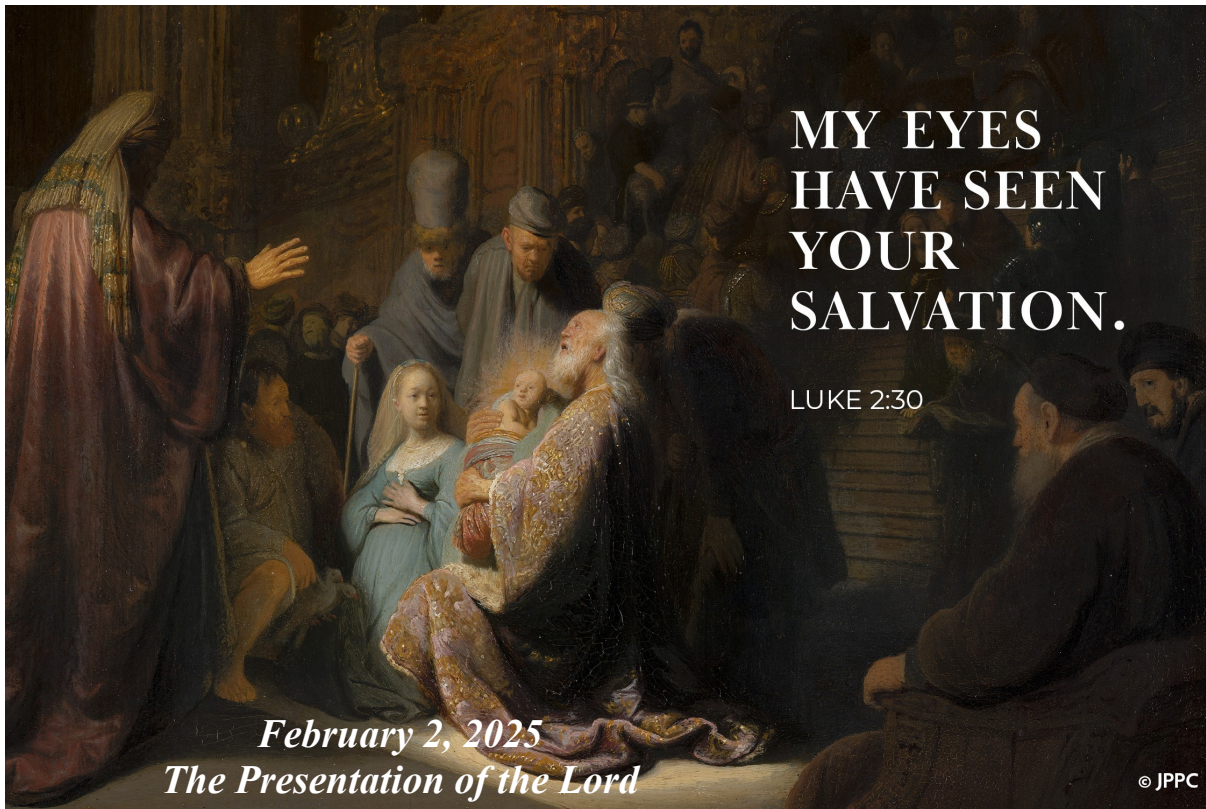


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# St. Mary's Church

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



February 2, 2025  
The Presentation of the Lord

## MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:30

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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*

### CONTACT US

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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>	<b>Feb. 1 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord</b>
7:45AM	Dennis Dalton
10:00AM	Paul Consentino
12 Noon	Don Pepperl
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 3 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Ellen Wojtal
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 4 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Della Kevlehan
8:45AM	Fr. Nicholas Gregoris
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 5 - St. Agatha</b>
7:00AM	Peggy Sue Arroyo
8:45AM	Valentina D. Sy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 6 - Sat. Paul Miki</b>
7:00AM	Carol Bugman
8:45AM	Nancy Florio
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 7 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Mulligan Family
8:45AM	Joseph Crvaric
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 8 - Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Clemencia Awen
5:30PM	Chandarbassie Balkissoon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Michael McLaughlin
10:00AM	Kathleen Whalen
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Francis Martin requested by McCann family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of John and Petrina Scalice requested by their children.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Thomas Gannon, Eugene O'Malley and Antoinette Rovetto.

## This Week



<b>Sunday – Feb. 2</b>
8:30AM PACT Angels
10:00AM Choir UC
<b>Monday – Feb. 3</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Tuesday – Feb. 4</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH
<b>Wednesday - Feb. 5</b>
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
<b>Thursday – Feb. 6</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
<b>Friday – Feb. 7</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Saturday – Feb. 8</b>
10:00AM Morning with Jesus
<b>Sunday – Feb. 9</b>
9:00AM OCIA Rectory
10:00AM Choir UC
10:00AM Rite of Acceptance
12:00PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Award Ceremony
Set-up and Event SH
1:30PM Baptism
7:00PM Youth Group Meeting YRm/SFC

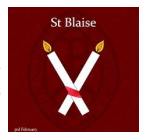
## Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - February 7th



On Friday, February 7th, 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.

