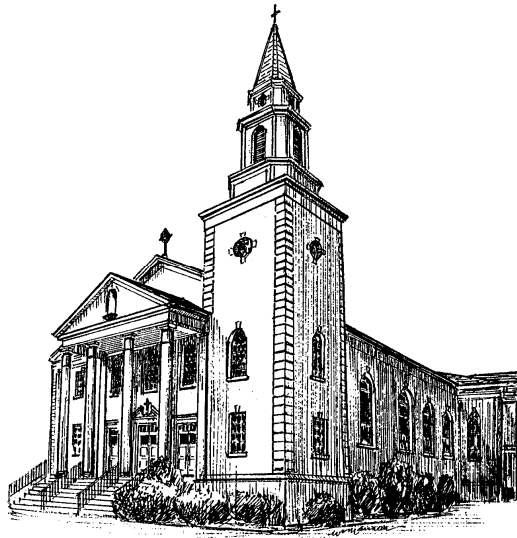


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

November 29, 2020

*First 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. Thomas Pendrick, *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. John Weiss, *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*

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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.



Saturday 5:30PM	Nov. 28 - Vigil Rosica Family
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent Angelina Uvenio Thomas Pagano Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Nov. 30 - St. Andrew Andrea M. Banzil Presentacion Francia
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday Joan Barry Joan Toupin
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday John Sullivan George Myghaskiw, Sr.
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier Ann Conte John Sullivan
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday Joanne Kennedy Jerry Sena
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday James Burke Donald Lostumbo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Dec. 6 - Second Sunday of Advent Parishioners of St. Mary's Christopher Bishopp Florencia Madlambayan

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Toribio Almendra requested by his wife and children.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the Rosica family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Paul Esposito and Robert (Bob) Kenter.

Updates

Masses:

Sunday Masses:

In order to attend Sunday Mass, you must make a reservation by calling the parish office at 201-384-0557 by 12:00noon on Friday or by emailing us at contactus@stmarysdumont.org.

You will receive confirmation of your reserved spot. Masses are at 5:30pm on Saturday, 7:45am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm on Sunday. We continue to live stream the 10:00am Mass on Sunday for those who are at home.

Daily Masses:

Our daily masses are at 7:00am and 8:45am Monday to Friday and 8:30am on Saturday. You don't need to make a reservation to attend our daily masses.

Guidelines:

Please follow the following guidelines while visiting the church to ensure the safety of everyone at this time.

- ◆ Enter the church by way of the propped open side doors.
- ◆ All visitors must wear a mask at all times.
- ◆ All visitors must use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church.
- ◆ All visitors must maintain a 6-foot social distance from others at all times. Please sit only in designated pews. Members of the same household (living together) should sit together in designated areas. No one may sit in the marked off center of the pew.
- ◆ Please do not leave anything behind in the church such as tissues, papers, gloves, etc.
- ◆ If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick, please do not visit the church at this time and wait the required 14 days.

Volunteers:

We need two volunteers to check in people at each Sunday. Email Kathy Sylvester at kathy@stmarysdumont.org if you can help.



Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 4th

On Friday, Dec. 4th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

Advent Giving Tree – The Nurturing Place (York Street Project)

Normally around this time of year, we are getting ready to let you know what Christmas gifts we would be asking for you to donate to send to the children of the *Nurturing Place* and their moms. This year, as everyone knows, is not “normal”. Below is an excerpt from the email they sent to us as about how we can help them celebrate Christmas this year:

*I am reaching out today with regards to Christmas. YES! I did say CHRISTMAS! It seems so, so far away, but is just around the corner. This year, due to very restrictive regulations, we are approaching the holiday season very differently. It saddens me greatly that we will not be able to provide in the same way this year to our families who so look forward to the beautiful and thoughtful gifts you all provide. We want to keep some sense of the holidays here for our families, so our goal is to still assist with a little "Christmas Magic" the best way we can. Our only reasonable solution to meeting the very strict health and safety regulations is to not seek gifts as we have done for so many years in the past, but instead provide **gift cards** to the families. We know and understand that this definitely puts a very different feeling to the spirit of giving and we absolutely understand if this year you decide not to organize and donate. However, if you are able to assist us, we would truly be grateful. We are fortunate that so many of our families have returned and are back in our care. We would like to prepare them as soon as possible for the holiday season.*

Based on the past generosity of the people of St. Mary's, we agreed to ask for gift card donations so that we may help the Nurturing Place prepare for Christmas this year. The following is the list of suggested gift cards we are asking you to provide (any amount which you feel is affordable is appreciated):



We greatly appreciate any donation you can give us. Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree to the parish office or to the collection boxes by **Wednesday, Dec. 9th**.