



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

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

THIS IS MY
COMMANDMENT

LOVE ONE
ANOTHER AS
I LOVE YOU

John 15:12



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Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	May 4 - Vigil
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
Sunday	May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Vincent DiCostanzo
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Joe Tumaneng
Monday	May 6 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Brendan Thornton
8:45AM	Joy Carabuena
Tuesday	May 7 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick and Mary Hennessy
8:45AM	Ana Vidal (Living)
Wednesday	May 8 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Mattea Morin
8:45AM	Michael McGuire
Thursday	May 9 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Karen Kaine
8:45AM	Michele Patetta (Living)
Friday	May 10 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Ines Ferdenzi
8:45AM	Dzoni Dzafer-Bektesevic
Saturday	May 11 - Easter Weekday
8:30AM	Barbara and Augie Zarski
5:30PM	Simone Borges
Sunday	May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord
7:45AM	All the Mothers of the Parish Living and Deceased
10:00AM	All the Mothers of the Parish Living and Deceased
12 Noon	All the Mothers of the Parish Living and Deceased



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Brendan Thornton requested by his family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of the deceased members of the Parrella and Casanova families requested by Josie.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Darwin Pabico.

This Week



Sunday – May 5

10:00AM Choir
10:00AM First Communion UC
12:00PM First Communion UC
7:00PM JWalk Meeting Youth Rm

Monday – May 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – May 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Altar & Rosary May Crowning and Meeting UC/SH

Wednesday - May 8

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:00PM GLO Staff Meeting LS
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – May 9

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

Friday – May 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
4:00PM A & R Paint Night Set-up/Event SH
8:00PM No Basketball SH

Saturday – May 11

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – May 12

Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day
10:00AM Choir UC
1:30PM Baptisms UC

Stewardship Reflection

6th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



While it is impossible to count on the weather, there are certain signs of spring you can count on. Along with birds nesting and flowers blooming, a sure sign of spring is the celebration of First Holy Communion.

This weekend we will begin welcoming young members of our parish to the Eucharistic table for the very first time. There are 54 youngsters who have been preparing for this very special moment when they will encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They come forward, their faces filled with joy. You can see it in their eyes; they know they are receiving a most special gift.

Would it not be wonderful if we could all approach the Eucharistic table with the same sense of wonder and awe? Instead, we come forward because we always come forward. We follow the person in front of us because that's what everyone does. We say "Amen" because that's what you're supposed to say. But do we ever stop and think about what we are being given? Do we truly appreciate the awesome gift we have the opportunity to receive?

These little ones can teach us that the Eucharist is a special gift which we should never take for granted. Maybe because the Eucharist is always available to us, we fail to see it as something so very special. But it is special. Every time we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, we need to remember the overwhelming joy of our First Holy Communion. We need to be aware that it could possibly be our Last Holy Communion. We need to cherish this special gift as if it were our Only Holy Communion.

Fr. Carey

Part-time Custodian/Janitor Needed

St. Mary's Church is seeking to hire a part-time custodian/janitor. Duties include opening the Church each morning and providing general custodial services throughout the church and school building. Other duties as assigned. Hours are Monday to Friday, 6 am to 11:00am. Interested candidates should call the Rectory, 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...Anthony Dunkin

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd...John M. Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice...Myra D'Silva Steve Riccardi...Brian O'Dowd...Perfecto de Vera Michael Hayes...Ted Widman...Arsenia Carrasco Michele Patetta...John Romaine...Anne Picciano Robert Baccollo...Joseph Welsh...Jonel Tinio...Anya 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...Audrey Maguire...Kevin Daniel Robbins...Katie Hubert...Billy Schweizer Carole Chittenden...Alisen Herman...Fidel Ronque Jing Santamaria...Dolores O'Dowd...Nicole Sorce Baby Jason Aldo...Jeannine

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be ending our year with the May Crowning Mass on Tuesday, May 7 @ 7 PM in the upper church. Please join us as we honor The Queen of May our church's Patroness. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend.

There will be an ice cream social immediately following in Szelest Hall.

If you are thinking of joining for next year, please join us to see what we are all about.

Next year we begin our 88th year!

We would like to thank Father Carey for his continued support of our ministry. As well as all the support staff at St. Mary's.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 7!

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/Religious Education Program Re-registration has begun!

Our April PACT/Religious Education sessions are our final family sessions as we shift our focus on preparing for our sacramental celebrations. Re-registration information and reminders will be sent home this week for those who have missed our final PACT meeting. Parents are asked to remember to register for next year's program to ensure that we are able to plan accordingly.

New Families – PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT is a family program provided for all parish families with children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic schools (we also have a small Kindergarten group). Children who attend regular Religious Education or Catholic school are then prepared separately for First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation.

Parents of families new to the program meet with our director for a brief orientation. To schedule an appointment or for more information e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20. Thank you!

First Holy Communion Preparation

Please pray for our First Holy Communion candidates and their families who we will welcome to the table of the Lord during our Easter Season. Parents of candidates- be sure to check your First Holy Communion Preparation schedule for your child's practice date and time and other important announcements.



Contact Information Update

PACT/Religious Education 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.



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: April 27 - 28	\$8,119.00	\$7,633.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,449.00</u>	<u>1,712.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,568.00</u>	<u>\$9,345.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$13.00

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."



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 ~~\$39,640.33~~ already pledged. This is approximately **90%** of our goal, from **161 families** as of Tuesday, April 30, 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.



Wedding Anniversary Liturgies



The archdiocese is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgy will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin:

June 2, 2024 12:00 PM 50 years (All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Any couple who would have celebrated their Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join them. Please note, whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023, the certificates will still say Gold, not 51 etc.

If you would like to participate in one of these liturgies, you need to come to the parish office and fill in a registration form so that they know the names and the number of those attending each liturgy.

High Schools Open House

1. Saint Peter's Preparatory School

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6465.

2. Bergen Catholic

Bergen Catholic will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday May 7th at 6:30pm. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please the admissions office at admissions@bergenatholic.org.

Are You Registered?

If you have recently moved or even if you have been attending for years, stop by the parish office and register.

Why do you need to register?

There are many reasons such as:

- There's a feeling of becoming part of the parish community.
- You give the parish a chance to get to know you better.
- The parish will have a way to communicate with you by sending you emails or mails to keep you up-to-date on the parish news.
- **Registration is required** to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony.
- If you're planning to register your child(ren) to our **Religious Education program**, the families of those attending must be registered parishioners.
- When a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or if a parish needs verification of your status as a practicing Catholic, these **can't be done if you're not registered**. *You need to be registered as an active parishioner for **three months**.*

Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

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.

Sick and Homebound Visit

If you or know someone who can't come to the church and wanted to receive communion, do confession, or wanted to talk to a priest, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557. Fr. Carey will be glad to visit you.

Saint Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

Invites you to... ..

3rd Annual CRAFT NIGHT



Stencil Your Choice

Friday
May 10, 2024
7:30pm-10pm

Please DO NOT arrive before 7:20 pm as parking will be limited before then.

RSVP May 1, 2024
St Mary's Church
Szelest Hall
B.Y.O.B. & SNACKS

ADULTS ONLY

\$35.00 per person



You will be able to choose ONE of the projects above

Contact: Lynne Vietri (201)384-0557
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org

Payment: St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society
(Check or Cash)

ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

Tables of 8, please include names & payment for each person at your table

Contact Person:

1. _____	5. _____
2. _____	6. _____
3. _____	7. _____
4. _____	8. _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office by May 1, 2024
Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Alter & Rosary Society.

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*

CONTACT US

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Food Pantry: email: foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org
Online giving: WeShare
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!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

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