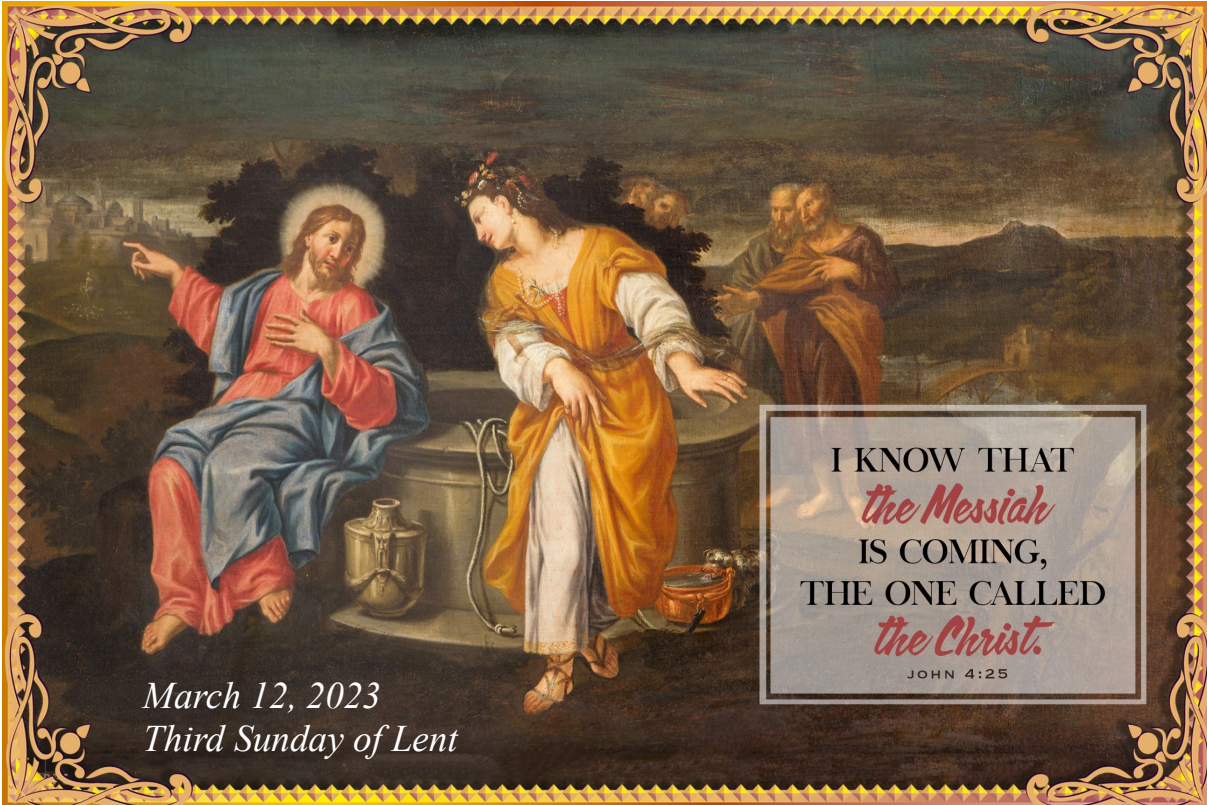


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557



I KNOW THAT
the Messiah
IS COMING,
THE ONE CALLED
the Christ.
JOHN 4:25

*March 12, 2023
Third 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

PASTORAL STAFF

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*

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

EUCCHARISTIC 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!



Saturday 5:30PM	March 11 - Vigil Mary Hegarty
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent Parishioners of St. Mary's Thomas and Mary O'Shea Neda Rosini
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 13 - Lenten Weekday Helena and Pat McKenna (Living) Robert and Joan Mascarelli
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 14 - Lenten Weekday Charles and Margaret Franz Rev. Thomas Pendrick
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 15 - Lenten Weekday Hugh Gallagher Margaret Flaherty
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 16 - Lenten Weekday Victoria M. Quiambao Daniel Dunne
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	March 17 - Lenten Weekday Kathleen and Frank McMorro Patrick J. Hegarty
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	March 18 - Lenten Weekday Brendan M. Thornton James Fazzari
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	March 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent Dennis and Daniel Daly Parishioners of St. Mary's Iluminada Panem



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Anne O'Neill requested by Patricia Jer-kovich

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dondo Almentra, Jr. requested by his mother and siblings.

2023 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine: Oct. 1, 15 & 22

This Week

Sunday – March 12

9:15AM RCIA Kids
10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass and First Scrutiny
7:00PM Youth Group Stations Practice UC

Monday - March 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:30PM RCIA Class
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – March 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

Wednesday - March 15

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
Line Dancing SH

Thursday – March 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – March 17

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – March 18

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – March 19

9:15AM RCIA Kids
10:00AM Second Scrutiny

Stewardship Reflection

3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

2024 Mass Book is Now Open

Please use the form in the last page of the bulletin when requesting a Mass or offerings.



His official feast day is not until next Friday, but today we will celebrate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We are most happy to welcome the dignitaries who lead today's Bergen County St. Patrick's Day parade.

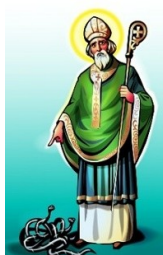
While it is true that in this country, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day has become more than the celebration of a 5th century bishop and has instead become a celebration of all things Irish. As we celebrate this remarkable man, I think it is important to remember who St. Patrick was and how he worked to establish the Catholic faith in Ireland.

