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

# St. Mary's Church

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### **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

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Online giving: WeShare 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.

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Saturday	Jan. 23 - Vigil
5:30PM	Tom McGuire
Sunday	Jan. 24 - Third Sunday in
	Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Nora Sheehan
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Gloria Masella
Monday	Jan. 25 - Conversion of St. Paul
7:00ÅM	Veronica and Liam Turvey (Living)
8:45AM	Rose DeSarno
Tuesday	Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus
7:00ÅM	Catherine Crowley
8:45AM	Marie Keegan
Wednesday	Jan. 27 - Weekday
7:00AM	Pat and Ana Waters
8:45AM	Betty Walters
Thursday	Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas
7:00AM	Claire Mackin
8:45AM	Mary Skopetos
Friday	Jan. 29 - Weekday
7:00AM	Dennis Dalton
8:45AM	Nora M. Farrell
Saturday	Jan. 30 - Weekday
8:30AM	Patrick and Peter Joyce
5:30PM	Patricia Marino
Sunday	Jan. 31 - Fourth Sunday in
	Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Dennis Dalton
10:00AM	Frances Hans
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 Arthur King requested by Eleanor King.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Tom McGuire requested by Carol and Matt.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Donald F. Russell and Lilia Angeles.

# <u>2021 Available Offerings</u>

#### **Bread and Wine**

Feb. 7 & 14; Apr. 11; May 9; Jun. 6 & 20; Jul. 4 & 11; Oct. 3 & 17.

#### Sanctuary Lamp

May 2; Jul. 4; Aug. 29; Oct. 24.

#### <u>Updates</u>

#### Masses:

#### Sunday Masses:

In order to attend Sunday Mass, you must make a reservation by calling the parish office at 201-384-0557 by 12:00n00n 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 I 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 - Feb. 5th



**JANUARY 24, 2021** 



Each year, thousands march in Washington to mark the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in this country. The Knights of Columbus have always strongly supported this event and have chartered buses to transport marchers to Washington so that members of our community can give witness to our belief that life begins at conception and that all human life is a precious gift from God.

This year, the march will be held on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> but because of the Covid pandemic it will be a very different event. I strongly encourage everyone to participate in this year's "Virtual March" through the <u>marchforlife.org</u> website. It is a safe way to participate and to show our support for the dignity of life.

In recent years, many states have worked to establish laws to limit access to abortion as a means of negating the Roe v Wade decision. With recent changes in the Supreme Court, many hope that the Roe v. Wade will soon be overturned and that abortion will once again be illegal in this country.

It is important to remember that abortion in this country did not start with Roe v Wade and abortions will not end if the laws are changed. As important as it is to change laws, it is much more important to change hearts and minds. Until everyone acknowledges the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, abortions in this country will continue.

I find it extremely ironic that at the same time people work to enact laws to stop abortions, others work to promote laws that permit physician assisted suicide, euthanasia and the death penalty. If we want to claim the mantle of Pro-Life, we must respect and protect all human life.

This past year, as hundreds of thousands have died because of the covid crisis, we have all been forced to confront the fragility of human life. May the pro-life events of this week call us all to pray for that hearts and minds will be changed and may this pro-life events challenge us to do what we can to protect all human life from conception to natural death.

# **Stewardship Reflection**

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."-

Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

# <u> Prayer Of The Faithful</u>

That we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to *"Follow Him"* and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.

# 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)

Collection Jan. 17-18, 2021	\$6,214.00
Weekly On Line Giving	\$1,200.00
Same Weekend 2020	\$6,897.00
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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.

# **Faith Sharing Groups for Lent**

Lent is coming! We once again offer faith sharing groups --- to be done virtually. If you would like to be a part of a group or run a virtual group, please let the parish office know and we will send you materials to use for Lenten Reflection

# Fr. Carey



# PACT/Religious Education Program

#### **Religious Education/ PACT Program**

Parents are asked to check their e-mails for link to a video message and important announcements from the PACT/Religious Education Program.

