



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



I KNOW THAT  
*the Messiah*  
IS COMING,  
THE ONE CALLED  
*the Christ.*  
JOHN 4:25

March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent

### 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/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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- 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 22 - Vigil</b>
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 24 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Matthew Malinowski (Living)
8:45AM	Jose M. Canlas
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	Bridget O'Connor
8:45AM	Claudio Delmar
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 26 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	John Hughes
8:45AM	Mike Daly
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 27 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Marie McMahon
8:45AM	Dolores Calupad
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 28 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Charles Barilla
8:45AM	Mike Daly
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 29 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Leonor M. Canlas
5:30PM	Kazimir Telesmanich
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	George Michael Woke
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Brian O'Connell



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of John Hughes requested by Anna and family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Christopher Bishopp requested by his nieces and great nieces.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Vera Faloon.

## This Week



### Sunday – March 23 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30AM PACT Saints  
9:00AM OCIA Rectory  
10:00AM Choir UC

### Monday – March 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
7:00PM OCIA Rectory  
7:00PM Deanery Lenten Penance Service UC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Tuesday – March 25

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS  
6:00PM FHC Session #1

### Wednesday - March 26

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – March 27

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 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Aramaic School  
10:00AM Faith Sharing Group FDVRm  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Saturday – March 29

8:00AM Korean School  
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

### Sunday – March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00AM Choir UC  
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm  
7:00PM Youth Stations Practice UC  
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

## 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.



A few weeks back, on Ash Wednesday, we entered into the sacred season of Lent. When we began this Lenten journey, many of us made a commitment to engage in some special penance, to give up some special food or behavior, or, perhaps we had decided to participate in some special spiritual exercise. Each of us made some commitment to making this Lent special so that we would be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

Well, how are we doing? Are we still committed to making this Lent special or have we given up? Have we persevered in our Lenten commitments or have they, like our New Year's resolutions, been quickly abandoned? Maybe we never even started our Lenten commitments because we knew that it was doomed to failure.

It's not too late to start and if we tried and failed, it's not too late to start again. We don't need an Ash Wednesday or a January 1st, to start making changes for the better. We don't need some special day to tell us now is the time to make a commitment to get closer to God. We don't need a calendar to dictate our spiritual life. All we need is the desire to change and realization that we can do nothing without God's help.

It does not matter how many times we have tried before. This Lent is an invitation to the ongoing work of conversion. Conversion is a life-time journey; a journey we do not make alone. Our God is with us each step of the way; always ready to give us another chance to know Him, another chance to receive His mercy, another chance to experience His infinite love.

**Fr. Carey**

**Hackensack Walk-in Shelter -  
March 5th - Thank You**



Our heartfelt thank you to John and Paula Scalice for always delivering the food to the Hackensack Walk-In Shelter. We were able to continue this ministry because of them and we greatly appreciate all their hard work.

**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

**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.



### PACT/Religious Education Program

#### PACT/Religious Education Program E-mail



Last week we sent a Lenten e-mail with links from our Sunday Parent PACT/Religious Education sessions. The e-mail included information about the Jubilee Year 2025 declared by Pope Francis and Lenten family activities. If you did not receive an e-mail from the Religious Education Office, first check your spam and allow e-mails from us. If there is no e-mail from us, call us at (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

#### 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/>



#### First Holy Communion Candidate Sessions Begin Tuesday



Parents- check your schedules! First Communion Preparation Sessions begin this Tuesday, 3/25. Please join us in prayer for our families preparing their children to receive Jesus Christ in his Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

#### 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.

#### 2025 Offerings Available

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

### 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 15 - 16	\$8,666.00	\$8,708.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,529.00</u>	<u>1,309.00</u>
Total	<u>\$10,195.00</u>	<u>\$10,017.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$6.00

*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 studied well and I got into the honors list."*



**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 <sup>2025</sup>

We are grateful to share that we have already received as of Tuesday, March 18, 2025, **\$19,713.00** in pledges which is 37% 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!



## 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*



**Easter Collection Weekend: April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

As we journey through Lent and increase our prayers, fasting and almsgiving, please consider donating to our Easter Food Drive which will be held the weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be volunteers in the vestibule of the church to collect non-perishable items. You may also drop your donations to the rectory or the baskets at the doors of the church. Please see the list below for items most needed.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, there will be envelopes at the doors of the church. Please place your envelope in the donation basket or bring to the rectory.

We will also be collecting hams and turkeys until Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Please drop at the rectory.

Please continue to pray for each other and for our neighbors around the world who do not have enough to eat.

God Bless.

Anna, Denise & Lynne

**Items Most Needed: cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, small and large canned yams, stuffing, pasta, sauce, pancake mix & syrup**

## 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 Scherzler...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  
Karen Dean...Myra D'Silva

## 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

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

St. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



WHERE: 61 Armour Pl, Dumont NJ  
WHEN: Friday, April 4, 2025, 6 – 8 PM  
INCLUDES: Beer Battered Cod - Steak Fries –Homemade  
Mac & Cheese – Coleslaw - Tartar Sauce –  
Pickles –Salad & Bread  
DESSERT: Cake/Cookies/Coffee/Tea

**INCLUDES: DRAFT BEER/WINE/SODA**

**Note: Take out orders must be picked up inside**

**COST: \$20.00 Adults / \$12.00 Children  
(\$50 Family Maximum)**

**\$\$\$ Gift Baskets to be Ruffled off PLUS a 50/50 \$\$\$**

**Reservation Details:** RSVP via call or text to Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or Email [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com) This is a SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER for the Council – if you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to St. John's Council #1345 KOC, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628 . As always, THANK YOU for your support.

## Wedding Anniversary Liturgy



The Archdiocese of Newark is excited to announce that they are once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Catholic marriage in the Jubilee Year 2025!

**IMPORTANT:** This year there will be **ONE** anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties. This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on **Sunday, June 1st at 3 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. All family members are welcome!

It is their desire that every couple in the Archdiocese celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> Catholic wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

***If you would like to participate in this liturgy, you need to come to the parish office and fill in a registration form so that they know the names and the number of those attending the liturgy.***

**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**

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes No

**Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each**

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
4. _____	_____	_____	Yes No
5. _____	_____	_____	Yes No

**Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each**

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

**Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each**

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
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**.