

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 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent**

**THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN A CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY**

LUKE 21:27

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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. 30 - Vigil
5:30PM	Presentacion Francia
Sunday	Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Mary Scalia
12 Noon	Patrick Monaghan
Monday	Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	David Crowley
8:45AM	Roy Caleca, Sr.
Tuesday	Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier
7:00AM	Aron Levy (Living)
8:45AM	William Treacy
Wednesday	Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Danilo De Jesus
Thursday	Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick Monaghan
8:45AM	Thomas O'Shea, Sr.
Friday	Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Joan Mascarelli
Saturday	Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose
8:30AM	Matthew and Mary Barry
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
Sunday	Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Michael Coleman
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michele Harris



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Helen Maureen Kennedy requested by Eleanor King.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Tiong Bio requested by Margaret Yu.

2025 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

Mar. 9, 23 & 30; Apr. 6 & 13; Oct. 26:

Sanctuary Lamp:

Mar. 16 & 30; Apr. 27; Aug. 31; Oct. 19.

This Week



Sunday – Dec. 1

10:00AM Choir UC

Monday – Dec. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM RCIA Rectory

8:00PM Basketball

Tuesday – Dec. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

Wednesday - Dec. 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary & OLPH Novena UC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Dec. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Aramaic School

6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 7

8:00AM Korean School

9:00AM Wreath & Grave Blanket Pick-up Garages

11:00AM First Penance

1:30PM First Penance

2:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon Set-up
SFC

Sunday – Dec. 8

8:30AM PACT Angels

10:00AM Choir UC

12:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon SFC

1:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice

3:00PM Youth Recognition Sunday Sacred Heart
Cathedral, Newark

1:30PM Baptism

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - December 6th



On Friday, December 6th, 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.



Ready, Set, Go. The race is on. How many malls can you navigate? How many stores can you visit? How many presents can you buy? How many sales can you take advantage of? Retailers would have you believe that shopping is the only thing that matters for the next four weeks. On “Black Friday” many stores opened at midnight. Many other stores didn’t wait. They were open on Thanksgiving Day itself. The crowds waiting outside prove that too many people have brought in to the retailers message.

I know we all want to get the right present for everybody on our lists but do we really want to spend the next four weeks frantically rushing from store to store? I know that we all need to send cards and we all need to get the tree up and the decorations in place. I know that there are so many things that need to be done. The problem is that in spending so much time in getting ready for Christmas we forget to get ready for the coming of Christ.

Our readings this Sunday call us to be prepared. This is the same message the stores are giving us. The question is; what are we preparing for? Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and into our homes. As we prepare our homes for the coming holiday let us prepare hearts to welcome the King of Kings; the Savior born in a manger that we might share the glory of heaven.

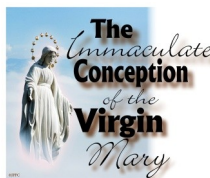
Fr. Carey

**We Welcome the Newest Members of
our Parish Community**



Cleo Amor Johnson
Madeline Margaret Spillane

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Transferred to December 9th
Holy Day of Obligation**



In 2024, Dec. 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. The Sundays of Advent and Lent ***always*** take precedence over feast days, so the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9.

Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation to attend Mass was lifted (abrogated). **This is no longer the case.** On Oct. 10th, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops received word from Rome, that ***“the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.”***

In light of this new directive, **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, Dec. 9, is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.** Since this feast is a holyday of obligation, the Mass schedule for that day will be: **7:00 AM – 8:45 AM – 7:30 PM.**

Deanery Advent Penance Service

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

- Monday, Dec. 2, 7:00PM Annunciation Church, Paramus
- Monday, Dec. 10, 7:00PM Church of the Ascension, New Milford
- Monday, Dec. 16, 7:00PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tenafly

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

**Bridge Makers
Thursday, December 12, 2024 @7:00 PM**

Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary’s Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. We will be meeting on Thursday, 12/12/2024 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s in the Parish Center. Please contact Deacon John Sylvester (deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org) for further details.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/Religious Education Program:

PACT families... check your e-mail, we recently e-mailed important announcements and Advent information.

Parents who opted to do the Empowering God's Children (EGC) Program 2024 lessons at home with their children- please complete the very brief survey which was e-mailed to you indicating that you have covered Chapters 1 & 2 of the EGC material.

