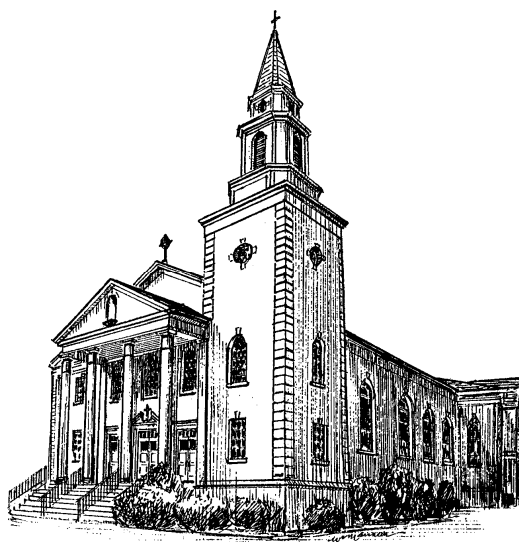


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 16, 2018

*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



Saturday	Dec. 15 - Vigil
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
Monday	Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Justin and Ria Duenas (Living)
8:45AM	Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Rosica
Tuesday	Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Normita Crystal
8:45AM	Anne Molnar
Wednesday	Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Anthony Sica
8:45AM	bill Ramm
Thursday	Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick Hughes
8:45AM	Deceased Members of McCallig and Byrne Family
Friday	Dec. 21 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Rebecca Dannenfelser
8:45AM	Ann Baranek
Saturday	Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Salvatore Amorese
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Sister Eileen Franz
10:00AM	Pat Langford
12 Noon	Jeffrey Karash

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Peggy and Tim Keating requested by the Keating family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Elizabeth O'Shea requested by Anne Marie and Jim Bishopp

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Jean Giles.

Vigil Mass

January 1, 2019

*The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Please Note: There will be a **Vigil Mass** on **Monday, December 31, 2018 at 5:30 PM.**



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 12:00 Noon Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Practice

until 4:00PM SH

6:30PM JWALK Meeting SH

Monday - Dec. 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

6:00PM Children's/Bells Rehearsal UC

7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

Tuesday – Dec. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School

7:15PM Basketball SH

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal UC

Wednesday - Dec. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

5:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH

7:00PM OLPH Novena LC

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

6:30PM Church Decorating

Thursday – Dec. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

12:00PM Knitters FDVRm

5:30PM Basketball SH

6:30PM Church Decorating

7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

7:30PM Set-up Simbang Gabi SH

7:30PM Yoga (Linda) PJ23Rm

Friday – Dec. 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC

9:30AM Distribution of Christmas Baskets LC

7:00PM PALAD Simbang Gabi. Presentation and Social to follow SH

Saturday – Dec. 22

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC

Sunday – Dec. 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

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 21st 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

Simbang Gabi's Nativity Presentation Rehearsal Dates

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on:

Dec 16, Sunday, after 12 Noon Mass

Dec 19, Wednesday, 5 pm -7 pm

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



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, 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

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

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

**MASSSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Monday, December 31

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



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Church Decorating

**Wednesday, December 19th and
Thursday, December 20th**

Please join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 19th and Thursday, Dec. 20th** at 6:30 p.m. to decorate the 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 their service hours.



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!



Parish Office Hours

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



Monday, Dec. 24, 2018

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018

Monday, Dec. 31, 2018 and

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets

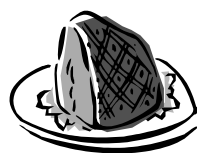
We know we just completed the Thanksgiving distribution, but we will need to get started saving for the **Christmas distribution** which will be on **Friday, December 21st** (new date).

Some items that we are in need of are:

Cereal (Dry)	Cranberry Sauce
1 cup	1/2 cup
1/2 cup	1/4 cup
1/4 cup	1/8 cup
1/8 cup	1/16 cup
1/16 cup	1/32 cup
1/32 cup	1/64 cup
1/64 cup	1/128 cup
1/128 cup	1/256 cup
1/256 cup	1/512 cup
1/512 cup	1/1024 cup
1/1024 cup	1/2048 cup
1/2048 cup	1/4096 cup
1/4096 cup	1/8192 cup
1/8192 cup	1/16384 cup
1/16384 cup	1/32768 cup
1/32768 cup	1/65536 cup
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Instant Mash Potatoes

Paper Towels Toilet Paper Napkins



We will especially need **hams and turkeys** 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.

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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:

Jul 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 8 & 22; Oct. 13 & Nov. 17 & Nov. 24.

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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.

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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.

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Joan Polis..Aida Sarker
Hailey van Weathering..Lyly McMahon..Tom Phelan
Diane Kowatch...Pat Barclay...Teagan Davis...RC
Sandy Tolentino...Kathy R... John R...Braxton Pinero
George DiCostanzo...Kyla Carney...Buddy Valenzona
Phyllis Keefe...Glenn Hall...Richard King...Lee Clark
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...Mark Pierson
Michael Curran...Nick F...Eileen F...Steve Petraglia
Anita H...Al Taxter...James Carney...Sean Hayes
Eric Granada...Joe Paquiz

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December 2018 and January 2019
Rosary Linen Schedule

Dec. 16	Eleanor King	Dec. 23	Mary Loughlin
Dec. 30	Mary Whelan	Jan. 06	Mary Boyle
Jan. 13	Beverly Serafini	Jan. 20	Mary Loughlin

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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.



***PACT/Religious Education
Program***

St. Nicholas Project- Oasis Shelter



We thank you for your donations for Oasis in Paterson. For more information about the work of Oasis and how to volunteer visit <https://oasisnj.org/>

Confirmation



Retreat Team (today) 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.

First Communion Preparation -
Save the Dates!



Parent meeting for First Communion

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

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

Our next meeting will be today, 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.

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Transfiguration Academy



Christmas Concert/Nativity Presentation –

All are invited to our annual Christmas celebration which will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 PM in Conlon Hall.

Congratulations to the following Transfiguration Academy students who achieved Principal's List for the first trimester:

Cynthia Jacob

Kyle Esteban

Layla Libanan

Danica Libanan

Congratulations also to the 25 students who achieved 1st Honors and 25 students who achieved 2nd Honors.

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.

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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



In celebration of our Savior being
born unto us, please join us at

SIMBANG GABI

(Night Mass)

On Friday, December 21, 2018 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

Contribution of \$25 per family will be appreciated.

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 on Dec. 8 - 9 \$9,164.00

Same Weekend 2017 \$9,810.50

Treasure from our children: \$41.00

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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."

"Doing the dishes."

... "I said my prayers."

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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.

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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!**

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. 10, 2018

Total **Pledge** \$305,340.25

Total Amount **Received** \$228,221.99

Number of Pledges 159

The portion to be shared is \$145,721.99 (total after tithing goal of \$82,500) and the **parish share is \$72,861.00.**

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

Mark your Calendar!

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

invites you to join the

Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

to the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, DC

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, Coordinator

