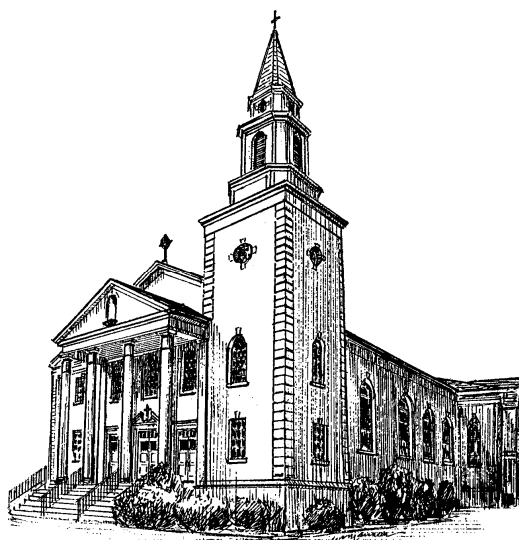


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

December 13, 2020

*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. 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. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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Online giving: WeShare
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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	Dec. 12 - Vigil
5:30PM	Dennis Mulheren
Sunday	Dec. 13 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Gene and Gertrude Vioria
10:00AM	Thomas Duffy
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross
7:00AM	Joanne Kennedy
8:45AM	Vincent McLaughlin
Tuesday	Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Peggy Keating
8:45AM	Sullivan Family
Wednesday	Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Trudis Vioria
8:45AM	Ann Conte
Thursday	Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	In Thanksgiving Cachuela Family
8:45AM	Romulo Gomez, Sr.
Friday	Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday
7:00AM	Dionisio Pineda
8:45AM	Minardo Pineda
Saturday	Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30AM	Potenciana Naong
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Dec. 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:45AM	Grace Ward
10:00AM	Pat Langford
12 Noon	Bernice Nagy

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Patrick Langford requested by Bridget and family.

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

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased James Burns, Robert Knaack and Thomas W. O'Connell.

2021 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine

Jan. 24; Feb. 7 & 14; Mar. 7; Apr. 11; May 9 & 16 ; Jun. 6 & 20; Jul. 4 & 11; Oct. 3 & 17; Nov. 14.

Sanctuary Lamp

Mar. 21; Apr. 25; May 2 & 23; Jun. 6; Jul. 4 & 11; Aug. 1 & 29; Sept. 12 & 26; Oct. 17 & 24; Nov. 14 & 21.

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.



From the Pastor

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When I was in the sixth grade, my teacher was one of those nuns all catholic school students tell stories about. She was tough and we called her names we can't print in this bulletin. But she needed to be tough and she was a good teacher. I learned a lot from the tough nun. She was tough because she really cared about her students and she expected the best from them.

Many years later, after I was ordained a priest, I met that nun at the retirement villa of her community. She was a little old lady with cat but she was still tough and she remembered me and she still cared about her students.

That old lady is just one of so many retired religious sisters in retirement villas around our country. In our nation, there are more than 3,500 religious men and women over the age of 70, many in need of skilled nursing care. A number of religious communities are joining together to maximize resources in an effort to meet the needs of their aging members but they need our help.

This weekend we have a second envelope that will support the "Retired Religious Retirement Fund." The monies collected will help to care for all those religious sisters, brothers and order priests who gave their lives in service to the church. They have all given so much. Can't we give a little back to them?

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 to look extra-special for Christmas.

Parish Office Schedule



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

Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday Dec. 25, 2020
 Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 and Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

RESERVATION IS REQUIRED

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Thursday, December 24
 Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM, 6:30 PM and
 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

**Friday, December 25
 Christmas Day**

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

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Thursday, December 31
 Vigil Mass 5:30 PM**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2021
 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

Food Pantry

Our Christmas basket distribution is in one week! Please see the list below for items needed. Please drop nonperishable food items at the rectory between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass.

Also, we will need turkeys and hams for Christmas. If you are able to donate a turkey or ham, please bring it to the rectory Monday – Friday between 9 am and 5 pm by Thursday, December 17.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

God Bless,

The Food Pantry Volunteers

Items Needed:

Peanut butter and jelly, apple sauce, syrup, bisquick, turkey gravy, individually wrapped toilet paper or packs of 4, tissues and paper towels





PACT/Religious Education Program

Virtual Religious Education/ PACT Program Update

Thank you to our parents and catechists for your patience as we navigate virtual Religious Education this year! At this time, we are working to improve the way communication between catechists and families takes place. For more information, call (201) 384-0557 extension 20 or e-mail religiousused@stmarysdumont.org

PACT Contact Information and E-mail Addresses



Families in our Religious Education program who need to update e-mail addresses or other contact information, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at religiousused@stmarysdumont.org

Sacrament Preparation Programs

Virtual/Zoom meetings will be scheduled for mid-January for parents of St. Mary's parish children in PACT or Catholic schools who will prepare to receive the First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation in 2021.



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Supporting St. Mary's

We know that regular expenses continue in your family, as they do in your parish family. We appreciate your consideration and whatever help you can offer as you continue to support St. Mary's.

There are a number of ways you can support the parish:

- You can mail your contribution to the parish.
- You can drop your envelopes off in the kitchen mail box at the back of the rectory at any time or bring it to the parish office weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm.
- You can make a donation online, using the following link:

stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

We deeply appreciate the continued love and support you give to St. Mary's.

Listed below are the names of our friends or loved ones since March, 2020 who are Serving in the Military and Sick . Should the name(s) be removed or if you want to add new names on the list who are in need of prayer, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 and we will start praying for them. If you want their name to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let us know that as well.

Serving in the Military

John Eckel III..Jaelon Magat..Sean Flanagan
Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...Steve Sullivan
Christopher Smaldone...James Francis Ward
Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Scott Tkacz
James Carney...Michael Curran...Hector Montero
Hailey van Weathering...Lyla McMahan..Tom Phelan
Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Cris Kelly
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...John Scalice
Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas
Nancy Caggiano..Joseph Pierre-Antoine Sally Ariola
Eric Granada..Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz..John Weiss,Sr.
Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco... Frank Uvenio
Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner

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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 parish office and register!**

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St. Mary's Prayer Garden Brick Order

If you would like to order a brick in our Prayer Garden, please stop by the parish office and fill out the form.

The cost per brick is \$50.00. The deadline is Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.



**Big
50/50
Raffle**

By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. I know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we strive to make this special raffle a great success. If you need more raffle tickets, they are available at the Rectory.

Tickets are \$20.00 each. There will be three (3) prizes – 1st Prize will be 25% of the proceeds, 2nd Prize will be 15% of the proceeds and 3rd Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

Please return raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or drop in one of the collection boxes in church. The winning tickets will be pulled on January 3rd, 2021, the Feast of the Epiphany.

I realize that the covid crisis has caused financial struggles for many families in our community. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might be able to help your parish and be assured that we are most grateful for whatever each family might be able to do.

