022
and
Thursday, December 15, 2022

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

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Park and Clifton Avenues, Newark

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