

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church



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From the Pastor

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As a new year begins, so many people feel compelled to make resolutions; most of which are quickly abandoned. Many, many years ago, I came across the following verse about New Year's Resolutions. It was attributed to Walter Scott. I think he collected some important thoughts of others and added a few of his own. I hope everyone can find something in this brief poem as you contemplate what resolutions you might make for the New Year.

Resolutions

No one will ever get out of this world alive.
Resolve therefore in the year to come to maintain
a sense of values.
Take care of yourself.
Good health is everyone's major sources of
wealth.
Without it, happiness is almost impossible.
Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will
repay in kind.
Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are
generally vengeful.
Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.
Resolve to listen more and to talk less.
No one ever learns anything by talking.
Be chary of giving advice.
Wise men don't need and fools won't head it.
Resolve to be tender with the young,
compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving and
tolerant with the weak and the wrong.
Sometime in life you will have been all of these.
Do not equate money with happiness.
There are many successful money-makers
who are miserable failures as human beings.
What counts most about success is how one
achieves it.
Resolve to love next year someone you didn't love
this year.
Love is the most enriching ingredient in life.

Fr. Carey



Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

John Eckel III...Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan
Brian Manley...James Francis Ward...John Murray
Christopher Smaldone... Brandon Barhydt
Steve Sullivan...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Vincent Mazzilli

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Sean Hayes...Arvin Erd
Scott Tkacz...Caleb Jenkins...Hector Montero
James Pellettere...Skylar Frye...Kathleen Oates
Anthony Montagnino...Cris Kelly...Danny Santulli
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...Angela Darata
Nancy Caggiano...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
Joseph Pierre-Antoine...SSND Wilton...Jeric Lalo
Diane Lang...Mariantonia DiCostanzo...Anita Hucke
Kristi Carbonaro...Carol Anne Barry...Ted Widman
Joseph Vaccaro...Dorothy Peterson...Jim Nicholas
Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito...Tina Fortalesa
Frank Martin...Tienne Myers...Guia Mirabueno
Hector Montero, Jr...Kevin Rainey...Mary Quilter
Michael Falcone...Mary Ann Ragone...Rose Klenck
Patricia Adone...Teresita Ariola...Jeannie Kweders
Jonathan Jacoby...Laura Kibala...Fergus Begley
Anthony Montalbano...Nick Marino...Brian O'Dowd
Gabrielle Napoleone...Paquale Manzo...Jane Galo
Raymond Pedalino...Audrey Maguire...Michael Vogt
George Tarlac...Laura Labetti...Simone Borges
Marcus Celeran...Mikkel Leutgeb...Viktor Bagang
Camille Cabezas...Juan Guzman...Victoria Healey
Pat Stella...Concepcion Santos...Ralph L...Marilyn I
Lorraine M...Kathleen...Maureen...Joseph DiLascio
Hather R.

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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)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Collections: Dec. 17 - 18	\$7,629.00	\$6,247.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,487.00</u>	<u>1,192.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,116.00</u>	<u>\$7,439.00</u>

Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

For more information or to sign up you can visit ***stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com*** from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.



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Debbie Provencher, Director of The Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center, in Hackensack, will present a program on the work and the mission of the Center, in the council Hall, on Sunday, January 15th, 2023, at 1:30 PM. Her talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period, and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT!!!

