



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 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Luke 6:20



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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/RCLIA*
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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	Feb. 15 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Feb. 16 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Sr. Maureen O'Neill
10:00AM	Petrina Scalice
12 Noon	Ivanica Telesmanich
Monday	Feb. 17 - Weekday
7:00AM	Anthony and Mariana Lopez (Living)
8:45AM	Fabian Banzil, Sr.
Tuesday	Feb. 18 - Weekday
7:00AM	Simone and Anthony Borges
8:45AM	Francisco Sy
Wednesday	Feb. 19 - Weekday
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Gorgonio Lacap
Thursday	Feb. 20 - Weekday
7:00AM	Dona Sadock
8:45AM	Leo Bennett Canlas Melber (Living)
Friday	Feb. 21 - Weekday
7:00AM	Dionisia Flynn
8:45AM	John and Dennis Daly, Jr.
Saturday	Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:30AM	Betty Duffy and Kathleen Whalen
5:30PM	Chandarbassie Balkissoon
Sunday	Feb. 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Daniel Markert
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Anne Johnson



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Brian O'Connell requested by the O'Connell family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Betty Duffy requested by her great granddaughters.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Ronald Dunkin and Michele Patetta.

This Week



Sunday – Feb. 16
10:00AM Choir UC
Monday – Feb. 17
Presidents' Day
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
Tuesday – Feb. 18
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
Wednesday - Feb. 19
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Feb. 20
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Feb. 21
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Feb. 22
Parish Mission with Redemptorists
8:00AM Korean School
10:00AM food Pantry Distribution LC
Sunday – Feb. 23
Parish Mission with Redemptorists
8:30AM PACT Saints
10:00AM Choir UC
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
7:00PM Youth Group Meeting YRm or SFC

Faith Sharing Group Leaders Wanted!

Want to do something different this lent? Why not lead a small weekly faith sharing group? The groups can meet in the parish office or school. We would like to offer a number of different options for groups at various times during the weeks of Lent. Anyone who is interested should call the parish office, we will provide you with the necessary materials. Questions? Email Kathy Sylvester Kathy@stmarysdumont.org.

Presidents' Day – February 17th



The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17th in observance of Presidents' Day.



Next weekend, St. Mary's Church will welcome Father Kevin MacDonald for our Parish Mission. I have been asked by more than one person, "What is a Parish Mission and why do we need one?" A Parish Mission is a parish awakening. It is a time for the whole parish to come together to reflect upon God's word, to renew our faith, and to pray with open hearts.

As our Archbishop, Cardinal Tobin, has reminded us in his recent letter, "We Are His Witnesses," we are all called to participate in the pastoral planning initiative for the Archdiocese of Newark, emphasizing the need for pastoral conversion and missionary discipleship. As we prepare to enter into the holy season of Lent, Fr. Kevin's mission, "The Mission of Mercy," will help us to be more open to our Lord's call to follow Him as faith-filled witnesses of the Gospel.

Fr. Kevin will preach at all the masses next weekend and will invite us to join him for three evenings as we prepare to enter the desert of Lent to be renewed by the Spirit who calls us serve God and the Church. I encourage everyone to be a part of this Mission because, at times, we all need to step back from our busy lives, examine our spiritual well-being and renew our commitment to continued growth in our life of faith.

Fr. Carey

Stewardship Reflection

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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.

Old Palms Wanted



Please bring your old palms to the church and put them in the box in the vestibule or the parish office by Monday, March 3rd so we can burn them that night at 7:00pm by the rectory garages. It will provide us ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



The Sacrament of *Baptism*

We Welcome the Newest Members of our Parish Community

- Diego Manuel Arita
- Julianna Berrocal
- Luna Elizabeth Gautier
- Gia Elise Gatchalian Manansala
- Khail Ivan Quitoles Manipon



PACT/Religious Education Program



Jubilee Year 2025

Parents, check your e-mail for links to Jubilee Year 2025 resources reviewed at the February, 2025 Sunday PACT sessions.

First Communion Parent Meeting



A meeting for Parents of First Communion Candidates is scheduled for Tuesday 3/4/25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Check your First Communion Preparation letter for more information.

First Communion Preparation: Morning with Jesus

A big thank you to all who helped us make our First Communion Morning with Jesus a great success! The stations were: Seder Meal- Janet and Nelson Salazar, Craft- Jamie Fenn, Practice Reception of the Eucharist- Deacon John and Kathy Sylvester, and Music- Beth Miloscia and Luis Chavez. Thanks also to Fr. Carey, Sheila Romaine, and to all of our youth helpers who contributed to the success of the morning. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families as they prepare for the most important day of their lives since they were baptized!

Confirmation Candidate Preparation

Our next Confirmation Candidate Preparation session is Monday, 3/10/25 7:00 p.m.



