

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*



*January 3, 2021*

## *The Epiphany of the Lord*

### **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  
[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)

### **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, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper 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.



<b>Saturday</b> 5:30PM	<b>Jan. 2 - Vigil</b> Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Jan. 3 - Epiphany of the Lord</b> Angelina Luciano Gus and Mary Pappas Bernard McHugh
<b>Monday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> Betty Walters John and Mary Hayes
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann</b> Esther Cabanilla Bridget McCormack
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday</b> Nicholas Busanic Noel Benitez
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday</b> Frances Hans Rose DeSarno
<b>Friday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday</b> Madelyn Kerner Rocco Vacirca
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30AM 5:30PM	<b>Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday</b> Frances Patetta Mary Donnelly
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Jan. 10 - Baptism of the Lord</b> Eugene Romen Bienvenida Bombate Parishioners of St. Mary's

### *In Loving Memory*



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Thomas Horogan requested by the Sullivan family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann Theresa Herlihy requested by John Herlihy.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Anna Mancuso, Anita Louise Bakun and George Robertson.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kathy@stmarysdumont.org) if you can help.

## 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; Oct. 17 & 24; Nov. 14 & 21.

## From the Pastor



Up until the 19th century, in many parts of our world, the Feast of the Epiphany was considered much more important than Christmas Day itself. The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord is profound significant but it was an event that was revealed to very few. Only shepherd, considered outcasts by many, came to pay homage to the new born King. But what is celebrated with the Feast of the Epiphany is the revelation of the incarnate Lord to all the nations. The wise men who followed the light of a star represented all the varied peoples of the world; because everyone is called to come and worship as they offer to God the gifts they have to give.

For us, the Feast of the Epiphany brings to a close a most unusual Christmas season. Because of the covid crisis, so many of the traditions and celebrations that, in the past, seemed so important needed to be cancelled or postponed. Here at St. Mary's, we had no Simbang Gabi. We were forced to limit our decorations and we were required to limit attendance at all masses. But despite the steps we were required to take to help limit the spread of the virus, as a community of faith we were able to come together to celebrate the greatest gift of all time. "For God loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son."

As we thank God for the gift of His Son, I thank everyone who worked so hard to make our celebration of the Christmas season so very special despite all the covid restrictions. I thank everyone who have generously contributed to our Christmas collection, our collection for Christmas flowers and to all those who have continued to give to our parish despite not being able to regularly attend mass. Through the mail, through drop-off at the rectory or electronically, so many wonderful parishioners have continued to support St. Mary's and I am truly grateful.

I also thank everyone who participated in our big 50/50 Raffle. The winning tickets will be pulled after the last mass today. While this raffle cannot make up for the reduced collections and the canceled carnival, for us, it is a very important fundraiser.

Special thanks go to one very special Santa's Helper who folded all the letters and stuffed all the envelope for the raffle. She pretty much single handedly ensured that every registered parishioner of St. Mary's was invited to be part of the raffle. She knows who she is and I hope she knows how grateful I am.

As we move forward filled with hope for a better year than the one that just ended, let us not forget the lessons of the year 2020. Hopefully we have all learned what is most important; the people we love, good health and to do what we can to protect both. And as much as we place so much hope in the newly developed vaccines, we know all real hope is found in baby born in a manger.

***Fr. Carey***





THANK YOU to our parishioners who already purchased the raffle tickets. We are very grateful for your support.

***The winning tickets will be pulled today, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, the Feast of the Epiphany after the 12:00 noon Mass.***

Tickets are \$20.00 each. There will be three (3) prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize will be 25% of the proceeds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize will be 15% of the proceeds and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

