The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 3, 2017 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

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

Director of Music: email: *music@stmarysdumont.org*

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, 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.



Saturday	Dec. 2 - Vigil
5:30PM	Baby Faith Catherine Russo and Joan Mascarelli
Sunday	Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Anna Berger
12 Noon	Rose Guyre
Monday	Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Joan Mascarelli
8:45AM	Sheila Romaine (Living)
Tuesday	Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Evelyn Paulsen
8:45AM	Angelina Uvenio
Wednesday	Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	John Kerner
8:45AM	Patricia Harrigan
Thursday	Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose
7:00AM	Gloria Waters
8:45AM	Trinidad Franciledo
Friday	Dec. 8 - The Immaculate
	Conception of the Blessed
	Virgin Mary
7:00AM	Mary Rose and James McCarron
8:45AM	Robert Browning
7:30PM	Czeslaw Gryszko
Saturday	Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Johanna and James Joyce
5:30PM	Ed Kostka
Sunday	Dec. 10 - Second Sunday of
	Advent
7:45AM	Angelina Uvenio
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Patrick Pizzolo, Jr.

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael and Glenn Flanagan requested by Mary Ellen and Michael Flanagan.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Luz Tubianosa

requested by Jess Tubianosa.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Elizabeth Benell, Julia Roman, Hugo Roman, and Anna Marie Vigiletti.



Sunday - Dec. 3 **First Sunday of Advent** After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting **FDVRm** 1:00PM Young Adult Advent Reflection YRm 6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm 9:00AM - 1:00PM Advent Wreath Making Food Collection Grave Blanket / Wreath Pick-up after all Masses Second Collection - Retirement Collection for the Religious Monday - Dec. 4 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM RCIA Catechetical Session MSRm 7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School Tuesday – Dec. 5 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School 5:30PM Basketball SH 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School Wednesday - Dec. 6 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH 7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm Thursday – Dec. 7 After 8:45 AM Mass Rosary LC 1:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm 5:30PM Basketball SH 7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC Friday – Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Masses: 7:00am, 8:45am, and 7:30pm After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 9:30AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark **Collection: Immaculate Conception** Special Collection: The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception-Trinity Dome Saturday – Dec. 9 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC Sunday – Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School 11:00AM Confirmation Retreat Team Library 12:00Noon Baptism UC After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice SH 1:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Brunch at Chez Madeleine 1:00PM Young Adult Advent Reflection YRm

DECEMBER 3, 2017

From the Pastor OJ. S. Paluch Co., Inc

Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas; what do you say to others and what do you hope to hear from the sales clerk or the delivery person? Do the cards you send and hope to receive have Santa Claus and a tree or is there a manger and a star; a Virgin and Child? Do you view Advent as a time to shop 'till you drop or is it a chance to prayerfully consider the profound gift we have received in the birth of Child?

It's all a matter of priorities and balance. Are we getting ready to celebrate a big national holiday or are we getting ready to celebrate a great and glorious holyday? Do we get caught up in the hype fed to us by retailers and the media or do we find hope in the message of an angel? The message we try to promote as Catholics is that we must all "Keep Christ in Christmas", but do we live the message each day?

I know that there are many things we must all do as Christmas approaches but the most important thing we must do is remember what it is that we are celebrating. For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, born in a manger, born of a Virgin, born to set us free from our sins. Let us view the season of Advent as a gift in which we are called to remember who we are; God's beloved children. Let us remember all that God had given us; He has given us salvation.

Fr. Carey

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th - Holy Day of Obligation

On Friday, December 8, we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of *Obligation.* It is the day on which we remember that Mary, being prepared as the Mother of God, was conceived in the womb of St. Anne without any stain of original sin.

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Bread & Wine:

May 6 & 13; Jun. 24; Jul. 1, 8 & 22; Aug. 5 & 12; Sept. 2 & 30; Oct. 14 & 21; Nov. 18 & 25; Dec. 9 & Dec. 30.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Apr. 15 & 29; May 6 & 20; Jul 1, 8, 15, & 22; Aug. 12 & 26; Sept. 2, 9, & 23; Nov. 18; Dec. 2 & 9.

Advent Penance Service - Dec. 11th

Advent Communal Penance Service. Join us with the parishes of St. John's and Ascension at 7:30 p.m. at Ascension Church in New Milford. This service will be a communal service with opportunity for individual confessions with priests of all parishes.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Dec. 12th

On Tuesday, December 12 we will have a bilingual mass in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Church.