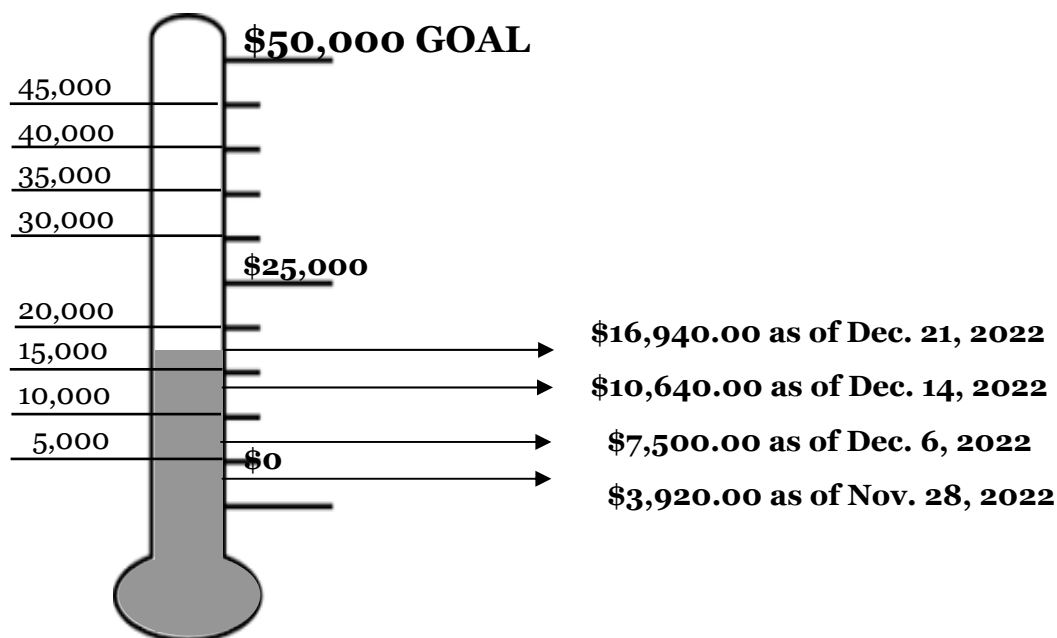
IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME

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. 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 the collection basket in church. The winning tickets will be pulled on January 8th, 2023, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Like so many families in our parish, the covid crisis has caused a serious financial strain for St. May's. This special raffle will help us make up some lost ground. 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.





SAVE THE DATE

ST. MARY'S BEEFSTEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 2/11/22 @ 7:00

Featuring:
NIGHTINGALES & Esteem Entertainment



**INSTRUCTED LINE
DANCING**

BASKET RAFFLE

50 /50 RAFFLE

TICKETS \$60 PP

Donate a Basket

Volunteer

**Monetary Donations Accepted
RESERVATION FORM TO FOLLOW**

**For More Info Call Sheila – 201-384-0557 - Ext. 20
religiouslyused@stmarysdumont.org**

THANK YOU!



Thank You!!

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus and parishioners for putting out our outside Nativity.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society
would like to thank the priests,
staff, parishioners and members
of St. Mary's for a wonderful year!

We have been a ministry at St. Mary's
for 86 years because of all your
help & support.

To all our families and friends,
we would like to wish you a very
Merry Christmas
and a **Happy New Year!**

Food Pantry News

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the
following groups and individuals for their support
during 2022. We could not have helped the many
families and seniors without their efforts.
So in no particular order, our angels are:

Father Carey, Father Pat, Father Tom (deceased)
Deacon John, Dory Weiss-Parish Secretary,
John Weiss - Business Administrator
Kathy Sylvester-Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
Abner Buensalida & Jose Lopez-St. Mary's Maintenance
Beth Meloscia and the Youth & Young Adult Ministry
The Parishioners of St. Mary's, Janine Aiello,
Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Phil Alloca, Mary Auriti,
June DiGirolamo, Matthew DiGirolamo,
Karen Ebenhack, Melissa Gracey, Lynda McGowan,
Margaret Molder, Irene Murphy, Mary Normoyle,
Cathy Pacana, Shamir Roca, Sheila Romaine, Maryann Russini,
Laura Sarmiento, Laura Sobek & our Confirmation Candidates

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Anna, Denise & Lynne



A Note from Dominique Sherman, Education Coordinator of, The Nurturing Place (York Street Project)

I have attached a little "Thank you" from the
children who are able to be photographed. These
are just some of the little faces you all have touched
this year.....I hope you will print it and share it
with all of the generous participants who make
Christmas so magical for our families here at The
Nurturing Place. Their generosity is
overwhelming. May you all receive the blessing
you put out into the community. You touch more
people than you know...

**Have a Very Merry Christmas and Blessed
New Year!!**

