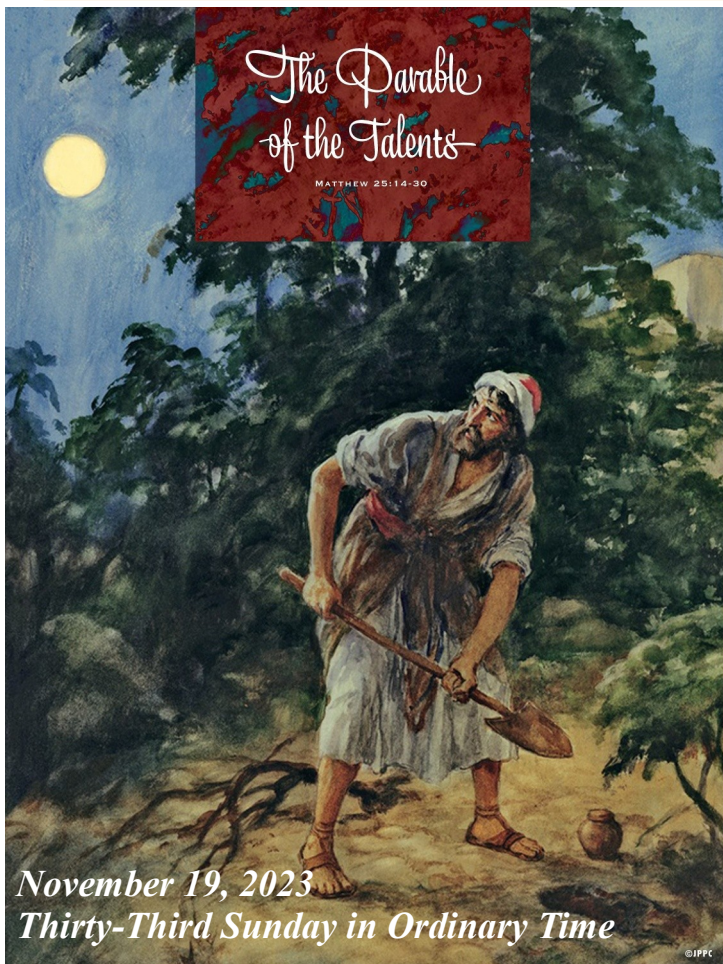


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557



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EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	Nov. 18 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Nov. 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Rev. Thomas Pendrick
10:00AM	Frank and Angelina Uvenio
12 Noon	Michael Miller
Monday	Nov. 20 - Weekday
7:00AM	Steve Alach
8:45AM	Linda Signorini
Tuesday	Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM	Kay Ramm
8:45AM	John J. Brennan
Wednesday	Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia
7:00AM	Brendan Thornton
8:45AM	John P. Sullivan
Thursday	Nov. 23 - Weekday
9:00AM	Emilio and Petra Zialcita
Friday	Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lac
7:00AM	Mary Mooney
8:45AM	George DiCostanzo
Saturday	Nov. 25 - Weekday
8:30AM	Edmond and Catherine Cremin
5:30PM	Brian P. Thornton, Sr.
Sunday	Nov. 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Mary Scalia
12 Noon	Rev. Tom Pendrick

Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Dean Capabianca, Jr. requested by Erika Lorenzini.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Pablo and Potenciana Naong requested by May Malaluan.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Kathryn E. Yale and Juan Roman.

This Week



Sunday – Nov. 19

8:30AM PACT Saints Church/School
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal
1:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM JWalk Meeting YRm

Monday - Nov. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Nov. 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:00PM First Penance Prep #4 Church/School

Wednesday - Nov. 22

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Day

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM No Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM No Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Nov. 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM No Aramaic School
8:00PM No Basketball SH

Saturday – Nov. 25

8:00AM No Korean School

Sunday – Nov. 26

10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal
1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

Thanksgiving Holiday Mass

There will be only one Mass on Thursday morning, November 23rd, at 9:00 AM. It's our parish Thanksgiving Mass. We will bless and distribute loaves of bread which our families can take home and share at their family meal that day.

