



*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*



**February 18, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

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## **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*  
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://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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<b>Saturday</b> 5:30PM	<b>Feb. 17 - Vigil</b> Michael J. Burke
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Feb. 18 - First Sunday of Lent</b> Peggy Cronin and John Daly Ivanica Telesmanich Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 19 - Lenten Weekday</b> Sr. Maureen O'Neill Vera Vietri
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 20 - Lenten Weekday</b> John Hennessy Leo Bennett Canlas Melber (Living)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 21 - Lenten Weekday</b> Ivan Tarabokija Maureen Mulcahy
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle</b> Paulette Azouri Nelida Lopez Rizzo
<b>Friday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Feb. 23 - Lenten Weekday</b> Menchu Diago Teresa O'Malley
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30AM 5:30PM	<b>Feb. 24 - Lenten Weekday</b> Francis Fitzgerald Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Feb. 25 - Second Sunday of Lent</b> Daniel Markert Pablo T. Naong Gerard Reilly



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Peter A. Burger requested by Eleanor King.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Betty Duffy requested by her granddaughters.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Don Pepperl.

## This Week



### Sunday – Feb. 18

#### First Sunday of Lent

10:00AM Choir and Rite of Sending  
4:30PM Rite of Election Newark  
Second Collection: Aid to Church in Central and Easter Europe

### Monday – Feb. 19

#### President's Day

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
8:00PM No Basketball SH

### Tuesday – Feb. 20

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

### Wednesday - Feb. 21

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC  
6:30PM Decorate Wreaths for Easter  
7:30PM No Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – Feb. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:30PM No Irish Step Dancing LS  
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory  
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

### Friday – Feb. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Aramaic School  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Saturday – Feb. 24

8:00AM Korean School  
10:00AM Food Pick up LC

### Sunday – Feb. 25

#### Second Sunday of Lent

8:30AM PACT Saints Church/School  
10:00AM Choir and Penitential Rite Candidates Dismissal  
1:00PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner Set-up/Event SH  
1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm  
7:00PM JWalk Stations Practice UC

## Presidents' Day – February 19th



The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th in observance of President's Day.



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert to prepare himself for his public ministry. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert to prepare themselves to enter into the Promised Land. We are given the 40 days of Lent to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of our salvation. The question is what desert will we chose to help us get ready?

Lent is a time of sober reflection, reassessment and rededication of our lives to God. We review our lives, seek forgiveness, do penance, and recommit ourselves to Christ. How is this possible in the busyness of everyday life and in the noise of our crowded world?

This first Sunday of Lent reminds us that each of us needs to follow Christ into the desert. This is a journey into the self. A journey where we too face temptations; a journey where we acknowledge our failures; a journey in which we allow the Spirit to guide us and where we come to understand our total dependence on the God who called us into being.

May our Lenten journey lead us not just to the joys of Easter but may it also lead us into a deeper and more profound relationship with our Lord and Savior.

**Fr. Carey**

### Deanery Lenten Penance Service



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

Monday, February 26 @ 7:00 pm  
**St. Mary's Dumont**

Monday, March 4 @ 7:00 pm  
**St Joseph's in Oradell**

Monday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm  
**St. Peter's in River Edge**

Monday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm  
**Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus**

### 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.

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

- Paper Towel (8.5 inch)
- Liquid Bleach (Unscented)
- Liquid Hand Soap (Refill jugs and individual)
- Tissues
- Laundry Detergents
- Paper Plates
- Paper Bowls
- 7 oz. Plastic Cups
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Zip Lock Bags (Gallon, quart, sandwich, snack)
- Baby Wipes (Unscented)
- Baby Food (Fruits and vegetables only - jars/pouches)

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.

### 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 each week. Friday, February 16th was our first session.

### Faith Sharing Groups for Lent

Want to do something different this lent? Why not start a small weekly faith sharing group with your friends. Anyone who is interested should call the parish office, and we will send you materials to use for these Lectionary based reflections. Questions? Email Kathy Sylvester, [Kathy@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:Kathy@stmarysdumont.org).



**Save the Date! Monday February 19, 7 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont, NJ**

## **"Mission Possible: Being Eucharist Alive"**

**An Evening of Reflection with S. Marilyn Minter, CSSF**



### ***About our presenter...***



Sister Marilyn Marie Minter has been a member of the Felician Community for 49 years and has been involved in a variety of ministries as a Felician Sister. She spent a number of years in the field of education on the elementary and secondary levels during which her ministry took her to numerous high schools and elementary schools in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Sister Marilyn worked with the Vocation Offices of Newark, Metuchen, Trenton, Camden, Philadelphia, and Wilmington, helping to plan and present programs to foster and nourish the call to use one's gifts and talents in the service of the Lord and the people of God. For more than a decade, Sister Marilyn responded to an inner call of evangelization with and among the poor that led her to various mission immersion experiences in Africa, Mexico, Kamchatka in Russia, and Haiti. Sister Marilyn has also served the Archdiocese of Newark as an Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and her religious community as Director of Music and Liturgy in Lodi, NJ. She has conducted parish missions, as well as retreats with youth, young adults and the not-so-young.

