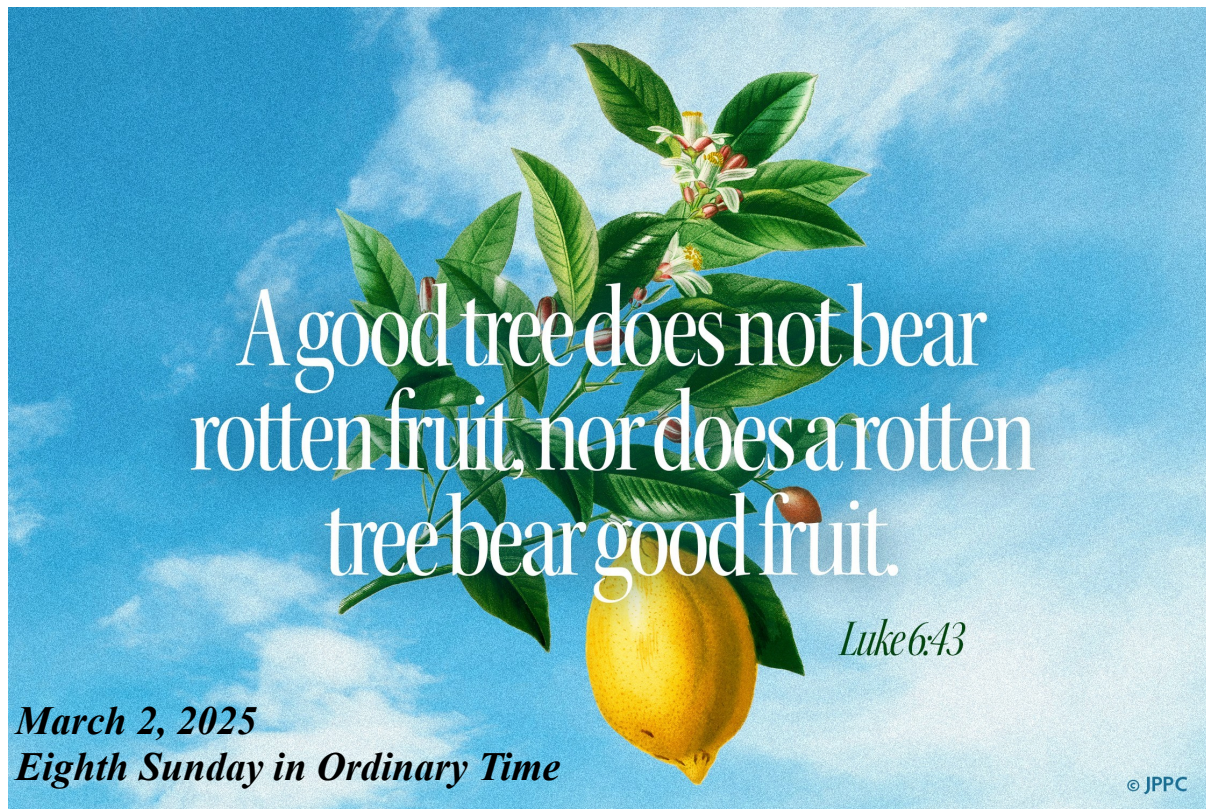


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

# St. Mary's Church

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



A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

Luke 6:43

March 2, 2025  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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*  
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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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## This Week



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 1 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 2 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Dolores O'Dowd
10:00AM	Frances Hans
12 Noon	Aldo Luciano
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 3 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Gerard Reilly
8:45AM	Dolores O'Dowd
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Sr. Bridget O'Shea
8:45AM	Nancy Florio
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 5 - Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Todd Lostumbo
3:00PM	Prayer Service
7:30PM	Peppino and Nina Calamita
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 6 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00AM	Michael Daly
8:45AM	Margherita Bonaldo
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 7 - Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00AM	Elizabeth Kenny
8:45AM	Rosalinda Cariaga Picazo
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>
8:30AM	Ann Zanosky
5:30PM	Kay Ramm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9 - First Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Vincent DiCostanzo
10:00AM	Kathleen and Frank McMorro
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



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.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John P. Daly, Marta Wendt and Nicholas Marino.

### Sunday – March 2

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

### Monday – March 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
7:00PM RCIA Rectory  
7:00PM Burning of Palms by the Garages  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Tuesday – March 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
9:30AM Church Decorating  
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS  
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH  
7:00PM FHC Parent Meeting

### Wednesday - March 5

#### Ash Wednesday

**Mass Schedule: 7:00am, 8:45am & 7:30pm**  
**Prayer Service: 3:00pm**

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
7:00PM Parish Mission UC  
8:00PM Social Parish Mission SH  
Collection: Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

### Thursday – March 6

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

### Friday – March 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Aramaic School  
6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC  
7:30PM Stations of the Cross UC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Saturday – March 8

Call to Continuing Conversion, Newark  
8:00AM Korean School  
After 5:30PM Mass ASCFG Raffle Sale

### Sunday – March 9

#### First Sunday of Lent

8:30AM PACT Angels  
10:00AM Choir UC  
2:00PM Rite of Election, Newark  
3:00PM Girl Scouts Gala Dance & Dinner SH  
7:00PM Youth Stations Practice UC  
Daylight Saving Time Starts





This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. While there may be some debate, most church scholars agree that the season of Lent was originally a period of retreat for those preparing to be received into the church at Easter. It was a final period of instruction and formation for those preparing to make the promises of baptism. It also came to be a period of public penance for sinners who were preparing to receive forgiveness and to be welcomed back into the church on Holy Saturday.

