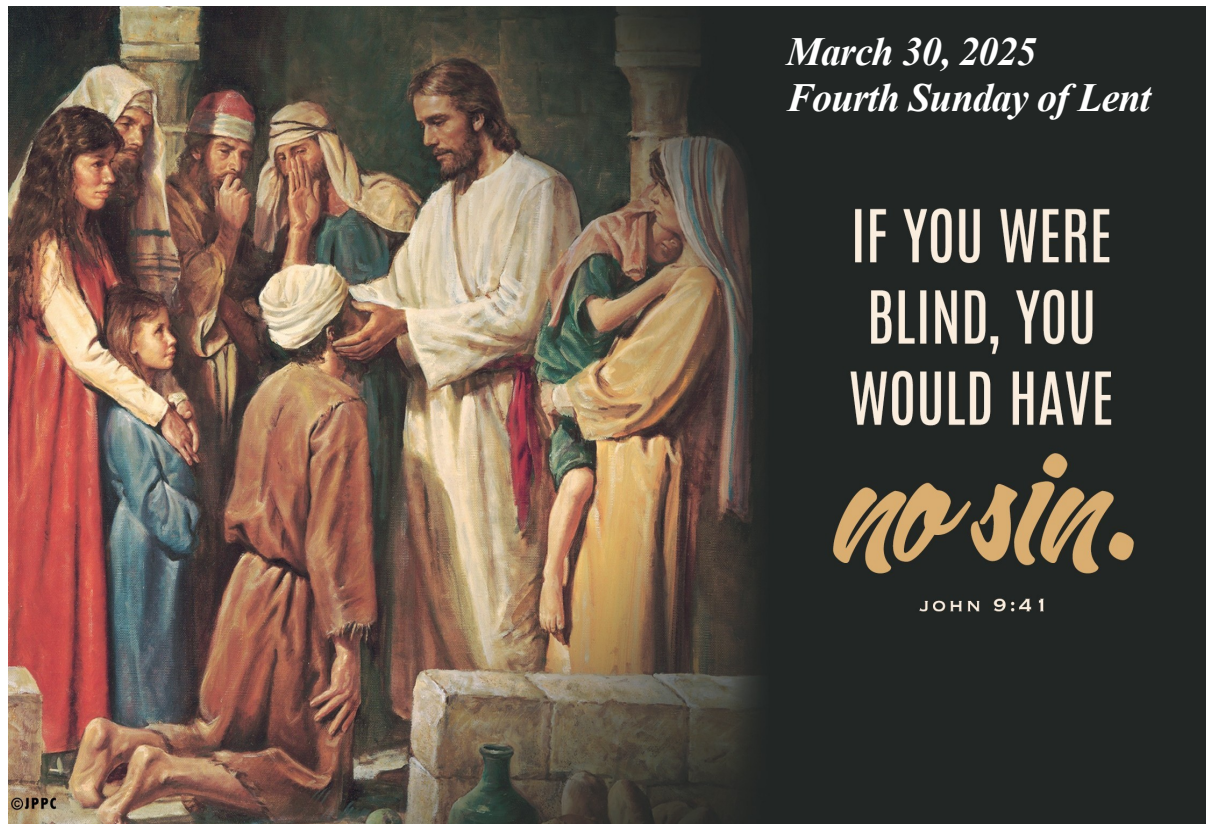


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

IF YOU WERE
BLIND, YOU
WOULD HAVE
no sin.

JOHN 9:41

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*

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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!

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	March 29 - Vigil
5:30PM	Kazimir Telesmanich
Sunday	March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	George Michael Woke
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Brian O'Connell
Monday	March 31 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick and Tadgh Lynch
8:45AM	Rose Bove
Tuesday	April 1 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Eva and Stanislaw Koc
8:45AM	Mike Daly
Wednesday	April 2 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Domenico Morin
8:45AM	Sylvana Pulice
Thursday	April 3 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Bridget O'Connor
8:45AM	Joseph Crvaric
Friday	April 4 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Rodolfo Laya (Living)
8:45AM	Rosalinda Cariaga Picazo
Saturday	April 5 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Bridie Cornyn
5:30PM	Maria and John Zunin
Sunday	April 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Rodolfo Santos, Sr.
10:00AM	Betty and Tom Duffy
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 Mike, Jr. and family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Maureen Martin requested by the Martin family.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Euforo and Lily T. Dizon.

This Week



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
Monday – March 31
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM OCIA Rectory
8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – April 1
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH
Wednesday - April 2
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – April 3
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Choir Practice UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – April 4
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – April 5
8:00AM Korean School
Sunday – April 6
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30AM PACT Angels Final Session
10:00AM Choir UC
7:00PM Youth Stations Practice UC

Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Lent

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



Next Saturday, April 5th, we will welcome Bishop Michael Saporito, Regional Bishop for Bergen County to St. Mary's Church. The Bishop will be here for a day-long episcopal visitation of our parish.