Parents of families who have not received these e-mails should notify us that you are not receiving e-mails. Call (201) 384-0557 Extension 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Confirmation Candidate Monday Preparation



Confirmation Preparation is separate from regular PACT/Religious Education or Catholic School religion class. The next candidate preparation for those who enrolled in Confirmation Preparation will be Monday, 12/18.

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession

First Penance will be celebrated Saturday, 12/7 with our candidates who have been preparing at special Tuesday preparation sessions. Please keep our candidates, their families, and our parish family in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate this great Sacrament of the Lord's Forgiveness and Reconciliation.



Stewardship Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

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 collections for Nov. 23 - 24 and the good deeds from the children 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.

The Advent Giving Tree



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.

They have about 64 children, in addition to approximately 35 moms they hope to assist this year.

Gift tags are now available.

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

Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree on the envelope to the parish office or to the collection baskets by **Wednesday, Dec. 11th**.

Banns of Marriage



In compliance with church rules, we hereby publish the banns of marriage of Michael James Vietri and Margaret Mary Stafki.

IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME

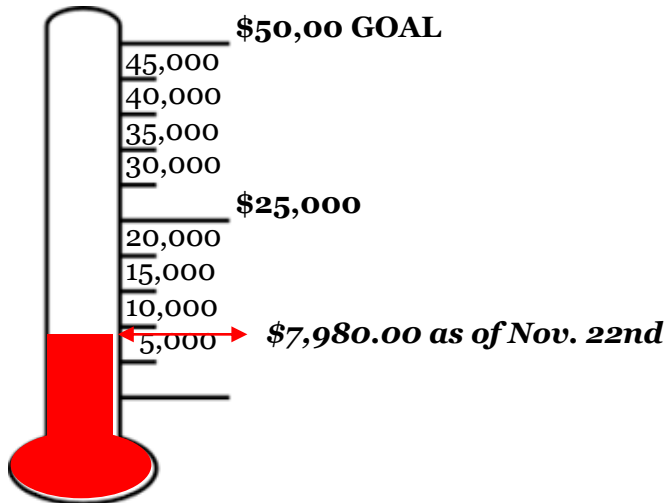
Once again, St. Mary's is hosting a big 50/50 Mega Raffle. When we did this for the past four years, the pot exceeded \$45,000. It would be great if, this year, we could reach \$50,000. I'm sure everyone would like to win a share of such a large pot.

By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail and some already purchased the tickets.

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.

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. We are most grateful for whatever each family might be able to do. If you need more raffle tickets, they are available at the Rectory.

Please return the raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or put in the collection basket in church. The winning tickets will be pulled on January 5th, 2025, the Feast of the Epiphany.



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...Anthony Dunkin...Lorenzo Cortezano
Joseph Ament...Brandon Barhydt

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd...John M. Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice...Myra D'Silva Steve Riccardi...Brian O'Dowd...Perfecto de Vera Michael Hayes...Ted Widman...Arsenia Carrasco Michele Patetta...John Romaine...Anne Picciano Robert Baccollo...Jonel Tinio...Gary Barba Carmelo Abbruzzesi..Baby Colton Lewis...Anya Perla Biron...Skylar Frye...Scott Tkacz...Sean Hayes N. Diamond...Perla Biron...Ryan Heckman...Kevin Patricia Adone...George Taylor...Tom Aquino Josefina Caoli...Jeanne Kwederis...Miss Giusi S. Mariantonia D...Fran D...Lourdes Santamaria Daniel Robbins...Theresa Hong...Lorraine Rolanti Carole Chittenden...Alisen Herman...Fidel Ronque Jing Santamaria...Nicole Sorce...Audrey Maguire Baby Jason Aldo...Jeannine...Billy Schweizer Baby Valentina Victoria Duffy...Wilbert Buco Dorothy Faulkner...Anthony Montagnino Carlos San Juan...Helen de la Pena...John Eckel, Sr. Mila Paras...Sam & Joan Amorosso...Ron Dunkin Marianito Briones...Dafina Stewart...Dolores Awid Sally Ariola...Karen Dean

Sick and Homebound Visit

If you or know someone who can't come to the church and wanted to receive communion, do confession, or wanted to talk to a priest, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557. Fr. Carey will be glad to visit you.

