

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



*November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe*

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

MATTHEW 25:31-46

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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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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!

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	Nov. 25 - Vigil
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
Monday	Nov. 27 - Weekday
7:00AM	Donald Trainor
8:45AM	Rosie Lucy Quidet and Murray Hertz
Tuesday	Nov. 28 - Weekday
7:00AM	Mulcahy Family (Living)
8:45AM	Dorothy West
Wednesday	Nov. 29 - Weekday
7:00AM	Terry Almendra
8:45AM	Thomas and Colie Joyce
Thursday	Nov. 30 - St. Andrew
7:00AM	Presentacion Francia
8:45AM	Andrea Banzil
Friday	Dec. 1 - Weekday
7:00AM	Dalton Family (Living)
8:45AM	Dorothy West
Saturday	Dec. 2 - Weekday
8:30AM	Ann Cliford
5:30PM	Joan Mascarelli
Sunday	Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Sr. Eileen Franz
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Patrick and Katherine Pizzollo



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Joan and George Alvarez requested by their children.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Carmen and Luis Alvarez requested by their grandchildren.

2024 Sunday Missals

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

This Week



Sunday – Nov. 26

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

Monday - Nov. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Nov. 28

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

Wednesday - Nov. 29

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

Thursday – Nov. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM No Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Dec. 1

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 2

8:00AM Korean School
9:00AM JWalk Wreath Pick up Rectory Garages
11:00AM First Penance Celebration UC
1:30PM First Penance Celebration UC

Sunday – Dec. 3

9:15AM RCIA Class
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal
1:00PM Annual A & R Christmas Luncheon
Madeleine's Petite

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - December 1st



On Friday, December 1st, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.



The Advent Giving Tree



As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, one liturgical year ends and another begins. This cycle of endings and beginnings is reflected in nature as the seasons change; for we know the bleak months of winter will give way to the rebirth of spring. Each year goes on and on in an endless cycle of endings and new beginnings; death and rebirth.

But the Feast of Christ the King reminds us that the cycle is not endless. A time will come when the days of this world will come to an end and a new world will begin. As we proclaim each week in our profession of faith, Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. As the liturgical year comes to its close, the readings at mass remind us of this reality and call us to be prepared for we know not the day or the hour when the King will come.

As followers of Christ, we must always be prepared. We must live in this world as if it could end today but it probably will not happen in our lifetimes. Our faith teaches us that only by the grace of God will we enter into the paradise He has prepared for us. But each of us must do our part. We must be prepared. We must trust in His infinite mercy and we hope that, when the King returns in His glory, He will find us waiting in watchful prayer.

Fr. Carey

Stewardship Reflection

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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 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. 6th.**

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

2024 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

March 10; Apr. 14 & 28; June 2; July 7;
Aug. 4, 11 & 18; Sept. 1 & 8; Nov. 3; Dec. 8.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Jan. 14 & 21; Aug. 4; Nov. 17; Dec. 1.



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



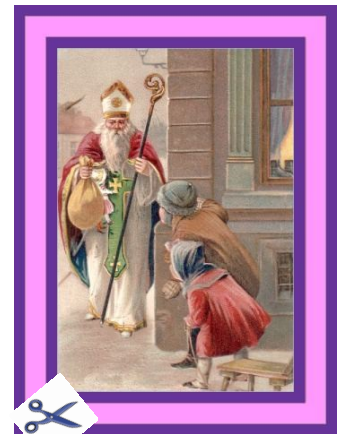
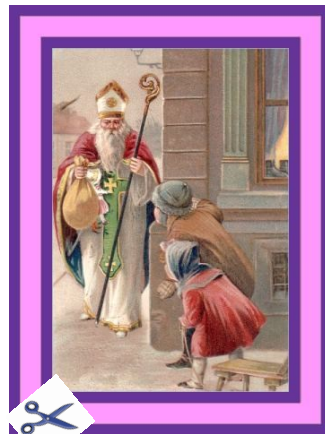
Preparation for First Penance is nearing completion! Take this opportunity to accompany our First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession families and their candidates by praying for them as they explore God's infinite love and mercy.

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.



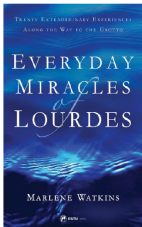
From the Food Pantry

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-Beautiful 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)

Calling All Parents/Youth of St. Mary's Church !!!

We are now putting together the cast for the Nativity for our annual *Simbang Gabi* (Advent Night Mass) celebration. Sign your children/yourself up for any of the following roles/positions:

- *Angels (girls) and shepherds (boys), ages 3-12
- *3 Kings (3 boys) and Innkeepers (3 girls), ages 12-15
- *Stagehands

Watch them with pride as they participate in the "Greatest Story Ever Told"!

Simbang Gabi 2023 celebration will be held on Friday, Dec 22, at 7pm at St. Mary's, Dumont.

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on:

- Dec 10, Sunday at 1:15pm
- Dec 17, Sunday at 1:15pm

Please leave your contact information by Dec. 1st with Mrs. Tatess Abad at 201- 486-5852 or the Parish Office at 201-384-0557.



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.



Drawing at St. Mary's Church, in the Prayer Garden, Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 1:15pm.

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 Pelletiere...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 Huccke
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.

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 Sunday donations, treasure from our children and their good deeds for the weekend of November 18-19 will be in the future 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 .



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

JWalk Wreath Pick-up

If you ordered Wreath or Blanket from our Youth Group, the contactless Drive-Thru pickup at the rectory garage is on Saturday, December 2nd, between 9:00am and 11:00am.



The Arm of
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE
is visiting the United States and is coming to
the state of NEW JERSEY

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*,
Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering
dedication and steadfast faith. Millions
have experienced his intercession in times
of adversity and need.

DATE: Friday, December 8, 2023
LOCATION: St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
ADDRESS: 300 Elm Street - Oradell, New Jersey 07649 (201) 261-0148
VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 2:00 PM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS IN THE PRESENCE OF SAINT JUDE: 7:30 PM
VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS

VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS



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"

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

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