



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 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49



**MASSES FOR THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
MOTHER OF GOD**

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00 AM Mass, 11:00AM Mass

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	Dec. 28 - Vigil
5:30PM	Anna and James Hans
Sunday	Dec. 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Kathleen Callahan Lisa
12 Noon	Joe Tumaneng
Monday	Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Alfredo Dionio, Sr.
8:45AM	Mariano Aquino
Tuesday	Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Eduardo Umali
8:45AM	John Boland and Patrick Wade
	New Year's Eve Mass
5:30PM	In Thanksgiving Laya Family (Living)
Wednesday	Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00AM	In Thanksgiving-Iguico and Canlas Families
11:00AM	Intentions of the Santa Maria Family
Thursday	Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen
7:00AM	Ann T. Herlihy
8:45AM	Carey Joyce
Friday	Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday
7:00AM	Adele Consentino
8:45AM	Special Intentions of the Dalton Family
Saturday	Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30AM	Liam and Veronica Turvey (Living)
5:30PM	Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday	Jan. 5 - Epiphany of the Lord
7:45AM	Michael McLaughlin
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Teresita Enriquez



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Angel Rubio requested by Linda Rubio.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dan Schettino requested by Sue Schettino.

This Week



Sunday – Dec. 29

10:00AM Choir UC
PALAD EB FDVRm

Monday – Dec. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

Mass: 5:30PM

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Wednesday - Jan. 1

New Year's Day

Masses: 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Thursday – Jan. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Friday – Jan. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Jan. 4

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Jan. 5

8:30AM PACT Angels
10:00AM Choir UC

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - January 3rd



On Friday, January 3rd, 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.

Parish Office Schedule

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office **will be closed** as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 and
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025





As one year ends and a new one begins, we are called to consider the passing of time. And so for your reflection, I offer you this prayer.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Carey*

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice.

Lord, we thank you for your gift of the seasons. Through your reflected beauty, they help us to mark the passing of time.

Bless us with your special accuracy, those who help us be organized and on time, who help us keep our schedules and appointments.

Bless us with sensitivity when we impose on the precious time of others.

For those whose time is now eternity, share the blessing of your light and peace.

You said, "Watch and pray, for you know not the day or the hour." May the anticipation of your coming turn us to you each day.

Take from us the guilt and failure of the past by deepening our faith in your forgiveness.

Spare us all anxiety and worry for the future by strengthening our trust in your ever watchful and loving providence.

Teach us to live each day in your love, cherishing each moment as we experience it, leaving all else safely in your hands.

Hear us now in your mercy and extend your blessing to the instruments, calendars and timepieces we use to measure time.

Bless our clocks and watches so we may experience the miracle of each second. May they help us not miss what is important while you keep us from our machine-like routine. Free us from being clock watchers, make us time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of weeks and months, of holy days and holidays, of feast and fasts, all our special days of remembering.

And finally, Lord, bless this new year, each of its days and nights. Bless us with full means and new moons, with happy seasons and healthy lives.

Grant to us, Lord, your gift of love and peace.

Amen

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.

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.

If you need more raffle tickets, they are in the vestibule and 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.**





PACT/Religious Education Program

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Our next Sunday PACT sessions will be 1/5 and 1/12. As usual, check your color-coded schedules for your full schedule and work to be completed at home.

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 to those who donated to our St. Nicholas Project. Gifts and gift cards were delivered to Oasis on Monday, 12/16. Wanda and the staff at Oasis are always glad to see us, and deeply appreciate our help.

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.

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: Dec. 14 - 15	\$8,875.00	\$8,502.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,564.00</u>	<u>1,313.00</u>
Total	\$10,439.00	\$9,815.00

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the Sunday collections and on-line giving for the December 21 - 22 weekend will be in next week's 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.



St. Mary's Food Pantry



**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



Stewardship Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

2025 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

Apr. 6 & 13;

Sanctuary Lamp:

Mar. 30; Apr. 27; Aug. 31

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

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.

Food Pantry News

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2024. 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 & Rich Romaine - Maintenance

*Beth Meloscia and the Youth & Young Adult Ministry
The Parishioners of St. Mary's and residents of Dumont*

Shop Rite of New Milford & Inserra Supermarkets

The Boy & Girl Scouts of Dumont

Our Confirmation Candidates

The Philippine Nurses Assn. of New Jersey

Bergen County Office of Food Security

Arts, Beautification & Economic Dev. Comm. (ABED) of Dumont

Janine Aiello, Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Phil Alloca,

Mary Auriti, Ben Basil, June DiGirolamo, Karen Ebenhack,

Jai Rafael Gallardo, Jamie Garguilo, Melissa Gracey, Nath Gurjar,

Sonali Gurjar, Joey Hakim, Ann Hamilla, Andrew Hershkowitz,

Jake Lee, Alex Mendler, Margaret Molder, Cathy Pacana & family,

Ryan Rivas, Laura Sobek, Ryan Soto, Grace Tagliareni,

Nick Tabano, Jake Vietri & Nick Zelna

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

Anna, Denise & Lynne

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*

CONTACT US

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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!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

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