

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557



December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass ,
6:30 PM Mass
11:30PM Carol - Choir
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

7:45 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass
12:00 Noon



MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 AM Mass
11:00AM Mass

Weekly MASS Intentions

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| Saturday | Dec. 23 - Vigil |
| 5:30PM | Patrick Hegarty |
| Sunday | Dec. 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| 7:45AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 10:00AM | Angel L. Aviles |
| 12 Noon | Bob Coberg |
| Christmas Eve Masses | |
| 4:00PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 6:30PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 12 Midnight | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Monday | Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord |
| 7:45AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 10:00AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 12:00 Noon | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Tuesday | Dec. 26 - St. Stephen |
| 7:00AM | John Hughes |
| 8:45AM | Malu Canlas (Living) |
| Wednesday | Dec. 27 - St. John |
| 7:00AM | Theresa Callandrillo |
| 8:45AM | Bill Ramm |
| Thursday | Dec. 28 - The Holy Innocents |
| 7:00AM | Special Intentions-Bill Mascitello (Living) |
| 8:45AM | Anna and James Hans, Sr. |
| Friday | Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| 7:00AM | Joe Tumaneng |
| 8:45AM | Charlie and John McMorro |
| Saturday | Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| 8:30AM | Eduardo Umali |
| 5:30PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | Dec. 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
| 7:45AM | John Hughes |
| 10:00AM | Alicia K. Donohue |
| 12 Noon | Angel and Paz Galang (Living) |

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass

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| Sunday | Dec. 31 - Vigil |
| 5:30PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |

This Week



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| Sunday – Dec. 24 |
| Christmas Eve |
| Masses: 4:00PM, 6:30PM and 12:00Midnight |
| Monday - Dec. 25 |
| Christmas Day |
| Masses: 7:45AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon |
| Tuesday – Dec. 26 |
| After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC |
| 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS |
| Wednesday - Dec. 27 |
| After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC |
| 7:30PM Line Dancing SH |
| 8:00PM Basketball |
| Thursday – Dec. 28 |
| After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC |
| 5:30PM No Irish Step Dancing LS |
| 7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory |
| 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH |
| Friday – Dec. 29 |
| After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC |
| 5:00PM No Aramaic School |
| 8:00PM No Basketball SH |
| Saturday – Dec. 30 |
| 8:00AM No Korean School |
| Sunday – Dec. 31 |
| 10:00AM Choir |
| 1:00PM No PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm |
| Sunday – Dec. 31 |
| Solemnity of Mary |
| 5:30PM Vigil Mass |

Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of the Liboro and Abad families requested by Tates Abad.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and for the intentions of Dean Capabianca, Jr. requested by Erika Lorenzini.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Maya Vega, Cristina Benedicto, Loretta Sparacio and Richard J. Hollman.



The waiting is finally over. Presents have been purchased, wrapped and carefully placed under the tree. Cards have been sent to everyone we know and everything in sight has been decorated. We are prepared to welcome family and friends with an elaborate feast. Christmas is finally here. Let the celebrations begin.

But what are we celebrating? As we exchange gifts this Christmas, do we pause to remember the greatest gift of all? Do we remember that the whole reason for this season is the birth of child so many years ago? Do we place our hope in His promise of peace on Earth and eternity in Heaven?

In all the rushing around to get ready for this one day, it is so easy to forget what this one day is all about. In all the planning and preparations we have put ourselves through; we can lose sight of God's plan of salvation and all His preparation to make it all happen. In all the celebration of the secular holiday that Christmas has become, we may forget that this is first and foremost a Holyday; in fact one of the holiest days of the year.

What we celebrate is the Incarnation of our God, for our God is truly with us. He loves us so much that he came to live as one of us. He was born into this world just like you and me, and He died in this world that we might live forever with Him in His world. But the Incarnation is more than just an historical event. It is more than something that happened 2000 years ago. For our God is with us hear and now. If our hearts are open to the power of God's love, then the Christ-Child is born again this Christmas. If we truly place our hope in God's plan of Salvation, then we live in the wonder of the Incarnation each and every day of our lives.

On behalf of the priests, our deacon and the staff of St. Mary's Church, I wish you and all your loved ones the most joyous holiday seasons, the most holy of Christmas days and the true blessings of living in the wonder of the Incarnation of our God.

Fr. Carey



Parish Office Schedule

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

Monday, Dec. 25, 2023
Friday, Dec. 29, 2023 and
Monday, Jan. 1, 2024



Christmas Flowers



PLEASE don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas!

2024 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

March 10; Apr. 14 & 28; June 2; July 7;
Aug. 11 & 18; Sept. 1 & 8; Dec. 8.

Sanctuary Lamp:

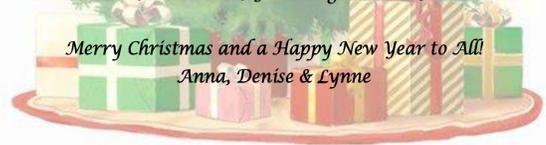
Jan. 14 & 21; Nov. 17; Dec. 1.