**A free-will offering will be taken to support the Haiti Mission of the Felician Sisters.**



## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **Contact Information Update**

PACT parents- please ensure that your contact information is correct so that we may contact you when necessary. Have you changed a phone number- or have a new cellphone? Do you receive e-mails with important updates from St. Mary's PACT and from the parish? Have you moved? To update your information, e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org) or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

### **New/Returning Families**

Do you know anyone who needs more information about Religious Education or a family with children who should be attending? Refer them to us, they may e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org) or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20. Thank you!

### **First Holy Communion Preparation – Morning With Jesus**

We thank all who helped us with our *Morning With Jesus* held last week with our First Communion candidates and parents.

We would especially like to thank:

Karen Permuy – Practice of Reception of Eucharistic Species

Luis E. Chavez Chavez and Beth Miloscia – Music

Janet and Nelson Salazar – Seder/Last Supper Symbols Celebration

Susan Seidman – Craft

*...and the many Confirmation Candidates who provided their service to help the morning run smoothly!*



### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated with Bishop Flesey on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. here at St. Mary's. Please take this opportunity to pray for our candidates, their families, and our community that the Holy Spirit may enliven us to be witnesses of the Good News in our families, neighborhoods, and world. Our fifth Confirmation Candidate Preparation Session is Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Service for Confirmation Candidates**

We are in need of an attendance runner/office helper during our PACT sessions and First Communion Tuesday evening sessions. Candidates may help on the alternate PACT week (not the date they are scheduled to attend PACT). Candidates should consider reaching out to the poor via a project connected to the Rice Bowl, such as simple and meatless meal preparation. Check e-mails and our parish bulletin for other possible service opportunities at St. Mary's.

## St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News



St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting an Easter candy fundraiser with Gertrude Hawk Chocolates!

Order form packets are available at the doors of the upper church. All families enrolled in our PACT program will receive a flyer during their PACT session. Orders are due Monday, February 19. Thank you for your support!!

Also, please join us on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 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

## 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...Diane Lang  
Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice...Myra D'Silva  
Steve Riccardi...Concepcion Santos...Brian O'Dowd  
Michael Hayes...Ted Widman...Alice Widman  
Michele Patetta...John Romaine...Anne Picciano  
Robert Baccollo...Joseph Welsh...Jonel Tinio  
Carmelo Abbruzzesi..Baby Colton Lewis..Gary Barba  
Perla Biron...Skylar Frye...Scott Tkacz...Sean Hayes  
N.Diamond...Joan Lyons...Perla Biron...June H  
Patricia Adone...George Taylor...Tom Aquino  
Francis Martin...Maureen Martin...Ryan Heckman

## Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Mary's Food Pantry

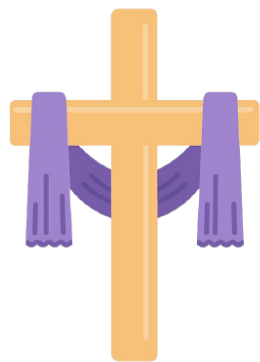


"If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed just one"  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## Food Pantry Easter Donation Weekend The Weekend of March 16 Give The Gift Of A Meal



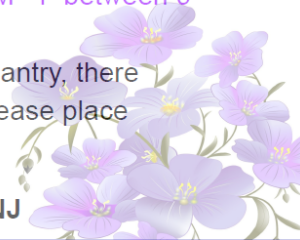
**Items In Need:** Yams, Turkey Gravy, Dried Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Tea/Coffee, Brownie Mix, Rice Dishes, Sauce/Pasta, Syrup/Bisquick, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels  
**Frozen Turkeys & Hams** (Collecting through Friday March 22nd)



Please bring your non perishable food donations to the mass you attend. Volunteers will be at the vestibule of the upper church to collect your donations before and after all masses the weekend of March 16th. If you forget your donation, please drop to the rectory any time: M - F between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (excluding 1 pm to 2 pm for lunch)

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.

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**Stewardship Reflection**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” - MARK 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



1. Our **Lenten Fish/Chicken Fry Fundraising** will be on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Order form will be in next week’s bulletin.



2. Our St. Mary’s Youth Ministry is having a **Palm Cross Fundraiser**. Order form will be in next week’s bulletin as well.



**2023 Contributions Statement**

If you want a statement regarding your 2023 contributions, please call the parish office and give us your name, address and envelope number. We will get the statement to you in a timely fashion.

**2024 Offerings Available**

**Bread and Wine:** Apr. 28; June 2; Aug. 11 & 18.

**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)**

	2024	2023
Collections: Feb. 10 - 11	\$7,989.00	\$9,075.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,966.00</u>	<u>1,339.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,955.00</u>	<u>\$10,414.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$20.00

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. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

**“Helping my friend.”**  
**“I talked with parents about lesson.”**



**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.

**ANNUAL 2024 APPEAL**

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$12,949.00 already pledged. This is approximately 29.26% of our goal, from 65 families as of Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

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 give, please visit [www.rcan.org/](http://www.rcan.org/) sharing or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your prayers and support.

