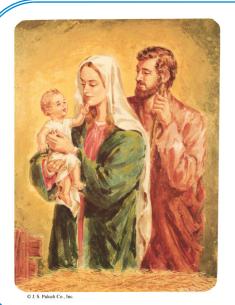
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church



December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and

Joseph

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/RCIA

Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate* for Catechetics

Mr. Rudy Asistin, Business Administrator Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dory Weiss, Parish Secretary

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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: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music:

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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.

ST. MARY'S DUMONT



Saturday Dec. 30 - Vigil

5:30PM Ong Kim

Sunday Dec. 31 - The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:45AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM Charlie and John McMorrow
12 Noon Alice K. Donohue

Monday Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of the

Nativity of the Lord;

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy

Mother of God

9:00AM Adele Consentino

Angelina Luciano

Tuesday Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen

7:00AM Ann Theresa Herlihy 8:45AM Rebecca de la Pena

Wednesday Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday 7:00AM Domenic Romano and Edward

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8:45AM Mary Ann Stangl

Thursday Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00AM Charli Roberts

8:45AM Patricia Fitzgerald-Nash

Friday Jan. 5 - St, John Neumann

7:00AM Maurice Murphy 8:45AM Bridget McCormack

Saturday Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday

8:30AM Rebecca de la Pena 5:30PM Rebecca de la Pena

Sunday Jan. 7 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:45AM Marge Keane

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Lori Tasca

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Frank and Rose Farrell requested by their children.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dan Schettino requested by Sue Schettino.

The basket of flowers in the sanctuary for this week is given in memory of Ann Theresa Herlihy requested by her son John Robert Herlihy.

Parish Office Hours

In observance of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the parish office **will be closed** on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.



Sunday – Dec. 31

Solemnity of the Holy Family

Monday - Jan. 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day Mass: 9:00AM

Tuesday - Jan. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

Wednesday - Jan. 3

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

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday - Jan. 4

After 8:45 AM Mass Rosary UC

1:00PM Knitters and Crochetters FDVRm

7:00PM Baptism Class SFC 7:30PM Yoga (Linda) PJ23Rm

Friday - Jan. 5

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration UC

7:00PM Basketball SH

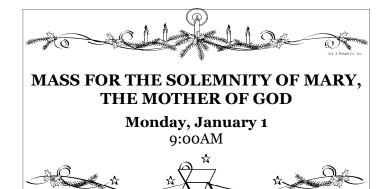
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Sunday – Jan. 7

Epiphany

6:30PM JWalk Meeting YRm



<u> Eucharistic Adoration - Jan. 5th</u>

On Friday, Jan. 5th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m.

Please consider spending time in prayer and adoration of Jesus. All are welcome.



Dear Parishioners,

As one year ends and a new one begins, we are called to consider the passing of time. And so again I offer this prayer for your reflection.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Carey

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice.

Lord, we thank you for your gift of the seasons. Through your reflected beauty, they help us to mark the passing of time.

Bless us with your special accuracy, those who help us be organized and on time, who help us keep our schedules and appointments.

Bless us with sensitivity when we impose on the precious time of others.

For those whose time is now eternity, share the blessing of your light and peace.

You said, "Watch and pray, for you know not the day or the hour." May the anticipation of your coming turn us to you each day.

Take from us the guilt and failure of the past by deepening our faith in your forgiveness.

Spare us all anxiety and worry for the future by strengthening our trust in your ever watchful and loving providence.

Teach us to live each day in your love, cherishing each moment as we experience it, leaving all else safely in your hands.

Hear us now in your mercy and extend your blessing to the instruments, calendars and timepieces we use to measure time.

Bless our clocks and watches so we may experience the miracle of each second. May they help us not miss what is important while you keep us from our machine-like routine. Free us from being clock watchers, make us time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of weeks and months, of holy days and holidays, of feast and fasts, all our special days of remembering.

And finally, Lord, bless this new year, each of its days and nights. Bless us with full means and new moons, with happy seasons and healthy lives.

Grant to us, Lord, your gift of love and peace.

Amen

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) ~*~*~*~**

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for Dec. 23 - 24, treasure from our children and their good deeds will be in next week's bulletin.

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<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

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 21, 2017

Total **Pledge** \$310,146.00 Total Amount **Received** \$172,661.05

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 \$87,705.68 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is** \$43,852.84.

ST. MARY'S **DUMONT**

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...Diane Mariconti **Anthony Montagnino**

Rosary Linen Schedule for the Months of December and January

Dec. 31 Mary Whelan

Mary Boyle Jan. 7

Jan. 14 Beverly Serafini

Jan. 21 Mary Loughlin

Jan. 28 Janet Kaine

2017 Sharing God's Blessings **Annual Appeal**



Thank you to all those who supported HARNIS SOUP OUR 2017 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. goal of \$30,600.00. We have received \$17,659.00 in pledges from 109 families and have achieved approximately 57.71% of our goal. To

date, we have collected \$16,704.00.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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!

Hospital Privacy

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.

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.

Please Note:

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



PACT/Religious Education Program

<u>St. Nicholas Project</u>



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.

<u>PACT/Religious Education</u> <u>e-mail and contact information</u>

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.

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.

<u>Final Confirmation Retreat Team</u> <u>Meeting</u>



After the 10:00 a.m. Mass on 1/21. The retreat is Saturday 1/27/18.

New Year's Greetings

We want to extend the prayers, thanks and best wishes of the priests, deacon and parish staff to the families of St. Mary's.

May the new year be filled with peace, joy and wonder.



ST. MARY'S DUMONT

Many Hands Indeed ---

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped to make our church beautiful for Christmas!

It was truly a community effort --Thank you to the basketball players and men who did the heavy work of putting up trees and wreaths, and the outdoor stable (see pictures below). Thank you to all who came to help with the flowers, other decorations, and the outdoor lights. Thanks to the youth who offered their assistance in many capacities, especially running up and down the stairs to the choir loft; and thanks to those who repaired nativity figures, swept up and did the myriad of other things that needed to be done.

Fr. Carey and Kathy Sylvester



There were men from the parish, the K of C and the Boy Scouts. The stable was up and the statues in place within an hour. Thank you, thank you.

Knights of Columbus

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. \$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 4th 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.

Murder Mystery Dinner—Friday January 19th 7pm-11pm. Come join us and local Dumont Teenage Actors for a fun evening of entertainment, accompanied by a buffet dinner and beverages. \$35 per person. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

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 provided featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of Domenick Panfile and Peter Greco. Buffet dinner consisting of Salad, Bread, Sausage, Peppers, & Onions, Chicken Française, 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.

Planning a Communion? Confirmation? Wedding? - Hall Renting & Catering

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 <u>201-832-0105</u>, email TBCCrentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. The hall is available with or without catering.

Transfiguration Academy

10th Annual "Celebrating the Arts" Bookfair

Earlier this month, Transfiguration Academy celebrated its 10th annual "Celebrating the Arts" Barnes & Noble bookfair at the Paramus store. These bookfairs are an opportunity for students to showcase their visual and performing arts skills for family, friends, and store shoppers. Some of the performances included: Christmas caroling with the choir, a "Broadway" Cabaret featuring student vocalists and instrumentalists, drama club performing scenes from our upcoming 2018 show, "Beauty and the Beast" as well as prior Disney musicals we produced, a Periodic Table of Elements song sung by our eighth grade, and a recital by our PreK4 class. In addition to the performing arts, there also was an arts and crafts demonstration, as well as a display of "Invention Convention" projects and student artwork.

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 or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.

We wish you a blessed Christmas season and a happy, healthy, and holy new year.