The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 18, 2022

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

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Saturday Dec. 17 - Vigil 5:30PM Domenick Giunta

Sunday Dec. 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Jeanne Calabrese 10:00AM Patrick Pizzollo, Jr. 12 Noon Emilio and Petra Zialcita

Monday Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00AM Louis J. Toupin 8:45AM John Weiss, Sr.

Tuesday 7:00AM In Thanksgiving Cachuela Family Claire Miloscia

Wednesday Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

8:45AM Ann Baranek

Thursday Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00AM Dumont High School Teachers and Staff (Living and Deceased)

8:45AM Jeffrey Karash

Friday Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00AM Thomas Cosgrove and Richard Marren

8:45AM G. Robert Coberg

Saturday Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday

8:30AM Angel Aviles

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00PM Parishioners of St. Mary's 6:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12:00M Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's 12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ann and Henry Groll requested by their daughter, Eleonor King.

God and in memory of Patrick Hegarty requested by Rita Hegarty and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Carolann Sisti and Clarafina Pino.



Sunday – Dec. 18

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School

9:15AM RCIA Kids

1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm 7:00PM Youth Group Meeting YRm

Monday - Dec. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

7:30PM RCIA Class 8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday - Dec. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30OM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

Wednesday - Dec. 21

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC

Thursday – Dec. 22

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary UC

Friday – Dec. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00pm PALAD Simbang Gabi Mass UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Masses: 4:00PM, 6:30PM and 12:00 Midnight

Sunday – Dec. 25 Christmas Day

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

Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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!

From the

Back in September, we announced that St. Mary's would take part in an Archdiocesan program Parish Re-Engagement and Program. Every registered parishioner received a mailing from the Archdiocese with a card asking everyone to make a commitment to our parish. We also asked, that if you were able to do so, to increase your donations to St. Mary's. When I presented this program to the parish, I stressed that this program was designed to help St. Mary's, not the Archdiocese.

I am happy to report that the response to this program was extremely good. We received responses from 167 families and our projected income should increase by more than 10 %. I am extremely grateful to everyone who responded to this program. It is not too late to participate in this program.

As was reported in last week bulletin, St. Mary's has been operating at a deficit. This Parish Re-Engagement and Offertory Program will surely help us reach our goal of operating within a balanced budget. St. Mary's existed to serve the spiritual needs of our community. This is only possible with your generous support.

Fr. Carey

Advent Penance Service

To help us all prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the priests of our Deanery will come together to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be several priests at each service to hear The next service will be on Monday, confessions. December 19, at 7 p.m. at Ascension, New Milford.

Parish Office Schedule

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



Friday, Dec. 23 Monday, Dec. 26, 2022 Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 and Monday, Jan. 2, 2023

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 Pellettere...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 Heather R.

Pictures for Nov. 2

If you have framed photos of family members who have died that were placed in the church for the month of November, you can now pick them up at the Parish Office between 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday, close for lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Church Decorating Many hands make light work!!!

Please join us on Tuesday, December 20 and Thursday, Volunteers...December 22 at 6:30pm to decorate the church. On Tuesday,

we will do the "heavy" stuff, trees and wreaths. On Thursday will be finishing touches.

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PACT/Religious Education Program

Religious Education at St. Mary's

Our PACT/Religious Education Program is offered to St. Mary's families with children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic school. Parents of families new to our Religious Education Program attend a brief program orientation here at St. Mary's. For more information call (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org. Registration and participation at St. Mary's parish is required.

Sacrament Preparation Programs

Sacramental preparation for children at St. Mary's is for those who attend our PACT/Religious Education Program or a Catholic school. Candidates are prepared at separate sessions to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion (Eucharist) First Penance (Reconciliation/Confession) and Confirmation. Children do not automatically approach the sacraments if they are in a certain age or grade level, but are prepared for sacraments as they develop a relationship with the Lord in his community, our Church.

Re-engagement in our parish: Volunteering at St. Mary's Religious Education

People from many different walks of life volunteer as catechists and in other ways here at St. Mary's Religious Education. Busy people and less busy, in college, starting new jobs, retirees, parents, grandparents, single people.... The commitment to be here at St. Mary's as a program volunteer averages an hour or two per month. There are some volunteer requirements including an application with a background check and attendance at a Protecting God's Children session here or at another parish or school in our Archdiocese of Newark. Call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Confirmation Preparation



Confirmation candidates and their parents are reminded to check the St. Mary's e-mail blast each week and PACT/Religious Education e-mails for possible service opportunities. Contact the person running event via the e-mail provided for more information.

SAVE THE DATE - The Confirmation Retreat Experience will be here at St. Mary's on Saturday, 1/21/2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Parents and/or sponsors join us at 4:00 p.m. The day concludes with the acceptance of candidates at the 5:30 p.m. mass which we all attend together.

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, collections for Dec. 10 - 11 will be in next week's bulletin.

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** from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.



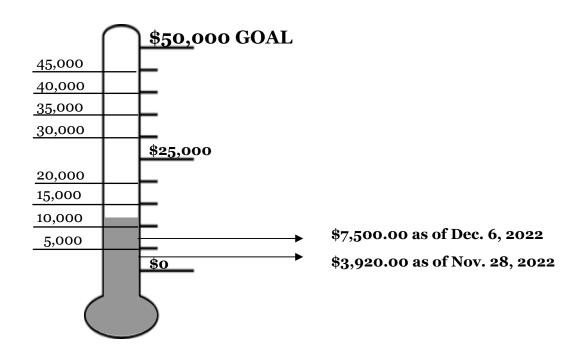
IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME

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.

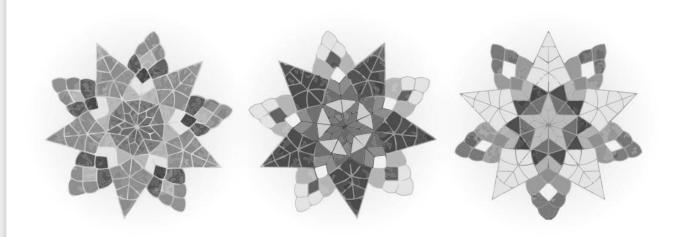
Tickets are \$20.00 each. There will be three (3) prizes -1^{st} Prize will be 25% of the proceeds, 2^{nd} Prize will be 15% of the proceeds and 3^{rd} Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

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. 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.



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Come & Celebrate!

Simbana Gabi

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

"Encounter to Share the Light of Tesus'

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ, 201-384-0557

SPONSORED BY THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN LAY APOSTOLATE OF DUMONT (PALAD)



SAVE THE DATE

ST. MARY'S BEEFSTEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 2/11/22 @ 7:00

Featuring:

NIGHTINGALES & Esteem Entertainment



INSTRUCTED LINE DANCING

BASKET RAFFLE

50/50 RAFFLE

TICKETS \$60 PP

Donate a Basket

Volunteer

Monetary Donations Accepted RESERVATION FORM TO FOLLOW

For More Info Call Sheila – 201-384-0557 - Ext. 20 religioused@stmarysdumont.org

THANK YOU!