

St. Mary's Church of Nutley

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“4th Sunday of Advent”

December 21, 2025

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Mass Intentions

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20th through December 28th, 2025

Saturday 5:00 pm	December 20th, 2025 DiStaulo and French Families(Living and Deceased)
Sunday 7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	December 21st, 2025 Ronald Cundiff(Deceased) Nicholas Fagioli (Deceased) Lisa Nicastro (Birthday Intention-Living)
Monday 8:00 am	December 22nd, 2025 Thomas and Valerie Stile (Deceased)
Tuesday 8:00 am	December 23rd, 2025 People of the Parish
Wednesday 8:00 am 5:00 pm 10:00 pm	December 24th, 2025 Chapel Christmas Remembrance Mass(Living and Deceased) Christmas Remembrance Mass(Living and Deceased)
Thursday 7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	December 25th, 2025 Christmas Remembrance Mass(Living and Deceased) Christmas Remembrance Mass(Living and Deceased) Christmas Remembrance Mass(Living and Deceased)
Friday 8:00 am	December 26th, 2025 Pasquale Conturso (Deceased)
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 27th, 2025 Carmela Faccuito (Deceased)
Sunday 7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	December 28th, 2025 Bartholomew Tran(Deceased) Hugh Harvey (Deceased) People of the Parish

Vigil Lamp Remembrances

Week of December 20th through December 28th, 2025

Church Sanctuary
Intention Still Available

Chapel Sanctuary
Intention Still Available

Blessed Mother
Dorothy Connors (Deceased)

Divine Mercy
Rosendo Colina (Deceased)

St. Anthony
Intention Still Available

St. Gerard
Intention Still Available

St. Joseph
Intention Still Available

St. Jude
Intention Still Available

St. Patrick
Intention Still available

Blessed Michael McGivney
Knights of Columbus Knights (Living and Deceased)

Please Pray for Those Who are Deceased:

Joseph Adam Hradil
November 22nd, 2025

Alice T. McGovern
November 26th

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick:

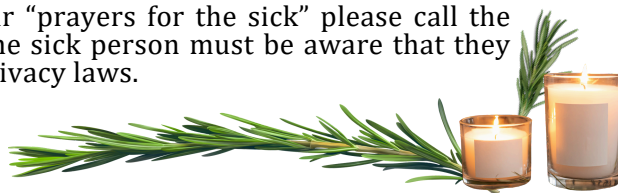
Luz Mary M.

Sam R.

Patrick M.

In the midst of illness and pain, may the sick be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. Amen.

If you would like a loved one included in our "prayers for the sick" please call the parish office to provide more information. The sick person must be aware that they are being prayed for to comply with HIPAA privacy laws.



Upcoming Events

DEC
24

Christmas Eve



DEC
25

Christmas Day

DEC
31

7th day in the octave
of the Nativity of the Lord

JAN
1

Octave day of the
Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary

Financial News

Transparency is the Goal

Due to the early bulletin deadline for the holiday, collections from Dec 14th and 21st and 25th will be reported in January.

Your Electronic Donation to the Parish

Of the \$355,000 collected each year in the weekly offertory at St. Mary's, \$115,000 is donated electronically, through a secure process called Parish Giving. This helps the parish cash flow tremendously!



NOW OPEN!!!
2026 MASS BOOK

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

***PLEASE COME IN PERSON TO
THE PARISH OFFICE***



Bingo Night

Join us for BINGO in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Our next Bingo nights will be
Jan 6,13,20,27 Feb 3,10,17,24.

Our Hall opens its doors at 5:30pm.
Early Bird game at 7:15pm.

Update Corner



**WE ARE HIS
WITNESSES**

<https://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/>



Your Voice Matters! We have conducted more than 420 Listening Sessions throughout the Archdiocese. And we are still gathering insights. We want to ensure your input is included to help shape our future!

Scan the QR-code and click **"Model Feedback Form."**
Please share your comments by **Dec. 31st.**

A Few Feedback Snapshots

“ We are used to our intimate community. ”

“ How do we prevent “us verses them” mentality? ”

“ We should be willing to help/share with our neighbors. ”

Nutley Advent Reconciliation Service

Christmas

EVE & DAY MASSES

Wednesday (Vigil)

24 DEC | 5:00 PM

10:00 PM

Procession with the Bambino Infant
Jesus begins at 9:45 PM

Thursday

25 DEC | 7:30 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

In the spirit of transparency, we would like to share what the different Christmas collections are for. Each offering plays a unique role in supporting our parish during this holy season, and we are truly grateful for your continued generosity. Thank you for helping us celebrate Christmas with beauty, reverence, and a heart of faith.

Christmas Flowers Offertory

Donations to offset the cost of decorating our Church for the Advent and Christmas Season.

Christmas Remembrance Masses

Used to remember those gone before us and special intentions during the Christmas Masses

Christmas Offering

Your Christmas gift to St. Mary's

New Year's

MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve

31 DEC | 5:00 PM

New Year's Day

1 JAN | 10:00 AM

12:00 PM



From the Desk of Father Tom

Dearly Beloved St. Mary's Parish Family,

December, 2025

As we enter the radiant season of Christmas, my heart overflows with gratitude for each one of you. Throughout the past year, you have shown unwavering love for our parish through your generosity, kindness, and tireless spirit of service. Christmas is the season in which the Church contemplates the incomprehensible gift of God becoming man, the eternal Word taking on flesh to dwell among us. In this holy light, I cannot help but see the beauty of Christ reflected in your daily acts of faith and charity.