For most of us, our baptismal promises were made for us by our parents many years ago. But at Easter, each of us will be asked to renew those promises and recommit ourselves to Christ. Are we truly ready to make such a public profession of faith?

And while we are no longer asked to do public penance, most of us are aware that we are sinners in need of God's mercy. Have we done any private penance to show our God how committed we are to conversion?

The church gives us the season of Lent so that we are better ready to celebrate Easter. We are called to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. We are called to acknowledge our sinfulness and ask for God's mercy. Conversion is a life-long process. Lent is a time to consider where we are on our journey of faith. Lent calls us to see how far we have gone and to ask ourselves how far we need to go.

**Fr. Carey**

**Deanery Lenten Penance Service**



The following are the dates and locations for the Lenten Penance services in our deanery:

- Monday, March 10, 7pm, St. Joseph, Oradell
- Monday, March 24, 7pm, St. Mary's, Dumont
- Saturday, March 29, 12:00Noon, St. John's, Bergenfield
- Monday, March 31, 7pm, St. Therese, Cresskill
- Monday, April 7, 7pm, St. Peter's River Edge



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**2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

**Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - March 7th**



On Friday, March 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.



## PACT/Religious Education Program



### Jubilee Year 2025

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

#### 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: Stations of the Cross, food collection/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!*



### Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

This is a 6-week reflection on the Sunday Scriptures of Lent. The groups will meet weekly in the Parish Office Conference room and will reflect on the Sunday Gospel for the weeks of Lent. The meeting will be for about an hour each week. There is no cost for this program.

We will offer two opportunities:

Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the parish office beginning March 6 through April 10<sup>th</sup>. Led by Linda Undgar.

Fridays at 10 a.m. in the parish office beginning March 7 through April 11<sup>th</sup>. Led by Ada Aguilar.

Call the parish office 201-384-0557 and leave a message for Kathy Sylvester or email her [Kathy@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:Kathy@stmarysdumont.org) to sign up for one of the groups.

### Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm using different meditations each week. Our first session will be Friday, March 7th



## Food Pantry Items For March

For the month of March, the food pantry will continue to collect 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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**



## Stewardship Reflection

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - LUKE 6:43*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

## 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.

## Solidarity with Haiti

Saint Mary's is hoping to assist our sisters and brothers in Haiti by supporting the work of Beyond Borders. Beyond Borders, is a small non-profit organization that is working toward creating lasting change in Haiti. Some parishioners may recall a meeting back in April where we introduced Beyond Borders to our parish. This organization concentrates their efforts in three areas: rescuing children from domestic servitude, which is essentially slavery; developing local leaders; and assisting families living in extreme poverty to become self-sufficient and flourish.

St Mary's is specifically seeking to give assistance to this third effort of helping families to become self-sufficient and flourish by supporting the "Family Graduation Program."

The Family Graduation Program enrolls a family for 24 months, and during that time helps the family to become self-sufficient. This is accomplished by providing permanent shelter which the family helps build; providing a means to become self-sufficient by providing seeds for crops and animals to provide an income; and helping them become financially literate.

Donors commit \$100 a month to sponsor a family for the duration of the program. A few parishioners have already committed to sponsoring a family. As a parish we would like to sponsor a family. Periodically there will be a request for donations to allow this to happen, and to make this a truly parish-wide effort. We will be provided with information on the specific family that we sponsor and will make that information available to the parish.

If every person attending Mass donated \$1.00 when requested only three collections per year would be required. More information on Beyond Borders can be found at [beyondborder.net](http://beyondborder.net) or simply enter "Beyond Borders Haiti" in your search engine.

*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta.*

## Daylight Saving Time Begins



On Sunday, March 9th, Daylight Saving Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed on the evening of March 8th.





*Lenten Giving Tree*



This year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we will be helping The Nurturing Place (York Street Project). Tags will be available the first weekend of Lent, March 8 - 9.

The following are items we use throughout the year to keep the center safe and healthy:

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| Roll of Paper towels                       | Large and small - Paper plates and bowls               |
| Liquid hand soap - (individual and refill) | Plastic forks and spoons                               |
| Tissues                                    | Plastic cups (5oz or 7 oz.)                            |
| baby wipes/refills                         | Dish liquid  |
| Lysol or disinfectant spray                | Glade - plug ins- refills (small spaces air freshener) |
| Clorox liquid bleach - unscented only      | Napkins- decorative & colored/regular                  |
| Clorox or disinfectant wipes               |  |
| Ziplock bags - Quart and Gallon size       |  |

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. You can bring the item marked, **“Lenten Giving Tree”**, before Easter to the church in the weekend or the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

**Do you want to be a part of the Stations of the Cross this year?**



**We are looking for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade teens to lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday!**

- Jesus
- Mary
- Guards
- Pilate
- Veronica
- Simon
- Joseph
- Readers
- Singers
- Lights



Practices on Sundays  
 7pm – 9pm  
 Upper Church  
 March 9  
 March 16  
 March 30  
 April 6  
 April 13

Practice with Choir  
 Tuesday April 15  
 5pm – 7pm

Good Friday Service:  
 April 18 at 7:30pm

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email Beth Miloscia at [youthmin@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:youthmin@stmarysdumont.org)