Please subscribe to the St. Mary's Church general email list to receive weekly updates about what is happening here at the parish. Note: this is not a contact e-mail for Religious Education! You can subscribe to the parish e-mail by e-mailing "subscribe" to contactus@stmarysdumont.org

#### <u>This week:</u> <u>Virtual First Penance</u> 2021 Preparation Sessions begin!



This Monday, 1/25/21 at 7:00 p.m. is the first virtual preparation session for First Penance. Parents have been emailed links to the preparation sessions.

#### Confirmation 2021 Preparation Registration

Parents are asked to complete registration forms with their candidates indicating that they will be enrolled in preparing for Confirmation Preparation.



Registration forms should be returned by 2/16/21.

#### <u>Update your Contact Information in our</u> <u>Religious Ed. Office</u>



E-mail addresses that are outdated, inactive, or have bounced e-mails from us have been removed from the PACT/ Religious Education e-mail list. If you are a part of St. Mary's Religious Education

program and need to update e-mail addresses, phone numbers, or other contact information call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

# <u>St. Mary's Prayer Garden</u> <u>Brick Order</u>

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 has been extended to Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Listed below are the names of our friends or loved ones 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

# <u>Pray for Our Sick</u>

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Scott Tkacz James Carney...Michael Curran...Hector Montero Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahon..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 Ed DeFreese...Frank Martin...Diane Lang Joseph Vaccaro...Jun Adel...Barbara Castaldi

# 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!** 

#### **2020 Contribution Statements**

If you want a statement regarding your 2020 contributions, please call the parish office and give us your name, address and envelope number. We will get the statement to you in a timely fashion.

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **JANUARY 24, 2021** St. Mary's Food Pantry Acknowledged and Blessed

38 years ago, back in 1983, some parishioners with the approval of Msgr. Gilhooly and under the supervision of Fr. Szelest came together to create St. Mary's Food pantry.

Those people were:

Cathy Bannon, Helen Choinacki, Mary Cannon, Nancy Florio, Anna Markert, Dorothy Nicholson and Betty Walters.

For 38 years the St. Mary's food pantry has fed the hungry. Anna Markert has served as the director and coordinator for most of those years, and Nancy Florio continues to be a faithful volunteer.

The food pantry has served thousands of people during the past 38 years and often worked with Dumont social services and other agencies in the area.

In 2019, Nicholas Alloca, grandson of one of the founding members, Cathy Bannon refurbished the pantry for his Eagle Scout Project. You will all have the opportunity to see Nicholas's work after Mass today.

This year, Anna turned over the reins to Lynne Vietri and Denise Alloca, mother of Nick and Cathy Bannon's daughter. They, along with a number of volunteers, have kept the pantry running and fed hundreds during this time of Covid-19, and they work continuously with the Dumont Schools and town food pantry to assist them in their efforts as well. They depend heavily on the support of the people of St. Mary's who have been so generous.

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This past Sunday the parish dedicated a painting by Denise Alloca which shows a group of Progressive Soup cans with the caption "It Eats Like A Meal" something said often by Anna Markert – when telling volunteers to pack plenty of Progresso Soup in the bags they prepare; as well as a plaque that we will hang by the food pantry .
The plaque reads as follows:

St Mary's Food Pantry
Then a quote by Theresa of Calcutta *"If you can't feed a hundred people then just feed just one"*This room is dedicated to the women and men who founded St. Mary's Food Pantry and fed more than just one.
Established in 1983
And then it lists the names of the founders.
Cathy Bannon, Helen Choinacki, Mary Cannon, Nancy Florio, Anna Markert, Dorothy Nicholson , Betty Walters, Msgr Gilhooly and Fr.Szelest

We are appreciative of all who have worked and continue to work and support our food pantry. *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For when I was hungry you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."*

