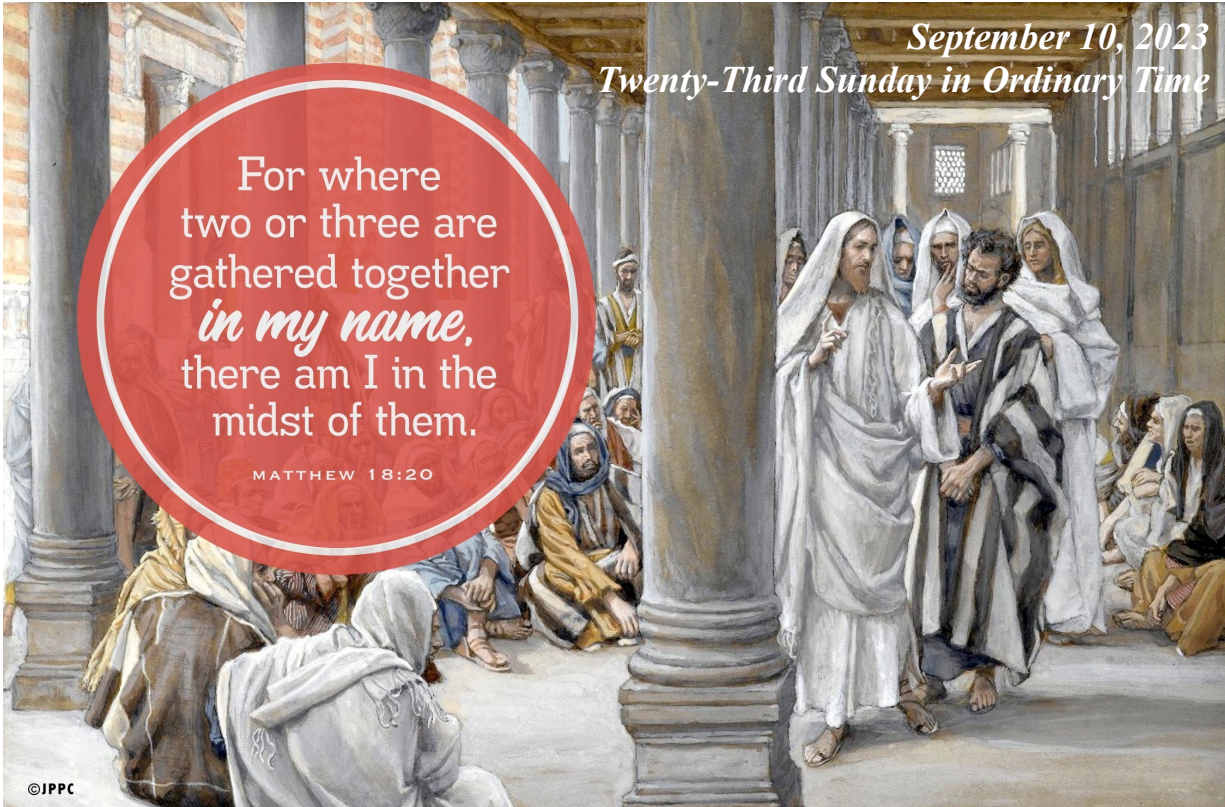


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



For where two or three are gathered together *in my name*, there am I in the midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

September 10, 2023
Twenty-Third 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

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. David W. Milliken, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*
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!

MASS Intentions

Saturday	Sept. 9 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Sept. 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Frances Hans
10:00AM	William A. Donohue
12 Noon	Michael J. Burke
Monday	Sept. 11 - Weekday
7:00AM	Victims of 9/11
8:45AM	Victims of 9/11
Tuesday	Sept. 12 - Weekday
7:00AM	Timothy Sheehan
8:45AM	Rolando Joaquin
Wednesday	Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom
7:00AM	Arthur Tuazon
8:45AM	David Karash
Thursday	Sept. 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00AM	George DiCostanzo
8:45AM	Fr. Tom Pendrick
Friday	Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00AM	Fr. Tom Pendrick
8:45AM	Robert and Joan Mascarelli
Saturday	Sept. 16 - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
8:30AM	Rita Crowley
5:30PM	Stosica Crvaric
Sunday	Sept. 17 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	William O'Shea
10:00AM	Robert Kenter
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Fr. Tom Pendrick requested by Mike and Mary Daly.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Lawrence Miloscia, Sr. requested by St. Mary's Choir.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Leonard Dalmacio.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 10

Food Pantry Donation Weekend
8:45AM Catechist Meeting School Library
11:00AM New Parent Meeting School
7:00PM JWalk Kickoff Meeting Youth Room

Monday - Sept. 11

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

Tuesday – Sept. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Baptism Class

Wednesday - Sept. 13

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Sept. 14

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

Friday – Sept. 15

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

Saturday – Sept. 16

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Sept. 17

8:30AM PACT Angels Opening Session Church/School
4:00PM Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony SH

Stewardship Reflection

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Correction

The offering for the **Sanctuary Lamp** on September 3, 2023 was inadvertently left blank. It should be in memory of Louis and Vera Vietri requested by the Vietri family. We apologize for the mistake.

