



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 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass ,
6:30 PM Mass
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day

7:45 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass
12:00 Noon

MASSES FOR THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31, 2023

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 AM Mass
11:00AM Mass

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. David W. Milliken, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
Sheila Romaine, *Religious Ed. Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator*

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Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.

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	Dec. 16 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Rosemary Scalia
10:00AM	Michele Harris
12 Noon	In Thanksgiving Cachuela Family
Monday	Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	John Fox
8:45AM	George DiCostanzo
Tuesday	Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Dan Schettino
8:45AM	George DiCostanzo
Wednesday	Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Evangelista Awen
8:45AM	Lawrence Miloscia, Sr.
Thursday	Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Richard Schmude
8:45AM	Ann Baranek
Friday	Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Mae Carey
8:45AM	Jeffrey Karash
Saturday	Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Sr. Joan Cremin
5:30PM	Patrick Hegarty
Sunday	Dec. 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Angel L. Aviles
12 Noon	Bob Coberg

Christmas Eve Masses

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



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ann and Dom Colavito, Mary and Vincent Filingeri requested by the Filingeri family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Daniel Markert requested by Anna Markert.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Peter McHugh and Caridad Nufable.

This Week



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

Monday - Dec. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday – Dec. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:30PM Decorate the Church
8:00PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - Dec. 20

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
6:30PM Decorate the Church
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
11:00AM Mary Connolly's Memorial Mass UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH and Simbang Gabi Set-up

Friday – Dec. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM No Aramaic School
7:00PM Simbang Gabi UC
8:30PM Simbang Gabi Nativity Pageant SH

Saturday – Dec. 23

8:00AM No Korean School

Sunday – Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

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

Church Decorating Many hands make light work!!!

Please join us on Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20 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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Parish Office Schedule

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

- Friday, Dec. 22
Monday, Dec. 25, 2023
Friday, Dec. 29, 2023 and
Monday, Jan. 1, 2024



Throughout the world, each culture has its own way of preparing to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. In the Philippines, the traditional way of preparing for Christmas is called Simbang Gabi. It is a Novena of masses at dawn beginning on December 16th and ending with midnight mass on Christmas Eve. The tradition was introduced by Spanish friars to allow the farmers to attend mass before going to work in the fields early in the morning. After mass and before work began, worshippers would share traditional Filipino foods of the holiday season.

While there are still Filipino communities that still observe Simbang Gabi with early morning masses, here at St. Mary's we have found a way to prepare for Christmas. On Friday evening, December 22nd we will have our traditional Simbang Gabi celebration. It will start with mass in Church at 7:00 pm followed by the sharing of traditional Filipino foods of the holiday season in Szelest Hall. Our gathering in Szelest Hall will also give the children of our parish the opportunity to show all of us the true meaning of the Christmas with their traditional Christmas Pageant.

This Christmas Pageant calls us to remember a simple story of faith, hope and love; the faith of a virgin who trusted the word of an angel, the hope of parents who brought forth a child into poverty, the love of a God who gave his Son to be our Savior. While Christmas is truly a special holiday for all children, we celebrate the fact that Christmas is about one special child, an infant born in a manger. And Christmas is all about the child in each one of us called to look with wonder and awe upon our new born king. We pray that the joy and wonder of Christmas be yours each and every day throughout the coming year.

Fr. Carey

Deanery Advent Penance Service

This year, our Deanery Penance Service for the season of Advent will be on 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.

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!

We Welcome the Newest Members of Our Parish Community



Haisley Mae Donegan
Quinn Shay Donegan

The Advent Giving Tree Thank You!!



Through the generosity of many St. Mary's parishioners, we are able to share joy to many families and individuals in need. This year, we partner with the Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. This is a tremendous help to the Nurturing Place to help them celebrate Christmas this year. Gift Cards were picked up on Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Josie Parrella



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

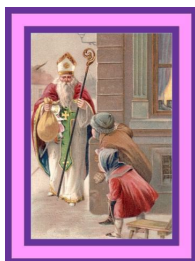
We thank our parents and catechist for helping keep our parish PACT/Religious Education Program running! Religious Education is a priority here at St. Mary's and is curricular for all Catholic children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even offer a section of Kindergarten). Do you know anyone new to St. Mary's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

Confirmation Preparation



Monthly Monday Confirmation Preparation is underway. Our next session is 1/8/24. Our retreat afternoon is Saturday, 1/27/24. For more information, consult the schedule that was distributed to candidates and their parents. 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 and his Church.

St. Nicholas Project



We thank you for your abundant generosity this year with our St. Nicholas Giving Project run through our PACT/Religious Education Office. For more information about Oasis, a Haven for Women and Children visit <https://oasisnj.org/>

Good Saint Nicholas, pray for us that we may be infused with the Spirit of generosity this holy season and throughout our lives. Amen.

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...Carmelo Abbruzzesi...Jonel Tinio

Three Weeks Left

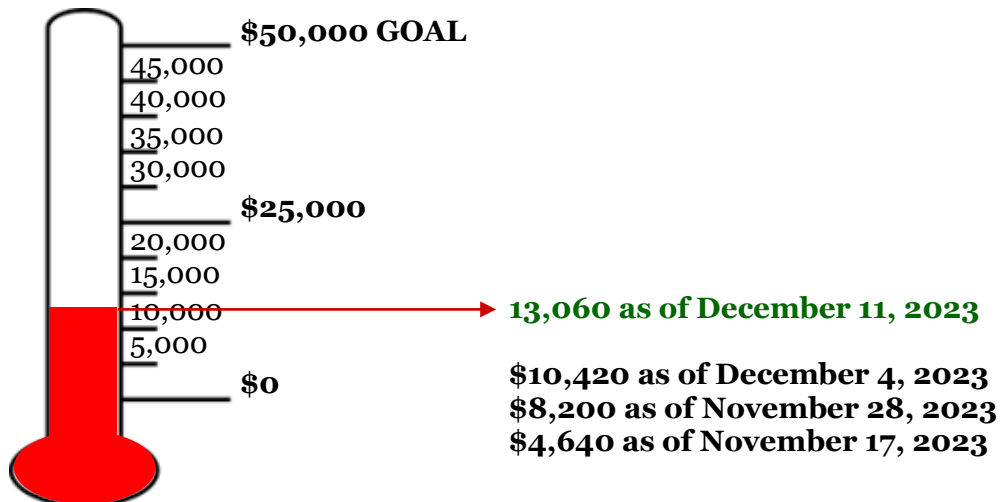
**Big
50/50
Raffle**

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 – 1st Prize will be 25% of the proceeds, 2nd Prize will be 15% of the proceeds and 3rd 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.





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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