

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



January 5, 2025
Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2:10-11

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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

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*

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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 5:30PM	Jan. 4 - Vigil Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Jan. 5 - Epiphany of the Lord Michael McLaughlin Parishioners of St. Mary's Teresita Enriquez
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday Leoncio Virtusio Angelina Luciano
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday Anna and Anthony Montagnino Teresita Lacap
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday Joe Brendan Lynch Anthony Gerace
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday Angel Cabezudo Zdravca Golub
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 10 - Christmas Weekday Nancy Florio Joan Mascarelli
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Jan. 11 - Christmas Weekday Nancy O. Wysocki Joan and Robert Mascarelli
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Jan. 12 - Baptism of the Lord James Boyle, Boyle and McGowan Families Kathleen Whalen Parishioners of St. Mary's



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 the deceased members of the Hughes family requested by Anna Hughes and family.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Kerry Davis and Dorothy Reigert.

This Week



Sunday – Jan. 5 8:30AM PACT Angels 10:00AM Choir UC 1:15PM Mega Raffle Drawing Prayer Garden
Monday – Jan. 6 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 7:00PM RCIA Rectory 8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Jan. 7 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
Wednesday - Jan. 8 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Jan. 9 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Jan. 10 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Aramaic School 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC 8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Jan. 11 8:00AM Korean School 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC

Sunday – Jan. 12 8:30AM PACT Saints 9:00AM OCIA Rectory 10:00AM Choir UC 1:30PM Baptisms 2:00PM Dumont Elks Hoop Shoot SH 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC 7:00PM Youth Group Meeting YRm
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2025 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

Apr. 6 & 13;

Sanctuary Lamp:

Mar. 30; Apr. 27; Aug. 31



As we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany today, we remember the gifts of the Magi. Wise men from the East came with gifts to honor the newborn King. We have all received so many special gifts this holiday season and we all need to pause to say Thank You. There are so many people I need to thank for making this Christmas season at St. Mary's so very special.

I thank PALAD for the wonderful celebration of Simbang Gabi that is such an important part of our Christmas celebration. The children who participated in the Simbang Gabi Christmas pageant certainly showed us all the way to enter into the true joy of a simple story; the Birth of our Savior. It was a truly special evening with great food, great music and a great pageant.

I thank all those who gave their time to help decorate 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 Luis Chavez, our choirs and musicians 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 and everyone else who 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 filled with people celebrating God's love. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this could happen every week? That is what we need to work towards and to pray for.

I thank everyone who shared with us their wonderful home-made sweets and holiday treats. The Rectory staff and I truly enjoyed them.

I also thank everyone who participated in our big 50/50 Raffle. The winning tickets will be pulled after the last mass today. This raffle is a very important fundraiser for St. Mary's because of our inability to have a parish carnival.

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

As we look forward to the coming year, St. Mary's will finally have a much needed elevator. Work began a couple of months ago and should be completed long before Easter. This would never have happened without your generous and prayerful support. With your prayers and your help, we will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in our community and will make present the peace and joy of Christmas throughout the coming year.

Fr. Carey

Stewardship Reflection

The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



PACT/Religious Education Program

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We thank the Knights of Columbus St. John's Council #1345 of Dumont/Bergenfield for the beautiful Story of Christmas coloring books distributed to our PACT/Religious Education children last month. These helped us to spread the true meaning of Christmas in a fun way!

PACT Family Contact Information

Has your family recently changed contact information... e-mail... phone number... or even moved? Please keep us updated if you have changed contact information or are not receiving e-mails from us. Call (201) 384-0557 Extension 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Confirmation Candidate Preparation and Saturday Retreat



The next Confirmation Preparation session for candidates enrolled in our program will be Monday, 1/13. Don't forget the Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, 1/25, candidates arrive 10:00 a.m. Parents and sponsors join us at 4:30 p.m.

Confirmation Candidate Service

Check our weekly e-mail for Confirmation candidate service opportunities including undecorating the church from Christmas, helping with the food pantry, and more.

Items collected for the Teen Spirit Hygiene Drive are due by the Confirmation Preparation session on Monday, 1/13.

Check the bulletin and the weekly e-mail for special events. Service may also be available in schools and activities in town. Remember the words of St. James: *Faith without works is dead!*

St. Nicholas Project for Oasis Shelter- Thank you!



Thank you to those who donated to our St. Nicholas Project. We filled three of their bins with gifts and collected a sizable number of gift cards.

Did you know?

Oasis provides food, clothing, and counseling to help women and children meet their basic needs. They provide educational classes for women and academic after-school programs for children to help them thrive, and address the inequalities facing women and children who live in poverty. For more information, visit www.oasisnj.org.



**St. Mary's
Food Pantry**



50/50 MEGA-RAFFLE



**January is Can Can Month @ ShopRite!
Can Can You Help Us?**

January is Can Can month at ShopRite and the sales are fantastic! Can you help us? If so, the food pantry is in need of the following canned items: vegetables, potatoes, beans, soup, tuna and other meat items & fruit. Please place your donations in the baskets at the doors of the upper church. Donations may also be dropped at the Rectory office during normal business hours. We will be accepting canned donations until the end of January.

Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless,
Anna, Denise & Lynne



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.

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 drop the raffle tickets and the money in the collection basket in church today.

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)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Collections: Dec. 21 - 22	\$6,792.00	\$8,292.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,374.00</u>	<u>1,445.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,166.00</u>	<u>\$9,737.00</u>

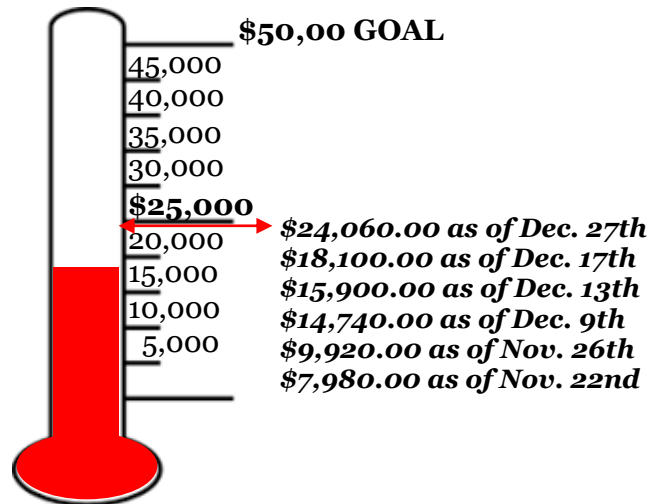


Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church. For

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.

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the Sunday collections and on-line giving for the December 28 - 29 weekend will be in next week's bulletin.



**The Drawing
is today!
Jan. 5th at
1:15 p.m.**

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.

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.

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.

We will start a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning February, 2025. 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...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 Brian O'Dowd...Perfecto de Vera...Patricia O'Neill Ted Widman...Arsenia Carrasco...Margaret Manley 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



Thank you for MAKING CHRISTMAS MAGICAL.

You are AMAZING!

Thank you!

Here's to a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Love the Children at
The Nurturing Place
York Street Project

