

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of*

# *St. Mary's Church*

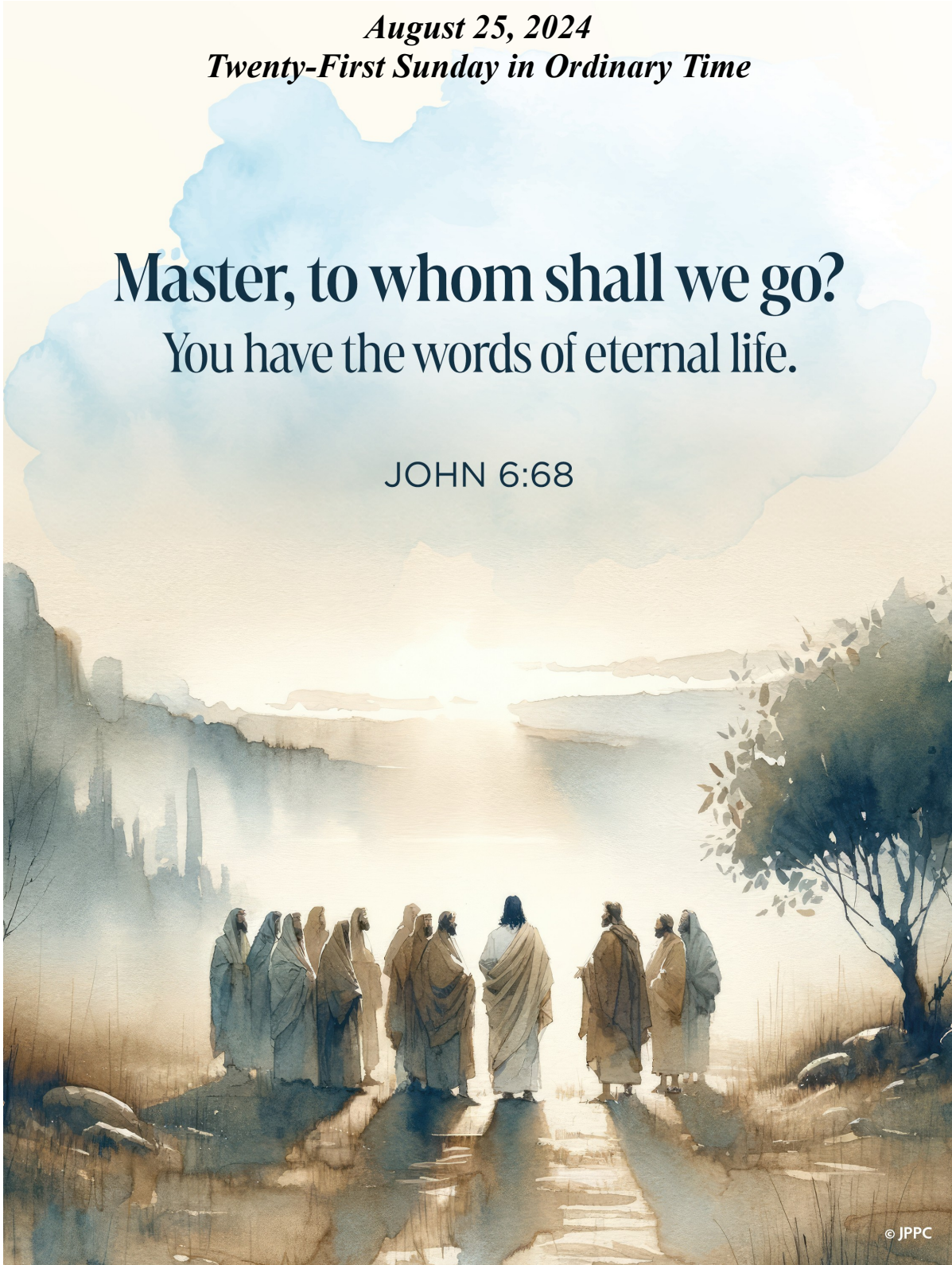
*280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557*

