



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



## This is my *chosen* Son Listen to *Him*.

LUKE 9:35

**March 16, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

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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*  
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**Online giving:** WeShare  
[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>March 15 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 16 - Second Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Dennis and Daniel Daly
10:00AM	Emily Stevens
12 Noon	Victoria M. Quiambao (Living)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 17 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Dolores Calupad
8:45AM	Rosalinda Cariaga Picazo
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 18 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Brendan M. Thornton
8:45AM	Marlene Canning
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:00AM	Bridget O'Connor
8:45AM	Joseph and Paolina Bonini
7:30PM	Brian O'Connell
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 20 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Mary Tagliareni
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 21 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Kaya and Kiera Hughes (Living)
8:45AM	John and Eileen O'Neill
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 22 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Kathleen Ramm
5:30PM	Alfred Barone and Dianne Morrissey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Ann Coleman
10:00AM	Christopher Bishopp
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Mike Daly requested by Phyllis Sullivan.

## Special Intentions

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and for the intentions of Gabriella Borges requested by her parents.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Juan Reyes and Thomas McDermott.

## This Week



**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

**Monday – March 17**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 7:00PM RCIA Rectory  
 8:00PM Basketball SH

**Tuesday – March 18**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

**Wednesday - March 19**  
**Feast of St. Joseph**  
 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
 7:30PM Line Dancing SH  
 8:15PM St. Joseph's Social SFC

**Thursday – March 20**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS  
 7:00PM Bridge Makers Meeting St. Peter's  
 7:00PM Choir Practice UC  
 7:00PM Faith Sharing Group FDVRm  
 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

**Friday – March 21**  
 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 22**  
 8:00AM Korean School  
 3:45PM Penance Make-up

**Sunday – March 23**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30AM PACT Saints  
 9:00AM OCIA Rectory  
 10:00AM Choir UC

## 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



His official feast day maybe tomorrow, but today we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We are honored to welcome the dignitaries who lead today's Bergen County St. Patrick's Day parade to St. Mary's Church.

Details about Patrick life are extremely limited but early medieval tradition credits St. Patrick with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland and, while evidence indicates that he was not the first missionary to bring Christianity to the island, he certainly worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel and is honored for his efforts to convert all of Ireland to the Christian faith.

In this country, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day has become more than the celebration of a 5<sup>th</sup> century bishop and has instead become a celebration of all things Irish. After the 10:00am mass, in addition to tea and soda bread served by our Alter Rosary Society, we will also have Irish Step Dancing along with bag pipes and drums.

As we celebrate St. Patrick today, we also look forward to celebrating St. Joseph on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. As the husband of Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph played a profound role in the story of our salvation. Scripture calls Joseph the "righteous" man who trusted in a dream. Because of this trust and his willingness to surrender his will to the will of God, he provided fatherly care and protection to our Savior.

In 1870, during some truly difficult time in our Church's history, Pope Pius IX, wishing to place her under the powerful patronage of the holy patriarch Joseph, declared him to be "Patron of the Catholic Church." To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, on December 8, 2020 Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter, "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"). As the Holy Father says in this letter, "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, let us recall that as a "Foster Father," St. Joseph played his part in bringing Jesus to a world in need. Let us remember that as followers of Christ, it is our job to bring Jesus to those in need. Let us follow the examples of St. Joseph as we boldly proclaim the Good News of Salvation by the way we live our lives.

*Fr. Carey*

### ***Bridge Makers Meeting***

*Thursday, March 20 @7:00 PM*

Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. We will be meeting on Thursday, March 20th at 7:00 pm at St Peter's the Apostle Church, 445 5th Ave, River Edge, in the Parish Center (connected to the church). Please contact Deacon John Sylvester ([deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org)) for further details.

### ***2025 Offerings Available***

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Apr. 27; Aug. 31

### **Deanery Lenten Penance Service**



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

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



**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:45**

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

**J-Walk Palm Cross Sale**



Our Youth Group will be selling palm crosses again this year. Order forms are available at the doors of the church. Orders may also be placed on line by going to [stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com).

Pick up date will be Saturday, April 12 from 9:00am -11:00am.

