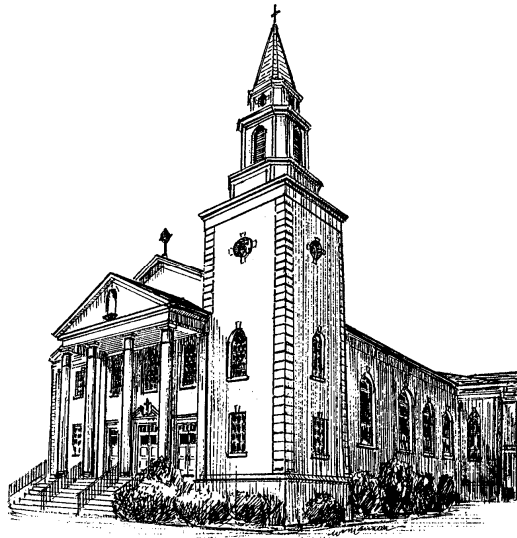


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 11, 2016

*Third 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*
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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	Dec. 10 - Vigil
5:30PM	Johawa and James Joyce
Sunday	Dec. 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Peggy Keating
10:00AM	Anna Berger
12 Noon	Claudia Bagliere
Monday	Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00AM	Pope Francis (Living)
8:45AM	Bridget Fishwick and Margaret Faraboush
7:30PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Tuesday	Dec. 13 - St. Lucy
7:00AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM	David Zatta
Wednesday	Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross
7:00AM	In Thanksgiving Vives Family (Living)
8:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Thursday	Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Peggy Keating
8:45AM	Elizabeth Kay (Living)
Friday	Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Norma O'Connor
8:45AM	Jack Lambe
Saturday	Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Marie Caldera
5:30PM	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Richards
Sunday	Dec. 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Justin and Ria Duenas (Living)
10:00AM	Bill Cannon
12 Noon	Mary C. Leonard

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Peggy and Tim Keating requested by The Keating Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of David Kay requested by Kay Ramm.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Patrick J. O'Connor, Angelina Uvenio, Patrick Kelly, and Anthony Harrington.

Sunday – Dec. 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School

12:00PM Baptism UC

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Meeting-Simbang Gabi FDVRm

After 12:00PM Mass Simbang Gabi Practice SH

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

Monday - Dec. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Tuesday – Dec. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal UC

7:00PM Baptism Class PJ23Rm

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Wednesday - Dec. 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM Arts & Environment Meeting Sacristy

6:00PM-7:30PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – Dec. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM and 6:00PM Distribution of Christmas Baskets LC

7:00PM Simbang Gabi Mass UC. Social to follow SH

Saturday – Dec. 17

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Feeding at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, Newark

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School

11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library

1:00PM Young Adult Meeting YRm

6:30PM JWALK Meeting YRm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Please join us for the 7:30 p.m. Mass in the Upper Church on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our main celebrant will be Fr. Jesus Messias Ramos, who many may remember from his days with us as a seminarian. Following Mass we will have a social in the Spiritual Formation Center.

From the Pastor

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Several years ago, someone shared this email with me and I would like to share it with you.

Fr. Carey

The following was written by Ben Stein and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary.

My confession:

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees, Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are, Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a creche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to. In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her 'How could God let something like this happen?' (regarding Hurricane Katrina). Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, 'I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?'

In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said okay.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with 'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.'

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet?

Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us. Pass it on if you think it has merit.

If not, then just discard it.... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

*My Best Regards, Honestly and respectfully,
Ben Stein*




***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

St. Nicholas Project



A big “thank you” to those who participated in our PACT/Religious Education St. Nicholas Giving Project.

As we continue in our Advent season, let us recall keep the spirit of St. Nicholas who is attributed with saying



“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic his giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”

Confirmation Preparation- Service Projects

Candidates may help out at the upcoming church decorating and other opportunities announced through the bulletin and e-mails. Especially at this time of year, other opportunities may be found at school, in hospitals and nursing homes, and in various organizations throughout the local community.



Confirmation Retreat Team

The December Retreat Team meeting for those helping with the retreat is next Sunday (12/18) after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

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St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

Our next meeting will be December 18th from 6:30-8:30pm.