Food Pantry News

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2023. We could not have helped the many families and seniors without their efforts. So in no particular order, our angels are:

Father Carey, Father David, Deacon John
Dory Weiss-Parish Secretary
John Weiss - Business Administrator
Kathy Sylvester-Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
Abner Buensalida & Tom Mariotti -St. Mary's Maintenance
Beth Meloscia and the Youth & Young Adult Ministry
The Parishioners of St. Mary's and residents of Dumont
Shop Rite of New Milford Partners in Caring
The Boys & Girl Scouts of Dumont
Our Confirmation Candidates
Izzy Aberde, Janine Aiello, Dianne Albuquerque,
Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Phil Alloca, Mary Auriti,
June DiGirolamo, Karen Ebenhack, Melissa Gracey,
Kaitlyn Gracey, Margaret Molder, Cathy Pacana,
Shamil Roca, Sheila Romaine, Maryann Russini,
Laura Sobek, Luke Sobek, Grace Tagliareni & Jake Vietri

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All
Anna, Denise & Lynne





PACT/Religious Education Program

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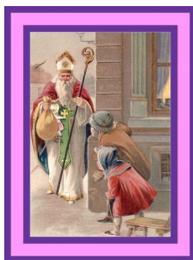
We thank our parents and catechist for helping keep our parish PACT/Religious Education Program running! Religious Education is a priority here at St. Mary's and is curricular for all Catholic children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even offer a section of Kindergarten). Do you know anyone new to St. Mary's who needs more information? New families may e-mail religious@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 ext. 20

Confirmation Preparation



Monthly Monday Confirmation Preparation is underway. Our next session is 1/8/24. Our retreat afternoon is Saturday, 1/27/24. For more information, consult the schedule that was distributed to candidates and their parents. Please pray for our candidates, their families, and our parish family that the Holy Spirit may draw us to an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

St. Nicholas Project



We thank you for your abundant generosity this year with our St. Nicholas Giving Project run through our PACT/Religious Education Office. For more information about Oasis, a Haven for Women and Children visit <https://oasisnj.org/>

Good Saint Nicholas, pray for us that we may be infused with the Spirit of generosity this holy season and throughout our lives. Amen.

We will be starting a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning January, 2024. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are in the military, ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557.

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.

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

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...Danny Santulli...Ralph L
Myra D'Silva...Angela Darata...Concepcion Santos
Linda Moreno...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Jeric Lalo...Camille Cabezas
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...Kathleen...Maureen...Marilyn I
Patricia Adone...Teresita Ariola...Jeannie Kweders
Jonathan Jacoby...Laura Kibala...Fergus Begley
Anthony Montalbano...Nick Marino...Brian O'Dowd
Paquale Manzo...Jane Galo...Lorraine M...Hather R
Raymond Pedalino...Audrey Maguire...Michael Vogt
Laura Labetti...Simone Borges...Anya...Eric Cola
Marcus Celeran...Brian van Westervelt Baby Wesley
Juan Guzman...John Romaine...Gary Barba...Fran D
Ryan Heckman...Cecilia L. Lim...Michele Patetta
Jacob Rivera...Jaxson Rivera...Helen de la Pena
Valerie Valverde...John Eckel...Patrick Cagney
Cathy Newman...Charles Jones...Ann Marie Maurice
Kathleen Marsala...Alec Kerr...John...Pat McKenna
Steve Riccardi...Robert Baccollo...Joseph Wells
Alice Widman...Carmelo Abbruzzesi...Jonel Tinio

Two Weeks Left

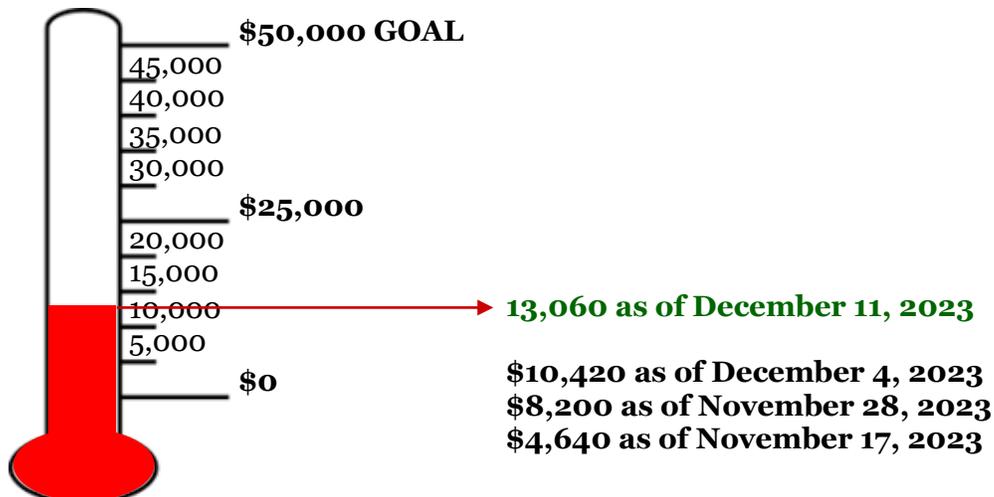


By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. We know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we 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 the raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket in church. ***The winning tickets will be pulled on January 7th, 2024, the Feast of the Epiphany.***

We realize that the covid crisis has caused financial struggles for everyone 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.



Mark!

*...the herald
angels sing,
glory to the
new born
King!*

Painting by William Bouguereau
© 1880

*The priests, the deacon and the parish staff extend
their warm and joyful prayers and best wishes to all
the families of St. Mary's Church for a
Most Blessed Christmas Day and
a Wonderful Christmas Season*