**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)*

	2025	2024
Collections: March 8 - 9	\$6,861.00	\$12,596.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,991.00	1,854.00
Total	\$8,852.00	\$14,450.00

Treasure from our children: \$4.00

*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. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.*

*"I talked with parents about lesson."  
"I helped someone." "I said my prayers."  
..."I gave away my toys."*



**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](http://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.

**ANNUAL APPEAL 2025**

We are grateful to share that we have already received as of Tuesday, March 11, 2025, **\$18,683.00** in pledges which is 35% of our goal. Thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2025 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. Please respond to the most recent pastor mailing to help our parish reach goal by June 30 and possibly receive financial incentives!

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](http://rcan.org/sharing).

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

**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 they 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.



**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*



**Meet Edlene Saintimond**



*Edlene Saintimond lives in the village of Pikmi with her three children. Your sponsorship will ensure that they escape extreme poverty for good.*

Edlene Saintimond, 39, and her three boys aged 5,12, and 17, live on an island off the coast of Haiti. They were homeless and living with her parents in a dilapidated house.

She sells small sundries in the local market but doesn't earn enough to provide for her family.

The father of Edlene's children abandoned her and provides no support.

The family was living in extreme poverty, according to their caseworker, who added: "The fire over which they cook food looks like it hasn't been lit for some time. The children appear to be malnourished and hungry."

Edlene and her family is being sponsored by St. Mary's to participate in a program called The Graduation Model, which has been proven globally to help families lift themselves out of extreme poverty in 24 months – and stay out. She is one of 160 families currently participating in this program. Over 700 families have participated in this program in the past and are now able to be self-sufficient and live lives of dignity.

St. Mary's has committed to providing \$100/month for 24 months. This sponsorship will give Edlene a path to a much brighter future, one that is filled with dignity, hope, opportunity, and self-reliance.

Our sponsorship will allow her to build her own home and to begin earning the money needed so that she can provide for her family long after the sponsorship ends.

Periodically, as needed, we will ask for donations to support this sponsorship. As part of our Lenten practice of almsgiving, please consider a donation to this cause.

Beyond Borders operates this program, which they call the Family Graduation Program. They will update us on the progress this family is making. More information on Beyond Borders can be found at [beyondborders.net](http://beyondborders.net) or type “Beyond Borders Haiti” in your search engine.

## 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...Heather S.  
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...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.

## Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.

## Stewardship Reflection

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."* - GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**All this for only \$50 per person!**

## OCIA Update 2025

It's Lent and that means that the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly known as RCIA) is in high gear.

Here at St. Mary's we have one person who will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. His name is Jim Hirsch, he will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we have 2 adults candidates for completion of their initiation. Megan Bullerdick, who will receive Confirmation and Eucharist on April 27 at 10 am Mass and Karina Cabral who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete this final phase of their formation .



Our Elect,  
Jim Hirsch



Our Candidates for completion of the Sacraments of Initiation:  
Karina Cabral and Megan Bullerdick

St. Mary's Church
2026 Mass Requests

Drop the completed form in the collection baskets, parish office or by mail.

The Mass Book for 2026 will open on Wednesday, March 26th. This year's requests can be dropped off in the collection baskets, parish office or by mail only. There will be no in-person requests. To ensure that all parishioners have an equal opportunity to request masses for their loved ones, each family may request Three Sundays or Holydays and Five Weekday Masses in their INITIAL request. Beginning Wednesday, April 16th, you may request additional masses if desired. You will receive confirmation of the dates and times you requested.

Three Sundays or Holydays - \$10.00 Each

Table with 4 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Time, Mass Card. Rows 1-3.

Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each

Table with 4 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Time, Mass Card. Rows 1-5.

Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each

Table with 3 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Requested by: Rows 1-2.

Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each

Table with 3 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Requested by: Rows 1-2.

Name: Phone: Email: Amount Enclosed: \$

\*Required for confirmation. Mass Requests is one check and offerings for Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp is another check, two checks in total.

Please drop off the completed form, with your donation, in the Parish Office during the week, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or in the collection baskets or by mail. Please make sure to write on the envelope 2026 Masses.