On behalf of Fr. Carey, Fr. David, deacon, and staff of St. Mary's, we wish to extend our prayers and best wishes to all of our parish families for a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.





I remember a visit I made to one of the 1st grade classrooms at the school in my last parish. The children told me all they knew about the Pilgrims and the Indians and the first Thanksgiving. It's a simple story that is easily forgotten in our modern efforts to have a perfect holiday celebration.

We need to remember that the Pilgrims came to these shores seeking a place where they could freely worship God. Many of them failed to survive the trip, many more died the first winter. They probably all would have died had it not been for the help of the Native Americans who taught them how to survive in this new world. When they gathered to give thanks they truly had much to be thankful for.

What are we truly thankful for? For more than a year and half, we have watched in horror as war rages on in Ukraine. For the past month and half, we have all been shocked by the atrocities committed in the Middle East. All one needs to do is turn on the TV or computer to get the latest news about turmoil and strife here in our county and around the world. There is also the constant news about the latest natural disaster. There are more than enough reasons to give into despair.

But in the midst of all this tragic news, maybe because of it, we realize that we have so much to be thankful for. God has showered us with his countless blessings and we; as individuals, as families, as a community and as a nation must pause and give thanks.

Each one of us knows that in the months and years ahead, there will be more tragic news and, more importantly, there will be moments when we encounter the overwhelming love of our Heavenly Father. We all so know that no matter what happens, if we hold fast to our faith in that love, we can face whatever comes our way and we will be able to give thanks to the God who is always with us.

Fr. Carey

Thank You!!!

To **The Bakery**, located at 99 N Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 for their donation of bread to be given out after our Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Again, thank you.

The Advent Giving Tree



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.

Here's an excerpt from Nikki Sherman's email of the Nurturing Place:

*This year, we will continue to follow the path we've taken since Covid...**GIFT CARDS**...the families were so touched by the generosity of you all last year, and we'd like to bring that same spirit to them in 2023. We all know things are tough out there, so every bit of help truly adds to the magic of Christmas for the children and their families.*

Your past generosity has surpassed our expectations and we truly are the luckiest of all here at TNP to have been graced with your overwhelming generosity. You truly are the one of the kindest groups of people to have crossed our path over the years. I mean that wholeheartedly.

They have about 60 children, in addition to approximately 25 moms they hope to assist this year.

Gift tags become available the weekend of November 18 - 19.

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

Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree on the envelope to the parish office or to the collection baskets by **Wednesday, Dec. 6th**.

We Welcome the Newest Members of Our Parish Community



Peter Michael Foglio
Miles Julian Non

Parish Office Schedule

In observance of Thanksgiving, we want parishioners to know that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.





PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

We thank our parents and catechist for helping keep our parish PACT/Religious Education Program running! PACT is a priority here at St. Mary's. Recall that Religious Education is curricular for all Catholic children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even offer a section of Kindergarten). Do you know anyone new to St. Mary's who needs more information? New families may e-mail religious@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 ext. 20