Following Mass we will have a social in the Spiritual Formation Center.

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Through the generosity of many St. Mary's parishioners, we are able to share joy to Giving many families and individuals in need. This year, we will again partner with the Dumont Department of Human Services and the Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City to provide gifts to those in need.



Unwrapped Gifts must be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 13th in the Parish Office. For questions, please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

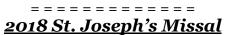
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **Good Deeds for Baby Jesus**



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 fover of the church.

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Thank You, Thank You to Richard Tedesco who loving restored the copper Holy Water Tank from "the Little White Church" and the 6 large candle holders in the sanctuary. This is painstaking work, and took Richard hours to complete. The results are spectacular. The candles and tank are both gleaming. This tank is now in the back of the church by the choir loft. We are grateful to Richard for sharing his time and talent with us for the glory of God. Thank him when you see him.



Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available for purchase. The cost is \$3.00 for each missal.

ST. MARY'S

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...John Oppici Bobby Dellner...Patrick Booth...Jaelon Magat 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...Brian Manley Christopher Smaldone...Sean Flanagan

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 Hailey van Weathering...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis Rita Crowley...Sandy Tolentino...Wilberta Schreiber George DiCostanzo.. Emily Del Vecchio.. Sean Hayes Peter Dondero...Lyla McMahon...Tom Phelan...RC Diane Kowatch...John R...Richard King...Tom Grant Betty Anne Kuprel...Nina Calamita...Joan Cotter Mabel...Emily Muller..Monica and Perfecto DeVera Patricia Victory...Steven Walters...Joseph Coll Nikki Marinas...Maureen Barker...Phil Ashare Flor Bautista..Kathy R..Margaret Strauss..Lee Clark Kyla Carney...Kristi Carbonaro...Dyane Guardino Maureen Kostka...Carlos DeLeon...Gloria Hinrichs Erminda Tolentino...Mark Pierson...Patrick Manley Phyllis Keefe..Joan Toupin..Millie Dellner..Bill Rose Fr. Pat W. Donohue...Larry Rivera...Patricia Tetro Teresita Ariola

First Friends of NJ and NY

First Friends of NJ and NY, a Non-Profit organization that helps undocumented immigrants held in detention centers by letting them know they are not forgotten, helping them maintain contact with their loved ones and obtaining legal assistance is in urgent need of the following items:

2 Pocket Folders (no metal clips) Size 10 Envelopes Pre-Stamped Size 10 envelopes **Forever Stamps** Christmas cards Blank Note cards Monetary donation for phone cards

Handwritten notes of encouragement for detainees that let them know they are not forgotten (addressed "Dear Friend")

These items can be left in the vestibule of the church or brought to the parish office.

DUMO 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 15th.

Some items that we are in need of are: String Beans, Canned Fruit Progresso Soups Cereal (Dry) Peanut Butter Jelly Mac & Cheese Gravy Toilet Paper Again, thank you and God Bless.

String Beans,
Progresso Soups
Peanut Butter
Mac & Cheese
Toilet Paper

Thank You - Food Pantry



We wish to thank all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving food collection. FAIRWAY MARKET for their contribution of 30 turkeys, THANKS Silver Palate for the 10 cases of pasta sauce, Lincoln School, Selzer School,

the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and especially to all of our parishioners who continue to give so generously each month by bringing food. In addition, thank you for the monetary donations made which enables us to give Stop and Shop food certificates for perishables.

We were able to give out 50 baskets to families who really expressed gratitude to our parish for being so caring.

We also would like to offer thanks to our town DPW who have assisted us in distribution of the baskets to the schools and the workers who assisted in filling the boxes. God Bless!

Anna Markert Simbang Gabi Rehearsals

Simbang Gabi 2017 celebration will be held on Friday, Dec 22, at 7pm at St. Mary's, Dumont.

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on:

Dec. 10, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass

Dec. 17, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass

Dec. 20, Wednesday, 5:00 pm -7:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call Marichi 201-385-8529, Tatess 201-486-5852, Malu 201-387-9140 or Parish Office 201-384-0557.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PACT/Religious Education Program

Confirmation Preparation Update



The <u>Confirmation Retreat</u> has been scheduled for Saturday, 1/27/18. Candidates arrive 10:00 a.m. Parents and sponsors arrive 4:00 p.m.

<u>Confirmation Practice</u> will be Monday, 5/21/18 at 7:00 p.m.

A revised schedule has been mailed reflecting these newly scheduled dates. Please discard previous schedules to avoid confusion as these important dates approach.