So many of you give quietly, without recognition, sometimes through financial support that sustains our ministries, sometimes by donating time to serve at liturgies, outreaches, and parish events, sometimes by offering words of encouragement to those who need them most. Whether you are teaching our children the faith, assisting at Mass, visiting the sick, supporting parish families in need, preparing the church for worship, or simply praying fervently for our community, please know that your pastor sees these offerings and thanks God for you.

Your generosity has not only strengthened our parish; it has helped build the Kingdom of God right here among us. Because of your commitment, our parish continues to be a place where the Gospel is preached, the sacraments are celebrated with reverence, families are supported, and Christ's love is made visible in concrete and meaningful ways. This year, we have witnessed countless signs of grace: new families joining our community, family based Religious Education Program, renewed participation in ministries, greater outreach to the poor, and a deepened spirit of prayer. All of this is possible because you continue to give of yourselves with joyful and faithful hearts.

Christmas invites us to ponder the great mystery that God chose to enter human history through the humility of a newborn Child, born in a manger, dependent on the care of Mary and Joseph. The birth of Jesus is God, the Father's answer to every form of darkness; it is the promise that light will always prevail. As we gaze upon the Christ Child, we are reminded that God draws near not with force or fear, but with tenderness, mercy, and peace. This is the very spirit I see alive in our parish—a people striving to welcome Christ and extend His compassion to others.

I also wish to offer a heartfelt word of thanks for the fidelity you show by participating in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence at Mass, or for those of you who are homebound, your sacrifices strengthen all of us, week after week, season after season. This an act of faith that strengthens the entire Body of Christ. Your continued support allows our parish to remain a beacon of prayer, worship, and fellowship for all who enter our doors. You inspire me, and you inspire one another, often in ways you may not even realize.

As we celebrate the birth of the newborn King, may this be a time of renewed faith for each one of us. Let the peace of Bethlehem settle into your hearts. Let the joy of the shepherds lift your spirits. Let the humility of the manger call you to deeper trust. And let the radiant love of the Son of God, lying in the arms of Mary, surround you with the comfort only He can give.

During this holy season, I pray that the Lord will bless you richly. May the God who became a Child fill your homes with His peace, renew your strength, and deepen your hope. May He keep you safe, grant healing where it is needed, and bestow joy upon your families. Whether your Christmas is filled with many around the table or spent quietly and simply, may you feel the closeness of Christ, who never fails to accompany us.

Please know of my prayers for you throughout this beautiful season and into the new year of 2026. I ask the Infant Jesus to bless you abundantly and guide our parish with wisdom, unity, and grace. May the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—watch over you and your loved ones, and may their intercession keep your homes filled with faith, hope, and love. In the peace and joy of the Newborn King and with heartfelt gratitude and Christmas blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Jesus, Mary and Great St. Joseph,

Your Pastor and Dean of Deanery 16,

Father Tom Nicastro
Very Reverend Cavaliere Thomas D. Nicastro, V.F., K.H.

Increased Giving

Our Dearest Members of St. Mary's Nidley

As members of St. Mary's Parish, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's love—not only in word, but also in action. One meaningful way to live out this call is through our weekly and monthly financial support.

Your generosity ensures the current health of our parish, supporting Sacraments, ministries, outreach programs, and the upkeep of our sacred space. Equally important, it helps us plan for the future of St. Mary's, so that generations to come can experience the same vibrant parish life we enjoy today.

We invite every parishioner to prayerfully consider increasing your giving—whether a small weekly boost or a one-time monthly adjustment. Every contribution, no matter the size, strengthens our mission and reflects our shared responsibility in renewing and sustaining our Catholic presence.

This aligns with our We Are His Witnesses initiative, St. Mary's call for all of us to live as disciples, strengthen our parish communities, and bring Christ to the world. Together, through faith, action, and generosity, we can ensure St. Mary's continues to thrive as a place of worship, service, and spiritual growth.

🙏 Thank you for your continued support and for being a living witness of Christ's love in our parish and beyond. 🙏

Outdoor Creche

This Christmas season, St. Mary's Parish invites you to take part in a special project to enhance our parish Nativity display with beautiful new statues of the Holy Family. Thank you to the family that donated the Mary and Joseph statues.

We are prayerfully seeking to raise \$19,000.00 to bring these sacred figures to life in our church's Nativity scene — a lasting symbol of faith, family, and hope for generations to come.

Memorial Opportunities:

- 2 Wise Men - \$4000.00 **EACH**; total \$8,000.00 **FOR THE SET**
- 1 Wiseman- 4-\$500 donations and 20-\$100.00 donations available
- Ox - \$3500.00
- Donkey - \$3500.00

Please note which statue your contribution supports for inclusion on our commemorative plaque, which will be displayed on the Nativity stable in appreciation of your generosity and devotion. To contribute, please contact the Parish Office or visit our online giving page.



Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings
5:00PM

Sundays
7:30 AM, 10:00AM & 12 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday to Friday 8:00AM
in the Parish Center Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Individual Confessions Saturdays
4:00pm to 4:45pm



Parish Contact Information

Parish Office Address

145 St. Mary's Place
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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