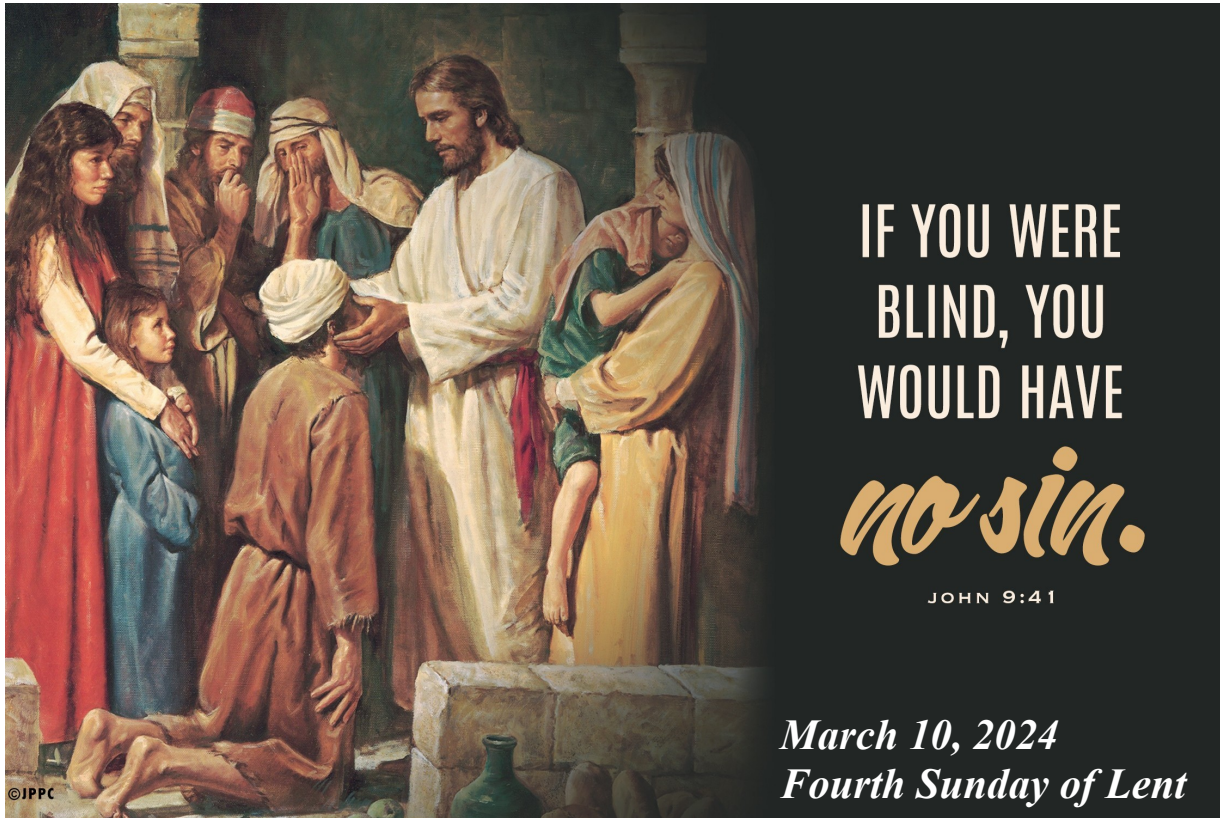


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



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

**March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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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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 9 - Vigil
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
Monday	March 11 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Timothy O'Keeffe
8:45AM	Terry Mariano
Tuesday	March 12 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Timothy Keith Martin
8:45AM	Neda Rosini
Wednesday	March 13 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	The Barry Family
8:45AM	Maureen Mulcahy
Thursday	March 14 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Aurora Garcia
8:45AM	Teresa O'Malley
Friday	March 15 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Elvin Lister
8:45AM	Daniel Dunne
Saturday	March 16 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Kathleen and Frank McMorro
5:30PM	Dolores Calupad Diaz
Sunday	March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Bill O'Shea and Family
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Josie Cahill



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Thomas Castillo requested by Ed and Sally Ariola

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Josie Cahill requested by Donald Cahill and Family

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Alice Widman.

This Week



Sunday – March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00AM Choir and Second Scrutiny
10:00AM 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

Monday – March 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Session #5 Church/School

Tuesday – March 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:00PM Cleaning of Chandeliers UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Wednesday - March 13

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

Thursday – March 14

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Fish/Chicken Fry Drive Thru Fundraising
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – March 15

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

Saturday – March 16

8:00AM Korean School
Food Collection Weekend

Sunday – March 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00AM Choir and Third Scrutiny
St. Patrick's Day
Food Collection Weekend

Lenten Fish/Chicken Fry Drive-Thru Fundraiser-March 14



See last page of the bulletin for the order form.



Next Sunday is the official feast day of St. Patrick but because of the Bergen County Parade, we will celebrate St. Patrick today. Let's say we will begin the celebration of St. Patrick today as we welcome the dignitaries who lead today's Bergen County St. Patrick's Day parade.

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's 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 awakening that led him, after his escape, to return to Ireland as a missionary.

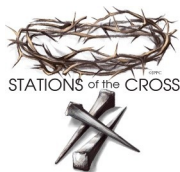
Early medieval tradition credits St. Patrick with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland and, while evidence indicates that he was not the first missionary to bring Christianity to the island, he certainly worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel and is honored for his efforts to convert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



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.

Deanery Lenten Penance Service



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

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

Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th



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

Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.



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...Arsenia Carrasco
 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...Miss Giusi S.
 Mariantonia D...Fran D.

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: Mar 2 - 3	\$8,603.00	\$8,484.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	2,224.00	2,836.00
Total	\$10,827.00	\$11,320.00

Snow Removal \$1,975.00 \$1,558.00

Treasure from our children: \$59.00

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 pray every night."..."I did the dishes."
..."I washed the dishes."..."I helped my dad."***



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 **\$22,476.00** already pledged. This is approximately **50.79%** of our goal, from **108 families** as of Tuesday, March 5, 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.



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**



Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

Grand Knight Chuck Hollis invites you to



IRISH NIGHT
On
Saturday March 23rd
From
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm



Join us for one of our most popular events. The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of a Cheese Platter, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Bangers and Mash, coffee, tea and dessert.

Tap beer, wine, and soda are included. All else cash bar available.

Let's not forget featuring LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by

Mike & Noreen Sherry

and a special performance by

Early McLoughlin School of Irish Dance

Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

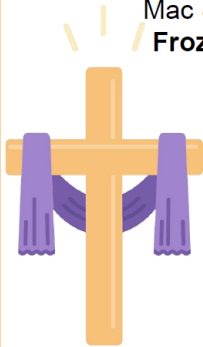
All this for only \$40 per person!



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



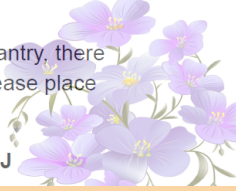
Items In Need: Yams, Turkey Gravy, Dried Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Tea/Coffee, Brownie Mix, Rice Dishes, Sauce/Pasta, Syrup/Bisquick, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
Frozen Turkeys & Hams (Collecting through Friday March 22nd)



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.

Saint Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave, Dumont, NJ



**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**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628 // 201-384-0557

LENTEN FISH/CHICKEN FRY DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Church.



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\$20.00 per Dinner

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

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

March 14 2024



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