From “not the pastor’s desk”

Dr. Bill Mascitello

What is Missionary Discipleship?

Perhaps you have heard the term *Missionary Discipleship* used by someone in our Roman Catholic Church. Did the question cross your mind (as it did mine): What exactly is meant by this?

The fundamental ideas behind Missionary Discipleship are not exactly new; but the emphasis may seem strange to us as Catholic-Christians. In past generations, there was much emphasis on knowledge and its role in our salvation. The truths of our faith are not abandoned or ignored as we are called to emphasize Missionary Discipleship. However, this emphasis is not only about knowing the facts behind our beliefs- but missionary disciples also carefully consider our ongoing relationship with God, and how we put our faith into practice.

It is likely that for most people reading this, putting Missionary Discipleship into practice as a Catholic-Christian does not mean radically abandoning one’s life for a life of strict poverty, chastity, and obedience as a vowed religious person in the Church. We are called to live as missionary disciples whatever our state in life. Pope Francis uncovers a challenge for all of us as he reminds us “Jesus teaches us that discipleship requires a relationship with God – not merely following rules or exhibiting outward actions without really changing your heart...” Francis continues that missionary discipleship “...is not something static, but a continuous movement towards Christ; it is not simply the fidelity to making a doctrine explicit, but rather the experience of the Lord’s living, kindly and active presence, an ongoing formation by listening to his word.... and hearing this word, we live it out in serving the concrete needs of our brothers and sisters.”

Pope Francis explains more about the foundations of Missionary Discipleship in a homily from a mass he celebrated in September, 2017. More of his explanation may be found online by searching for: *Pope Francis: Three Attitudes Are Fundamental to Christian Discipleship*. Other resources are available from our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at uscbb.org.

At St. Mary’s, our PACT/Religious Education Program humbly attempts to provide resources for members of our families with children of grade-school age so that they may consider their ongoing relationship with God, and live more fully as missionary disciples. For more information, contact us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

Serving in the Military

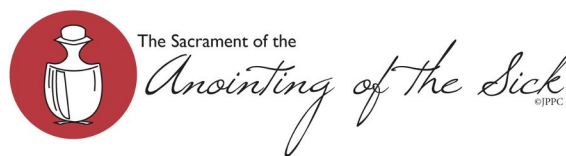
We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan...Christopher Smaldone
 Brian Manley...James Francis Ward...John Murray
 Brandon Barhydt...Vincent Mazzilli...Anthony Dunkin
 Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner...Curtis Gardner

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O’Shea...Sean Hayes...Arvin Erd
 Scott Tkacz...Caleb Jenkins...Hector Montero
 James Pelletiere...Skylar Frye...Kathleen Oates
 Anthony Montagnino...Danny Santulli...Ralph L
 Myra D’Silva...Angela Darata...Concepcion Santos
 Linda Moreno...Michael Hayes...Perfecto De Vera
 Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Jeric Lalo...Camille Cabezas
 Diane Lang...Mariantonia DiCostanzo...Anita Huckle
 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
 Laura Labetti..Simone Borges..Anya..Eric Cola
 Marcus Celeran...Brian van Westervelt Baby Wesley
 Juan Guzman...John Romaine...Gary Barba
 Ryan Heckman...Cecilia L. Lim...Michele Patetta
 Jacob Rivera...Jaxson Rivera...Michael Cremin
 Helen de la Pena...Valerie Valverde...John Eckel
 Patrick Cagney...Cathy Newman...Charles Jones
 Alec Kerr...Ann Marie Maurice...Fran D

Mark Your Calendars



Our Fall Mass of Anointing will be on Saturday, October 7th at 11:00 AM in Szelest Hall. Details to follow.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/Religious Education:

Color-coded PACT/Religious Education Program schedules have been sent to all registered PACT families this week.

Thank you to those who have submitted their registration for PACT/Religious Education sessions. If we have not received your family's registration, a form has been mailed to your home. Registration is past due, if you have not yet registered, please bring re-registrations in person to the office at this time.

New Parent Meetings:

PACT/Religious Education Program

Our PACT/Religious Education Program- is in place for St. Mary's families with children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even have a section of Kindergarten). Parents new to our parish/program come in to the Religious Education Office for a brief orientation session.

