



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

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come
& you will
see.

JOHN 1:39



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/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*
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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!

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	Jan. 13 - Vigil
5:30PM	Cecelia Ricciardi
Sunday	Jan. 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Gabrielle Napoleone
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Frank and Rose Keighran
Monday	Jan. 15 - Weekday
7:00AM	Mary and Michael Martin
8:45AM	Douglas McCartney
Tuesday	Jan. 16 - Weekday
7:00AM	William Meyers
8:45AM	William Meyers
Wednesday	Jan. 17 - St. Anthony
7:00AM	William Meyers
8:45AM	William Meyers
Thursday	Jan. 18 - Weekday
7:00AM	Simone Borges
8:45AM	Hannah E. Matthews
Friday	Jan. 19 - Weekday
7:00AM	Juanita Merton
8:45AM	Rev. Patrick W. Donohue
Saturday	Jan. 20 - Weekday
8:30AM	Fabian Banzil, Sr.
5:30PM	Kenneth McGuire
Sunday	Jan. 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	James Boyle, Boyle and McGowan Families
10:00AM	Mateo Busanich
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of James Boyle requested by the Boyle Family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Thomas Castillo requested by Ed and Sally Ariola.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Joeray Ortiz, Rosemarie Frizioni, Alfredo Dionio Arlene M. Prauninger and Herminia Mercado Quiambao.

This Week



Sunday – Jan. 14
9:15AM RCIA Class Rectory
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal
1:00PM Baptisms
Monday – Jan. 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Jan. 16
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
Wednesday - Jan. 17
After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Jan. 18
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Jan. 19
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
6:30PM Sto. Niño 9th Day Novena SFC
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Jan. 20
8:00AM No Korean School
10:00AM Food Pick up LC
Sunday – Jan. 21
8:30AM PACT Saints School/Church
10:00AM Choir and RCIA Dismissal

Stewardship Reflection

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - JOHN 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down the Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in this nation. For the past 50 years, thousands have gathered in Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life to protest this decision and to uphold our belief in the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

A year and half ago, the Supreme Court issued a new decision which vacated the Roe decision leaving the question of the legality of an abortion to the laws of each individual state. Since then, some states have adopted strict draconian laws prohibiting all abortions while other states are working to ensure abortion as a legal option. This patchwork of state laws has caused mass confusion and heated debate regarding this issue. In the midst of this debate, on Friday, January 19th, thousands will march in Washington, D.C. to give witness to our belief that all human life is sacred.

I think it is most important to remember that abortion in this country did not start with Roe v Wade and abortions will not end even if all the laws are changed. As important as it is to change laws, it is much more important to change hearts and minds. Until everyone acknowledges the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, abortions will continue.

I find it extremely ironic that at the same time people work to enact laws to stop abortions, others work to promote laws that permit physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, and the death penalty. If we want to claim the mantle of Pro-Life, we must respect and protect all human life.

If we are truly followers of Christ, we must work to promote a culture of life where all human life is respected and nurtured. This must include the poor, the homeless, the sick and the marginalized in our society. We need to pray for world where no child goes to bed hungry and no elder person is neglected. Until every individual is respected as a child of God, our work in promoting a culture of life is not finished.

Fr. Carey

We started a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning January, 2024. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are in the military, ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557.

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 Murray

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd
Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice
Myra D'Silva...Diane Lang...Steve Riccardi
Concepcion Santos...Michael Hayes...Brian O'Dowd
Ted Widman...Alice Widman...Michele Patetta
John Romaine...Gary Barba...Robert Baccollo
Joseph Wells...Carmelo Abbruzzesi...Jonel Tinio

ANNUAL 2024 APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! You should have received an invitation in the mail from Cardinal Tobin to consider making a financial sacrifice to support this year's Annual Appeal. We are grateful for your generosity and we rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese, which are also centric to our faith. Your support to the Annual Appeal helps us accomplish across the Archdiocese what we would not be able to do alone.

