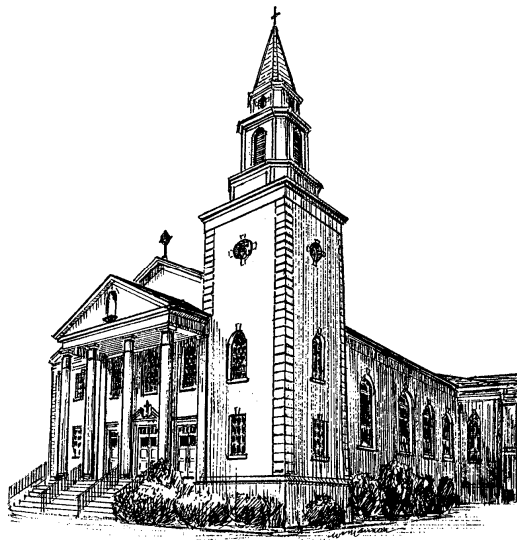


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

November 27, 2016

*First Sunday of
Advent*



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**

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. Michael Barone, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. Rudy Asistin, *Business Administrator*
Mr. Ed Kostka, *Director Maintenance and Facilities*
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Coleen Rugani, *Receptionist*
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Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

Parish e-mail: info@stmarysdumont.org
Parish Website: www.stmarysdumont.org

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062
e-mail: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music:
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Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 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, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call the parish office.

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.

God's Plan for Giving - Tithing

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your parish Church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.

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Saturday	Nov. 26 - Vigil
5:30PM	Claire Corny
Sunday	Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Edwin Stecklein
10:00AM	Oscar Benvenuto
12 Noon	The Rosica Family
Monday	Nov. 28 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Irma Rosica
8:45AM	Carolina and Cesar Aspiras
Tuesday	Nov. 29 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Toribio Almendra
8:45AM	The du Laney Family
Wednesday	Nov. 30 - St. Andrew
7:00AM	Paz and Abelino Joaquin
8:45AM	Andrea Banzil
Thursday	Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	John Anthony Ragone
8:45AM	Karen Kenny
Friday	Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Rey DeCastro
8:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Saturday	Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier
8:30AM	John Dillon, Jr.
5:30PM	Mary C. Leonard
Sunday	Dec. 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Amy and Bob Browning
10:00AM	John J. Hecker
12 Noon	Patrick and Katherine Pizzollo

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Claire Corny from The Keating Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Vitus Stangl requested by his wife and family.

Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 2nd



On Friday, December 2nd, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday – Nov. 27

First Sunday of Advent

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB and Simbang Gabi Meeting FDVRm

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

Monday - Nov. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

Tuesday – Nov. 29

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal UC

7:00PM Baptism Class PJ23Rm

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Wednesday - Nov. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Feast of St. Andrew

Thursday – Dec. 1

1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration LC.

Reposition starts at 7:00PM

7:00PM Basketball

Saturday – Dec. 3

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

11:00AM and 1:30PM First Penance Celebration UC

2:00PM-5:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH

Food Collection

Second Collection-Retirement Collection for the Religious

Sunday – Dec. 4

Second Sunday of Advent

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting FDVRm

12:30PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Brunch Chez Madeleine

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm

Food Collection

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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.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir
Alicia Newball..Anthony Hacket, Jr.
Donald Dickson...Anthony Dunkin
Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins
Bobby Dellner...Patrick Booth
Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford
James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman
Joshua M LaBazzetta...Aidan Nugent
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson
Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach
Major David Christopher Pierson
Charles Bennett...James Markert
Christopher Smaldone

If you have a relative serving in the military, please call the parish office so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.