First Penance



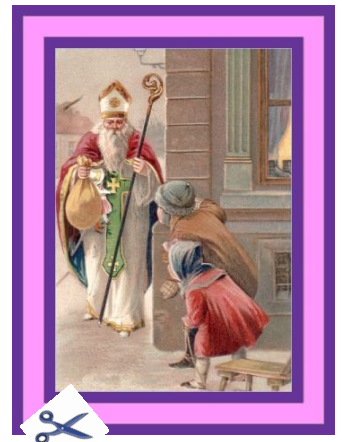
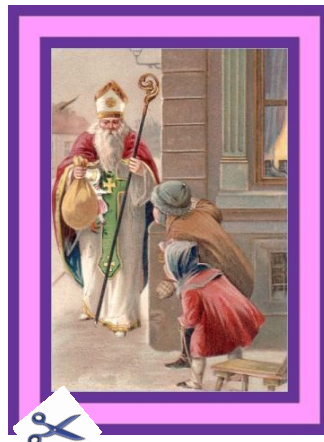
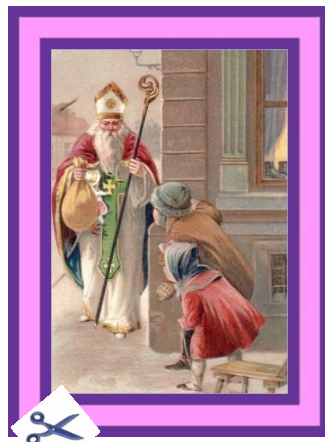
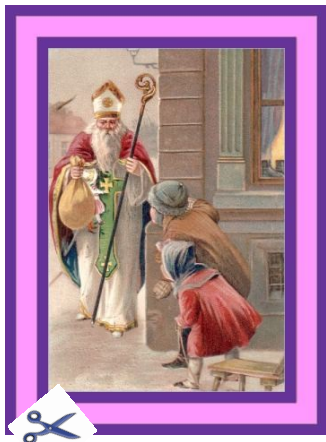
Preparation for First Penance is nearing completion! Take this opportunity to accompany our First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession families and their candidates by praying for them as they explore God's infinite love and mercy.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation candidates have begun Monday Confirmation Preparation Sessions. Pray with us that our candidates, their families, and our entire parish family may experience an ever-deepening relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit.



St. Nicholas Project 2023



Will you help me visit "the least of these who are members of my family" that Jesus spoke about...? There are children, families, women, and men who have had some pretty hard times this year... I am continuing the work of Jesus. I will need your help..."

Once again, we are collecting gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Won't you join us in our efforts to helping to provide for some of their needs?

Bring gifts by Wednesday, December 6th (St. Nicholas Day!) We need to deliver to Paterson early so please be generous, and please be early!

- * Cut out the St. Nick pictures or tag your gift "St. Nicholas Project" and attach them to gifts with tape.
- * Gift cards are always welcome, for example: regular Visa gift cards, pharmacies, and fast food or chains such as Dunkin Donuts or 7-11.
- * Gifts should be unwrapped (wrapping paper and tape may be donated) and brought to the Religious Ed office or Rectory/parish office by St. Nicholas Day- 12/6/23.

Thank you and may we be guided by the example of Good St. Nick. For more information about him visit: www.stnicholascenter.org

Great saint of Advent, Nicholas, pray for us that we may be infused with the Spirit of generosity this Advent/Christmas and throughout our lives. Amen.



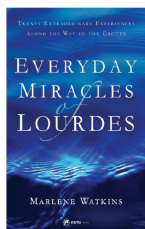
From the Food Pantry

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary's and the residents of Dumont who participated in our November food drive that was held at St. Mary's on Saturday and Sunday, November 11th & 12th. Also, thank you to the New Milford ShopRite Partners in Caring and Janine Aiello for hosting a food drive for St. Mary's on Saturday, November 11th. And last but certainly not least, thank you to the countless volunteers who answered the call to help our neighbors in need by helping at ShopRite, then unpacking, sorting and packing all the boxes for distribution.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, let us remember the words from Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat". Because of everyone's generosity, our neighbors will have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas feast.



*Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless,
Anna, Denise & Lynne*



*St. Mary's Altar
& Rosary Society*

Book Sale Fundraiser



St. Mary Altar & Rosary Society is having a book sale fundraiser!

Everyday Miracles of Lourdes

Written by Marlene Watkins

Everyday Miracles of Lourdes comprises twenty-one compelling true stories of healing, love, suffering, brokenness, conversion, peace, and joy — through the lens of the grace of Lourdes. Relatable real-life experiences of differing relevant topics are woven together into a fascinating fabric of the handiwork of God, the Master Weaver of all transformative graces and miracles.

