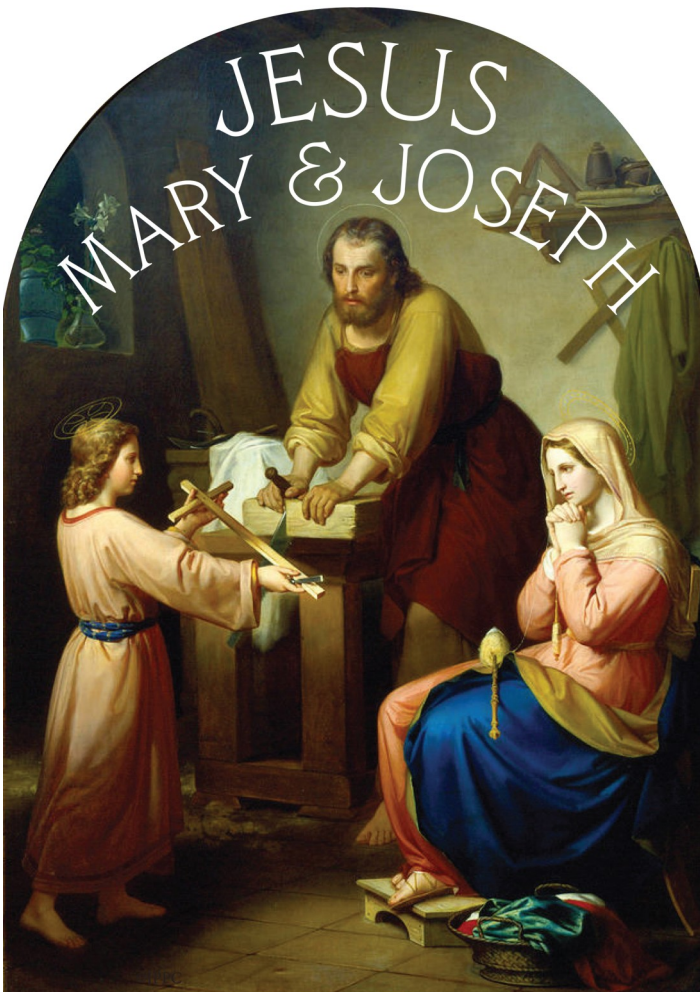


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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*
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*

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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Online Giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

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	Dec. 30 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:45AM	John Hughes
10:00AM	Alicia K. Donohue
12 Noon	Angel and Paz Galang (Living)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass	
Sunday	Dec. 31 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00AM	Adel Consentino
11:00AM	In Thanksgiving-Iguico and Canlas Families (Living)
Tuesday	Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
7:00AM	Anna and Anthony Montagnino
8:45AM	Ann T. Herlihy
Wednesday	Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday
7:00AM	Ewhen Brenycz
8:45AM	Steven Walters
Thursday	Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:00AM	Liam and Veronica Turvey (Living)
8:45AM	Lorna Green
Friday	Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann
7:00AM	Roz Callahan
8:45AM	Verna DeGuzman Lagare
Saturday	Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday
8:30AM	Joan and Bob Mascarelli
5:30PM	Carey Joyce and Fanahann Joyce
Sunday	Jan. 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Teresita Enriquez
12 Noon	Joseph Crvaric

Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of the Liboro and Abad families requested by Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Abad.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and for the intentions of Dean Capabianca, Jr. requested by Erika Lorenzini.

This Week



Sunday – Dec. 31
10:00AM Choir
1:00PM No PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
Sunday – Dec. 31
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>
5:30PM Vigil Mass
Monday - Jan. 1
<i>New Year's Day</i>
Masses: 9:00AM and 11:00AM
Tuesday – Jan. 2
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
Wednesday - Jan. 3
After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
2:30PM Hackensack Walk-in Shelter
7:30PM No Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Jan. 4
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM No Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Jan. 5
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Jan. 6
8:00AM No Korean School
Sunday – Jan. 7
8:30AM PACT Angels Church/School
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal
1:15PM Mega 50/50 Raffle Drawing
2:00PM Dumont Elks Hoop Shoot SH
7:00PM JWalk Meeting YRm

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Jean F. Sforza.

Parish Office Schedule



During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office ***will be closed*** on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.



As a new year begins, so many people feel compelled to make resolutions; most of which are quickly abandoned. Many, many years ago, I came across the following verse about New Year's Resolutions. It was attributed to Walter Scott. I think he collected some important thoughts of others and added a few of his own. I hope everyone can find something in this brief poem as you contemplate what resolutions you might make for the New Year.

Fr. Carey

Resolutions

- No one will ever get out of this world alive.
- Resolve therefore in the year to come to maintain a sense of values.
- Take care of yourself.
- Good health is everyone's major sources of wealth.
- Without it, happiness is almost impossible.
- Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will repay in kind.
- Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are generally vengeful.
- Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.
- Resolve to listen more and to talk less.
- No one ever learns anything by talking.
- Be chary of giving advice.
- Wise men don't need and fools won't head it.
- Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant with the weak and the wrong.
- Sometime in life you will have been all of these.
- Do not equate money with happiness.
- There are many successful money-makers who are miserable failures as human beings.
- What counts most about success is how one achieves it.
- Resolve to love next year someone you didn't love this year.
- Love is the most enriching ingredient in life.

