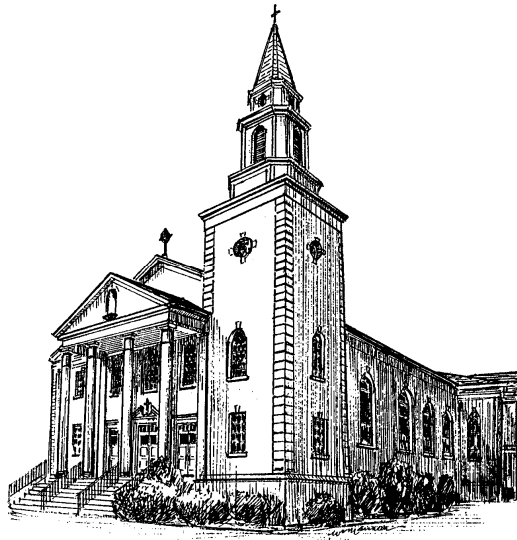


*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

*December 24, 2017*

*Fourth 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](mailto:info@stmarysdumont.org)  
Parish Website: [www.stmarysdumont.org](http://www.stmarysdumont.org)

Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062  
e-mail: [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@stmarysdumont.org)

Director of Music:  
email: [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto: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



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 23 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Raymond Crowe
10:00AM	Angelo Aviles
12 Noon	Emil and Felicia Beranja
	<b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>
4:00PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
6:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:45AM	Sister Joseph Cremin
10:00AM	Patrick Langford
12:00 Noon	Canlas Family (Living)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 26 - St. Stephen</b>
7:00AM	Malu Canlas (Living)
8:45AM	Bill Ramm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 27 - St. John</b>
7:00AM	Nicolo Tarabocchia
8:45AM	Rosina Marchetti
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents</b>
7:00AM	Rose Farrell
8:45AM	Anna and James Hans, Sr.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	John Walters
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
8:30AM	John Nicholson
5:30PM	Ong Kim
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Charlie and John McMorro
12 Noon	Alice K. Donohue

### ***In Loving Memory***



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of William O'Shea requested by Rose-his wife, and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Lisa Marie Schlosser and Joan Alvarez.



**Sunday – Dec. 24**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Christmas Eve Masses:**  
 4:00PM, 6:30PM, and 12 Midnight

**Monday - Dec. 25**  
**Christmas Day Masses:**  
 7:45AM, 10:00AM, and 12 Noon

**Tuesday – Dec. 26**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 5:30PM Basketball SH


**Wednesday - Dec. 27**  
**Feast of St. John**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

**Thursday – Dec. 28**  
**Feast of the Holy Innocents**  
 After 8:45 AM Mass Rosary LC  
 1:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm  
 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

**Friday – Dec. 29**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC  
 7:00PM Basketball SH

**Saturday – Dec. 30**  
 After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

**Sunday – Dec. 31**  
**Solemnity of the Holy Family**  
 New Year's Eve



**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

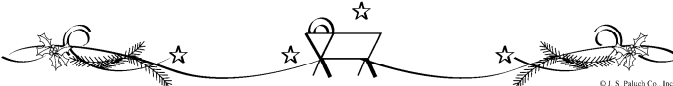
**Sunday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**

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



## From the Pastor

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The waiting is finally over. Presents have been purchased, wrapped and carefully placed under the tree. Cards have been sent to everyone we know and everything in sight has been decorated. We are prepared to welcome family and friends with an elaborate feast. Christmas is finally here. Let the celebrations begin.

But what are we celebrating? As we exchange gifts this Christmas, do we pause to remember the greatest gift of all? Do we remember that the whole reason for this season is the birth of child so many years ago? Do we place our hope in His promise of peace on Earth and eternity in Heaven?

In all the rushing around to get ready for this one day, it is so easy to forget what this one day is all about. In all the planning and preparations we have put ourselves through; we can lose sight of God's plan of salvation in all His preparation to make it all happen. In all the celebration of the secular holiday that Christmas has become, we may forget that this is first and foremost a Holyday; in fact one of the holiest days of the year.

What we celebrate is the Incarnation of our God, for our God is truly with us. He loves us so much that he came to live as one of us. He was born into this world just like you and me, and He died in this world that we might live forever with Him in His world. But the Incarnation is more than just an historical event. It is more than something that happened 2000 years ago. For our God is with us hear and now. If our hearts are open to the power of God's love, then the Christ-Child is born again this Christmas. If we truly place our hope in God's plan of Salvation, then we live in the wonder of the Incarnation each and every day of our lives.

On behalf of all the priests, deacon, and staff of the St. Mary's Church, I wish you and all your loved ones the most joyous holiday seasons, the most holy of Christmas days and the true blessings of living in the wonder of the Incarnation of our God.

**Fr. Carey**

### 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!

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

### From Food Pantry

Again THANK YOU is in order to all who made our Christmas distribution possible. We gave out 50 baskets - along with turkeys or hams and certificates for Stop & Shop.

Thanks to Honiss School who recently held a collection for our pantry. To our Parishioners, we thank you for your most generous contributions throughout the year.

You have kept our Pantry going and hope it will continue.

