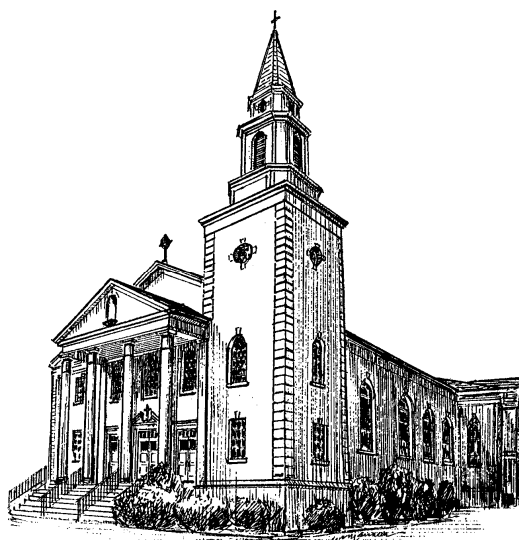


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 12, 2023

**Sixth 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. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Steven Zimmerman, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*
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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.

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

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.



Table of Mass Intentions for the week, listing days and times for each service.

Special Intentions

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of the Abad Family requested by Antonio Abad.

In Loving Memory



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Francisco Sy and Valentina D. Sy requested by Lourdes Sy-Trujillo.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Betty Pizza.

2023 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:

Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 15 & 22; Dec. 10 & 17.

- Sunday - Feb. 12
Monday - Feb. 13
Tuesday - Feb. 14
Wednesday - Feb. 15
Thursday - Feb. 16
Friday - Feb. 17
Saturday - Feb. 18
Sunday - Feb. 19

Stewardship Reflection

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear - it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven.

Old Palms Wanted



Please bring your old palms to the church and put them in the box in the vestibule or the parish office so we can burn and use them for distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

From the Pastor

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As we look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day, today we celebrate World Marriage Sunday; a day to acknowledge the supreme importance of the loving relationship of two people who commit to sharing the journey of life. While Valentine's Day reminds us of the all the romantic aspects of love, World Marriage Sunday calls us to acknowledge the daily work of remaining in a life-long, committed relationship.

In November 2009 the U.S. Catholic Bishops approved a pastoral letter entitled "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan." The letter presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage as a natural gift, as sacramental, and as a public commitment. It also discusses several contemporary challenges to marriage and how the Church can help couples address these many challenges.

In a culture where half of all marriages end in divorce, it is important for us as a community of faith to acknowledge the many couples who have weathered the storms of life with their commitment made stronger by the journey they have shared. As we celebrate World Marriage Sunday, let us thank these special couples for their witness of faith in each other and in the God who has united them in the special bond of married love.

Fr. Carey

Congratulations to Fr. Carey and Fr. Pat

The Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County, Inc. named **Fr. Carey and Fr. Pat** as recipients of the **Gunning Award** for the council's 41st Annual Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade, for their commitment to the council, the support and assistance with the organization of the parade.

Fr. Carey and Fr. Pat will be honored at their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Installation Dance to be held on Saturday, Feb. 25th from 5:00PM to 10:00PM at the Graycliff Manor in Moonachie, NJ. Information on their Parade Journal can be found at <https://www.bergencountyirish.org/journal>.

The 41st Annual Bergen County St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00PM in Bergenfield, NJ.

Again, Congratulations!

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.

John Eckel III...Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan
Brian Manley...James Francis Ward...John Murray
Christopher Smaldone... Brandon Barhydt
Steve Sullivan...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Vincent Mazzilli...Timothy King

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...Cris Kelly...Danny Santulli
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...Angela Darata
Nancy Caggiano...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
Joseph Pierre-Antoine...SSND Wilton...Jeric Lalo
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...Rose Klenck...Kathleen...Maureen
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
George Tarlac..Laura Labetti..Simone Borges..Anya
Marcus Celeran...Mikkel Leutgeb...Viktor Bagang
Camille Cabezas...Juan Guzman...Victoria Healey
Pat Stella...Concepcion Santos...Ralph L...Marilyn I
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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)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Collections: Feb. 4 - 5	\$7,051.00	\$6,671.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,240.00</u>	<u>1,497.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,291.00</u>	<u>\$8,168.00</u>
Fuel	\$2,575.00	\$2,278.00

Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

For more information or to sign up you can visit **stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com** from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

Liturgy of the Word With Children is Coming Back at the 10 am Mass! Stay Tuned!



