

*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*  
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Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLA*  
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*  
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*  
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*  
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Online giving: WeShare  
[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://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.







## ***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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. PACT Saints families: There will be no session March 26<sup>th</sup>. PACT Saints and Angels groups will participate in a combined session on March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@stmarysdumont.org).

### **Protecting God's Children Session February 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

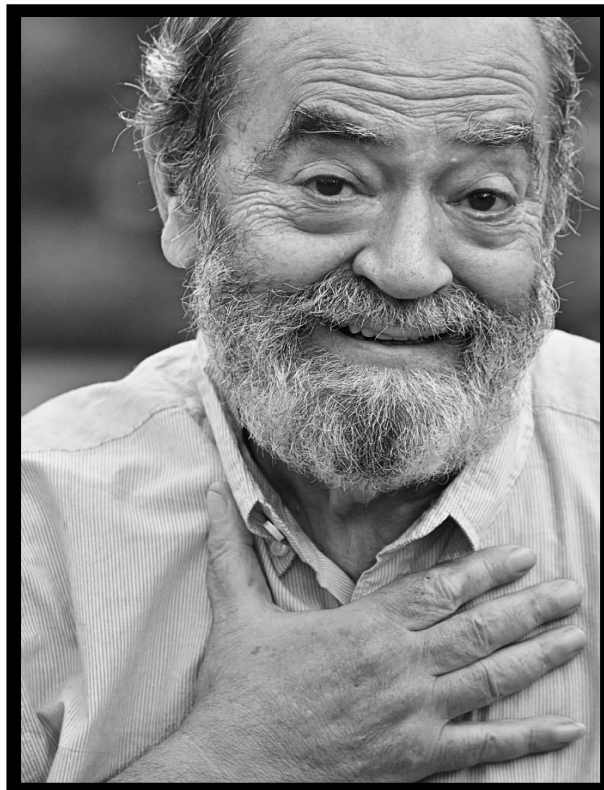


We are hosting a Protecting God's Children Session for adults here at St. Mary's on Tuesday, 2/28 at 6:30 p.m. in Szelest Hall/the school gym. This session is a requirement for all volunteers and employees throughout our Archdiocese of Newark. No walk-ins are allowed, register in advance at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org).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



**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.