*August 25, 2024*

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.**

JOHN 6:68



# Weekly MASS Intentions

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 24 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Paul DeBenedictis
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 25 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Margaret and Martin Thornton
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michael J. Burke
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 26 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	James Hegarty
8:45AM	Leonard Dalmacio
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 27 - St. Monica</b>
7:00AM	Darwin Weber
8:45AM	Michael K. Coyle
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 28 - St. Augustine</b>
7:00AM	Katherine Palumbo
8:45AM	Brendan Hackett
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist</b>
7:00AM	Kevin Hughes and Family (Living)
8:45AM	Frank Manning
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 30 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Maureen Martin
8:45AM	Rose Bove
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 31 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Charlie Harris
5:30PM	Nora and Jeremih Sullivan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Brendan Thornton
10:00AM	Emily Stevens
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rev. Msgr. Thomas Gilhooly requested by Josie Parrella.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Enrica Almendra requested by her family.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Paula Gibb, Ellen Wojtal and Joseph Welsh.

## This Week



<b>Sunday – Aug. 25</b>
10:00AM Choir UC
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
<b>Monday – Aug. 26</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Tuesday – Aug. 27</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
<b>Wednesday - Aug. 28</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary & OLPH Novena UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
<b>Thursday – Aug. 29</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
<b>Friday – Aug. 30</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Saturday – Aug. 31</b>
<b>Sunday – Sept. 1</b>
10:00AM Choir UC
After 12:00PM Mass, San Lorenzo and San Pedro Calungsod Novena UC and Social SH

## Stewardship Reflection

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

## Prayer Garden Bricks

If you order a brick or bricks last year, they are now in the Prayer Garden. You'll see them as you enter the garden. Thank you for your patience.



It is a very busy time of year for so many parents as they pack up the kids and send them off to college. As someone who worked on a college campus for many years, I know it's a very exciting time for the students, especially for freshmen, most of whom are living on their own for the very first time. There are so many things competing for their attention, so many things happening, so much to discover, that the one thing that is all too often forgotten is God.

On so many college campuses, so many students forget about the practice of their religion, which is extremely sad. Most, if not all colleges have a Newman Center or an Office of Campus ministry. Sunday mass is often offered at a time more in line with a college schedule and the masses themselves are designed to appeal more to young adults. Participating in the practice of the Catholic faith can provide a stable constant in the new and confusing world of college life. Campus ministry programs also offer an alternative social venue to the party atmosphere that is all too prevalent on so many college campuses.

Parents need to encourage their children to remember to practice their Catholic faith. Students need to remember that graduation from High School does not mean graduation from Church. Participation in the mass at college gives students an opportunity to rediscover their Catholic faith in whole new way. Most importantly, students need to remember that God is with them on the journey even when they are not aware of it.

**Fr. Carey**

**Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - September 6th**



On Friday, September 6th, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

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

**St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will begin its 88<sup>th</sup> year on Tuesday, September 3 with our first meeting and birthday celebration! Please join us as we renew our faith to our Blessed Mother.**

**Current members should have received a packet in the mail with our calendar and Membership/Communion Breakfast form. New members may pick up a new member form at the doors of the church.**

**Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Kathy Mullins – President  
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org**



**St. Mary's Food Pantry Back to School Food Donation Weekend Saturday & Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our next food collection weekend will be Saturday & Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your nonperishable food donations to the mass you attend. We will have volunteers at the vestibule of the upper church to collect your donations before and after all masses. If you forget your donation, please drop it at the rectory any time Monday – Friday during normal business hours. Items most needed are listed below.

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

**Thank you for your continued support!  
God Bless,  
Anna, Denise & Lynne**

Progresso Soup, Syrup & Bisquick, Canned Tuna or Other Meat/Fish, Pasta & Sauce, Rice, Canned Vegetables and Beans, Mac & Cheese, Toilet Paper/Paper Towels & Dish Detergent



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

### **PACT/Religious Education Program Re-registration has begun!**

Parents are asked to remember to register for next year's program to ensure that we are able to plan accordingly. Information and reminders have been sent home for those who have missed our final PACT meeting. 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? As you re-register, please ensure that your contact information is correct so that we may contact you when necessary.

