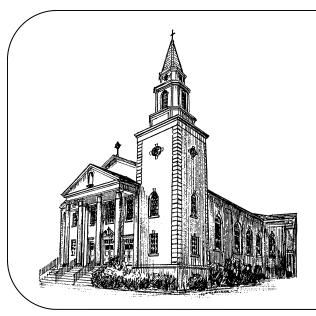
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 9, 2018

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

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

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

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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. 8 - Vigil

5:30PM Johanna and James Joyce

Sunday Dec. 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Czeslaw Gryszko

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Arthur King

Monday Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday

7:00AM Maria Melucci 8:45AM Mike Burke

Tuesday 7:00AM Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday Mary Rose and James McCarron

8:45AM Anna Berger

Wednesday Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00AM Anthony Sica

8:45AM Margaret Farabough and Bria

Fishwick

7:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday
7:00AM Margaret Hiltenbrand
8:45AM Rosario Guballa Atienza

Friday Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross

7:00AM Anthony Sica

8:45AM James and Michael Sullivan

Saturday Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday

8:30AM Arthur King

5:30PM Jacob DeCristofaro

Sunday Dec. 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:45AM Peggy Keating 10:00AM Raymond Crowe

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 Fred Barone requested by Camille McEntee

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Fred and Frances

Agostino requested by Camille McEntee

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased James Kelly.

Retired Religious Collection

Thank you for your generous donation to the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). As of today, we received \$2,388.00.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help furnish their medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Again, thank you so much.



Sunday – Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School

After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice until 4:00PM SH

Monday - Dec. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

7:30PM Advent Communal Penance Service at St. Mary's

Tuesday – Dec. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM Children's Choir Rehearsal School

5:30PM Basketball SH

7:00PM Christmas Church Wreath Decorating LC

Wednesday - Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mass at 7:30PM UC)

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 7:00PM OLPH Novena LC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday - Dec. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC 12:00PM Knitters FDVRm

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) PJ23Rm

Friday - Dec. 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM St. John's Food Kitchen, Newark

7:15PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 15

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 16

Third Sunday of Advent

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

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School 9:15AM-10:00AM RCIA Inquiry Session SFC 11:00AM PACT Confirmation Retreat Team School 11:00AM Social Justice Gun Violence Vigil UC After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice

until 4:00PM SH 6:30PM JWalk Meeting SH

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Wednesday, December 12th



Please join us for a special liturgy in Spanish and English on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the upper church to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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

If anyone would like to help with this liturgy please email Kathy@stmarysdumont.org.

From the

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On Monday evening, December 10th at 7:30 pm, the priests of St. John's, Bergenfield and Ascension Church, New Milford will join us for our annual triparish Advent Penance Service. 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 us of all our sins and gives the grace needed to resist temptation.

I 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 Remember Victims of Gun Violence

Sunday, December 16th

It has been six years since 20 children and six faculty members at Sandy Hook Elementary School were killed while going about their normal activities. The deaths shocked the nation at the time, but since then there have been many more mass shootings - at schools, during concerts, in houses of worship, at places of work, at restaurants. In short, where ever people gather.

Next Sunday, December 16th, after the 10:00 Mass, two days after the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, we will once again hold a vigil on the steps of the church to pray for all effected by mass shootings and an end to all violence, particularly mass shootings. The vigil will last about 10 minutes, with the toiling of the bells 26 times and ending by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners at this vigil.

The Advent Giving Tree Return Date: Monday, Dec. 10th



We will again this year, with your support and generosity, provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.

Unwrapped Gifts must be returned by Monday, Dec. 10th. Gifts can be dropped off at the parish office also. If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

Help us Decorate Wreaths! Tuesday, December 11th

On Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m., we will meet in the lower church to prepare wreaths for the church. Hope you can join us



Help Wanted Saturday, December 15th

We will be assembling our large outdoor stable on Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m. If you can help us out, please call Kathy Sylvester in the parish at 201-384.0557 or email office her Kathy@stmarysdumont.org

Church Decorating

Wednesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 20th Many hands make light work!!!



their service hours.

Please join us on Wednesday, Dec. 19th and Thursday, Dec. 20th at 6:30 p.m. to decorate the Volunteers ... church. On Wednesday, we will do the "heavy" stuff, trees and wreaths. Thursday will be finishing touches. This is also a good opportunity for Confirmation candidates to fulfill

Simbang Gabi's Nativity **Presentation Rehearsal Dates**

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on:

Dec 9, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass

Dec 16, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass

Dec 19, Wednesday, 5 pm -7pm

Any questions, please call Tatess 201-486-5852, Malu 201-387-9140 or Parish Office 201-384-0557.

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<u>Serving in the Military</u>

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
Brian Collins...Christopher Lynch...Jaelon Magat
Bobby Dellner...Tyler Thompson...Aidan Nugent
James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman..Sean Flanagan
Joshua M LaBazzetta...Michael Whitford
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson
Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach
Major David Christopher Pierson...Steven Serpa
Charles Bennett...James Markert...Brian Manley
Christopher Smaldone...Brandon Barhydt
James Francis Ward...Joseph Ament

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, 2019. 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

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea...Joan Polis..Katie Shapiro Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..Tom Phelan Diane Kowatch...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis Sandy Tolentino...Kathy R... John R...Braxton Pinero George DiCostanzo...Sean Hayes...Kyla Carney Phyllis Keefe...Glenn Hall...Richard King...RC Olivia Arrigoitia..Madelaine Develsco...Pat Miller Maureen Kostka...Christopher Shea...Francis Paige Rosemary Dellner...William Dellner...Pete Canino Holly Newman...Robert Neill...Anthony Montagnino Mildred Dellner...Kristi Carbonaro...John Perrotta Michael Curran...Nick F...Eileen F...Steve Petraglia Anita H...Al Taxter...James Carney...Lee Clark Buddy Valenzona...Mark Pierson...Aida Sarker

December Rosary Linen Schedule

Dec. 9 Pat Barclay Dec. 16 Eleanor King Dec. 23 Mary Loughlin Dec. 30 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!