Our thanks to all who worked on the baskets and to the Dumont DPW who helped deliver to our schools.

God Bless and have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

**Anna Markert**

### From the Giving Tree

Our heartfelt thank you to all those who bought toys, clothes, gift certificates from our Advent Giving Tree.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped sort and packed all the gifts. Without your help none of these will be possible.

**Josie Parrella**



### Parish Office Hours

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

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



### **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.”***

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	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
Collection Dec. 16 - 17	\$8,995.00	\$9,919.50
Building Fund	\$1,841.00	\$1,748.00
<i>Treasure from our children:</i>	<i>\$16.00</i>	

*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 helped with making something”***  
***“I shovel the snow.” “I said please.”***  
***“I took care of the garbage.”***  
***“Helping in the church.”***

## ***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

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### ***Rosary Linen Schedule for December***

Dec. 24 Mary Loughlin Dec. 31 Mary Whelan  
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## 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.



## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **St. Nicholas Project**



A big "thank you" to those who participated in our PACT/Religious Education *St. Nicholas Giving Project*!

Let us keep the spirit of St. Nicholas alive – giving without expecting a return – during this Christmas season and throughout the upcoming year.

### **PACT/Religious Education e-mail and contact information**

PACT families should receive regular updates and notifications via e-mail. To provide an e-mail address or keep other family contact information current, call us at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org).

### **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting**



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

### **Confirmation Retreat**



The *Confirmation Retreat* is Saturday, 1/27/18. Candidates arrive 10:00 a.m. Parents and sponsors arrive 4:00 p.m.

*Remember to discard previously distributed schedules which have tentative dates listed for Confirmation Preparation.*

### **Final Confirmation Retreat Team Meeting**



After the 10:00 a.m. Mass on 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.

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	\$649,793.00
<b>To Date:</b> December 4, 2017	
Total <b>Pledge</b>	\$310,096.00
Total Amount <b>Received</b>	\$170,205.68
<b>Number of Pledges</b>	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 \$87,705.68 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$43,852.84.**

### **ARE YOU REGISTERED?**

We have people coming to St. Mary's on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. Before we could fill out and sign the form, you have to be a registered active parishioner for at **least six months**. The best way to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter.

**PLEASE** – save yourselves and the parish staff a great deal of time and trouble – **come to the rectory office and register!**

### **Please Note:**

All Masses will be in the upper church until Monday, January 8, 2018, Baptism of the Lord.

**Feast of the Epiphany/Christmas Party Reschedule**—Come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with us on Saturday January 6th, 2018 from 7pm - 11pm. This is our Adult Christmas Party which had to be rescheduled because of snow. The Knights of Columbus will present Panorama Music for the evening's entertainment. 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. **RSVP REQUIRED** (even if you previously RSVP'd for Dec. 9) by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com). \$40 per person.

**Holiday Collection Drives**—From now throughout the month of January, we will be collecting school supplies (backpacks, paper, pens, etc.) The supplies will be sent to the Bernard Catholic School, in Nigeria, which is operated by the sister of Innocent Amaefule, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight from St. John's Council #1345. We also ask for a NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM to continue assisting the people of Puerto Rico as they recover from Hurricane Maria. These items may be brought to any of the events above, or to the Council at 61 Armour Place, Dumont on any Friday from 8-10pm.

**Fr. Murray Memorial Scholarship Dinner and Concert**—Saturday January 27th from 7pm - 11pm. Proceeds from this event fund the St. John's Council #1345 and the Fr. Murray State Scholarships. Live music will be provided featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of Domenick Panfile and Peter Greco. Buffet dinner consisting of Salad, Bread, Sausage, Peppers, & Onions, Chicken Francaise, Fried Flounder, Eggplant Rollatini, Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Vegetables, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert. \$35 per person. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

*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.*

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## Middle States Reaccreditation & Tiger for a Day

The Middle States Association of Elementary Schools recently completed their reaccreditation visit of our Academy. This process involves the entire school community examining where the school is now and planning for the continued improvement of the school over the next seven years. Although the written report will not be available for several months, at the conclusion of the three day visit, the team was very affirming of Transfiguration Academy. They especially commended the quality of the instruction, the community spirit they experienced throughout their visit, and the strong Catholic identity that was evident at the school. They were particularly positive about their interactions with the students, parents, advisory board, faculty and staff.

We appreciate that our students' families have selected Transfiguration Academy as their first choice for their children's academic, social and spiritual needs. On February 21, 22, and 23, we are offering an opportunity for public school children to experience Transfiguration Academy firsthand by being a "Tiger for a Day."

Students in grades K - 8 can spend one of those three days at Transfiguration Academy when the local public schools are closed. Each student visitor will be partnered with a student ambassador from the Academy, attend all classes for his or her grade level, be treated to a hot lunch, and take home a small gift in remembrance of their "Tiger for a Day" experience.

To learn more about our Tiger for A Day program, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

We wish you a blessed Christmas season.



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## **Christmas Greetings**

*The priests, the deacon, and the parish staff  
extend their warm and joyful prayers and  
best wishes to all the families of  
St. Mary's  
for a blessed Christmas Day  
and  
wonderful Christmas Season.*

