

*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*



*April 6, 2025  
Fifth 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*  
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## **TRUSTEES**

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*

## **CONTACT US**

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[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>April 5 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Maria and John Zunin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Rodolfo Santos, Sr.
10:00AM	Betty and Tom Duffy
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 7 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Paul Baranek
8:45AM	Emily Stevens
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 8 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Maria and Jakub Koc
8:45AM	Agnes Meier
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 9 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Catherine and Henry Quigley and Families
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 10 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Kathleen McCarron (Living)
8:45AM	Terry Almendra
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 11 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Francis A. Martin
8:45AM	Rosemary and Tom Ray
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 12 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	James Walters
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 13 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
7:45AM	Paolo Trujillo (Living)
10:00AM	Nellie Lopez
12 Noon	Michael J. McCabe

## Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of the Abad and Pepperl families requested by the Abad family.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Emily Stevens requested by Anne Marie and Jim Bishopp.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Judith Klushin.

## This Week



**Sunday – April 6**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30AM PACT Angels Final Session  
 10:00AM Choir UC  
 7:00PM Youth Stations Practice UC

**Monday – April 7**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 7:00PM OCIA Rectory  
 8:00PM Basketball SH

**Tuesday – April 8**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS  
 6:00PM FHC Prep #2  
 7:00PM Baptism Class

**Wednesday - April 9**  
 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

**Thursday – April 10**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS  
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC  
 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

**Friday – April 11**  
 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
 5:00PM Aramaic School  
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC  
 8:00PM Basketball SH

**Saturday – April 12**  
 8:00AM Korean School  
 9:00AMPalm Cross Pickup Garages  
 9:15AM Decorate for Palm Sunday  
 10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC

**Sunday – April 13**  
**Palm Sunday**  
 10:00AM Choir UC  
 7:00PM Youth Stations Practice UC

## Deanery Lenten Penance Service



The last Lenten Penance service in our deanery will be on Monday, April 7, at 7:00pm, St. Peter's River Edge.





After many years of prayer and fund raising, our dream of having a real elevator for St. Mary's church is getting closer to being a reality. Last fall, the construction of the actual elevator tower began. Of course before you can do construction you very often have to do some destruction; which is what happened to the one set of stairs on the side of the church. Once the old stairs were removed, a tower for the new elevator was built and I am more than pleased with the results. I think the company that built the tower did an exceptional job.

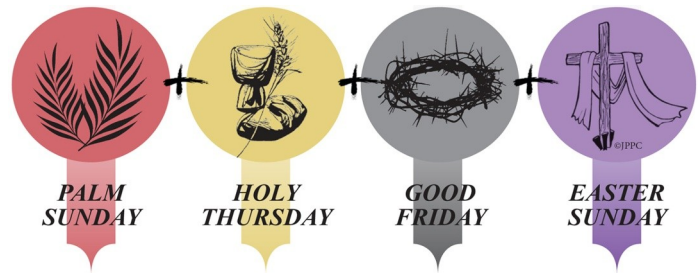
While one company was building the tower on site, a different company was fabricating the actual elevator at the factory. That company is a little behind in schedule but after a couple of delays; I have been informed that delivery of the elevator will begin within the next two weeks. The elevator will be delivered in pieces and will be assembled as it is installed in the new tower. This process will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks. This means that in the very near future, St. Mary's will have an actual elevator.

For many years, those who could not manage the stairs had to rely on the outside wheel-chair lift. I am truly grateful to PALAD and to all those who provided St. Mary's with this lift. But after many years of use, the time has come for St. Mary's to have a real elevator and to be truly handicapped assessable. This would never have been possible without the generous support of so many people. To all who contributed to the construction of the elevator, I offer my sincere thanks.

**Fr. Carey**



- Our Spring Mass of Anointing will be concelebrated on Saturday, April 26th at 10:30 am in Szelest Hall. Details to follow.
- We are once again offering the opportunity to order memorial bricks for the St. Mary's Prayer Garden. Forms will be available in the next bulletin.



