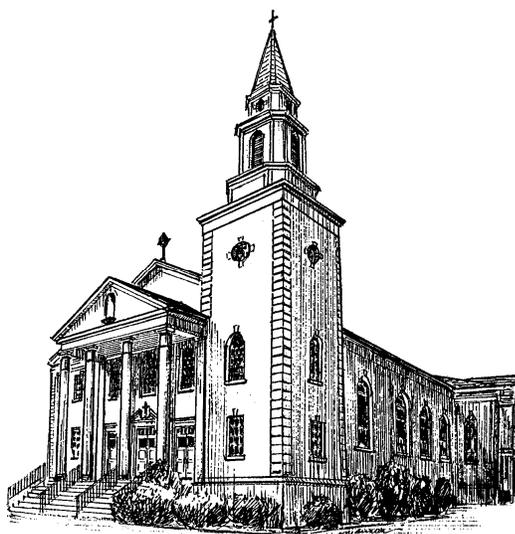


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 27, 2022

**Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



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*
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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.



PACT/Religious Education Program

On Site PACT Sessions Resume in February

In-person PACT/Religious Education resumes with our February PACT sessions listed on your color-coded schedule. Students will go to classrooms after the opening prayer and we will have a meeting with parents. February 2022 parent meetings are *Synod Listening Sessions*.

We will continue to follow our COVID gathering protocols.

If you are not receiving e-mails from us and our e-mails do not appear in your spam or junk mail folders, take a moment to provide us with an e-mail which accepts religioused@stmarysdumont.org as a sender.

Confirmation Virtual Session

3/21/22 at 7:00 p.m.



Our next monthly preparation session is Monday, 3/21/22 at 7:00 p.m. If you do not receive this link, call us at (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

Confirmation Retreat Postponed

The original schedule for Confirmation Preparation shows a retreat for February. The Confirmation Retreat has been postponed until May. Further details will be provided to Confirmation candidates and their parents during our preparation sessions.

First Communion Preparation Tuesday Virtual-Zoom Sessions

These sessions begin Tuesday, 3/22/2022 at 7:00 p.m. Links to join the virtual preparation sessions will be sent to parents several days prior to the sessions.



Return to Religious Education

We are still in the process of helping our parish families stay on track with their Religious Education. Have your children been away from Religious Education? Contact us. Do you know a Catholic family with children who should be participating in Religious Education? Refer them to us at this time. Call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

New Parents/Families

To inquire about Religious Education and preparing for the sacraments, call or e-mail us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or religioused@stmarysdumont.org for more information. Parents of families new to us attend an orientation appointment here at St. Mary's. Registration and participation at St. Mary's parish is required.

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2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



Spring Food Drive-Thru

Let us do good to everyone
Galatians 6:10
Help Our Neighbors in need



Items Needed: Peanut Butter/Jelly, Cereal, Condiments, Canned Tuna/Meats, Pasta/Sauce, Bisquick/Syrup, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Toilet Paper Individually Wrapped or Packs of 4, Paper Towels, Turkey Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce

Grab & Go Items:

Cases of Water, Individually Wrapped Snacks, Small Juice Boxes

Saturday, March 5th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saint Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ

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.

All donated food must be non-perishable and 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 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



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