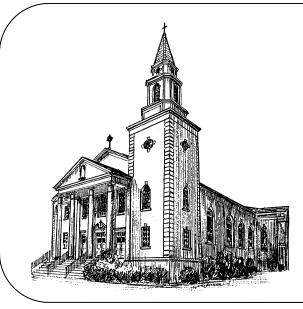
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 26, 2023 First 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. 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
Mr. John Weiss, Business Administrator
Beth Miloscia, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dory Weiss, Parish Secretary Sheila Romaine, Religious Ed. Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator

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

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. 25 - Vigil	
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	
Monday	Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday	
7:00ÅM	Gerard Reilly	
8:45AM	Vera Vietri	
Tuesday	Feb. 28 - Lenten Weekday	
7:00AM	Eduardo Carretas	
8:45AM	Peggy, John and Rev. Dan Cronin	
Wednesday	March 1 - Lenten Weekday	
7:00AM	Margaret Flaherty	
8:45AM	Michael J. McCabe	
Thursday	March 2 - Lenten Weekday	
7:00AM	James Gallagher	
8:45AM	Rev. Thomas Pendrick	
Friday	March 3 - Lenten Weekday	
7:00AM	Gerard Reilly	
8:45AM	Anne O'Neill	
Saturday	March 4 - Lenten Weekday	
8:30AM	Sr. Bridget O'Shea	
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's	
Sunday	March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent	
7:45AM	Vincent DiCostanzo	
10:00AM	Patricia Marino	
12 Noon	Todd Lostumbo	

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly FMORALS requested by his wife and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased George DiCostanzo and Antonia Po.

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - March 3rd

On Friday, March 3rd, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

We Welcome the Newest Member of our Parish Community

Baptism

Lincoln Hendrix Andaluz

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 Monday - Feb. 27 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 7:00PM PACT Angels Session/Parent Meeting UC/School 7:30PM RCIA Class 8:00PM Basketball SH Tuesday - Feb. 28 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS Wednesday - March 1 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC Hackensack Walk-in Shelter 7:30PM Line Dancing SH Thursday – March 2 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH Friday – March 3

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After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Aramaic School 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration 8:00PM Basketball SH 10:00PM Mass of Anointing Set-up SH

Saturday - March 4 8:00AM Korean School 10:30AM Spring Mass of Anointing SH Sunday – March 5

7:00PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC , ~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *¹~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *~ *

Spring Anointing Mass - March 4th



Our Spring Mass of Anomale Concelebrated on Saturday, March 4th at Our Spring Mass of Anointing will be 10:30 am in Szelest Hall.

We cordially invite all those who are affected by illness or confined at home to come join us as we ask God's healing upon them. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Mass.

We hope you will be able to join us for a light luncheon following Mass.

If you need the assistance of the Dumont Ambulance Corp. or ordinary transportation to get to Mass that morning, please call the Parish Office at 201-384-0557.

My Thoughts on the Parish Mission

By Deacon John Sylvester

I find it significant that the Gospel we hear at Mass today, Jesus being tempted in the desert, comes immediately after Jesus rose from his baptism and heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." It seems that, following his choice to be baptized, Jesus' experience of the Spirit impelled him to explore and clarify what it meant to be son of God. You and I, also, may feel impelled this Lent to explore what it means to be a baptized Christian. Some of us may feel that we are in a spiritual desert. Some of us may need inspiration to live a Christian life more deeply. Many of us are still affected by the Covid pandemic and need to renew our trust in God. Maybe we are looking for this Lent to be more meaningful.

Next week will be an opportunity for us as a parish to make this Lent different from past ones. From Monday, March 6th to Wednesday, March 8th, starting at 7:00 pm, we will host a parish mission. This will be a time of great grace for individuals and for our parish. Conducted by three Redemptorist priests, the theme of "Feeding the Hungers of the Heart" will explore topics such as "What God Does for Us" and "What We Do for God." There will also be an opportunity to meet with one of the priests for Confession, Spiritual Direction, or just talk.

Next Saturday, March 4th, at 11:00 am they will be present at a Mass for Healing, held in the gym. The Mission team will preach at all the Masses that weekend.

A brochure with the full schedule is at the doors of the church.

Their enthusiasm for preaching about God has been very apparent in the planning meetings for this Mission. This is a wonderful Lenten opportunity to experience our faith in a different way, to be refreshed and renewed. So as the Redemptorists sang in their video, "Come to the Mission. Come to hear the Good News preached anew!" And bring a friend!

Faith Sharing Groups for Lent

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.

Stations of the Cross

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



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

Stewardship Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

Bridge Makers

Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. We will be meeting on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's, 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont in the school. Use the parking lot entrance nearest Park Avenue. The scheduled guest is Rev. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R. Please contact Deacon Paul Kazanecki at pkazanecki@saint-peter.org or Deacon John Sylvester or deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.



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



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.



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Myra D'Silva...Angela Darata...Concepcion Santos 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...Ralph L...Marilvn I

Annual Appeal

The 2023 Annual Appeal is well underway. St. Mary is currently at <u>\$13,014.00</u> from <u>62 families</u> as of Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the doors of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Please remember to select our parish name, St. Mary's, when making an online gift and make sure to check the card you received from the diocese that states 624, St. Mary Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support. 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!



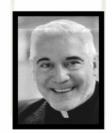
Feeding the Hungers of the Heart

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL SPONSORS

For Your Support In Helping Make Our Beefsteak Block Party A Successful One!

Frech-McKnight Funeral Home Knights of Columbus Shaw's Lock Service, Inc. Dumont Elks John Pierre Jewelers THANK YOU TO

SHOPRITE OF NEW MILFORD

For Our Beautiful Centerpieces





Lenten Giving Tree



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

The following are the items, *which are on the tags*, will help them out:

- Bounty Paper Towel
- Clorox Bleach Unscented
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Tissues
- Napkins
- Paper Plates
- Paper/Plastic bowls
- 7 oz. Plastic Cups
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Air Freshener Spray
- Lysol Spray or Disinfectant Spray

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. You can bring the item marked, *"Lenten Giving Tree"*, before Easter to the church in the weekend or the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

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. 18 - 19	\$8,477.00	\$6,550.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,765.00</u>	1,492.00
Total	\$10,242.00	<u>\$8,042.00</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.

Saint Joseph School

305 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ; sjsusa.org

Gr. Pre-K to 8 Open Enrollment for 2023-2024 Please visit our website to fill out an inquiry form or to register (under Admissions tab). No appointment is needed. For more information, or to learn about the Lancer-for-a-Day program, please call Principal, Mrs. Kassie Pierinelli at 201-261-2388.