The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 19, 2023

Seventh 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
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
Dr. William J. Mascitello, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics
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Parish e-mail: *info@stmarysdumont.org* Parish Website: *www.stmarysdumont.org*

Religious Education Office: 201-384-0557 Extension 20 email: religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Altar & Rosary: email: rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org

Food Pantry: Email: foodpantry@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.

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.



Saturday	Feb. 18 - Vigil	
5:30PM	Ivanica Telesmanich	
Sunday	Feb. 19 - Seventh Sunday in	
Sunday	Ordinary Time	
7:45AM	George Michael Woke	
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's	
12 Noon	Michael J. Burke	
Monday	Feb. 20 - Weekday	
7:00ÅM	Dennis and Eileen Griffin (Living)	
8:45AM	Leo Bennett Canlas Melber (Living)	
Tuesday	Feb. 21 - Weekday	
7:00ÅM	John Hennessy	
8:45AM	Sylvana Pulice	
Wednesday	Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday	
7:00AM	James Hughes	
8:45AM	Betty Duffy	
3:30PM	Prayer Service	
7:30PM	Gorgonio Lacap	
Thursday	Feb. 23 - Thursday after Ash	
Wednesday		
7:00AM	Margaret Flaherty	
8:45AM	Rolando Joaquin	
Friday	Feb. 24 - Friday after Ash	
	Wednesday	
7:00AM	Socorro Ladera Anora	
8:45AM	Barbara Papalexis	
Saturday	Feb. 25 - Saturday after Ash	
	Wednesday	
8:30AM	Pablo Naong	
5:30PM	Ellen Cifelli	
Sunday	Feb. 26 - First Sunday of Lent	
7:45AM	The Barry Family	
10:00AM	Christopher Bishopp	
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 Jeffers, Reilly and Serpa families requested by the family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Betty Duffy requested by her granddaughters.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Mary G. Winner.

President's Day – February 20th

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20th in observance of President's Day.

Sunday – Feb. 19 9:15AM RCIA Kids Second Collection: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Monday - Feb. 20 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 7:30PM RCIA Class 8:00PM No Basketball SH Tuesday – Feb. 21 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS 6:30PM Basketball SH Wednesday - Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC 7:30PM No Line Dancing SH Thursday – Feb. 23 After 8:45AM Mass Rosarv UC 5:30PM No Irish Step Dancing LS 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH Friday – Feb. 24 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Aramaic School 8:00PM No Basketball SH Saturday - Feb. 25 8:00AM Korean School 10:00AM Drive Thru Food Donation 11:00AM Call to Continuing Conversion 4:00PM-9:00PM Girl Scouts Father/Daughter Set-up and Dance SH Sunday – Feb. 26 8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School 9:15AM RCIA Kids 12:00PM - 5:00PM Cub Scouts 131 Blue and Gold Set-up and Dinner SH 1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm 2:00PM Rite of Election - Cathedral 7:00PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC ~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *^{*}~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~

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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.

Ash Wednesday - February 22nd Mass Schedule & Prayer Service



Ashes will be distributed at the 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, and 7:30 PM Masses. There will also be a prayer service with distribution Mednesday of ashes at 3:30 PM.

From the Pastor

What does Lent mean to you? Is it a time to give up something we really like? Is it a time to give up some sinful habit? Is it a time to adopt a new spiritual practice? Is it a time to commit to being a more faithful disciple of Christ? Lent can be all of these and so much more.

Each year, as Ash Wednesday rolls around many of us make some Lenten commitment or other hoping that it will help make us better Christians. We may tell others what our Lenten resolution is or perhaps, it is that we share only with God. It may be something great and grandiose or could be a small simple step. Whatever it is, it is supposed to be something that brings us closer to God.

Getting closer to God; that's what the journey of faith is all about. The Church gives us the sacred season of Lent each year to challenge us to take an honest look at our journey of faith. To see how far we have come and to see how far we still have to go. Lent challenges us to work at removing the road hazards the so often impede our progress. Lent challenges us to acknowledge the weaknesses and vulnerabilities that slow us down. Lent calls us to discipline our bodies and our spirits so that we are better equipped to face the road ahead.

Conversion is a life-long process. Lent challenges us to again renew our commitment to process so that when Easter comes, we will be ready to renew our baptismal promises and recommit ourselves to God and his Church.

Fr. Carey

<u>Thank You!!!</u>

Last weekend, St. Mary's hosted a wonderfully successful Beef Steak dinner. Good music, great food and lots of dancing all added up to a fantastic event. Thanks go to all who attended and thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a wonderful evening.

