

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



*March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent*

*Destroy this
temple and
in three days
I will raise it up.*

JOHN 2:19

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*

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

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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 | March 2 - Vigil |
| 5:30PM | Frances Hans |
| Sunday | March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent |
| 7:45AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 10:00AM | George DiCostanzo |
| 12 Noon | Illuminada and Abdon Panem |
| Monday | March 4 - Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Sr. Bridget O'Shea |
| 8:45AM | Anne O'Neill |
| Tuesday | March 5 - Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Lois Gaetto |
| 8:45AM | Jeanne Calabrese |
| Wednesday | March 6 - Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Joe and Lucy Sica (Living) |
| 8:45AM | Margarita Bonaldo |
| Thursday | March 7 - Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Patrick and Dolores Kiernan |
| 8:45AM | Maureen Mulcahy |
| Friday | March 8 - Lenten Weekday |
| 7:00AM | John J. Cleary |
| 8:45AM | Ann Zanosky |
| Saturday | March 9 - Lenten Weekday |
| 8:30AM | Francis Fitzgerald |
| 5:30PM | Alfred Barone and Diane Morrissey |
| Sunday | March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| 7:45AM | Dennis and Daniel Daly |
| 10:00AM | Thomas and Mary O'Shea |
| 12 Noon | Parishioners of St. Mary's |



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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Sr. Bridget O'Shea requested by Rose O'Shea.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased George Ledermann.

This Week



Sunday – March 3
Third Sunday of Lent
 8:30AM PACT Angels Church/School
 10:00AM Choir and First Scrutiny
 3:00PM Girl Scouts Father/Daughter Dance
 Set-up / Event SH

Monday – March 4
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
 8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – March 5
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
 7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH

Wednesday - March 6
 After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
 2:30PM Hackensack Walk-in Shelter
 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – March 7
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
 7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

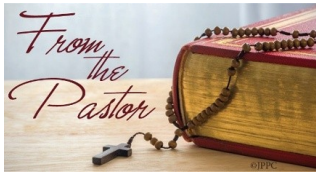
Friday – March 8
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
 5:00PM Aramaic School
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC
 8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – March 9
 8:00AM Korean School
 Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions /
 Catholic Relief Services

Sunday – March 10
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10:00AM Choir and Second Scrutiny
 St. Patrick's Mass and Social UC/SH
 7:00PM JWalk Stations Practice UC
 Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions /
 Catholic Relief Services
 Daylight Saving Time Starts

2024 Offerings Available

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



A few weeks back, on Ash Wednesday, we entered into the sacred season of Lent. When we began this Lenten journey, many of us made a commitment to engage in some special penance, to give up some special food or behavior, or, perhaps we had decided to participate in some special spiritual exercise. Each of us made some commitment to making this Lent special so that we would be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

Well, how are we doing? Are we still committed to making this Lent special or have we given up? Have we persevered in our Lenten commitments or have they, like our New Year's resolutions, been quickly abandoned? Maybe we never even started our Lenten commitments because we knew that it was doomed to failure.

It's not too late to start and if we tried and failed, it's not too late to start again. We don't need an Ash Wednesday or a January 1st, to start making changes for the better. We don't need some special day to tell us now is the time to make a commitment to get closer to God. We don't need a calendar to dictate our spiritual life. All we need is the desire to change and realization that we can do nothing without God's help.

It does not matter how many times we have tried before. This Lent is an invitation to the ongoing work of conversion. Conversion is a lifetime journey; a journey we do not make alone. Our God is with us each step of the way; always ready to give us another chance to know Him, another chance to receive His mercy, another chance to experience His infinite love.

Fr. Carey

Daylight Saving Time Begins



On Sunday, March 10th, Daylight Saving Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed on the evening of March 9th.

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.

St. Patrick's Mass - March 10th

Our annual St. Patrick's celebration will be held on Sunday, March 10th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing, and bagpipes.



Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th



Join us on Monday, March 19th at the 7:30pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph. Following the Mass, there will be a social in Szelest Hall.

Stewardship Reflection

3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Deanery Lenten Penance Service



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

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



PACT/Religious Education Program

First Holy Communion Preparation



Our regular preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning with prayer and song in the church. The next session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th. Be sure to check your First Holy Communion Preparation schedules for other important dates and announcements.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated with Bishop Flesey on April 28th 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 Confirmation practice with candidates, parents, and sponsors is Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Check your Confirmation Preparation schedules for other important information.

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 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 or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20. Thank you!

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.

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
 Josefina Caoli...Jeanne Kwederis

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society
News

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a fundraiser in the vestibule of the upper church the weekend of March 9 & 10 after all masses.

There will be Lourdes books (\$20/book), "Fun Pasta" (\$5/bag) and a bake sale. The pasta will be in the shapes of shamrocks, bunnies or hearts. Please stop by the table! We thank you for your support!!

Also, our next meetings are Tuesday, March 5th & Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7 pm in Szelest Hall. Come share your faith with us and renew your devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@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)

| | 2024 | 2023 |
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| Collections: Feb. 17 - 18 | \$7,617.00 | \$8,477.00 |
| Weekly On-Line Giving | <u>1,443.00</u> | <u>1,765.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$9,060.00</u> | <u>\$10,242.00</u> |

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Collections: Feb. 24 - 25 | \$6,675.00 | \$8,975.00 |
| Weekly On-Line Giving | <u>1,379.00</u> | <u>1,452.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$8,054.00</u> | <u>\$10,427.00</u> |

Treasure from our children: \$12.00

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.

**"I talked with parents about lesson."
"I helped someone." "I said my prayers."
"I donate money."**



**Safe Environment Corner
How to Report Abuse**

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

201-407-3256

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 \$18,931.00 already pledged. This is approximately 42.78% of our goal, from 96 families as of Tuesday, February 27, 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/sharing or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



A former long time parishioner, Annemarie Caruth will turn 100 years old on March 7th. Happy Birthday!!!

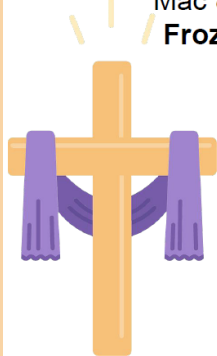


"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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



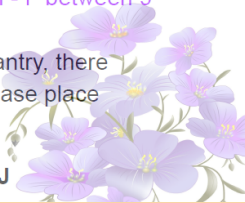
Items In Need: Yams, Turkey Gravy, Dried Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Tea/Coffee, Brownie Mix, Rice Dishes, Sauce/Pasta, Syrup/Bisquick, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
Frozen Turkeys & Hams (Collecting through Friday March 22nd)



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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J-Walk – St. Mary's Youth Ministry 2024 Palm Cross Fundraiser Place Orders by Monday, March 11



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, March 23 between 9am and 11am**

March 14 2024



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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LENTEN FISH/CHICKEN FRY DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Church.

**INCLUDES CHOICE OF:
FISH AND CHIPS DINNER OR
CHICKEN AND CHIPS DINNER
WITH COLESRAW.**

PICK UP ON: THURSDAY,

MARCH 14, 2024

TIME: 5:00PM - 7:00PM

WHERE: ST. MARY'S

RECTORY PARKING LOT

Advance Orders Required by

March 13, 2024 Noon



Courtesy of Google.com

Prepared by: Tastelessly British

\$20.00 per Dinner

Order Form - Return with Payment to the Parish Office or Put in the Collection Basket

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Fish & Chips: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____ Chicken & Chips: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ *Make check payable to St. Mary's Church*

Or Order and Pay On-Line at: stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com