

*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 8, 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

LUKE 3:4



## 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*  
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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!

# Weekly MASS Intentions

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 7 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Michael Coleman
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michele Harris
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:00AM	Johanna and James Joyce
8:45AM	Patrick Pizzollo, Jr.
7:30PM	Robert A. Patetta (Living)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Celerina Alesna
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Mary Coyle
8:45AM	Michael Bittman
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
7:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM	Renal Patetta
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 13 - St. Lucy</b>
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Paz Alburo
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross</b>
8:30AM	Renato Gomez
5:30PM	Lawrence Miloscia, Sr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Peggy Keating
10:00AM	Deceased Members of the Markert Family
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

## Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Lindsay and Christopher Rubio.



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

## This Week



<b>Sunday – Dec. 8</b>
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
<b>Monday – Dec. 9</b>
<b><i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation</i></b>
Masses: 7:00AM, 8:45AM and 7:30PM
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
8:00PM No Basketball
<b>Tuesday – Dec. 10</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:30PM Cleaning of Chandeliers UC
7:30PM Finance Council Meeting FDVRm
<b>Wednesday - Dec. 11</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary & OLPH Novena UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
<b>Thursday – Dec. 12</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
<b>Friday – Dec. 13</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM No Basketball SH
<b>Saturday – Dec. 14</b>
8:00AM Korean School
7:00PM A Holiday Sing Along Show SH
Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious
<b>Sunday – Dec. 15</b>
8:30AM PACT Saints
9:00AM OCIA Rectory
10:00AM Choir UC
1:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH
7:00PM Youth Group Meeting YRm or SFC
Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Bridget O'Connor and Raul Coronado.



Today is December 8<sup>th</sup>, the day on which we always celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year however, because December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday and very few Feasts in the liturgical calendar take precedence over a Sunday, especially a Sunday in Advent, the observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Unlike in past years when a feast like the Immaculate Conception has been moved because it falls on a Sunday, this year, not only is the celebration of the feast moved, the obligation to attend mass moved with it. In other words, tomorrow we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and it is a holyday of obligation.

It is most appropriate that this great feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary be a holyday of obligation because the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is fundamental to our faith. In this feast we profess our belief that through the power of God's love, Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope IX on December 8, 1854 and, since then; volumes have been written trying to explain this doctrine. Still, many Catholics still confuse the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary with the belief in the Virginal Conception and Birth of Jesus.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is vital to our faith in explaining how the Eternal Son of God could be born of the finite creature Mary; how the divine could come forth from the corporeal. But more than trying to understand the theology behind the doctrine, we must embrace the reality of God's plan of salvation and Mary's place in that eternal plan.

Mary did more than just say yes to the Angel Gabriel. She did more than just agree to give birth to a child. She willingly accepted whatever God wanted of her. In this, Mary is our model of faith. She calls to do as she did; to say yes to God at every moment of our lives; to live out God's plan of salvation for us each and every day. Like Mary, we must believe that God is with us in all our times of trouble, in all the struggles we face, with all our doubts and all our fears.

Just as God chose Mary, God has chosen each and every one of us to his children and calls us to be followers of Mary's Son. God calls us to eternal salvation and like Mary we are called to say yes.

**Fr. Carey**

## ***Deanery Advent Penance Service***

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

- Tuesday, 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.

## ***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.

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. 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## ***Banns of Marriage***



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





**PACT/Religious Education Program**

**PACT/Religious Education Program:**



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

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 was celebrated Saturday, 12/7. Congratulations to our penitents who been preparing for some time now for this special encounter with our forgiving Lord. Please keep our young penitents, their families, and our parish family in your prayers.

**St. Nicholas Project for Oasis Shelter**

Please cut out and attach a St. Nicholas tag to an unwrapped gift or gift card and bring gift items for Oasis shelter in Paterson to the next PACT session, to the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office/Rector by Monday, December 16th.



**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)*

	2024	2023
Collections: Nov. 23 - 24	\$7,648.00	\$7,130.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,506.00</u>	<u>2,166.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,154.00</u>	<u>\$9,296.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$8.00

*Below 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 talked with parents about lesson."  
"I helped someone." "I said my prayers."  
"I cleaned the house."**



**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.

**Stewardship Reflection**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

**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.

**IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME**

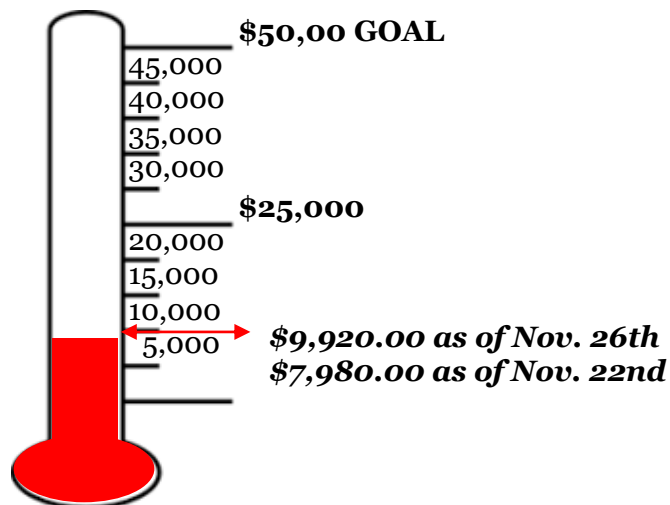
Once again, St. Mary's is hosting a big 50/50 Mega Raffle. When we did this for the past four years, the pot exceeded \$45,000. It would be great if, this year, we could reach \$50,000. I'm sure everyone would like to win a share of such a large pot.

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 – 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.

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...Patricia O'Neill

**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.



# DUMONT DECKS THE HALLS A Holiday Sing Along Show



*Elizabeth Synnott*



*Rob Galois*



*Daddy Mavor*



*Eric Chavez*



*Sofia Morsica*



*Diana McCullough*



*Britton Langford*



*Dan Gregory*

**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](https://www.dumontboro.org) or email [bsynnott@dumontboro.org](mailto: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")



## 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](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$50 PER PERSON!**



*"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.







**Come & Celebrate!**

*Simbang Gabi*  
**2024**

**Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church, Dumont**

December 20, 2024 Friday, 7 PM.

**Followed by Christmas and Nativity Pageant at Szelest Hall.**

*"Encounter to Share the Light of Jesus"*

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