The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 10, 2017

Second 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

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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.

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Saturday Dec. 9 - Vigil 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.

Monday Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Angelo Montuori 8:45AM Patricia Kelly

Tuesday Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00AM Amanda Cinelli (Living) 8:45AM Brid Fishwick and Margaret Farabough

7:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Wednesday 7:00AM Margaret Hiltenbrand 8:45AM The O'Sullivan Family

Thursday Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross

7:00AM Gene Viloria

8:45AM Michael (Mike) Burke

Friday Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Peggy Keating 8:45AM Jennifer Holm

Saturday Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday

8:30AM Gertrude Viloria

5:30PM Maurice and Violet Richards

Sunday Dec. 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Peggy Keating 10:00AM John Hecker

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Margaret Hiltenbrand requested by her granddaughter, Joanne McMahon.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of James Lydon

requested by the Booth family.

2018 Offerings Available

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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



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

Monday - Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM RCIA Catechetical Session MSRm 7:00PM Social Justice Meeting PJ23Rm 7:00PM Prepare Christmas Baskets LC

7:30PM Advent Penance Service Ascension Church, New Milford

Tuesday - Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass. Social to Follow SFC

Wednesday - Dec. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:00PM Arts & Environment Meeting Sacristy

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday - Dec. 14

After 8:45 AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday - Dec. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM & 6:00PM Distribution of Christmas Baskets

7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday - Dec. 16

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 17

Third Sunday of Advent

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

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice SH 6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm

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!

From the Pastor

On Monday evening, at 7:30 pm, the priests of St. Mary's will join with the priests of St. John's, Bergenfield and the Church of the Annunciation, New Milford for our annual tri-parish Advent Penance Service. This year, it will be hosted by the Church of the Annunciation, New Milford. It will be a communal Penance Service followed by an opportunity for individual confession.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can give each of us a sense of peace that only comes from knowing that we have received God's mercy. This sacrament is a sacrament of healing in which we experience the healing love of our heavenly Father: a love that cleanses of us of all our sins and gives the grace needed to resist temptation.

would encourage everyone to avail themselves of this opportunity. It does not matter how long it has been since the last time you went to confession and it does not matter what sins you have committed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a chance to wipe the slate clean and start all over again. There is no limit to God's mercy. Our heavenly Father is always prepared to welcome home his children and give us his love and forgiveness.

Fr. Carey

Vigil to End Gun Violence

Next Sunday, December 17, after the 10:00 am Mass, there will be a silent vigil to remember all the victims of gun violence, particularly those killed in mass shootings. While it is being held near the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting (December 14, 2012) when 20 students, 6 staff members, the shooter's mother and the shooter were killed, this vigil is to remember and pray for those affected by mass shootings prior to the Sandy Hook incident and the 1,000 mass shootings since then. It will be on the front steps of the church immediately after Mass and will last about 10 minutes.

Volunteer Driver Needed

As the parish is aware, men and women from St. Mary's go to St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark on the second Friday of each month. If you can spare a few hours of your time, every 3rd month or as a sub to drive to St. John's, please let the parish office know at 201-384-0557.

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

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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.

Advent Giving Tree

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Through the generosity of many St. Mary's Giving parishioners, we are able to share joy to many families and individuals in need. This year, we will again partner with 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.

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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.

Help us Decorate Wreaths!

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Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. we will meet in the lower church to prepare wreaths for the church.



Church Decorating Many hands make light work!!!

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Tuesday, December 19, Wednesday, December 20, (if Volunteers ... necessary, Thursday, December 21) 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, we will do the "heavy" stuff, trees and wreaths. Wednesday and, if need be, Thursday finishing touches.

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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...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.

We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2018. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557

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

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.

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.

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: December 4, 2017

Total **Pledge** \$310,096.00 Total Amount **Received** \$167,325.72 **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 \$84,825.72 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the parish share is \$42,412.86.

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.

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 by Monday, Dec. 11.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/St. Nicholas Project



If you have not yet brought your donation for Oasis Haven in Paterson to the Religious Education Office, please do so by Monday, 12/11. For more information, visit oasisnj.org

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

A Parent Meeting for those who have children receiving First Communion this Easter season will be Tuesday, 1/30/18 at 7:30 p.m.



Confirmation Preparation Update



Please discard previous schedules which have tentative dates listed for Confirmation Preparation and Confirmation itself.

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.

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

The practice takes place after the five Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions.

<u>Confirmation</u> is scheduled for Sunday, 6/3/18 with Bishop Flesey. Candidates, parents, and sponsors arrive by 2:40 p.m.

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.

St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

Thank you to everyone who purchased a wreath or grave blanket.

We greatly exceeded last year's profit and truly appreciate the support!

Rosary Linen Schedule for December

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

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)

Collection Dec. 2 - 3 \$ 8,903.00 Same Weekend 2016 \$10,189.50 Treasure from our children: \$24.00

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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 chores."

~*~*~*~*~*~*** 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass with Children's Choir 6:30 PM Mass

11:30 PM - Celebration of Carols 12:00 AM Midnight Mass with Adult Choir

> Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31 7:45 AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00 Noon

> Monday, January 1 9:00AM

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To celebrate our Savior's birth, please join us at

SIMBANG GABI

(Night Mass)

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On Friday, December 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628

Potluck dinner and program to follow at Szelest Hall (Hosted & coordinated by PALAD)

For more information, please contact:

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St. Mary's Rectory: (201) 384-0557 or send email to info@stmarysdumont.org



NEW YEAR'S EVE TWIN-BORO COLUMBIAN CLUB

61 Armour Place Dumont, New Jersey 07628

Join us from 8pm to 1am. **Doors Open at 7:30pm**

Live Entertainment by *Shadows After Dark Band* playing hits from past to present all night long.

Only *\$110* per person. **Reservations** and **advance payment required**. To make a reservation call or text **516-220-9333** or email us at **kofc1345reservations@gmail.com**.

Make Check Payable to <u>Twin-Boro Columbian Club</u> and mail to:

Ken Armellino 60 Dance Blvd. Dumont, NJ 07628 DISCOUNT
EXTENDED
PAY BY 12/15
AND TAKE \$10 OFF!

MENU

All Beverages Included

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HORS D'OEUVRES

BUFFET DINNERRolls and Butter

Mixed Greens Salad

Caesar Salad

Fresh Green Beans

Roasted Potatoes

Tortellini Alfredo

Penne Vodka

Shrimp Scampi

Sausage and Peppers

Veal Parmigiano

Chicken Francaise

Beef Brisket

Eggplant Rollatini

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DESSERT

With Coffee & Tea

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AT MIDNIGHT
Champagne Toast &
Cordial Bar

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Catering Provided by:
A World of Food
Custom Catering
By John and Julie