## Blessing of Throats

St. Blaisé's Feast will be on Monday, Feb. 3rd. Those who wish for the traditional imposition of candles are welcome to come forward at the end of the Mass.







Forty days after the birth of Jesus, today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This day is also known as Candlemas Day since a special blessing of candles is included in today's liturgy. We bless candles on this feast because, as we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is the light that reveals the God of Israel to all the nations. According to the old church calendar this feast of the Presentation was considered the official end of the Christmas season. In some places, the Christmas Crèche remains until the celebration of this feast.

In 1976, Pope St. John Paul II declared that this day would also be a World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. He attached it to "Candlemas Day" because consecrated men and women are called to be the light in the world, imitating Jesus, the Light of the World.

On this Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, let us remember the joy we celebrated at Christmas, we are called to celebrate each and every day because Jesus is always with us. Let us also pray for an increase in vocations to consecrated life as we remember the special men and women who may have inspired us to help bring the light of Christ to a world in need.

Fr. Carey

Stewardship Reflection

The Presentation of the Lord

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." - Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

Save the Dates.....

"Mission of Mercy"

PARISH MISSION

Led by Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R.



St. Mary's Church, Dumont, NJ

Monday, February 24 through Wednesday, February 26 7:00 PM

(Morning Sessions at 8:45 am Mass)

Fr. MacDonald is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts, about 10 miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist Missionary Order after attending Boston college and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 and has worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia, and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to the Redemptorist Community at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

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 10:30am.

Interested candidates should call the Rectory, 201-384-0557.

2025 Offerings Available

Bread and Wine:

Apr. 13

Sanctuary Lamp:

Mar. 30; Apr. 27; Aug. 31



## PACT/Religious Education Program

### Family Contact Information

Has your family recently changed contact information... e-mail... phone number... or even moved? Please keep us updated if you have changed contact information or are not receiving e-mails from us. Call (201) 384-0557 Extension 20 or e-mail [religious@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religious@stmarysdumont.org)

### First Communion Preparation Reminders



Morning with Jesus with parents: Saturday 2/8/25 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Candidates – Tuesday 3/4/25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

### Confirmation Candidate Preparation

Our next Confirmation Candidate Preparation session is Monday, 2/10/25 7:00 p.m. in the church.

### Confirmation Candidate Service



Check our weekly e-mail for Confirmation candidate service opportunities including helping with the food pantry and more. Check the bulletin and the weekly e-mail for special events. Service may also be available in schools and activities in town. Remember the words of St. James: *Faith without works is dead!*

Congratulations to our candidates for Confirmation who were on retreat here Saturday, 1/25/25. We thought about our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. We had fun, played, prayed, and even complete our service project for Oasis haven in Paterson. Finally, we celebrated mass together at 5:30 p.m. where our retreatants were formally accepted as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation!









# Food Pantry Items For February

For the month of February, the food pantry will be collecting peanut butter/jelly and cereal. Please place your donation in the boxes at the doors of the upper church or drop at the rectory during normal business hours.

We thank you in advance for your continued support!!



God Bless,  
Anna, Denise & Lynne



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

### 2024 Christmas Flower Offering

### Partial List



Donated By:	In Memory/Honor Of:
Mr. & Mrs. Alex R. Pavon	Margarita F. Dublin; Martha Proano Pavon; Pablo Dublin; Elmer Pavon
Carmen Pena	Francisco E. Pena; Celina Andujar; Miguel A. Santiago; Ivan Saud
Mr. Joseph Pidi	Dolly & Vito Pidi
Mr. & Mrs. Filip Pindulic	
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pleus	
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Posencheg	Joan & John Mehr; Bob & Edith Posencheg
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Puthuparampil	
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Mr. & Mrs. Ramiro T. Ramos	M/M Victor de Jesus; M/M Maiano Ramos; Jesus & Ciriaco Ramos; Hilberto, Abet & Jovencio de Jesus
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Russo	Robert & Joan Mascarelli; Baby Faith Russo
Mr. & Mrs. Ignacio M. Quiambao	Lily Dalit



IT'S TIME TO KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND  
DUST OFF YOUR HATS BECAUSE

# ST. MARY'S IS GOIN'



## COUNTRY-WESTERN

FT. NIGHTINGALES AND JAKE'S COUNTRY BAND

SATURDAY, March 1, 2025

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - The Ranch at Szelest Hall

Admission is \$65 pp, and includes Nightingales Beefsteak,  
Jake's Country Band with Instructed Line Dancing,  
Soda, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert.

So Get Ready to Saddle up for a Good Time!

This is a BYOB, adult only event, so don't forget your Sarsaparillas!



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

This is a first come first serve basis and seats 12 guest at a table. If you are seating with a group of friends please send payment & reservation together.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
11. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_

Tricky Tray and 50/50 tickets will be sold at the event.  
Completed forms can be dropped off by 2/16/25 at the rectory/parish office or in the Sunday Collections.

Mail to:  
St. Mary's Church, Attention: Sheila, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628  
Questions? Call Sheila Romaine at 201-384-0557, Ext. - 20