<u>First Penance</u>

Congratulations to those who experienced the Lord's forgiveness sacramentally in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday. May theyand all of us- continue to deepen our relationships with our ever-merciful Lord.



Confirmation Retreat Team



The retreat team is for those who have been confirmed and want to help at the retreat. We will meet after the 10:00 a.m. mass on

12/10 and 1/21. The retreat is Saturday 1/27/18.

We Are Living Stones Update

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

Our Parish Goal \$649,793.00 **To Date**: November 27, 2017

 Total Pledge
 \$310,096.00

 Total Amount Received
 \$165,162.22

 Number of Pledges
 159

Remember our plan is to use the *We Are Living Stones* proceeds to build an **Elevator** inside the church.

The portion to be shared is \$82,662.22 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$41,331.11**.

It's not too late to send in your pledge. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish. The more you donate, the more share the parish will receive.

St. Nicholas Project 2017

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 <u>OASIS Shelter for Women and</u> <u>Children</u> in Paterson. Won't you join us in our efforts to helping to provide for some of their needs? Bring items by Wednesday, 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! <u>Cut out the St. Nick</u> <u>picture and attach it</u> to the gift with tape.



Thank you and for more information please visit: www.oasisnj.org.

<u>St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk</u>

Our next meeting will be December 3rd 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 this weekend, December 2nd and 3rd after any Mass.

<u>Rosary Linen Schedule for December</u>

Dec. 3 Margaret Kennedy Dec. 10 Pat Barclay Dec. 17 Eleanor King Dec. 24 Mary Loughlin Dec. 31 Mary Whelan

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!

MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY

Have you ever realized how many different ministries we have here at St. Mary's? We would like thank all those who so generously share of their time and talent. We are called to do the same. Prayfully look at the list below and see what best fits your talents and please call the parish office and let us know.

<u>WORD</u>

Baptismal Preparation Team Baptismal Garment Maker Religious Education Catechist Religious Education Volunteer Pre-Cana Team Sacramental Preparation I (First Penance/First Communion) Sacramental Preparation II (Confirmation) Small Christian Communities

WORSHIP

Reader at Mass Extra Ordinary Minister of Communion Usher/Greeter **Music Ministry** Adult Choir Children's Choir Youth Choir Bell Choir (Children) Bell Choir (Adult) Leader of Song Instrumentalist Altar Server Funeral Altar Server (Adults) Liturgy of the Word w/Children Liturgy Committee **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Art/Environment Committee

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Adult Softball Altar & Rosary Society Carnival Committee Couples for Christ (CFC-FFL) Knights of Columbus P.A.L.A.D. Social Life Committee St. Martha of Bethany Hospitality Stewardship Committee Youth Ministry Young Adult Ministry

SERVICE

Bereavement Ministry Building & Grounds Church Cleaners Family Shelter Volunteer Finance Council Food Bank Food Shelter (Hackensack) Food Shelter (Hackensack) Food Shelter (Hackensack) Food Kitchen (Newark) Food Pantry St. John's Food Kitchen (Newark) Giving Tree Knitters & Crocheters Parish Office Volunteers Partners in Prayer Social Justice Committee

Special thanks to all of our parishioners who contribute faithfully to St. Mary, especially those who use the envelopes or Parish Pay. Thank you to all who help with Parish Administration:

TRUSTEES, FINANCE COUNCIL, AND PASTORAL COUNCIL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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2017 2016

Collection Nov. 18 - 19\$9,197.00\$9,038.50Collection Nov. 25 - 26\$8,395.00\$9,675.00Building Fund\$1,984.00\$1,993.00Treasure from our children: \$56.00

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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 talked with parents about lesson." "I helped someone." "I said my prayers." "I did fall cleaning." "I fed the dog." ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~

<u>Stewardship Prayer</u>

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.



<u>Knights of Columbus</u>

Adult Christmas Party - December 9 from 7 pm to 11 pm the Knights of Columbus will present Panorama Music for our Adult Christmas Party. The family style sit-down dinner will consist of cheese and cracker appetizer, traditional holiday turkey meal with all the fixings, dessert, coffee, & tea. Beverages are included. We are also asking for a donation of school supplies for Catholic Schools in Nigeria as well as non-perishable food items for the recovery in Puerto Rico. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. \$40 per person.

Children's Christmas Party - Sunday December 10 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 <u>kofc1345reservations@gmail.com</u> to make a reservation.

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