

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



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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Saturday	March 8 - Vigil
5:30PM	Kay Ramm
Sunday	March 9 - First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Vincent DiCostanzo
10:00AM	Kathleen and Frank McMorro
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	March 10 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Joseph Lynch
8:45AM	Marilyn DeConzo
Tuesday	March 11 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Eleuterio Mariano
Wednesday	March 12 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Bridget O'Connor
8:45AM	Neda Rosini
Thursday	March 13 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Salvacion G. Viernes
Friday	March 14 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Dona Sadock
8:45AM	Nicholas Fortunato, Jr.
Saturday	March 15 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Daniel Dunne
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	March 16 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Dennis and Daniel Daly
10:00AM	Emily Stevens
12 Noon	Victoria M. Quiambao (Living)



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Bridget O'Connor requested by the Dalton family

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gabrielle Napoleone requested Marie Woke.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Salvato D'Amore and James Powers.

This Week



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
ASCFG Raffle Sale after all Masses
Monday – March 10
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Session #5
7:00PM RCIA Rectory
8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – March 11
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
Wednesday - March 12
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – March 13
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Choir Practice UC
7:00PM Faith Sharing Group FDVRm
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – March 14
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
7:00PM Faith Sharing Group FDVRm
7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – March 15
8:00AM Korean School
10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC
Sunday – March 16
Second Sunday of Lent
10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass UC and Social SH
10:00AM Choir UC
7:00PM Youth Stations Practice UC

2025 Offerings Available

Sanctuary Lamp: Apr. 27; Aug. 31



Last week, right after Ash Wednesday, a parishioner asked me if Catholics are still expected to fulfill their Easter Duty. The Easter Duty is a precept of the Church that says every good Catholic should receive communion at least once a year, preferably during the Easter season. The follow up question was, “Do I also have to go to confession first?”

The revised Code of Canon Law maintains that all the Catholics are bound by an obligation to confess serious sins at least once a year. Moreover, the Code also asserted, “It is to be recommended to the Christian faithful that venial sins also be confessed.”

The strongest witness we can give of our awareness of our need for God’s mercy is by going to Confession. Confession, or more appropriately, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, like all sacraments is a celebration of God’s love. It is where we can hear the words that tell us that our sins are forgiven. It is where we are reminded that there is no sin we can commit that God cannot forgive. He loves us too much.

Hoping to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation more accessible, the priest of our deanery are joining together to host a series of Penance Services during Lent. St. Mary’s will host the second Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 pm. We will be joined by priests from neighboring parishes to hear confessions.

There are four more Penance Services at neighboring parishes. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 10, 7pm, St. Joseph, Oradell

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

We will continue to have our regularly scheduled Confessions on Saturday afternoon from 4 to 4:45 pm.

Hopefully, we will all avail ourselves of this healing sacrament during these 40 days of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to grow closer to God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us achieve this goal.

Fr. Carey



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 10th. Led by Linda Undgar.

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

Call the parish office 201-384-0557 and leave a message for Kathy Sylvester or email her 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

Stewardship Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” - DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



PACT/Religious Education Program

Family E-mail

Check your e-mail for links to information about the Jubilee Year 2025 declared by Pope Francis and Lenten family activities.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl



The Rice Bowl program is in its 50th year! Why do we participate in the Rice Bowl program? For more information, read the information on the Lenten calendar inserted in your Rice Bowl and visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

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!*

First Penance Makeup Saturday, March 22nd at 3:45

There will be an opportunity to celebrate First Penance for children who missed their First Penance on Saturday, March 22nd at 3:45. If you did not receive information about this makeup, please call us at (201) 384-0557 Extension 20.

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 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.

J-Walk Palm Cross Sale

Our Youth Group will be selling palm crosses again this year. Order forms will be available at the doors of the church beginning this weekend, March 8-9. Orders may also be placed on line. Pick up date will be Saturday, April 12 from 9:00am -11:00am.

Lenten Giving Tree



This year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we will be helping The Nurturing Place (York Street Project). Tags are now available

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

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

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Feast of St. Patrick - March 16th



On Sunday, March 16th at 10:00AM Mass, we will celebrate our annual Mass in Honor of St. Patrick. A social will follow in Szelest Hall featuring Clan na Vale Pipe Band, McLoughlin Irish Step Dancers and soda bread.

Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th



Join us on Wednesday, March 19th at the 7:30pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph. Following the Mass, there will be a social in the Spiritual Center.



Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

Grand Knight Chuck Hollis invites you to



IRISH NIGHT

On
Saturday March 22nd
From
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm



Join us for one of our most popular events. The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Bangers and Mash, coffee, tea and dessert.

Tap beer, wine, and soda are included. All else cash bar available.

Let's not forget featuring LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by

Kevin Guerin and the Round the House Band



Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

All this for only \$50 per person!



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



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 3 columns: Description, 2025, 2024. Rows include Collections: March 1 - 2, Weekly On-Line Giving, Total, and Snow Removal.

Treasure from our children: \$2.00

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."



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.

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

ANNUAL 2025 APPEAL

We are grateful to share that we have already received as of Tuesday, March 4, 2025, \$15,233.00 in pledges—thank you to all who have given so generously!

If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. To make an online gift, please visit rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you abundantly!

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... 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 Heather S...Marie F...Antonio S...Frank Babiera Karen and Jerry Kastner

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.

Project CHILD FIND

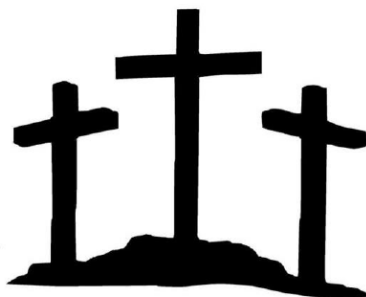
Project CHILD FIND is an initiative of the New Jersey Department of Education. The purpose of Project CHILD FIND is to inform parents/guardians and other interested parties (friends, neighbors, relatives, etc.) about free referral help that is available if they suspect their child has a learning or developmental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

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



We are looking for 7th – 12th 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