Details about Patrick life are extremely limited but from the two writings he left us, we know that he was born in Britain and, at the age of 16, he was captured by Irish raiders who took him to Ireland where he lived in captivity for 6 years. As Patrick states in his "Confession," it was during this captivity that he experienced a spiritual awoken that led him, after his escape, to return to Ireland as a missionary.

Early medieval tradition credits St. Patrick with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland and, while evidence indicates that he was not the first missionary to bring Christianity to the island, he certainly worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel and is honored for his efforts to convert all of Ireland to the Christian faith.

As we remember how hard St. Patrick worked to spread the Gospel in Ireland, we must remember that, as followers of Christ, we are called to do the same. Let's look to St. Patrick as our inspiration so that in our families, in our workplaces and in our community, we may witness the Good News of Salvation and proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Carey



Feast of St. Joseph - March 20th



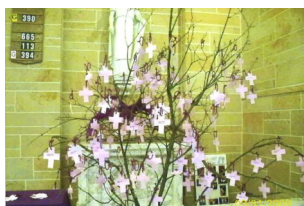
Join us on Monday, March 20th at the 7:30pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph. Following the Mass, there will be a social in Szelest Hall.

Stations of the Cross

We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm using different meditations.



Lenten Giving Tree



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

Tags are now available. If you can pick up a tag or two we greatly appreciate it. 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.

Hackensack Walk-in Shelter - March 1st ...Thank You!



We thank John and Paula Scalice for consistently delivering the food to the Hackensack Walk-In Shelter. We were able to continue this ministry because of them and we greatly appreciate all their hard work.

Lenten Penance Services

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



Monday, March 13 @ 7:00 pm
St Peter's, River Edge

Monday, March 27 @ 7:00 pm
Mt Carmel, Tenafly

Mark Your Calendar

Our Lenten Fish/Chicken Fry Fundraising will be on Thursday, March 30th. Order form will be in next week's bulletin.



PACT/Religious Education Program

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.

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: March 4 - 5	\$8,484.00	\$6,712.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,836.00</u>	<u>1,717.00</u>
Total	<u>\$11,320.00</u>	<u>\$8,429.00</u>
Snow Collection	\$1,558.00	\$1,951.00

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.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

The 2023 Annual Appeal is well underway. St. Mary is currently at \$22,124.00, which is 50% of our goal, from 94 families as of Tuesday, March 7, 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.

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...Danny Santulli...Ralph L
 Myra D’Silva...Angela Darata...Concepcion Santos
 Nancy Caggiano...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
 Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Jeric Lalo...Beth S.
 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...Kathleen...Maureen...Marilyn I
 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
 Brian van Westervelt

Knights of Columbus

Celebrate the Irish with us on March 25th

Join us from 7-11PM at one of our most popular events with an authentic menu including a cheese platter, corned beef, cabbage and bangers & mash. Dessert, coffee tea and soda are also included with a cash bar available. We’ll have Mike and Noreen Sherry, Piper Mike Harley and a performance from the O’Riain School of Irish Dance, Get your reservation in early by calling or texting Ken at 516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

**St. Mary’s Altar & Rosary Society
 News**

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Gertrude Hawk Easter candy fundraiser. Because of your generosity, we are able to help St. Mary’s and our other ministries.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4 @ 7 pm in Szelest Hall. Please join us as we share our faith and devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Also, the second annual paint night will be held on Friday, April 14 @ 7PM. Flyers are at the doors of the church and in the weekly email. Join us for some artistic creativity! And Fun!

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

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary’s, the residents of Dumont, the Girl Scout Troops of Dumont and Cub Scout Pack 131 for participating in our February food drive and monetary donations that were held on Saturday and Sunday, February 25th & 26th. And thank you to the St. Mary’s Youth Group and the Confirmation Candidates for bringing the donations to the pantry as well as the volunteers who packed the boxes for distribution. Because of your generosity and hard work, our neighbors will have a bountiful Easter feast and Spring season.

We will be collecting hams and turkeys from March 1 through March 30. If you are able to donate a ham or turkey, please drop to the rectory between 9 am and 5 pm.

If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”
 St. Mother Teresa.

God Bless,
 Anna, Denise & Lynne





J-Walk – St. Mary’s Youth Ministry
2023 Palm Cross Fundraiser
Place Orders by Monday, March 20



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Drop form in the collection boxes in the church, at the parish office or email your order to Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org



Price \$15.00

Quantity _____

Total Payment _____

Circle your method of payment: CASH CHECK ONLINE

Please provide payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Mary’s Church.

Online orders can be placed at stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

**Contactless Drive-Thru Pickup at the Rectory Garage
Saturday, April 1 between 9am and 11am**

St. Mary's Church
2024 Mass Requests By Mail Only

The Mass Book for 2024 will open on Monday, March 20th. **This year's requests will once again be made by mail only.** There will be no in-person requests. To ensure that all parishioners have an equal opportunity to request masses for their loved ones, each family may request **Three Sundays or Holydays and Five Weekday Masses in their INITIAL request. Beginning Wednesday, April 5th, you may request additional masses if desired.** You will receive confirmation of the dates and times you requested.

Three Sundays or Holydays - \$10.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card	
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No

Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card	
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
4. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
5. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No

Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Two Flowers - \$50.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Name: _____ Phone:* _____

Email:* _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

****Required for confirmation. Mass Requests is one check and offerings for Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamp & Flowers is another check, two checks in total.***

Please drop off the completed form, with your donation, in the Parish Office during the week, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or in the collection baskets. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2024 Masses**.