You can make your commitment here at Mass on February 3-4, which will be our In-Pew Weekend. You can also make a gift online by going to rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your time and consideration. You are in my prayers. Please pray for the success of the Annual Appeal.

Parish Office Schedule



In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day on Monday, January 15, the parish office will be closed that day.



PACT/Religious Education Program

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We thank our parents and catechists for helping keep our parish PACT/Religious Education Program a priority here at St. Mary's. Religious Education is curricular for all Catholic children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even offer a section of Kindergarten). Do you know anyone new to St. Mary's who needs more information? New families may e-mail religious@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 ext. 20

Confirmation Preparation



Monthly Monday Confirmation Preparation is underway. Our next session is 2/12/24. Our retreat is Saturday, 1/27/24. For more information, consult the schedule that was distributed to candidates and their parents. Please pray for our candidates, their families, and our parish family that the Holy Spirit may draw us to an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

First Holy Communion Preparation – Save the dates!

See the information letter which was distributed to parents for more details about First Communion Preparation.



First Holy Communion Preparation Parent Meeting will be Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Morning With Jesus (for parents and candidates) is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

2024 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES TEEN SPIRIT PERSONAL HYGIENE DRIVE

Please donate from the list below and help our Confirmation Candidates, collect & fill individual male and female personal hygiene boxes for their peers in need.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ST. MARY'S RECTORY or RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2024.

PLEASE MARK DONATIONS ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS ED/CONFIRMATION

ITEMS NEEDED:

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|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| TOOTHBRUSHES | TOOTHPASTE | FLOSS | | |
| ALCOHOL-FREE MOUTHWASH | SHAMPOO | CONDITIONER | BRUSHES | |
| COMBS | HAIR GEL | BAR SOAP | BODY WASH | |
| LOOFAS | DEODORANT | BODY LOTION | BABY WIPES | |
| PERSONAL SIZE TISSUES | NAIL CLIPPERS | DISPOSABLE SHAVERS | | |
| SHAVING CREAM | AFTER SHAVE | FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS | | |
| HAND SANITIZER | CHAPSTICK | BODY SPRAY | POWDER | |
| PAIN RELIEVERS | FIRST-AID CREAM | BANDAIDS | MULTI-VITAMINS | |

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)

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2023, 2022. Rows: Collections: Dec. 30 - 31, Weekly On-Line Giving, Total.

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Treasure from our children: \$14.13

Here are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish.

- "I helped someone." "I said my prayers." "I talked with parents about lesson." "I helped the poor" "I cleaned."



Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

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

2024 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

Apr. 14 & 28; June 2; July 7; Aug. 11 & 18; Sept. 1 & 8.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Nov. 17; Dec. 1.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News

More Rosary Beads Needed!



One of the many missions of the Altar & Rosary Society is to promote daily praying of the Rosary. We are in search of rosaries for the beautiful Rosary Bead plaque that was donated by a generous individual.

Let's realize what our Lady of Fatima asked of the three shepherd children and pray the Rosary daily! We thank you for your continued support.



St. Mary's Food Pantry



Can Can You Help Us?

Shop Rite has started their Can Can sales! Can you help us? If so, we are in need of canned vegetables, potatoes, beans, etc.

Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless, Anna, Denise & Lynne



2023 Simbang Gabi Nativity Pageant Casts, Crew and Choir





50/50 Raffle

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

to all who participated in our fundraising. You made it such a **HUGE** success. We are very grateful for your support.

The winning tickets were pulled on January 7, 2024 the Feast of the Epiphany after the 12:00 noon Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!!

We received a total of **\$34,860.00**.

Ticket # 05063	\$8,715.00	1 st Prize (25% of the proceeds)
Ticket #03866	\$ 5,229.00	2 nd Prize (15% of the proceeds) and
Ticket #08630	\$ 3,486.00	3 rd Prize (10% of the proceeds)

