

# +ST. MARY'S PARISH

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**W**ELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Haynes or to one of our usher/greeters, and sign our guest register so that we have a record of your visit. We hope you will come again. If you have questions, need more information, or have other concerns, please contact the Parish Office at [parishoffice@stmarysburlington.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmarysburlington.org) or call at us (609) 386-0902. The Parish Office is located in the Guild House, Broad & Talbot Streets. The Rector is available at any time by appointment.

***THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** this weekend are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for Teghan Noyes & Gareth Haynes; those at the Pulpit are given in loving memory of LaVerne Wirth and Gordon & Hazel Brown; those at the Lectern are given in loving memory of Margaret Fisher; those at the Shrine are given in loving memory of Alvin & Ruth Wilson.*

***THE SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week to honor the Sacramental Presence of our Lord, in memory of John Tieman.*

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

#### CAROL AND CRECHE EUCHARIST, 5:00 P.M.

The "Carol and Creche" Service includes readings, carols, a brief homily, the arrangement and blessing of the Christmas Creche, and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Although the service is especially appropriate for children, it is a special part of the Christmas observance for many adults as well.

#### "MIDNIGHT MASS" - 11:00 P.M.

The Midnight ChristMass is a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and includes familiar carols and congregational music, choral and instrumental anthems, and sermon. Incense will be used. This is the principal celebration of Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Christmas morning service will be a Low Mass with sermon, accompanied by hymns and carols.

*Invite a friend or family member to share Christmas at St. Mary's with you!*



**PLEDGES FOR 2025:** Following our “Pledge Weekend” on November 16/17, letters and pledge cards were mailed to those who weren’t in church those days. As your vestry begins to formulate budget plans for next year, it’s important to have an idea of expected pledge support – so if you haven’t made a pledge for 2025 yet, please do!

Giving to the Church is an essential part of our life of discipleship, an act of devotion as we offer a portion of what we’ve been given back to God, the giver of all things, and of course a practical matter of supporting the faith community to which we belong, in which we participate, and which supports us in our journey through life. Pledge cards can be found at the back of the church.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025** will be found at the back of the church for those who made a pledge for 2025 or requested envelopes. If you don’t find them there, or if you’d like envelopes, please let us know!

And a reminder: if you contribute electronically, please make sure that your online giving is updated as necessary for 2025. Thanks!



**ST. MARY’S LADLE OF LOVE** operates as a **Food Pantry** for the community on the **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** of each month at St. Mary’s Guild House. **The Food Pantry** is open from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on January 8th, January 15th, and January 22nd.**

### **Statistics for December 18th:**

Children (0 - 17) in Assisted Households: 113

Adults (18 - 59) in Assisted Households: 178

Seniors (60+) in Assisted Households: 33

**Total Households Assisted: 88 households with a total of 291 members**

### **LOL Donations:**

Food donations received from:

- Moorestown Daughters of the Revolution
- Burlington Masonic Lodge #34
- J. Cresswell Early Childhood Development Center, Willingboro
- Benjamin Banneker Preparatory Charter School of Willingboro & Westampton conducted a food drive and donated 137 bags of groceries

Monetary Donations from:

- Burlington Masonic Lodge #34
- Gale Ferraro

Thank you, parishioners of St. Mary's, for your support of this ministry... for your prayers, contributions, and service. Thank you, volunteers, who make this ministry possible.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER/MUSIC ENVELOPES** can be found in the pews. Please print names for memorials (legibly!). The cost for poinsettias is the same as last year - **\$10.00 per plant**; or if you prefer you can make an offering for special music at our Christmas services. Be sure to check the designation on the envelope! The absolute **Final deadline** for inclusion in the ChristMass bulletin: **Sunday, December 22nd.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SET UP POINSETTIAS:** Please contact Susan Harnischfeger at 609-387-0099 if you are able to assist with setting up the poinsettias in the New Church on **Sunday, December 22nd after the 9 a.m. mass.**

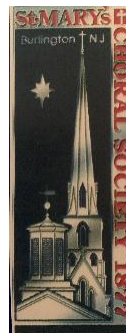
## THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Friday 12/27</i>	12:00 p.m. Low Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i>
<i>Saturday 12/28</i>	5:30 p.m. Low Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i>
<i>Sunday 12/29</i>	7:30 a.m. Low Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i> 9:00 a.m. Sung Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i>

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 12/22	Scott McIntyre, Jr.
Saturday 12/28	Margaret Faunce Richard & Kristine Chichester ( <i>anniversary</i> )

**ST. MARY’S CHORAL SOCIETY:** On **December 29th**, the first Sunday following Christmas Day, the members of St. Mary’s Choral Society present their annual offering of carols and Christmas hymns. Founded in 1877 as the first choir in St. Mary’s, the Society in 1878 assumed the English practice of singing “the waits” around the streets of Burlington on Christmas Eve. While the Society gave up its position as choir many years ago, it continues the Christmas Eve tradition, and more recently has added concert performances at assisted living facilities. Don’t miss this year’s musical offering at the **December 29th 9:00 a.m. Mass.** If you are interested in learning more about the Society’s work/membership, any of our members will be pleased to speak with you.

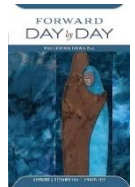


**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of St. Mary’s Parish will be held on **Sunday, January 26th** following the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist. This meeting will include reports of the various parish organizations, along with elections of vestry members and officers for 2025. Please plan to participate in this important event in our parish life.



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** burns each week to honor the sacramental Presence of Our Lord in the tabernacle of the Altar. If you would like to offer the candle as a memorial or other offering, please look for the calendar and accompanying envelopes at the back of the church; the appropriate offering is **\$10**. Please note that when we receive the offering envelope and record the information, the intention will be included in the prayers and noted in the bulletin for the appropriate week.

**FORWARD DAY BY DAY: The November/December 2024/January 2025** edition is available at the back of the church, or in the Parish Office. Many have found this devotional booklet a good way to deepen their familiarity with Scripture, and a valuable tool in their spiritual journey. You could find it helpful as well! A \$1.00 donation is requested.



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



*We encourage you to take our prayer list with you and pray for them at home. Those on the list are remembered during worship services. Request forms can be found at the back of the church, if you would like to ask that a name be added to the prayer list. Give the completed form to an usher or to the rector. Please pray for*

**THE ILL AND THOSE IN NEED:** Mr. Andino, Dan Dufner, Evelyn Gbato, Craig Geier, Rich Janulis, Shannon Matthews, Glenn Metrock, Kimberly Parzyck, James Shedaker, John Stenson, Jr., William, Mary Wolbert.

**THE CHRONICALLY ILL/SHUT-IN:** Bill Baird, Rita Barber, Judy Battista, Kitty Birkett, Linda Bowker, Christopher Browne, Renee Calderone, Barbara Candelaria, Luise Cherubini, Linda de la Rosa, Jackie Fine, Harry Fisher, Esther Franklin, Christine Gakeler, William Gares, Bronwyn Haynes, Diane Koger, Dwight Koger, Brett McCaw, Courtney Page, Davis Parker, Barry Petty, Mandy Picone, Marian Pierpont, Harry Rebeck, Barbara Reynolds, Dae Rebeck Sanchez, Michael Stoer, Rick Thomas, William Ward, Joe Whitehouse, Camille Zagaroli.