A meeting is scheduled:

Sunday, 9/10/23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Religious Education Office in the school. For more information, e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20

Staying with the program...

We are grateful to our parents and catechists for their efforts to help our parish children maintain a relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. Do you need to get your family back on track with Religious Education? Call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Help us spread the Good News!



The average commitment for catechists, substitutes, and aides at our Religious Education Program is once or twice per month on a Sunday morning or sacrament preparation on a weekday evening. Volunteer requirements include completing an application with a background check and attendance at a *Protecting God's Children* seminar. For more information e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20.

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)

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collections for Sept. 2 - 3 will be in next week's bulletin.



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 .

We greatly appreciate your continued support to St. Mary's.

High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicschoolsnj.org.

Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, September 19th at St. Thomas the Apostle School, 50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield

Tuesday, September 26th at Academy of St. Paul, 187 Wycoff Avenue, Ramsey

Wednesday, September 27th at St. Peter's Preparatory School, 144 Grand Street, Jersey City

Thursday, September 28th at St. John the Apostle School, 541 Valley Road, Clark

For directions and more information, visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

2024 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine: March 10; Apr. 14 & 28; May 5; June 2 & 16; July 7; Aug. 4, 11 & 18; Sept. 1, 8 & Sept. 22 & 29; Oct. 20 & 27; Nov. 3 & 24; Dec. 8.

Sanctuary Lamp: Jan. 14 & 21; Apr. 28; July 7; Aug. 4; Sept. 1; Nov. 17; Dec. 1



*St. Mary's Food Pantry
Food Donation Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, September 9th & 10th*



Dear St. Mary's Parishioners:

Three and a half years ago, our world was turned upside down. We needed to change the way we did some things, for instance how to get food to the pantry and to our neighbors in need. You all responded to the call by donating to our drive through food donation Saturdays. It was a great way to get the donations to St. Mary's and at the same time keeping everyone safe. Now that our lives have settled down, we will be having donation weekends four times a year. Our first one will be Saturday and Sunday, September 9th & 10th. Please bring your nonperishable food donations to the mass you attend. We will have volunteers at the vestibule of the upper church to collect your donations before and after all masses. If you forget your donation, please drop to the rectory any time Monday – Friday between 9 am and 5 pm (excluding 1 pm to 2 pm for lunch) Items most needed are listed below. No one knew what to expect three and a half years ago, but through God's Grace and your generosity, we were able to help those in need through one of the hardest periods in our lifetimes and still continue to do so today!

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, there will be food pantry envelopes at the doors of the church. Please place your donation in the collection baskets.

*Thank you for your continued support!
God Bless,
Anna, Denise & Lynne*

Progresso Soup, Syrup, Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Canned Tuna or Other Meat/Fish, Cereal, Pasta & Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Rice Dishes, Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Salad Dressing), Toilet Paper/Paper Towels/Tissues/Napkins, VO5 Shampoo & Conditioner

The volunteers from St. Mary's Food Pantry attended the 3rd annual Food Pantry Summit held at Bergen Community College on June 7. Many interesting speakers and vendors were there. One item discussed was Hunger Action Month which is in September. The Food Security Task Force of Bergen County is preparing for a month full of events & initiatives throughout Bergen County. Please keep an eye out for events in our area.



Come, join us...

St. Mary's Church, Dumont, NJ
together with
Ascension Church, New Milford, NJ
on the

NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
to the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

One-Day Bus Trip
Saturday,
September 16, 2023
Cost: \$50.00

1 Day Left to Register!!!

“Reservation is First Come, First Serve.”

Bus leaves St. Mary's promptly at 7:00 a.m. and
Departs from the Basilica at 5:30 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office at 201-384-0557 if you have any questions.



PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM • WASHINGTON, DC

Please enroll me as a pilgrim to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on Sept. 16th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____ (Made out to St. Mary's) Cash _____

Return this form to the Parish Office with your payment by
Monday, September 11th.

Karaoke & Line Dance Fun Night



October 7, 2023
(Saturday)
7:00pm - 11:00pm



St. Mary's Church
Szelest Hall Gym
280 North Washington Ave.
Dumont, NJ



Sponsored by:

Philippine-American Lay Apostolate
of Dumont (PALAD), St. Mary's Church

This is a fund raising event to
support the various projects of PALAD

Visiting Nurse Association of Englewood Hospice Volunteer

Why Become a Hospice Volunteer?

The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group.

Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Bergen County, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Englewood office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. A Specialized 15-hour Training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team, over the course of 3 weeks, in our office. If you would like more information or learn when the next training will be held please contact:

Ruth Sorbanelli, MPH, CHES® Volunteer Coordinator (201) 510-6426.