### ***Palm Sunday Schedule***

#### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Palm to be distributed at all Masses)**

Saturday, April 12 - 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 13 - 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

### ***The Paschal Triduum Schedule***

#### **Holy Thursday – April 17**

7:30 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

11:00 PM – Night Prayer

#### **Good Friday – April 18**

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer

3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

#### **Holy Saturday – April 19**

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer

8:00 PM – Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

### ***Easter Schedule***

#### **Easter Sunday – April 20**

Masses at: 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

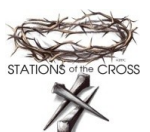
### ***Chrism Mass***



Chrism Mass will be in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 8:00 pm on Monday, April 14.. The Sacred Oils used in our Sacramental life will be blessed at this liturgy and distributed to all parishes.

### ***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***

### **April Sunday PACT/Religious Education Sessions**

Check your color-coded calendars for our April Sunday PACT/Religious Education Sessions. Please pray for us as we prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist with our candidates for the first time during the Easter season. This meeting is also important as parents will register for next year's Religious Education Program and our July Vacation Bible school!

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) – Save the Dates!**



Monday 7/28 through Friday 8/1 Vacation Bible School returns to St. Mary's! The time will be 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon. Each morning we will celebrate God's Great Big Beautiful World with music, crafts, and FUN!

Registration in advance is required. Registration forms will be available in the church and Religious Education Office beginning next week.

### **Volunteer at VBS!**

Adults/College-age/H.S. teens/and those in 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grades volunteer together to make our VBS week a huge success. Volunteer as a co-leader, an aide, in the snack area, for recreation, story time, music, or in another way. Remember that all adults who volunteer in the Church are current with *Protecting God's Children* requirements of our Archdiocese of Newark. Give us a call at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org) for more information.

### **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/>



### **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.

## ***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.

## ***Stewardship Reflection***

### **5th Sunday of Lent**

*"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

## 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...Myra D'Silva  
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Betty Delia...Marie F.  
Patricia Adone...George & Gerry Taylor...John R.  
Antonio S...Frank Babiera...Karen and Jerry Kastner  
Karen Dean...Wilma Balingit...Michelle Irimia  
Zenaida Acero...Rosario Pingul...Agapito Pingul

## 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.

## 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 29 - 30	\$8,740.00	Easter
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,786.00	Easter
Total	\$10,526.00	

Treasure from our children: \$10.00

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."***

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**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, April 1, 2025, **\$23,633.00** in pledges which is 45% 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!



# SAVE THE DATE!

*St. Mary's Altar & Rosary  
Society presents:  
Spring Back Into Bingo*

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

St. Mary's Church Szelest Hall (Gym)  
280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

**Come join us for a relaxing Sunday afternoon  
and some good old-fashioned fun!**

**Doors open at 2pm  
Bingo starts at 2:30pm**

**BYOB & Snacks permitted**

**Additional details to follow!**

Please contact Kathleen Mullins @ 201.310.1159 or email  
[rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org) with any questions



*Salubong*

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025  
for the celebration and reenactment of "Salubong",  
the first meeting of the Risen Christ and the sorrowful  
Virgin Mary on the first Easter morning.  
"Salubong" is an old Easter tradition in the Philippines.



**Assembly Time:** 11:30am (before the 12noon Mass).  
**Place:** St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Av., Dumont  
Procession starts at the parking lot. Reenactment will  
commence on the main steps and vestibule.  
**Sponsor:** Philippine-American Lay Apostolate of Dumont (PALAD)

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



**30<sup>th</sup> 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 29<sup>th</sup> Street & Ave. C  
(you can double park)

~ School Parking Lots  
Cor: Ave. C & 27 Street &  
Ave. C & 28<sup>th</sup> Street



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TO OUR LOYAL SPONSORS  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING MAKE OUR  
EVENT A SUCCESSFUL ONE!**

**FRECH-MCKNIGHT FUNERAL HOME  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GRIDDLE THIS  
DUMONT ELKS**

**AND OF COURSE OUR PARISHIONERS WHOSE SUPPORT IS ALWAYS UNWAVERING**