Marlene Watkins is the author of Everyday Miracles of Lourdes and founder of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, the first Lourdes Hospitality of the Americas. In twenty years, Marlene has led over two hundred pilgrimages of more than six thousand selfless medical, adult, university and teen volunteers serving seriously ill and profoundly disabled pilgrims to Lourdes-France. Marlene has guided Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experiences TM around the world and to millions on international television. Marlene is a wife, mother, grandmother and a Secular Franciscan. Marlene and her husband, Bill, live in Central New York or in the Lourdes Mobile RV traveling America-the-Bautiful as Roamin' Catholics sharing the Gospel Message of Lourdes.

To place an order for a book or two, please complete the order form below and return it to the rectory by November 30, 2023.

Orders will be delivered to your home!

We thank you in advance for your support!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

of Books _____ @ \$20/book = \$ _____

(Please enclose cash or check made out to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society)

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.

Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan...Christopher Smaldone
Brian Manley...James Francis Ward...John Murray
Brandon Barhydt...Vincent Mazzilli...Anthony Dunkin
Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner...Curtis Gardner

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...Danny Santulli...Ralph L
Myra D'Silva...Angela Darata...Concepcion Santos
Linda Moreno...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Jeric Lalo...Camille Cabezas
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...Kathleen...Maureen...Marilyn I
Patricia Adone...Teresita Ariola...Jeannie Kweders
Jonathan Jacoby...Laura Kibala...Fergus Begley
Anthony Montalbano...Nick Marino...Brian O'Dowd
Paquale Manzo...Jane Galo...Lorraine M...Hather R
Raymond Pedalino..Audrey Maguire..Michael Vogt
Laura Labetti..Simone Borges..Anya..Eric Cola
Marcus Celeran...Brian van Westervelt Baby Wesley
Juan Guzman...John Romaine...Gary Barba...Fran D
Ryan Heckman...Cecilia L. Lim...Michele Patetta
Jacob Rivera...Jaxson Rivera...Helen de la Pena
Valerie Valverde...John Eckel...Patrick Cagney
Cathy Newman...Charles Jones...Alec Kerr
Ann Marie Maurice...Kathleen Marsala...John
Pat McKenna...Steve Riccardi

*Memorial Bricks for the
St. Mary's Prayer Garden*

We are once again offering you the opportunity to order a brick for your family, friends and loved ones, living or deceased. If you'd like to place an order for the memorial bricks for the St. Mary's Prayer Garden, please fill out the form at the doors of the church and drop the form with payment in the parish office. The cost per brick is \$50.00.

The Deadline is December 15th.



Simbang Gabi 2023
Nativity Pageant
2 Sunday Practice Dates in
Szelest Hall at 1:15 pm



12/10 & 12/17
Every Christmas moment is a
gift in itself.

Stewardship Reflection

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

2024 Sunday Missals

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

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)

	2023	2022
Collections: Nov. 11 - 12	\$7,305.00	\$8,171.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	772.00	1,177.00
Total	\$8,077.00	\$9,348.00
Building Fund	\$1,693.00	No Collection
Treasure from our children: \$21.00		

Here are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

- "I helped someone." ... "I said my prayers."
- "I talked with parents about lesson."
- "Helped my grandma with laundry."
- "I drew a picture for my sister."
- "I said sorry." "I played with someone."



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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 .

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

It's MEGA-RAFFLE Time



Once again, St. Mary's is hosting a big 50/50 Mega Raffle.

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 Rectory.

We are extremely grateful to the many parish families and vendors that have continued to support St. Mary's. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

As of Tuesday, November 14, we have received a total of \$3,000.00.



Come & Celebrate!

**Simbang Gabi
2023**

Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church, Dumont

December 22, 2023, Friday, 7PM.

Followed by Christmas and Nativity Pageant at Szelest Hall.

"Encounter to Share the Light of Jesus"

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