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St. Mary's Church

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EUCHARISTIC 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!

Epiphany Of The Lord



January 7, 2024

They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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 | Jan. 6 - Vigil |
| 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 |
| Monday | Jan. 8 - The Baptism of the Lord |
| 7:00AM | Sr. Marie Mounce |
| 8:45AM | Anne Joyce |
| Tuesday | Jan. 9 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Zdravka Golub |
| 8:45AM | Angel Cabezudo, Sr. |
| Wednesday | Jan. 10 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Juanita Merton |
| 8:45AM | Barbara Zarski |
| Thursday | Jan. 11 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Rev. Patrick W. Donohue |
| 8:45AM | Roz Callahan |
| Friday | Jan. 12 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | James Boyle, Boyle and McGowan Families |
| 8:45AM | John Consentino |
| Saturday | Jan. 13 - Weekday |
| 8:30AM | Elizabeth Leyden |
| 5:30PM | Cecelia Ricciardi |
| Sunday | Jan. 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:45AM | Gabrielle Napoleone |
| 10:00AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 12 Noon | Frank and Rose Keighran |



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ann T. Herlihy requested by John B. Herlihy

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Leonila Matulac requested by the Quirolgico family.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Stephen Cunningham.

This Week



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

Monday – Jan. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Session #3 Church/School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Jan. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:30PM Undecorate Church
8:00PM Baptism Class

Wednesday - Jan. 10

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

Thursday – Jan. 11

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. 12

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

Saturday – Jan. 13

8:00AM No Korean School

Sunday – Jan. 14

9:15AM RCIA Class Rectory
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal
1:00PM Baptisms
2:00PM Dumont Elks Hoop Shoot (Rain Date) SH

Stewardship Reflection

Epiphany of the Lord

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



As we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany today and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow, our Christmas season comes to an end. There are so many people to thank for making this Christmas season so special.

I thank all those who decorated our Church for Christmas. Because of the size of our Church, decorating St. Mary's is no small task. It was truly monumental effort by a dedicated team of people and I am extremely grateful.

I thank all who participated in our music ministry. Under the direction of our new musical director, Luis Chavez, our choirs certainly made a joyful sound unto the Lord. Their contributions made each Christmas liturgy very special.

I thank all the servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, the liturgy committee and everyone else that helped to make each mass a wonderful celebration of God's love. Those visiting St. Mary's for the first time certainly saw our parish at its best.

I thank everyone who attended the Christmas masses. It was wonderful to see our Church so full of people. Wouldn't it be wonderful it could happen every week? That is what we need to work towards and to pray for.

Finally, I thank all of you for contributions to our Christmas collection and our collection for Christmas flowers. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

As our new year begins, I look forward with hope that we will continue to respond to the challenges ahead relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the patronage of our Blessed Mother. Doing so we will make present the peace and joy Christmas throughout the coming year.

Fr. Carey



We started 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.

John Murray

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd
 Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice
 Myra D'Silva...Diane Lang...Steve Riccardi
 Concepcion Santos...Michael Hayes...Brian O'Dowd
 Ted Widman...Alice Widman...Michele Patetta
 John Romaine...Gary Barba...Robert Baccollo
 Joseph Wells...Carmelo Abbruzzesi...Jonel Tinio

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*





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/>.



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. 23 - 24 | \$8,292.00 | Christmas |
| Weekly On-Line Giving | <u>1,445.00</u> | Day |
| Total | <u>\$9,737.00</u> | |

Treasure from our children: \$2.00

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 donated toys.””***

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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.

Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.

2024 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

Are You Registered?

If you have recently moved or even if you have been attending for years, stop by the parish office and register.

Why do you need to register?

There are many reasons such as:

- There's a feeling of becoming part of the parish community.
- You give the parish a chance to get to know you better.
- The parish will have a way to communicate with you by sending you emails or mails to keep you up-to-date on the parish news.
- **Registration is required** to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony.
- If you're planning to register your child(ren) to our **Religious Education program**, the families of those attending must be registered parishioners.
- When a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or if a parish needs verification of your status as a practicing Catholic, these **can't be done if you're not registered**. *You need to be registered as an active parishioner for three months.*

Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

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, gerryflood@gmail.com

**The Drawing
is today!
Jan. 7th at
1:15 p.m.**

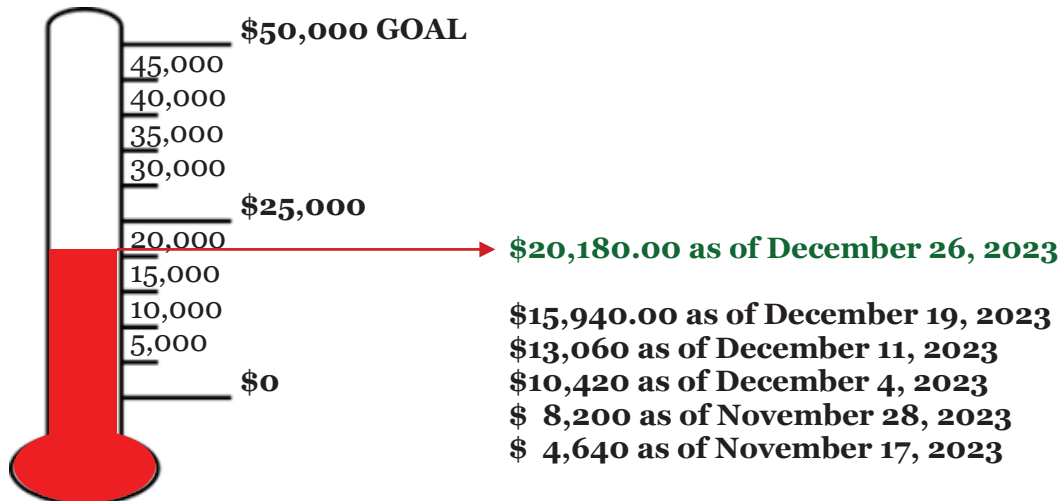


By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. We know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we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





A Message from Dominique "Nikki" Sherman, Education Coordinator

We here at The Nurturing Place cannot express how much your contribution means to our families. You all make Christmas possible and for that we are truly grateful. Please share this "THANK YOU" with all who donated. It is a small token on our part, but we hope you enjoy seeing the faces of the children whose lives you have made a difference in and helped to continue to believe in the miracle of Christmas.

Many blessings to each of you this Holiday Season and best wishes for a Happy, Healthy, New Year!

Thank you!

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