Jwalk would also like to thank everyone who purchased wreaths and grave blankets this year. We had a very successful fundraiser this year. Thank you!

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Statue of St. Patrick

We have purchased a statue of St. Patrick which will be placed in our church (over by the Sacred Heart Mosaic). The cost of the statue was \$2,000. Donations to help cover the cost will be accepted at the rectory office. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the parish office or mail a check payable to St. Mary's. Just mark St. Patrick on the check. We will dedicate the statue at our annual St. Patrick's Mass in March.

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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Collection on Dec. 4 - 5	\$10,189.50
Same Weekend 2015	\$10,811.75

Treasure from our children: \$16.00

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*Here 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 helped with the groceries.”***

***"I talked with parents about lesson."***

***“I helped someone.” “I said my prayers.”***

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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.

Offerings Still Available

Bread & Wine:

Jan. 8 & 29; Mar. 5 & 19; Apr. 9; May 14 & 21;
June 4 & 11; Jul. 2 & 9; Aug. 6, 13, & 20; Sept. 3 &
Sept. 17, & 24; Oct. 1 & 15; Nov. 5 ; Dec. 17.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Feb. 19; Mar. 12 & 19; May 7, 14 & 21; June 11;
Jul. 9, 16, 23, & 30; Aug. 6, 13, & 20 & 27; Sept. 24;
Oct. 15 & 22; Nov. 19; Dec. 3 & 31.

Living Stone Update as of Dec. 5, 2016

Goal: \$649,793.00

Total Pledge Amount: \$316, 043.00

Total Amount Received: \$79,176.01

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
Canned Pasta,
Cereal (Dry)
Cranberry Sauce
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Juice



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.

Knights of Columbus

Officer's Meeting—There is an Officer's meeting Monday Dec. 12th at 8pm. (Members only)

New Year's Eve—presented by the Twin-Boro Columbian Club. The party is on! December 31st 8pm-1am. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the Shadows After Dark band. Appetizers will consist of antipasto, stuffed mushrooms, bacon wrapped scallops, homemade mozzarella, and shrimp cocktail. Main course will be served buffet style consisting of lobster ravioli, beef brisket, shrimp scampi, and veal rollatine. All beverages, dessert, coffee, and tea also included. Only \$90 per person.

Reservations and **advance payment required.**
To make a reservation call or text 516-220-9333 or
email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com for
further details.

Murder Mystery Dinner—Friday January 13th.
Stay tuned for more details.

Other Upcoming Events—Friday Jan. 20—Pasta/Meatball Social; Saturday Jan. 28th—Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner/Dance.

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Candlelight Carol Sing

The 46th Annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wed., Dec. 15th and Thurs., Dec. 16th, at 8:00pm (two performances). Doors open at 7:00pm both nights. Christmas music will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info call 973-484-2400.

He brought joy and peace to so many and truly loved St.Mary's and its parishioners.

Fr. Mac was such a great man and true example of selfless. He was the real deal and also was one of my favorite Priests from St Mary's.

Rest in peace Father Mac. Heaven surely gained a special angel. You always came away with something special in his sermons. No matter where you saw him he always had a minute to chat.

I had not seen him in years but will miss him. He was so great with us when we were in youth group. He will be missed by many. RIP.



Rest in Peace, Fr. Mac

What a great man. He was the definition of what a priest should be. He gave great sermons & always had that infectious smile...he will be truly missed. Heaven gained a true angel.

He was a wonderful man. I remember having snowball fights with him as a kid. RIP

*What a lovely man,
always a smile on
his face. Rest in
peace, Father
McLaughlin.*

I will always remember his kindness and sense of humor and his warm hand shake after mass.

Very sad to hear that! He was so good to all of us in CYO. He was one of my favorite priests.

*Wow!!! May
God bless his
soul as so
many of us
were blessed
by his life.*

Everyone
adored him he
was a great
priest.



In celebration of our Savior being
born unto us, please join us at

SIMBANG GABI

(Night Mass)

On Friday, December 16, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628

**Potluck dinner and program will follow at Szelest Hall
(hosted by PALAD)**

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