

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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“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.

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday 5:30PM	Feb. 22 - Vigil Chandarbassie Balkissoon
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Feb. 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Daniel Markert Parishioners of St. Mary's Anne Johnson
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Feb. 24 - Weekday Mike Daly Jose M. Canlas
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Feb. 25 - Weekday John Hennessy Pablo T. Naong
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Feb. 26 - Weekday Barry Family Elliot Victor Anelle, Jr.
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Feb. 27 - Weekday Gerard Reilly Vera Vietri
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Feb. 28 - Weekday Sylvia Rita Monti Peggy, John and Rev. Dan Cronin
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	March 1 - Weekday Lisa Fazio Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	March 2—Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Dolores O'Dowd Frances Hans Aldo Luciano



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses and the **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by Mary Reilly.

2025 Offerings Available

Sanctuary Lamp: Apr. 27; Aug. 31

This Week



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

Monday – Feb. 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
7:00PM Parish Mission UC
8:00PM Social Parish Mission SH

Tuesday – Feb. 25

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Parish Mission UC

Wednesday - Feb. 26

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:00PM Parish Mission UC
8:00PM Social Parish Mission SH

Thursday – Feb. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Choir Practice UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Feb. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00AM Parish Event Set-up SH
5:00PM Aramaic School

Saturday – March 1

8:00AM Korean School
7:00PM Parish Event Beefsteak Fundraising SH

Sunday – March 2

9:00AM OCIA Rectory
10:00AM Choir UC

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.

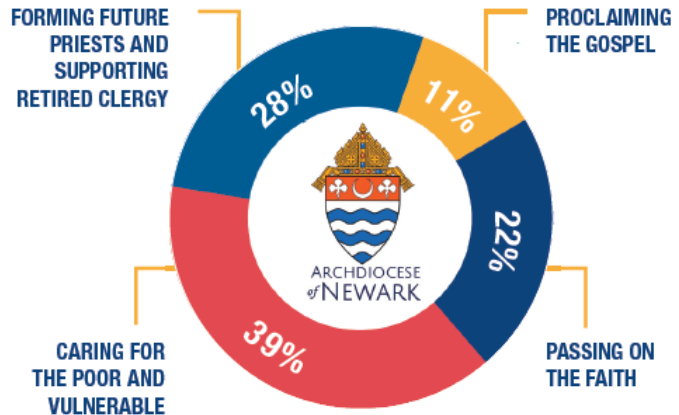
In preparation for next weekend's, March 1 - 2, viewing of the Annual Appeal, please acquaint yourself with the following case appeal statement.

Fr. Carey



2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

CASE FOR SUPPORT



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL
\$1,000,000

- PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**
- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities
 - Office of Evangelization
 - Office of Family Life
 - International Missions
 - Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf
 - Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

PASSING ON THE FAITH
\$2,000,000

- PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**
- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
 - Catechetical Office
 - Campus Ministry at affiliated Colleges & Universities
 - Catholic Schools

CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE
\$3,500,000

- PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**
- Catholic Charities
 - Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
 - Respect Life Office (Includes Mercy House and Pro-Life Efforts)
 - Protecting God's Children

FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY
\$2,500,000

- PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**
- Continuing Formation for Priests
 - Seminarian Education
 - Priest Health Care

TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE
PLEASE VISIT RCAN.ORG/SHARING





PACT/Religious Education Program



Jubilee Year 2025

Check your e-mail for links to information about the Jubilee Year 2025 declared by Pope Francis!

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 religiously@stmarysdumont.org

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.

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!*

Teen Spirit Hygiene Drive

Our candidates for Confirmation recently participated in our *Teen Spirit Hygiene Drive* service project. They collected hygiene items which were boxed up at our Confirmation Retreat and delivered to Oasis Haven in Paterson. Pictured here are Mrs. Sheila Romaine, Wanda from Oasis Haven, and Mrs. Lynne Vietri. Wanda expresses her thanks to all involved at St. Mary's who helped this project reach so many of those who depend on Oasis and its programs.



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.gertrudehawkchocolates.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!

Stewardship Reflection

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."
- LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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.

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.

Project CHILD FIND

Project CHILD FIND is an initiative of the New Jersey Department of Education. The purpose of Project CHILD FIND is to inform parents/guardians and other interested parties (friends, neighbors, relatives, etc.) about free referral help that is available if they suspect their child has a learning or developmental issue.

Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of youth with a delay or disability from birth through the age of 21.

If you suspect your child might need services, contact your District's Dept. of Special Services.

Bergenfield 201-385-8600
Cresskill 201-227-7791
Dumont 201-387-3086

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)

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collections for Feb. 15 - 16 and the children's good deeds will be in next week's bulletin.



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.

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.

We started a new list for Serving in the Military and Sick beginning February, 2025. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are in the military, ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 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...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...Teresita Ariola...Allan Austria
Dolores Awid...Chelsea Schwerzler...Rudy de la Pena
Gil Chico..Stacey Juhlin..Peter Halecky..Betty Delia
Patricia Adone...George & Gerry Taylor...Sally Ariola

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.



**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

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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Director of Music: email: music@stmarysdumont.org
Altar & Rosary: email: rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org
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