



*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**



**December 10, 2023  
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**

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*  
Rev. David W. Milliken, *In-Residence*  
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### **TRUSTEES**

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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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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 9 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Joan Shea Mascarelli
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 10 - Second Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Michael Coleman
10:00AM	Patrick Pizzollo, Jr.
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Filippa Romeo
8:45AM	Mary Coyle
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
7:00AM	Renal Patetta
8:45AM	Margaret Farabough and Bridget Fishwick
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 13 - St. Lucy</b>
7:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM	Dennis Murray
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross</b>
7:00AM	Kay Ramm
8:45AM	Timothy O'Keeffe
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Peggy Keating
8:45AM	George DiCostanzo
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Dorothy West
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 17 - Third Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Rosemary Scalia
10:00AM	Michele Harris
12 Noon	In Thanksgiving Cachuela Family

## Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Alice Widman for her 90th Birthday.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Margaret Hiltenbrand requested by Joanne McMahon.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Clare Ellen Connolly, Lucas Hampl, Mary Connolly, Richard Di Meglio, Florence Ballarta, Josephine Savaris, Dominick Ciriaco, Sr. and Caridad Nufable.

## This Week



### Sunday – Dec. 10

8:30AM PACT Angels Church/School  
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal  
1:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH  
1:30PM Baptisms  
2nd Collection-Retirement Collection for the Religious

### Monday - Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
7:00AM Confirmation Prep #2  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Tuesday – Dec. 12

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

### Wednesday - Dec. 13

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC  
10:00  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – Dec. 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS  
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory  
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

### Friday – Dec. 15

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

### Saturday – Dec. 16

8:00AM Korean School  
10:00AM Christmas Food Pick-up LC

### Sunday – Dec. 17

8:30AM PACT Saints Church/School  
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal  
1:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH  
7:00PM JWalk Meeting YRm

## 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!

## 2024 Offerings Available

### Bread and Wine:

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

### Sanctuary Lamp:

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



When I was in the sixth grade, my teacher was one of those nuns all catholic school students tell stories about. She was tough and we called her names we can't print in this bulletin. But she needed to be tough and she was a good teacher. I learned a lot from the tough nun. She was tough because she really cared about her students and she expected the best from them.

Many years later, after I was ordained a priest, I met that nun at the retirement villa of her community. She was a little old lady with cat but she was still tough and she remembered me and she still cared about her students.

That old lady is just one of so many retired religious sisters in retirement villas around our country. In our nation, there are more than 3,500 religious men and women over the age 70, many in need of skilled nursing care. A number of religious communities are joining together to maximize resources in effort to meet the needs of their aging members but they need our help.

This weekend we have a second envelope that will support the "Retired Religious Retirement Fund." The monies collected will help to care for all those religious sisters, brothers and order priests who gave their lives in service to the church. They have all given so much. Can't we give a little back to them?

*Fr. Carey*

## Vigil to Remember Victims of Gun Violence

It has been twelve years since 20 children and six faculty members at Sandy Hook Elementary School were killed while going about their normal activities. The deaths shocked the nation at the time, but since then there have been many more mass shootings – at schools, during concerts, in houses of worship, at places of work, at restaurants. In short, wherever people gather.

On next Sunday, December 17th, after the 10:00 Mass, three days after the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, we will once again hold a vigil on the steps of the church to pray for all affected by mass shootings and an end to all violence, particularly mass shootings. The vigil will last about 10 minutes, with the toiling of the bells 26 times and ending by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners at this vigil.



## Deanery Advent Penance Service

This year, our Deanery **Penance Services** for the season of Advent are scheduled as follows:

Monday, Dec. 11, 7:00PM Annunciation Church, Paramus

Monday, Dec. 18, 7:00PM St. Therese of Lisieux, Cresskill

This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through this sacrament of healing.



**PACT/Religious Education Program**

**St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program**

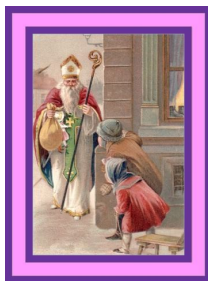
We thank our parents and catechist for helping keep our parish PACT/Religious Education Program running! PACT is a priority here at St. Mary's. Recall that Religious Education is curricular for all Catholic children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even offer a section of Kindergarten). Do you know anyone new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

**Confirmation Preparation**



Confirmation candidates have begun Monday Confirmation Preparation Sessions. The next session is Monday, 12/11. Please pray for our candidates, their families, and our parish family that the Holy Spirit may draw us to an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

**St. Nicholas Project**



We have collected necessities and gifts to help those at OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Please bring any remaining gifts to the rectory/Parish Office or the Religious Education Office at this time.

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

**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. 18 - 19	\$7,113.00	\$6,931.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,577.00</u>	<u>2,011.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,690.00</u>	<u>\$8,942.00</u>

	2023	2022
Collections: Nov. 25 - 26	\$7,130.00	\$7,496.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,166.00</u>	<u>1,434.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,296.00</u>	<u>\$8,930.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$17.00

*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."**
- "I helped my dad." "I cleaned."**
- "I helped Charlie clean up."**
- "I helped pick up a tree."**



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

**Stewardship Reflection**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

We will be starting a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning January, 2024. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are in the military, ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557.

**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...Ann Marie Maurice  
Kathleen Marsala...Alec Kerr...John...Pat McKenna  
Steve Riccardi...Robert Baccollo...Joseph Wells  
Alice Widman



The Cathedral Concert Series Fifty-Second  
**Candlelight Carol Sing**  
Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble  
*John J. Miller, conductor*  
*Kristin Johnson, organist*  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
and  
Thursday, December 14, 2023  
Performances Begin at 8 PM  
Doors Open at 7 PM  
Ramped Entrance on Ridge Street  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
Park and Clifton Avenues, Newark  
For more information call 973-484-2400  
[www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

**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.**

**Five Days Left**



**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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# Big 50/50 Raffle

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. We 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 the raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket in church. ***The winning tickets will be pulled on January 7th, 2024, the Feast of the Epiphany.***

We realize that the covid crisis has caused financial struggles for everyone in our community. 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.