Pray for Our Sick

Peter Ramzi..John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Joan Polis
Lyla McMahon...Joe Markert...Patricia Harrigan
Tom Phelan..Hailey van Weathering..Pat Barclay
Rita Crowley..Sandy Tolentino..Agnes Leonard
Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner..Kathy R.
Teagan Davis...George DiCostanzo...Lucy Buonarota
Emily Del Vecchio...Dan and Jean Pope...James B.
Wilberta Schreiber...Maureen Kostka...Dian Ang
Peggy Dunshee.. Patricia Victory...Kristi Carbonaro
Angelina Uvenio...Frank Uvenio...Rob Lockett
Tina and Her Baby...Tricia Rankin...Riley Rose
Rachel Reynolds...Mary Fitzgerald...Sean Hayes
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Nick & Diane Kowatch
Maureen Spulka...Richard King...Mary M.
Mary McGuire...Nikki Marinas...Evelyn Paulsen

Rosary Linen Schedule for November and December

Nov. 27 Joan DiPaola
Dec. 04 Margaret Kennedy Dec. 11 Pat Barclay
Dec. 18 Eleanor King Dec. 25 Sue Schettino
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2017 Sunday Missals

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

Senior Center Trip

The Dumont Senior Center is going to Yonkers, NY on Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Cost is \$25pp. If you're interested, please call Donna at 201-387-5040.

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)

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***Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for Nov. 19-20, treasure from our children, and their good deeds will be in the Dec. 3-4 bulletin.***

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Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become your holy people.
Amen.

Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets

We know we just completed the Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the **Christmas distribution** which will be on **Friday, December 16th.**

Some items that we are in need of are:

Canned Fruit Cereal (Dry) Peanut Butter Juice	Canned Pasta, Cranberry Sauce Jelly
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We will especially need **turkeys and hams** so if you feel you can donate one, please bring them to the parish office as we have freezers ready to keep them.

Again, thank you and God Bless.



PACT/Religious Education Program

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as we finalize our preparation for First Penance. Our celebration of First Reconciliation-Confession is scheduled for Saturday, 12/3.

St. Nicholas Project 2016

Will you help me visit “the least of these who are members of my family” that Jesus spoke about...? There are children, families, women, and men who have had some pretty hard times this year...

I am continuing the work of Jesus.

I will need your help..."

Once again, the PACT/Religious Education office is collecting gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Won't you join us in our efforts to helping to provide for some of their needs? Bring items by Tuesday, 12/6 (St. Nicholas Day!)

A basic guideline is that a gift should be something your own child(ren) or nieces and nephews or grandchildren would need or like to have! These could include new clothing, sporting goods, handheld electronic devices, and gift certificate/cards. We need to deliver to Paterson early so please be generous and please be early! Cut out the St. Nick picture and attach it to the gift with tape.

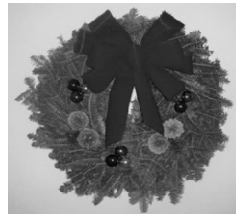
Thank you and may we be guided by the example of Good St. Nick. For more information about him visit: www.stnicholascenter.org.



St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

Our next meeting will be December 4th from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Youth Room!

Anyone who ordered a wreath or grave blanket from the Youth Group can pick them up at the rectory garage next weekend, December 3rd and 4th after any Mass.



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Knights of Columbus

Adult Christmas Party-Join us for this festive celebration December 10th from 7pm-11pm. This classic Christmas meal will be accompanied by great entertainment, good friends, and the Christmas Spirit as we ask all attendees to bring one NEW UNWRAPPED TOY for our annual TOY DRIVE as well as a NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM for our local FOOD DRIVE. We will also have an optional GRAB BAG. To participate bring, a wrapped gift valued at \$20. Sit down dinner will feature salad, stuffed shells, turkey with fixings, dessert, and beverages. Live entertainment by PANORAMA MUSIC. \$40 per person, RSVP required. Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333, or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Children's Christmas Party-Sunday December 11 from 2pm - 5pm. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation per person). DJ Lady J and her elves will be providing music and games. A complimentary snack of hot dogs, french fries, juice, and dessert will be provided. Cash bar for the adults. And if everyone is good, there may be a visit from someone VERY special who lives at the North Pole. RSVP required. Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation.

NEW YEAR'S EVE-December 31st. The party is on!! Details will be made available shortly.

Hall Renting & Catering

Planning a party soon? Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187, email KofCRentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. The hall is available with or without catering.

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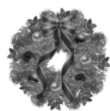


Emmanuel, a promise fulfilled.



As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. Gift tags will be available November 26 – 27. Gifts should be returned by December 8th. Questions? Call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

PACT Program St. Nicholas Project. Once again our PACT/Religious Education families will be providing some necessities and gift items for the families of Oasis Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Gift tags are being distributed to parents at our November sessions and need to be returned to the Religious Education Office by St. Nicholas Day, Tuesday, December 6th.



Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket sponsored by J-Walk, after all masses on November 19 - 20. Orders due by November 21. Wreath pick-up Dec. 3-4.

Tuesday, December 6th – Feast of St. Nicholas



A fourth century bishop from Turkey, Nicholas is the inspiration for Santa Claus. Known for his acts of charity, he often left gifts of food or money in the dark of night. Celebrate this day in your family by having your children leave a shoe outside the door, to be filled with treats in memory of St. Nicholas and consider how your family can give to children in need. The Parish Giving Tree and PACT St. Nicholas Project are two good ways! * *Our PACT St. Nicholas Project gift items are due 12/6 in the Religious Education Office (in the school).*



Saturday, December 3rd

First Penance 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please keep our young candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare to meet with our forgiving Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Good Deeds for Baby Jesus

All children of the parish are invited to put a piece of straw in the crib for Baby Jesus each time they do a good deed, so Jesus will have a soft bed for Christmas! The crib will be in the foyer of the church.



December 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 7 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



Monday, December 12th

Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
Join us for a special liturgy in Spanish and English to celebrate this feast of the Patroness of the Americas in the Upper Church at 7:30 p.m.



Monday, December 19th

Let Every Heart Prepare– Advent Communal Penance Service. Join with the parishes of St. John's and Ascension at 7:30 p.m. here at St.

Mary's. This service will be a communal service with opportunity for individual confessions with priests of all parishes.

Help us Decorate Wreaths!

Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m., we will meet in the lower church to prepare wreaths for the church.



Friday, December 16th

Simbang Gabi Mass at 7 p.m. in the upper church followed by social in Szelest Hall featuring our children's Nativity.

Church Decorating

Tues. and Wed., December 20 and 21, (if necessary, Thursday, December 22.) 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, we will do the "heavy" stuff, trees and wreaths. Wednesday and if need be Thursday finishing touches. Many hands make light work!!!

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass – Children's Choir/Handbells
6:30 p.m. Mass – Contemporary Festival Choir
11:30 p.m. – Carol Service
12:00 Midnight –
Mass Christmas Day

Masses at 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Blessing of Outside Christmas Creche following the 10 a.m. Mass.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES
 July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Year Ending 6/30/2016</u>	<u>Year Ending 6/30/2015</u>
SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS	517,599	524,315
CHRISTMAS	42,489	38,012
EASTER	31,936	30,813
GIFTS & DONATIONS: (Bequest, Restricted, Other)	108,464	150,127
FUND RAISING NET	55,982	35,873
PROGRAM FEES	20,535	14,266
INVESTMENT	1,943	4,362
RENTAL INCOME	36,066	272,988
ADDITIONAL REVENUES: (Candles, Ads, Other)	45,232	42,274
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>860,246</u>	<u>1,113,030</u>
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	552,240	551,731
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Copiers, Snow Plowing, Alarms)	52,265	44,779
PLANT RELATED: (Repairs, Insurance, Care of Grounds)	37,989	55,123
UTILITIES	85,845	115,915
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT: (Books, Cleaning Supplies, Computers)	54,827	53,286
GENERAL: (Rectory Provisions, Religious Education)	79,645	92,840
SCHOOL SUBSIDY		79,074
ASSESSMENT	155,820	133,488
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,018,631</u>	<u>1,126,236</u>
 OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(158,385)</u>	<u>(13,206)</u>
 <u>EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES & EXPENSES</u>		
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	0	100
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	1,435	77,541
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(159,820)</u>	<u>(90,647)</u>

The policies of the Archdiocese require, that once a year, pastors make a report to the parishioners on the financial health of the parish. As you can see from this year's report, St. Mary's experienced a large decrease in revenue during the past fiscal year. This decrease is almost exclusively due to our loss of the tenant in our school building and the assessments associated with this rental income. All other revenues and expenses are, for the most part, where they should be.

While we have not found a new tenant for the entire school, we hope to rent out a portion of the building in the near future. This should enable us to finish the current fiscal year without any significant deficit. The only reason this is possible is because of the generous support we receive from our parishioners and for that, I am truly grateful.