Throughout the day, the Bishop will meet with staff members and with members of the various groups and committees that make up St. Mary's. He will preside at the 5:30 pm mass and following mass we will host a light reception in Szelest Hall so everyone will have the opportunity to welcome the Bishop to St. Mary's.

This visitation is in accord with the directions of Canon Law and it will give us the opportunity to show the Bishop was vibrant and faith-filled community St. Mary's truly is. I hope he will make suggestions on how we, as a parish, can improve and I am sure he may find some things at St. Mary's that he may want to take back to the Archdiocese and to other near-by parish. I am sure that this visitation will be beneficial for St. Mary's and I ask that everyone will pray for its success.

Fr. Carey

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - April 4th



On Friday, April 4th, 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.

2025 Offering Available

Sanctuary Lamp: April 27

Deanery Lenten Penance Service



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

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.

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.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/Religious Education Program
Beyond Borders Presentation



Brian J. Stevens, the Engagement Director for Beyond Borders sent an e-mail in which he thanked us for welcoming him and Sr. Limeteze Pierre-Gilles, their Assistant Director of Engagement. They are so grateful for how we've introduced so many people at St. Mary's to the Family Graduation Program and for our sponsorship of Edlene. For more information, visit their website website: www.BeyondBorders.net

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/>

Tuesday First Holy Communion
Candidate Sessions



Parents- check your schedules... First Communion Preparation Sessions have begun! 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.

Family E-mails



Besides our parish weekly e-mail, families in our Parent PACT/Religious Education Program should have received a separate e-mail with information about the Jubilee Year 2025 and Lenten family activities. If you did not receive these e-mails call us at (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

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 22 - 23	\$7,790.00	\$9,037.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,618.00</u>	<u>1,382.00</u>
Total	\$9,408.00	\$10,419.00

Treasure from our children: \$8.00

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 stood up for my friend."



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.

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

We are grateful to share that we have already received as of Tuesday, March 25, 2025, **\$21,513.00** in pledges which is 41% 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.

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 5th & 6th

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 5th & 6th. 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 11th. 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

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
Karen Dean...Myra D'Silva...Wilma Balingit
Michelle Irimia

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.

Prayer Requests for Lourdes

A few weeks back, representatives from the Special Children's Group that makes an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, spoke at all masses requesting our support. They also promised to take any prayer intentions over to Lourdes with them. If you would like to submit a prayer intention, there are pink boxes at the doors of the church along with paper and pencil for you to write your petition and place it in the box. All requests should be placed in the box by Palm Sunday April 13.

In the spirit of joy and thanksgiving, we would like to invite you to the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the



30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of

Rev. Fr. Raul Gaviola

Sunday, May 04, 2025
12 Noon Mass

St. Henry Church Bayonne, NJ 07002

Reception will follow at
St. John Paul II Parish Center & Gym
Cor: 22nd Street & Ave. E

Kindly RSVP by April 28th
Parish Office: 201-436-0857
Fr. Raul: 609-334-8545



Invitation from Fr. Raul Gaviola

Fr. Raul would like to invite everyone on his 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Please see the invitation on the left for details.

Kindly RSVP by Monday, April 28th.

Parking for the Mass

~ Church Parking Lot
Cor. 29th Street & Ave. C
(you can double park)

~ School Parking Lots
Cor. Ave. C & 27 Street & Ave. C & 28th Street

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 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 5th, 25th, or 50th 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.

**Edene Saintimond
Update**



I'm happy to announce that we raised \$1,065.00 to support Edlene Saintimond and her three children as they go through Beyond Borders' Family Graduation Program. Once they complete this 2-year program, with our financial support, they will have a secure place to live, a steady income, and her children will be attending school. They will be self-sufficient.

Updates for this family will be in the bulletin, our weekly email and in the bulletin. The next appeal for donations will be around November, as our total commitment is \$100 per month, for a total of \$2,400.

We are not only supporting this family financially. We have given them hope, hope that they will be able to live a productive life, a life of dignity. In one sense, we are doing this for ourselves: "Hope is the gift we receive when we give all the hope that we have away" (Father Daniel Berrigan, SJ).

I'm grateful to be part of this community that cares for our brothers and sisters in our community who face food insecurity by supporting our food pantry, who weekly support our church, who serve others outside our immediate community, such as the Nurturing Place in Jersey City, the group that sends disabled persons to Lourdes for a spiritual experience, and a family in Haiti facing multiple issues. That is truly following the teaching of Jesus.

**St. Mary's Church
2026 Mass Requests**

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

The Mass Book for 2026 **is now open**. There will be no in-person requests. 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

	Date	Time	Mass Card	
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
3. _____	_____	_____	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, email or by mail. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2026 Masses**.