Special thanks to Sheila Romaine and Lynne Vietri for going above and beyond to ensure a great time was had by all.

This Beef Steak dinner was really the first social event that St. Mary's has hosted since the Covid Lockdown. Hopefully it was the first of many more to come.

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2023 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, <u>February 26, 2023</u> to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

*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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.



PACT/Religious Education Program

Monday Angels PACT Parent Meeting

The *Monday Angels PACT Parent Meeting* has been changed. The February parent meeting is moved to Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the upper church. The February session will remain for PACT students, but the parent meeting is postponed so that parents can attend with their children from our Monday PACT Program on March 6th. The meeting has been changed to facilitate participation in the St. Mary's Parish Mission, a special time in our parish life. *Parents And Children Together* sign in at the door near the choir area.

Sunday Saints: March Schedule Change

The March session for our PACT Sunday SAINTS schedule has been changed to March 5th. PACT Saints families: There will be no session March 26th. PACT Saints and Angels groups will participate in a combined session on March 5th which will be part of our Lenten Parish Mission led by the Redemptorist Fathers.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

We recently celebrated our *Morning With Jesus* with First Communion Candidates and their parents. The next step for our candidates will be to meet for special preparation sessions on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 21st. Parents of candidates should have the schedule which lists preparation sessions, practice, and the date of celebration of First Holy Communion for their children.

First Communion Banners

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First Communion banner kits were distributed at the *Morning With Jesus*. Be sure to return completed banners at one of our Tuesday *First Communion Preparation Sessions*.

Monday Evening Confirmation Preparation Sessions

Monthly Monday evening Confirmation Preparation Sessions have begun. Candidates meet once per month for preparation, in addition to separate PACT/Religious Education sessions. Pray for our candidates for the deepening of the Holy Spirit in their lives, in their families, and in our parish community.

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Confirmation candidates and their parents are reminded to check the St. Mary's e-mail blast each week and PACT/Religious Education e-mails for possible service opportunities. Contact the person running event via the e-mail provided for more information.

Re-engagement in our parish: St. Mary's Religious Education

We are so glad to see parishioners re-engage in parish life here at St. Mary's. Have you considered volunteering (or re-engaging) at Religious Education? People from many different walks of life volunteer as leaders, catechists, substitutes, and aides at our Religious Education once or twice per month on a Sunday morning or a weekday evening. Volunteer requirements include completing an application with a background check and attendance at a *Protecting God's Children* seminar here or at another parish in our Archdiocese of Newark. For more information, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Protecting God's Children Session February 28th 6:30 p.m.

Protecting God's Children We are hosting a Protecting God's Children Session for adults here at St. Mary's on Tuesday, 2/28 at 6:30 p.m. in Szelest Hall/the school gym. This session is a requirement for all volunteers and employees throughout our Archdiocese of Newark. No walk-ins are allowed, register in advance at virtus.org. Several other parishes are offering sessions on

different dates and times, the list of all sessions available is viewable at virtus.org under our organization: the Archdiocese of Newark.

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Lenten Giving Tree



This year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we will be helping The Nurturing Place (York Street Project).

Tags will be available the first weekend of Lent, Feb. 25 - 26. Details to follow.

<u>Faith Sharing Groups for Lent</u>

Lent is coming! We once again offer faith sharing groups, they can be virtual or in person. If you would like to be a part of a group or lead one, please let the parish office know and we will send you materials to use for Lenten Reflection.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u>

The stations of the Cross in of the cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm using different meditations.

Penance

The following are the dates and locations for the Lenten Penance services in our deanery:

Monday, February 27 @ 7:00 pm Annunciation, Paramus Monday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm St Therese's, Cresskill Tuesday, March 7 @ 7:00 pm St Mary's, Dumont Monday, March 13 @ 7:00 pm St Peter's, River Edge Monday, March 27 @ 7:00 pm Mt Carmel, Tenafly

Annual Appeal

The 2023 Annual Appeal is well underway. St. Mary is currently at $\underline{\$7,109.00}$ from <u>46 families</u> as of Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity.

If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the doors of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

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

<u>Pray for Our Sick</u>

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Sean Haves...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

<u>God's Plan for Giving:</u>

"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. 11 - 12	\$9,075.00	\$5,921.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,339.00	1,077.00
Total	<u>\$10,414.00</u>	<u>\$6,998.00</u>

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.

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

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!

<u>Food Pantry News</u>

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



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



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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.