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!*

First Communion Preparation: Morning with Jesus



Seder Meal



Craft



Eucharist



Music

Volunteers Needed

Partners in Prayer:

As a community of faith, we believe in the power of prayer. Members of our parish form a "prayer chain" and lift their voices to the Lord, asking his help for those who have called our parish office and requested prayers for themselves, a loved one or a friend.

For more information or if you want to be a part of this ministry of prayer, please call the parish office.

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)

Table with columns for 2025 and 2024, listing Collections, Weekly On-Line Giving, and Total amounts.

Treasure from our children: \$29.00

Below 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.

"I talked with parents about lesson." "I helped someone." "I said my prayers." "I shoveled."..."I listened to my parents."



Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

We greatly appreciate your continued support to St. Mary's.

We started a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning February, 2025.

Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces.

John Murray...Anthony Dunkin...Lorenzo Cortezano Joseph Ament...Brandon Barhydt

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd...Gary Barba Brian O'Dowd...Margaret Manley...Tom Aquino John Romaine...Anne Picciano...Lorraine Rolanti Skylar Frye...Scott Tkacz...Sean Hayes...N. Diamond Dafina Stewart...Anthony Montagnino...Ron Dunkin John Eckel, Sr...Sally Ariola...Peter Halecky Dolores Awid...Chelsea Schwerzler...Rudy de la Pena Gil Chico...Stacey Juhlin...Teresita Ariola Betty Delia...Patricia Adone...George & Gerry Taylor

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.



Food Pantry Items For February

For the month of February, the food pantry will be collecting peanut butter/jelly and cereal.

We thank you in advance for your continued support!!

God Bless, Anna, Denise & Lynne





**ST. MARY'S
CHURCH**



**2024 Christmas
Flower Offering**

Donated By:	In Memory/Honor Of:
Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Alesna	Anna, Natividad, Jacinta; Nieva Sr., Emili Sr./Jr.; Inocencio Sr.; Ondo/Odit; All Souls of Purgatory
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Alloca	James & Catherine Bannon
Dawn Arseneau	Donald Arseneau
Michael Cremin	
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. De Noia	
Mrs. Eileen Fortunato	
Christopher and Martha Gibbons	
Mr. & Mrs. James Jayme	
Mr. & Mrs. David M. Lang	Frank & Emily Del Vecchio; Gerard & Grace Lang
Mr. Matthew M. Maher	Francis & Loretta Maher
Mrs. Georgina O. Mandawe	
Carmel-Ann Mania	
Mrs. Diana McCullough	Joseph McCullough; Dennis & Emelia Walsh; Frank & Mary McCullough
Ms. Lynda McGowan	Patricia Marino; Alexander McGowan-Vetere
Brian O'Dowd	
Mr. & Mrs. Filip Pindulic	
Alex Yu	

Our heartfelt thank you to all those who donated towards the Christmas Flowers Offering. The flowers made our church even more beautiful! Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

2025 Offerings Available

Sanctuary Lamp: Mar. 30; Apr. 27; Aug. 31

2024 Contributions Statement

If you want a statement regarding your 2024 contributions, please call the parish office and give us your name, address and envelope number. We will get the statement to you in a timely fashion.

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

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting an Easter candy fundraiser with Gertrude Hawk Chocolates!

Order form packets are available at the doors of the upper church. All families enrolled in our PACT program will receive a flyer during their PACT session. Orders are due Sunday, March 9th. Thank you for your support!!

Also, please join us on Tuesday, March 4th @ 7 pm in Szelest Hall for our next meeting. Come share your faith with us and renew your devotion to our Blessed Mother.

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



*St. Mary's
Altar & Rosary
Society*



Dear Supporters,

We are hosting an Easter Candy Fundraiser through Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. You can shop online with this flyer or pick up a catalog and order form packet in the Upper Church or the PACT office.

Participants who place online orders within the sale dates can choose to have their orders delivered to the church for free with the main shipment. Out of town friends and family can choose to send their orders directly to their home (shipping fees apply). Online orders that are being shipped to a home can be placed up until April 6, 2025. All web orders require credit card payment.

If you are submitting a paper order form, please keep the bottom copy and brochure for your records. Paper order forms should NOT include any online sales. Total dollars sent in should equal Grand Total Amount on the order form.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

Our Fundraiser is From: Today and ends on Sunday, March 9, 2025

Organization ID #: 119856

Estimated Delivery Date: The week of April 7, 2025

TO PURCHASE ONLINE:

- Go to fundraising.gertrudehawchocolates.com
- Select: I AM A BUYER
- Select: FIND A FUNDRAISER
- In the CHOOSE ORGANIZATION box, Type Code 119856 (choose St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society, Dumont, NJ) Click NEXT
- In the CHOOSE SELLER box, Type Saint (choose Saint Mary's) Click GET STARTED

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!
Please share this information with family and friends!



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