### **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. For more information e-mail [religious@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religious@stmarysdumont.org) or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20. Thank you!



### **Volunteer for our Religious Education Program**

Have you thought about sharing your faith with the young people of our parish? Consider volunteering for our Religious Education Program or Sacramental Preparation. Various levels of commitment are available. Most catechist volunteers are committed to be here at St. Mary's once or twice per month. We will assist you through the application process which includes the background check required of all those who work or volunteer within our Archdiocese of Newark. Attendance at a Protecting God's Children session is also required. For more information e-mail [religious@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religious@stmarysdumont.org) or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20. Thank you!

## ***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)***

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Collections: Aug. 17 - 18	\$6,235.00	\$7,667.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,557.00</u>	<u>1,892.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,792.00</u>	<u>\$9,559.00</u>
Air Conditioning	\$1,848.00	\$1,749.00

## ***WeShare On-Line Giving***



If you have already signed up to give a recurring gift on line, thank you. If not, please consider signing up today. With WeShare, you can set up weekly, monthly or one time gift to our parish. Simply follow the following steps:

1. Type the link:  
**[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)**
2. Click on the Sign In tab.
3. Click on Create One to set-up an account.
4. Fill out the form and click register.
5. Click on the Give Now tab.
6. Select the collection of your choice
7. Set-up your donation amount, payment type and frequency.

Once you set-up your account, donations will automatically deduct from your account. If you need to make a change in your donation, simply go the link and make the adjustment. It's that simple!

## ***2025 Offerings Available***

### **Bread and Wine:**

Jan. 19 & 26; Mar. 9, 16, 23 & 30; Apr. 6 & 13; May 18; June 29; Aug. 24 & 31; Sept. 28; Oct. 5 & Oct. 26; Nov. 23 & 30; Dec. 7.

### **Sanctuary Lamp:**

Jan. 19; Feb. 2; Mar. 16 & 30; Apr. 20 & 27; May 18; Aug. 17 & 31; Sept. 21; Oct. 19 & 26; Nov. 9, 16; Dec. 14.

### *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...Lorenzo Cortezano  
Joseph Ament...Brandon Barhydt

### *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...Jonel Tinio...Gary Barba Carmelo Abbruzzesi..Baby Colton Lewis.. Perla Biron...Skylar Frye...Scott Tkacz...Sean Hayes N. Diamond...Joan Lyons...Perla Biron...Anya Patricia Adone...George Taylor...Tom Aquino Ryan Heckman...Kevin...Ehmerie Jane Riguerra Josefina Caoli...Jeanne Kwederis...Miss Giusi S. Mariantonia D...Fran D...Lourdes Santamaria Daniel Robbins...Theresa Hong...Lorraine Rolanti Carole Chittenden...Alisen Herman...Fidel Ronque Jing Santamaria...Nicole Sorce...Audrey Maguire Baby Jason Aldo...Jeannine...Billy Schweizer Baby Valentina Victoria Duffy...Wilbert Buco Dorothy Faulkner...Anthony Montagnino Carlos San Juan...Helen de la Pena...John Eckel, Sr. Mila Paras...Sam & Joan Amorosso

### *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.

### *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.

### *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 at least **three months**.*

*Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register!* Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00am -5:00pm, Friday 9:00am-3:00pm (*only during summer*) and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

### **2024 Parish Summer Office Hours On Fridays Only**



The last Friday that the parish office will close at 3:00 PM will be this Friday, August 30.

Regular Friday hours will resume on Friday, September 6th.

*Our Lady of Assumption  
Ice Cream Social August 15, 2024*

Thank you to all who joined us for the celebration and special thank you to Lynda, Josie, Paula and Grace of the Martha's Group for hosting the Ice Cream Social.



**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](mailto:foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org)  
**Online giving:** WeShare  
[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!

***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***