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 21st** (new date).

Some items that we are in need of are:

Cereal (Dry), Cranberry Sauce Instant Mash Potatoes Cake Mixes Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Napkins





We will especially need <u>hams and turkeys</u> so if you feel you can donate one, please bring them to the parish office as we have freezers ready to keep them.

Again, thank you and God Bless.



<u>Simbang Gabi</u> Friday, December 21st

Simbang Gabi, a joyous event and eagerly awaited especially by the children of St. Mary's Church, is happening this year on **Friday**, **December 21st at 7:00PM**. We welcome any food or monetary donations for the event. Please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 if you're willing to help. See the flyer in next week's bulletin.

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.



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Nicholas Project-Oasis Shelter



Please bring any last minute returns for the Oasis shelter to one of our offices at St. Mary's, as the delivery has been scheduled. For more information about the work of Oasis and how to volunteer visit https://oasisnj.org/

<u>First Communion Preparation - Save the Dates!</u>



<u>Parent meeting for First Communion</u> Tuesday 1/15 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Morning with Jesus

Children preparing for First Holy Communion and one parent attend the *Morning with Jesus* scheduled for Saturday 1/19 -8:45 a.m. – Noon

Confirmation



<u>Retreat Team</u> 12/16/18 at 11:00 a.m. (after the 10:00 a.m. mass) in the Religious Ed Office in the school building. The final team meeting is 1/6/19.

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates

Saturday, 1/12, candidates arrive at 10:00 a.m. Parents and sponsors 4:00 p.m.

PACT/MAP



Our MAP **Mass** Attendance **Program** continues! Students in our PACT Religious Education Program sign in at mass, whichever mass they attend on Sunday morning or the Saturday 5:30 p.m. vigil.

St. Mary's Youth Group - JWalk

Thank you to everyone who purchased a wreath or grave blanket. We almost doubled last year's profit and truly appreciate the support!

Our next meeting will be December 16th from 6:30 - 8:30pm in Szelest Hall.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list, please email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org. You can also follow us on twitter @stmarys_jwalk.

2019 Offerings Available

Bread & Wine:

Apr. 7, 14, & 21; May 5; Jun. 9 & 30; Jul. 7 & 21; Aug. 11, 18, & 25; Sept. 8 & 22; Nov. 17.

Sanctuary Lamp:

May 19; Jul 21 & 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 8 & 22; Oct. 13 & Oct. 20; Nov. 17, & 24.

Save the Date!

25th Anniversary of Cornerstone Sunday, March 24, 2019

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Men's and Women's Cornerstone at St. Mary's!

Please save the date and spread the word to all those who participated in Cornerstone.

For information, please contact:

Anne Marie Bishopp at 201-501-8474 or Gary Barba at 201-385-8735.

Transfiguration Academy

On Wednesday, December 5, the New Jersey Department of Education honored Transfiguration Academy at a ceremony in Trenton for becoming a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. All are invited to attend the 12:00 Mass on January 27, 2019 at St. John's Church presided by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. A reception with light refreshments will follow. More information will be available in early January.

Are you looking for a quality education in a Catholic setting? Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.

Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org for more information or to arrange a tour.

Senior Center Trip

The Dumont Senior Center is going to Empire New York Casino on Tuesday, December 18th. If you're interested, please call Donna at 201-387-5040.

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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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(Deuteronomy 16:10)

Collection on Dec. 1 - 2 \$8,896.00 Same Weekend 2017 \$8,903.00

Treasure from our children: \$16.00

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 helped my dad."
..."I said my prayers." "Raking leaves."

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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: Dec. 3, 2018

Total **Pledge** \$305,340.25 Total Amount **Received** \$227,197.03

Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$144,697.03(total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is** \$72,348.52.

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

Knights of Columbus

New Year's Eve Party - December 31st from 8PM -1AM we will be hosting our New Year's Eve party with Sound Illusion DJs featuring two DJs to ring in the new year playing all your favorites from 40's big band selections to today's top hits. Only \$85 per person includes passed hot hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner with choice of 8 different entrees, assorted dessert bar, coffee, tea, and a midnight champagne toast. Watch the ball drop with us on the big screen in our dining room this year! Open bar all night. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516 -220-9333 or emailing

KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. ADVANCE PAYMENT required. Make check payable to Twin-Boro Columbian Club and mail to Ken Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Congratulations to John Barry who achieved First Honor at Paramus Catholic High School.

The Cathedral Concert Series

The Navidad Latina Concert, a program of Christmas Carols in Spanish, presented by the Cathedral Spanish Choir and Children's Choir will be on Friday, December 7 at the Cathedral Basilica at 8:00 pm. No tickets necessary, a free-will.





Advent Wreath Making

RCIA candidates and their families