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.

2025 Sunday Missals

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

St. Mary's Food Pantry



"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Food Pantry Holiday Collection Sunday, November 3 through Sunday, December 15 Give The Gift Of A Meal



St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions from Sunday, November 3 to Sunday, December 15. Please drop your donations in the donation boxes at the doors of the church or at the rectory during normal business hours.

Items Most Needed: Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Turkey Gravy, Yams (small & large cans), Dried/Canned Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Tea/Coffee, Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie Mix, Canned Tuna/Meats, Sauce/Pasta, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Bar Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Syrup/Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter/Jelly
Frozen Turkeys & Hams (Collecting through December 15)



If you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, there will be food pantry envelopes at the doors of the church. Please place your donation in the collection baskets.



St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon in the Spiritual Formation Room (Basement of the school) on Sunday, December 8 from 1 pm to 5 pm.



The event includes lunch, music (from our own Luis Chavez & company) and a day of friendship and fun!

Reservation forms available at the doors of the Upper Church.

All are welcome!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Nativity cast practice dates in Szelest Hall:
December 8 & 15, 2024 at 1:15PM
December 18, 2024 at 5:00PM



SIMBANG GABI AND NATIVITY PLAY
DECEMBER
FRIDAY 20 AT 07:00 PM

PLEASE CONTACT: THERESA ABAD AT AABAD712@AOL.COM OR (201) 486-5852 FOR INFO

DUMONT DECKS THE HALLS
A Holiday Sing Along Show
 ELIZABETH SYNNOTT & FRIENDS
SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 2024
7PM
 SZELEST "THEATER"
 ST. MARY'S * 280 WASHINGTON AVE.
 DUMONT, NJ

Admission: FREE! However, we gladly welcome donations of non-perishable food items, gift certificates to grocery, retail stores or monetary contributions to support Dumont Social Service & Food Pantry.

Reserve your free spot today [click here](#) or email bsynnott@dumontboro.org

Gather your family and friends for a festive evening singing and celebrating our community and the joys of the holiday season.

Special thanks to St. Mary's Dumont for the donation of Szelest Hall.

This event is sponsored by Dumont's Arts, Beautification Economic & Development Committee ("ABED")

Food Pantry Thank you



Thank you to the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey, Inc. for their generous food donation. The holidays just got a little brighter for all our neighbors in need! God Bless our nurses and all people who work in the health care industries!

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.



Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

- PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL -

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On

Saturday December 14th

From

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm



This classic Christmas meal will be accompanied by great entertainment, good friends, and the Christmas Spirit.

Live Music & Entertainment by:

Julian & Dominique

Show of 1000 Voices

FAMILY STYLE SIT-DOWN MENU

- WELCOME GLASS OF EGG NOG
- ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES
- TOSSED SALAD
- TURKEY & GRAVY
- STUFFING & CRANBERRY SAUCE
- GREEN BEANS
- COFFEE, TEA, & DESSERT
- TAP BEER, WINE, SODA INCLUDED

Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$50 PER PERSON!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345
61 ARMOUR PL. DUMONT
PRESENTS
2025
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
 DECEMBER 31 | 8 PM - 1 AM
 WITH LIVE MUSIC BY
TK WALKER & COMPANY
OPEN BAR THROUGHOUT
 *** CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT ***
 NOISEMAKERS AND DECORATIONS
 TIMES SQUARE BALL DROP FEATURED ON LARGE SCREEN

<p>Buffet Dinner Included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assorted Hors D'oeuvres Shrimp Cocktail Steak Pizzaiolo w/mushrooms Chicken Champagne Penne w/Broccoli Aioli Linguine and Clams Eggplant Rollatini Sausage & Peppers Grilled Vegetables Roasted Potatoes Coffee & Tea Dessert 	<p>\$125 per person advance payment required</p> <p>For Tickets Call or Text: Ken Armellino 516-220-9333 Anthony Marti 917-602-3797 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com</p> <p>Buy Online at: KofC1345.square.site</p>
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\$10 DISCOUNT PER PERSON IF PAID BY 12/1/24