Food Pantry News

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2023. We could not have helped the many families and seniors without their efforts. So in no particular order, our angels are:

- Father Carey, Father David, Deacon John Dory Weiss-Parish Secretary
 - John Weiss - Business Administrator
 - Kathy Sylvester-Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
 - Abner Buensalida & Tom Mariotti -St. Mary's Maintenance
 - Beth Meloscia and the Youth & Young Adult Ministry
 - The Parishioners of St. Mary's and residents of Dumont
 - Shop Rite of New Milford Partners in Caring
 - The Boys & Girl Scouts of Dumont
 - Our Confirmation Candidates
 - Izzy Aberde, Janine Aiello, Dianne Albuquerque, Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Phil Alloca, Mary Auriti, June DiGirolamo, Karen Ebenhack, Melissa Gracey, Kailyn Gracey, Margaret Molder, Cathy Pacana, Shamil Roca, Sheila Romaine, Maryann Russini, Laura Sobek, Luke Sobek, Grace Tagliareni & Jake Vietri
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All
Anna, Denise & Lynne



Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - January 5th



On Friday, January 5th, 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.

Stewardship Reflection

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 "...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



PACT/Religious Education Program

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We thank our parents and catechists for helping keep our parish PACT/Religious Education Program a priority here at St. Mary's. 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 or call (201) 384-0557 ext. 20

Confirmation Preparation



Monthly Monday Confirmation Preparation is underway. Our next session is 1/8/24. Our retreat 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.

First Holy Communion Preparation – Save the dates!

See the information letter which was distributed to parents for more details about First Communion Preparation.



First Holy Communion Preparation Parent Meeting will be Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Morning With Jesus (for parents and candidates) is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the 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/>.



March for Life 2024

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19, 2024. This is a prayerful and peaceful opportunity to join with thousands of people from around the world to help make abortion unthinkable in our lifetime. This year's theme is *With every woman, for every child*.

The bus will leave St. John's in Bergenfield at 6AM and return approximately 10PM, with brief rest stops along the way. We ask for a donation of \$25 per person to help cover our costs.

Also, the Knights of Columbus welcome all to their annual Right to Life Mass on January 14th at the SMA Fathers (Tenafly). We will gather at 2PM for Adoration and the Rosary, followed by Mass at 3PM.

For more information or to reserve your spot on the bus, contact Gerry Flood: 914-343-5508, gerrypflood@gmail.com

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 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 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

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: Dec. 16 - 17	\$8,502.00	\$7,629.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,313.00</u>	<u>1,487.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,815.00</u>	<u>\$9,116.00</u>

Maintenance \$1,284.00 \$1,692.00

Treasure from our children: \$6.00

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.”

“Helping”

“I said my prayers.”

“I talked with parents about lesson.”

“Gave Lucy a sip of my water.”



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.

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.

One Week Left

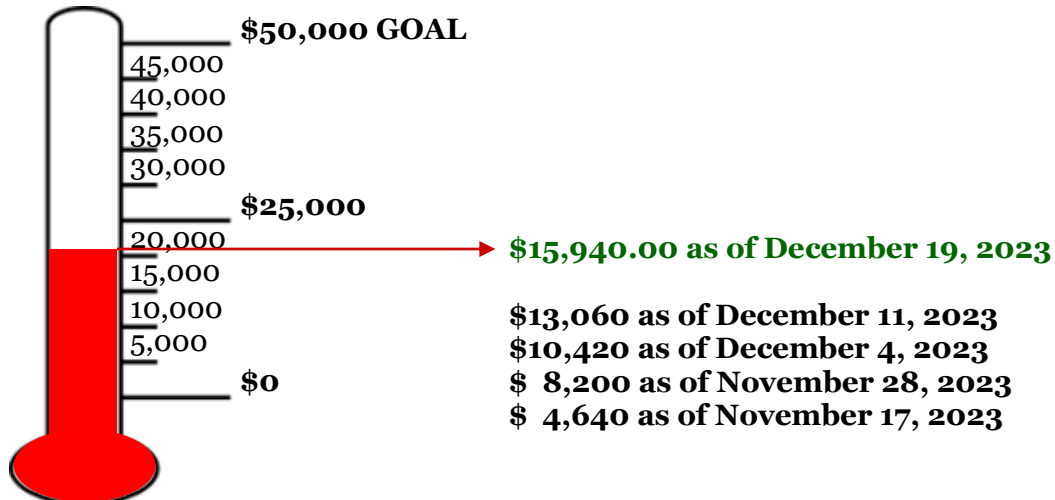


By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. We know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we 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.**

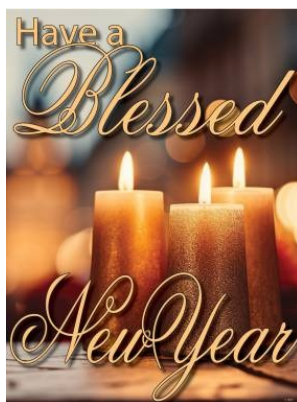
We realize that the covid crisis has caused financial struggles for everyone in our community. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might be able to help your parish and be assured that we are most grateful for whatever each family might be able to do.





New Year's Greetings

We want to extend the prayers, thanks and best wishes of the priests, deacon and parish staff to the families of St. Mary's.



PALAD'S Line Dancers