#### ST. MARY'S

# St. Mary's Food Pantry Acknowledged and Blessed









Anna Markert



Nicholas Alloca, Denise Alloca, Lynne Vietri, Anna Markert and Fr. Carey





#### Final List

# **ST. MARY'S CHURCH** 2020 Christmas Flower Offering

Donated By	Memory Of
Mrs. Lena O'Malley	Martin O'Malley, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mulhern; Fitzgerald & Lane Families
Mr. Patrick O'Neill	Anne O'Neill & Mary O'Neill
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Osborne	Marilyn Gorman, Hugh Gorman, Michael Osborne & Jo Osborne
Mrs. William O'Shea	William O'Shea & Sr. Bridget O'Shea
Ms. Justina Josie Parrella	Olivia Reekie
Mr. & Mrs. Alex R. Pavon	Pablo W. Dublin & Elmer R. Pavon
Narciso Pena	
Mrs. Anne Picciano	
Mr. Joseph Pidi	Crocetta "Dolly" Pidi & Vito Pidi
Mr. & Mrs. Filip Pindulic	
Nancy E Poznanski	Joseph, Mary, Stanley, Phyllis (Micali) Sedlacek, John Navarat & Edward Wysocki
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Puthuparampil	
Mr. & Mrs. George J. Rafferty	George Michael Rafferty
Mrs. Kay Ramm	Ramm Family
Mrs. Walter J. Ranagan	Walter Ranagan

# 2020 Christmas Flower Offering-Cont'd.

**Final List** 

Mrs. Gerard Reilly	Gerard Reilly
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rick	Kenneth W. McGuire & Mary M. McGuire
Ms. Erlinda A. Riguerra	Maria Ariola & Ciriaco Ariola
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio F. Rosal	Deceased Relatives
Miss Vilma Rusnak	
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Russo	Michell Patino, Pauline Stavola, Michael Patino, Dom Patino & Blanche
	Patino
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Russo	Robert & Joan Mascarelli & Baby Faith Russo
Dr. & Mrs. Geoffrey J. Sadock	Bishop Robert Harvey
Ms. Linda Scandiffio	Frank & Dolores Scandiffio; Rose Digilio
Georgeanne Scarpelli	Joan & George Alvarez; Emile Scarpelli
Mr. Gregorio Sforza	Mary Sforza
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sheehan	
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sienkiewicz	
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent R. Smith	Brady & Smith Families
Flora Suan	Ignacio B. Suan, Sr., Fidencio Donayre, Cenon Donayre & Numerianna Pacubas
Mrs. Phyllis Sullivan	John Sullivan, Karen Camporeale, Norah & Jen Sullivan, Johanna & James Sullivan
Ms. Lourdes Sy-Trujillo	Francisco Sy & Valentina Sy
Mr. & Mrs. John Tagliareni	Cecelia & Frank Ricciardi, Mary & Salvatore Tagliareni
Mrs. Christine Stangl	Georg & Maria Luisser, Vitus Stangl, Erwin & Maria Fazekas & Johann Wukits
Mr. Manuel O. Tan	Rita Chua, Felicita Tan, Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Tan & Mr. & Mrs. Tan
Mrs. Ann Marie Thornton	
Miss Claire Thornton	Brendan M. Thornton, Eva & George Reilly, Margaret & Martin Thornton, John Thornton, Martin Thornton, Sr. & Kevin Thornton
Mrs. Leonard Triggiani	Leonard Triggiani & Peter Triggiani
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Trino	
Mr. Frank Uvenio	Angelina Uvenio, Uvenio Family & Macari Family
Mr. & Mrs. James J. Verdino	
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vicente	
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vietri	Ann Zanosky, Jim Zanosky, Vera Vietri, & Nick Vietri
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph T. Welsh	Welsh & Pietrafesa Families
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Widman	Marianna & Julian Kopacz
Ms. Barbara Wiese	Lawrence & Joan Wiese
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Yu	
Ms. Dorothy R. Zdanowicz	Richard Zdanowicz, Sr. & Barbara MZ Reeves

Our heartfelt thank you to all those who donated towards the Christmas Flowers Offering. The flowers made our church even more beautiful! Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

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