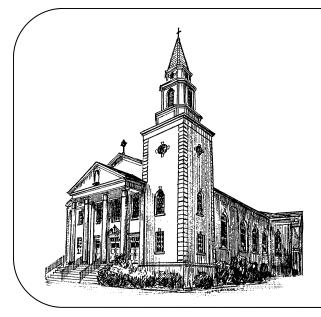
# The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# St. Mary's Church

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of

Lent



#### **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

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee* Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee* 

Parish e-mail: info@stmarysdumont.org Parish Website: www.stmarysdumont.org

Religious Education Office: 201-384-0557 Extension 20

email: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Director of Music:

email: music@stmarysdumont.org

Mass Reservation email: contactus@stmarysdumont.org

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 March 6 - Vigil 5:30PM Margherita Bonaldo

Sunday March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:45AM Madelyn Kerner

10:00AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

12 Noon Richard Deiser

**Monday** March 8 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Claire Mackin 8:45AM Madelyn Kerner

Tuesday March 9 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM William Key

8:45AM Peggy, John, Rev. Dan Cronin **Wednesday March 10 - Lenten Weekday** 

7:00AM John Musella 8:45AM Madelyn Kerner

Thursday March 11 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Edward Reilly 8:45AM William Graham

Friday March 12 - Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Maureen Kostka 8:45AM Alfred Barone

Saturday March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Rosemarie and Tom Ray 5:30PM Reilly and Foley Families

Sunday March 14 - Fourth Sunday of

Lent

7:45AM Brendan Thornton 10:00AM Frank Martin

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 Carey P. Joyce requested by the Dalton Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Frances Hans requested by Rudy and Didi Asistin

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Lorraine Lupardi and Arturo Nantes Abad.

## 2021 Available Offerings

**Bread and Wine** 

Apr. 11; May 9; Jun. 6; Jul. 4 & 11; Oct. 17; Nov. 14

**Sanctuary Lamp** 

May 2; Aug. 29; Oct. 24; Nov. 14

## **Sunday Mass Reservations**

It is <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u> to sign up before coming to church on Sundays. Call or email us at contactus@stmarysdumont.org before 5:00pm on Fridays.

#### **Mass Attendance**

The Governor has lifted the restrictions for houses of worship to 50% of capacity, while still maintaining 6 ft social distancing between members of different households. We can now safely accommodate up to 300 people.

# To make a reservation for Sunday Mass please email: contactus@stmarysdumont.org

The following are guidelines for mass attendance:

- Masks must be worn
- A social distance of 6 ft must be maintained between households, so please sit on either end of our pews and do not sit in the middle. This allows for 6ft between households.
- When you enter church, please use the hand sanitizer provided.
- Please enter the church by way of the 2 side doors by the tabernacle or St. Joseph's altar.
- You may leave the church by any door.
- Follow all directions for the distribution of communion.
- After mass, please do not congregate in the aisles talking; leave the church as quickly as possible.

Cardinal Tobin has directed that the reopening of churches be a gradual process.

- The obligation to attend mass remains suspended
- The 10 am Mass will continue to be live streamed.

# Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Upper Church. Each week we will do the stations using a different meditation format (socially

distanced of course!). These include: Mary's Way of the Cross, Everyone's Way of the Cross, Stations of the Cross for Hope and Stations of the Cross for Healing. All are welcome to join us. **We will also live stream this event for those who cannot come in person!** The following are the links:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7NxECIobJtklmwXnT\_iPbw</u>

<u>https://www.facebook.com</u>/St. Mary'sChurch, Dumont, NJ

#### Please join with us in prayer.

If you want to follow along, we are also posting the meditations each week next to the bulletin and Sunday worship aid on our parish website.

# From the Pastor

On the weekend of January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal video was shown at all the masses. Unfortunately, not many people saw it. Because of Covid, mass attendance is understandably low. Every registered family in the parish was sent a letter from the Cardinal along with a pledge envelope for the Appeal the week before the video was shown. Unfortunately, because of problems with the mail, most parishioners received the mailing very late. We've try to provide as much information about this year's Appeal as possible and I encourage everyone to visit the Archdiocesan website, *rcan.org*, if you have any questions.

Each parish has an Appeal goal that we are challenged to meet. Any funds collected over the goal are returned to the parish. My goal is to encourage more families to participate in the Appeal. Last year, despite the pandemic, 140 St. Mary's families made contributions to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. With over 2,000 registered families in our parish, I think we can do much better than that.

I understand in these difficult times, not everyone is able to participate in the Appeal. I also know that some families may choose not to participate. But I am encouraging everyone to prayerfully consider being part of this year's Annual Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in church. The easiest way to be part of the Appeal is to do so online. You can make a one-time donation or you can pledge to give a certain amount over a period of time.

No gift to the Appeal is too small. Every donation to the Appeal is greatly appreciated and will help St. Mary's reach its goal. Please remember, as Cardinal Tobin stated in the video, all fund collected through the Annual Appeal will be used for those ministries supported by the Appeal. Our participation in the Appeal is an expression of our communion with all those who depend on the Appeal and the ministries the Appeal supports.

#### Fr. Carey

# Stewardship Reflection

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

#### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

#### **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 Feb. 27 - 28, 2021 \$5,278.00
Weekly On Line Giving 1,284.00 \$6,562.00
Same Weekend 2020 \$8,904.00

You can make a donation online, using the link stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.

We deeply appreciate the continued love and support you give to St. Mary's.

# Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship in Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$7,747.00 already **pledged** from **33 families** as of March 1, 2021.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?

If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available at the doors of the church or you can visit **www.rcan.org/sharing**.

Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## **Lenten Giving Tree**

Every year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we helped St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark and Oasis Center for Women and Children in Paterson. Due to the pandemic, in place of purchasing different items, they are requesting gift cards from:

## Visa, Walgreen, Target, Wal-Mart and ShopRite.

You can also make a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift cards. Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. **Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree** to the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm or to the collection boxes during Lent.

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

#### **Ongoing PACT/Religious Education**

Hopefully parents have had the opportunity to continue to work at home together with their and submit Religious Education assignments through the online access portal. Our schedule indicates that we are two thirds through with our work at home for this 2020-21 year! Please continue to do your best for the remainder of the year, and e-mail or call us with any issues you are experiencing with the online portal.

#### **Religious Education Lenten Meeting &** Resources

PACT parents- please check your e-mail for the private link to access the PACT Parent Lenten Meeting and access to Lenten resources and initiatives sent out to our PACT families. If you have not received the e-mail or need to change your preferred e-mail address, send us an e-mail at religioused@stmarysdumont.org

#### First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession **Practice**



First Penance 2021 Preparation live and virtual practice will be Monday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. Please pray with us as we prepare to bring candidates Reconciliation with our forgiving Lord

during Lent.

## **Confirmation 2021 Preparation**

Confirmation candidate registration forms should be returned by now, a socially distanced prayer service with distribution of materials will be Monday,



3/15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. If you are unable to attend this prayer service, call after 3/15 to make arrangements to pick up the Confirmation preparation materials as virtual preparation sessions are set to begin.

#### PACT/Religious Education - update your **Contact Information**



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.

#### 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

#### **Pray for Our Sick**

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Haves..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 Paguiz..John Weiss, Sr. Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco... Frank Uvenio Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner...Jun Adel Ed DeFreese...Frank Martin...Joseph Vaccaro Diane Lang...Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito Fred Herman...SSND Wilton



St. Mary's who continue to support the food pantry on a weekly basis. As Thank you to all the parishioners of we begin to prepare for the Easter Season please see the enclosed flyer

for information on our next drive through food donation on Saturday, March 20. In addition to non -perishable food items, we will also be collecting turkeys and hams. If you are able to donate a turkey or ham, please bring to the rectory between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday - Friday, by Thursday, March 25.

The need for food donations never ceases, so we ask that you continue to drop non-perishable food items at the St. Mary's rectory Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass. PLEASE remember to check the dates on your items. Outdated items cannot be distributed.

If you or anyone you know needs a bag or two of groceries, please call the St. Mary's Parish Office between 9 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday at 201-384 -0557. Nights and weekends please call the emergency number at 201-696-2819.

#### God Bless,

The St. Mary's Food Pantry Volunteers 

## Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on Friday, March 19. In addition to our usual daily Mass schedule of 7:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., we will have a parish liturgy at 7:30 p.m. Reservation is required for the evening liturgy.



# Spring Food Drive-Thru Spring into action! Help Our Neighbors in need

Items Needed: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal, Canned Tuna/Meats, Pasta & Sauce, Bisquick & Syrup, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Condiments, Toilet Paper Packs of 4, Paper Towels

Saturday, March 20th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saint Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ Strict social distancing guidelines must be adhered to.

## **Drop off procedures:**

Please enter the St. Mary's parking lot from Washington Avenue, follow the driveway around the back of the church and then to the area between the church and the rectory. It is preferable that the driver be the only person in the car and wearing a mask.

# All donated food must be non-perishable and be in a bag with handles.

The bag should be placed in the back seat on the passenger side or in the trunk if the trunk can be opened from inside of the car.

The driver is not to exit the car. A volunteer will take the food from the car. We thank everyone in advance for your generosity and for following the social distancing guidelines.



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# 3rd DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Church.



Fish and Chips Dinner or Chicken and Chips Dinner with coleslaw.

Pick up on: Tuesday,

March 23, 2021

Gime:5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: St. Mary's Rectory Parking Lot



fish & Chips or

CHICKEN & CHIPS \$18.00 per Dinner

Advance Orders Required by march 22, 2021

St. Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628 // 201–384–0557



	Order Form - Return to the Parish Office			
With Payment on March 22 by Noon				
Name:		Phone#		
Fish & Chips:	x \$18.00 = \$	Chicken & Chips:	x \$18.00 = \$	
Total \$	Check # Cash	n Make check paya	able to St. Mary's Church	

# St. Mary's Church 2022 Mass Requests BY MAIL ONLY

The Mass Book for 2022 <u>will open on Wednesday, March 10</u>. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, **this year's requests must be made by mail.** There will be no in-person requests. To ensure that all parishioners have an equal opportunity to request masses for their loved ones, each family may request **Three Sundays or Holydays and Five Weekday Masses in their INITIAL request. Beginning April 1st, you may request additional masses if desired.** You will receive confirmation of the dates and times you requested.

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)  1 2 3  Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each  Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)  Date  Time	Mass Card
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3	Yes No
Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each	Yes No
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Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)  Date  Time	
Time	Mass Card
1	Yes No
2	Yes No
<b>3</b> ·	Yes No
4	Yes No
<b>5</b> ·	Yes No
Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each	
Intention for: (Please indicate if Living) Date Requested by:	
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Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each	
Intention for: (Please indicate if Living) Date Requested by:	
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<b>2.</b>	
Two Flowers - \$50.00 Each	
Intention for: (Please indicate if Living) Date Requested by:	
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Name: *Phone:	
*Email: Amount Enclosed: §	\$
Address:	

\*Required for confirmation. If you want to make other offerings as well as Masses, you must send a separate check for those offerings.

Please drop off the completed form, with your donation, in the Parish Office during the week, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or in the collection boxes. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2022 Masses**.