After an almost 3-year break due to covid, we are happy to announce that LWC will resume shortly at the 10 am Mass! While we are in the planning process, we realize that some families may be wondering what it is all about or may have never experienced Liturgy of the Word with Children. So take a few moments to look over the brief article below, and watch for updates as to the exact date we will resume.

Why Liturgy of the Word with Children?? A Celebration of the Good News with Our Children

In the Gospels Jesus tells us often of the importance of Children. The Church in the *Directory for Masses With Children*, published in 1973 calls on all parish communities to “ help the children readily and joyfully to encounter Christ together in the Eucharistic Celebration.” In 1992 St. Mary’s began celebrating the Liturgy of the Word With Children at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. All children who have the ability to sit still and listen (approximately 4 years of age) are invited to participate. (We have found that by the age of 11 or 12 they tend to stay with the assembly upstairs). The children are dismissed after the opening prayer and process to the lower church, following the adult who will preside at this celebration of the Word. The children listen to readings from the Lectionary for Masses with children. They are the same readings that are proclaimed upstairs in the main assembly, only in a language that is easier for the children to understand. Following the readings, the children and the presider explore (“break open”) the Word of God together. It is truly amazing to listen to what the children contribute to the reflections. After the children have finished exploring the Word of God, they say a simplified Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful in which they offer their own petitions for their families, the ill and needy of our parish, as well as those in need throughout the world. The children then rejoin the main assembly upstairs (during the collection) for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The faith of the children and the development of their relationship with God has always been a concern of the church. LWC offers a way of forming “young hearers of the Word.” The way in which the word of God is proclaimed and celebrated in the lives of children today will shape the future life of the church. In short we celebrate with children not because they will someday be adults, but because childhood has dignity of its own.

Anyone who would like to help with this program is invited to contact Anne Marie Bishopp at Jamduffy5@aol.com.

A Day of Remembrance, Hope and Healing – Monday, February 13, 2023

The **Respect Life Ministry of St. Paul, Ramsey**, invites all members of St. Mary’s Parish to join us at St. Paul RC Church, Ramsey, for **Adoration and Prayer on February 13, 2023** to remember the 63 Million babies’ lives lost in the US since 1973, their parents and families, and to pray for the end of abortion.

12 Noon Mass

12:30pm – 9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00pm– 4:00 pm Confessions
(English and Spanish)

5:30pm Evening Prayer

7:00pm Rosary and Litany for Life

8:00pm – 8:45pm Confessions (English)

8:45pm – 9:00pm Benediction

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting an Easter candy fundraiser with Gertrude Hawk Chocolates!

The sale has started and will end on February 27. All families enrolled in our PACT program should have received the information flyer at their classes. All other parishioners can pick up information packets at the doors of the upper church.

Thank you for your support!!

Also, please join us on Thursday, March 9 @ 7 pm in Szelest Hall for our next meeting. Come share your faith with us and renew your devotion to our Blessed Mother.

**Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org**



ST. MARY'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

GROUP NAME

Dear Supporters,

We are hosting an Easter Candy Fundraiser through Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. You can shop online with this flyer or pick up a catalog and order form packet in the Upper Church or the PACT office.

Participants who place online orders within the sale dates can choose to have their orders delivered for free with the main shipment. Out of town friends and family can choose to send their orders directly to their home (shipping fees apply). Online orders that are being shipped to a home can be placed up until 3/26/2023. All web orders require credit card payment.

If you are submitting a paper order form, please keep the bottom copy and brochure for your records. Paper order forms should NOT include any online sales. Total dollars sent in should equal Grand Total Amount on the order form.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society.

