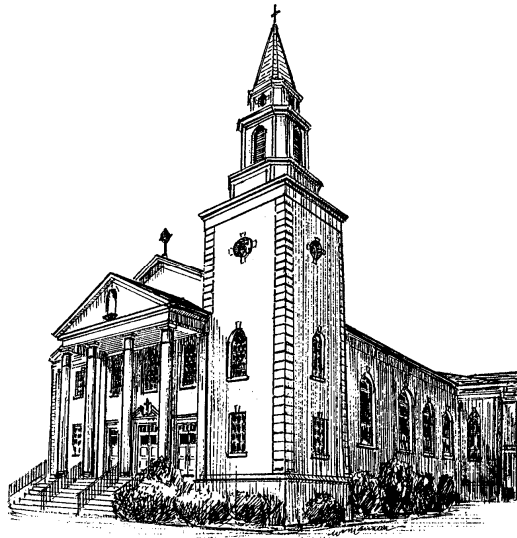


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 17, 2017

*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*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. Rudy Asistin, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
Mrs. Mattea Truppe, *Pastoral Council Chairperson*
Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062
e-mail: religiously@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.

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557 Fax: 201-384-4986



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| Saturday | Dec. 16 - Vigil |
| 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 |
| Monday | Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Ria and Justin Duenas (Living) |
| 8:45AM | William Pizzute |
| Tuesday | Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Dylan Gatens |
| 8:45AM | Catherine Ferke |
| Wednesday | Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Patricia Harrigan |
| 8:45AM | William Pizzute |
| Thursday | Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Ann Baranek |
| 8:45AM | Charles Schmidt |
| Friday | Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Thomas Flanagan |
| 8:45AM | Michael McCormack |
| Saturday | Dec. 23 - Late Advent Weekday |
| 8:30AM | Joan Barry |
| 5:30PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | Dec. 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| 7:45AM | Raymond Crowe |
| 10:00AM | Angelo Aviles |
| 12 Noon | Emil and Felicia Beranja |
| | Christmas Eve Masses |
| 4:00PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 6:30PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 12:00AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Evelyn Paulsen requested by St. Mary's Choir.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Elizabeth O'Shea requested by her great granddaughters.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Kathleen Krone, Edmund Hartman and Martin Greaney.

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!

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

Monday - Dec. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:00PM RCIA Catechetical Session MSRm

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

Tuesday – Dec. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:15PM Children's / Bells Choirs Rehearsal UC

6:30PM Church Decorating

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Wednesday - Dec. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:00PM Simbang Gabi Rehearsal SH

6:30PM Church Decorating

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Thursday – Dec. 21

After 8:45 AM Mass Rosary LC

1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Church Decorating

7:30PM Set-up Simbang Gabi SH

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

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

Saturday – Dec. 23

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Office Hours

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



Friday, Dec. 22,
Monday, Dec. 25,
Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 and
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

From the Pastor

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Throughout the world, each culture has its own way of preparing to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. In the Philippines, the traditional way of preparing for Christmas is called Simbang Gabi. It is a Novena of masses at dawn beginning on December 16th and ending with midnight mass on Christmas Eve. The tradition was introduced by Spanish friars to allow the farmers to attend mass before going to work in the fields early in the morning. After mass and before work began, worshippers would share traditional Filipino foods of the holiday season.

While there are still Filipino communities that still observe Simbang Gabi with early morning masses, here at St. Mary's we have found a less taxing way to prepare for Christmas. On Friday evening, December 22nd we will have our traditional Simbang Gabi celebration. It will start with mass in Church at 7:00 pm followed by the sharing of traditional Filipino foods of the holiday season in Szelest Hall. Our gathering in Szelest Hall will also give the children of our parish the opportunity to show all of us the true meaning of the Christmas with their traditional Christmas Pageant.

This Christmas Pageant calls us to remember a simple story of faith, hope and love; the faith of a virgin who trusted the word of an angel, the hope of parents who brought forth a child into poverty, the love of a God who gave his Son to be our Savior. While Christmas is truly a special holiday for all children, we celebrate the fact that Christmas is about one special child, an infant born in a manger. And Christmas is all about the child in each one of us called to look with wonder and awe upon our new born king. We pray that the joy and wonder of Christmas be yours each and every day throughout the coming year.

Fr. Carey

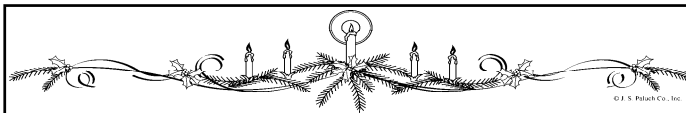
2018 Offerings Available

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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



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

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Monday, January 1
9:00AM**



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.

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Church Decorating Many hands make light work!!!

Tuesday, December 19,
Wednesday, December 20, (if
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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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. 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.

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
Ermina Tolentino...Mark Pierson...Patrick Manley
Phyllis Keefe...Joan Toupin...Millie Dellner...Bill Rose
Fr. Pat W. Donohue...Larry Rivera...Patricia Tetro
Teresita Ariola

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Rosary Linen Schedule for December

Dec. 17 Eleanor King

Dec. 24 Mary Loughlin Dec. 31 Mary Whelan

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**We Welcome the Newest Member of
Our Parish Community**



Hannah Rosewil Raymundo

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 Dec. 9 - 10 | \$9,810.50 |
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| Same Weekend 2016 | \$9,735.00 |
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*Treasure from our children: \$20.00*

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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."

“Helping with the laundry.”

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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.

## **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

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| Total Amount <b>Received</b> | \$169,574.68 |
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| <b>Number of Pledges</b> | 159 |
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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 \$87,074.68 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$43,537.34.**



## **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting**

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

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 1/21. The retreat is Saturday 1/27/18.



We are very happy to welcome this tenant to St. Mary's as they will provide much needed revenue which will enable us to reduce accumulated debt. We encourage everyone to consider "A Star is Rising" for your child care needs.

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Dates in the Spring are filling up fast. If you are planning a party for a special occasion please call now to save the date. Call Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, email [TBCCrentals@gmail.com](mailto:TBCCrentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). The hall is available with or without catering.



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

## **SIMBANG GABI**

(Night Mass)

**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:**

**Tatess Abad : (201) 244-5774**

**Malu Canlas : (201) 387-9140**

**Marichi Adel : (201) 385-8529**

**St. Mary's Rectory: (201) 384-0557**

**or send email to [info@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org)**

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*Principal*

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*Vice Principal*

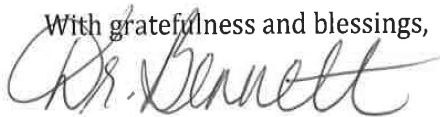
November 30, 2017

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
280 Washington Ave.  
Dumont, NJ 07628

Dear Mrs. Markert, and the St. Mary's Church Community,

On behalf of Honiss School, I am writing to thank you for the Thanksgiving baskets and Stop & Shop gift cards. Our families were greatly surprised at your generosity and expressed their deep appreciation for your help at this time. Thanks to you, and your church community, our families were able to have a bountiful Thanksgiving.

With gratefulness and blessings,



Dr. Karen Bennett  
Principal

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