We are Raising Funds for: St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

Our Fundraiser is From: TODAY UNTIL FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Our Organization ID # is: 119856

Estimated Delivery Date: WEEK OF MARCH 27TH

TO PURCHASE ONLINE:

- > Go to fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com
- > Select: I AM A BUYER
- > Select: FIND A FUNDRAISER
- > In the CHOOSE ORGANIZATION box, Type Code 119856 (choose St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society, Dumont, NJ) Click NEXT
- > In the CHOOSE SELLER box, Type Saint (choose Saint Mary's) Click GET STARTED

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

Please share this information with family & friends!

Food Pantry News

Thank you to all the parishioners of St. Mary's who continue to support the food pantry. Mark your calendars for our next drive-through food donation on Saturday, February 25 from 10 am to 12 noon. And what better way to shop for the drive-through than at the Shop Rite Can Can sales which have already started! A great way to help the pantry stock up on many of our nonperishable items! Cannot make the food drive, no problem! We will gladly accept food donations at any time. Please drop at the rectory between 9 am & 5 pm or leave in the vestibule of the upper church.

PLEASE remember to check the dates on your items. Outdated items cannot be distributed.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, there will be envelopes at the doors of the church the weekends of February 18th & 25th. Please return the envelope to the rectory or place in the collection baskets at mass.

In addition to non-perishable food items, we will be collecting turkeys and hams for Easter beginning March 1. Please bring to the rectory between 9am & 5pm by Friday, March 31.

If you or anyone you know needs groceries, please email the pantry at foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org.

God Bless,
Anna, Denise & Lynne



Spring Food Drive-Thru

Let us do good to everyone
Galatians 6:10



Saturday, February 25th, 2023 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Saint Mary's Church
280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ**

Items In Need: Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Jello, Dried/Canned Potatoes, Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Yams, Turkey Gravy, Oatmeal, Condiments, Tea/Coffee, Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie Mix, Canned Tuna/Meats, Pasta/Sauce, Bisquick/Syrup, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Progresso Soups, Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap, Paper Towels, Napkins, Tissues, Toilet Paper

***Frozen Turkeys, *Hams**

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. 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.

A volunteer will take the food from the car.

We thank everyone in advance for your generosity

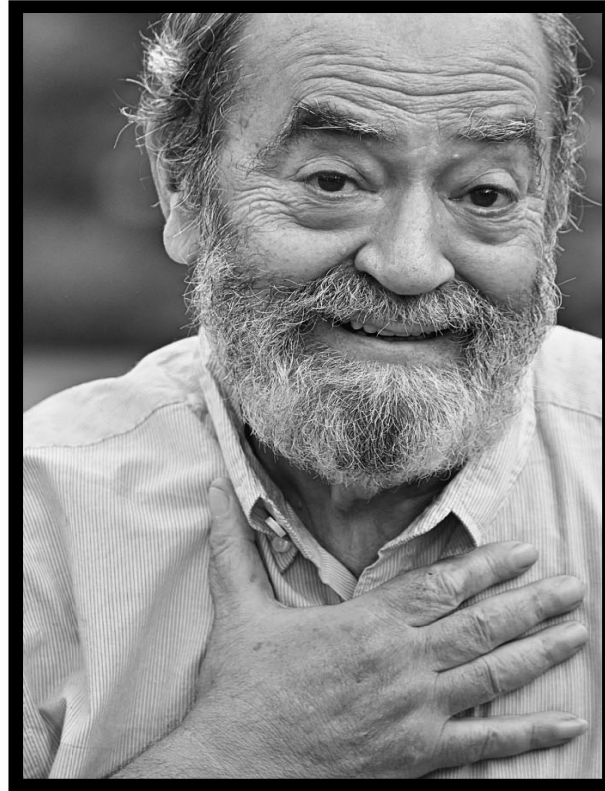
All donated food must be non-perishable (*except frozen turkeys and hams) and in a bag with handles,

Due to the recent bag ban, donation bags will be available in the Church beginning Sunday February 5th, 2023



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

Feeding the Hungers of the Heart



PARISH MISSION
St. Mary's
Dumont, NJ

7:00 PM
March 6th - 8th, 2023



Fr. Jim Wallace, C.Ss.R.



Fr. Francis Gargaini, C.Ss.R.



Fr. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R.