

*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*



## Strive to enter through the narrow gate.

*Luke 13:24*

*August 24, 2025  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### 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/OCIA*  
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*  
Mr. Lawrence Miloscia, *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> 5:30PM	<b>Aug. 23 - Vigil</b> Brenda M. Thornton
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Aug. 24 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mary Woke Parishioners of St. Mary's Jose M. Canlas
<b>Monday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Aug. 25 - Weekday</b> John Daly Dorothy Boutillier
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Aug. 26 - Weekday</b> Ma Pilar Pamela de los Santos Marcus Burke
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Aug. 27 - St. Monica</b> Katherine Palumbo Joann Ponik
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Aug. 28 - St. Augustine</b> Norma Reymundo Elisa Fazio
<b>Friday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist</b> Nicholas Marino Mike Daly
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30AM 5:30PM	<b>Aug. 30 - Weekday</b> Rose Bove Brigid Kivlehan
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Aug. 31 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Parishioners of St. Mary's Francis Martin Enrica Almendra



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of David Karash requested by Eileen Fortunato.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of John O'Shea requested by AnneMarie and Jim Bishopp.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Imelda Bautista.

## This Week



**Sunday – Aug. 24**  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

**Monday – Aug. 25**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

**Tuesday – Aug. 26**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

**Wednesday - Aug. 27**  
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

**Thursday – Aug. 28**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC  
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

**Friday – Aug. 29**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

**Saturday – Aug. 30**  
**Sunday – Aug. 31**  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

## We Welcome the Newest Member of our Parish Community



Baptism

Lorena Rae Gaston

## Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - Sept. 5th, 2025

On Friday, Sept. 5th, 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 Parish Summer Office Hours Ends On Friday, Aug. 29, 2025



The last Friday that the parish office closes at 3:00 PM will be this Friday, **August 29th**. Regular Friday hours will resume next Friday, Sept. 5th. We ask parishioners to make a note of this change.



Earlier this year, our Archbishop, Cardinal Tobin, published a letter, "We Are His Witnesses." This letter introduced us to a process called "Pastoral Conversion." This process is meant to evaluate the current pastoral needs of our Archdiocese, to project the future pastoral needs and to seek the most pastoral and efficient way to meet these needs now and in the future.

Everyone was invited to be part of this process by participating in the Disciples Maker Survey this past spring. I thank all those members of St. Mary's who took the time to complete the survey. From what I have learned, a greater percentage of St. Mary's parishioners participated in the survey than many other parishes.

Last October, all the priest of the Archdiocese had a full-day presentation of the process of Pastoral Conversion. It was also a big part of the three-day Convocation that all priests attended at the end of May. This summer has been a time to collate all the information that has been collected and now it is time to move forward.

In our bulletin today, there is an outline of what the next steps in the process of Pastoral Conversion for the Archdiocese of Newark. Everyone will have the opportunity to be part of the process. We must all realize the changing demographics of Archdiocese, the changing participation in the life of the parish of many Catholics and the declining number of ordained ministers. As the Cardinal has stresses, the process of Pastoral Conversion calls us to focus on three fundamental questions: Where are we now? Where are we going? How do we get there? Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am confident that the Archdiocese of Newark will be made much stronger by the Pastoral Conversion.

**Fr. Carey**

## Stewardship Reflection

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30*

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

## 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...Antonio S.  
N. Diamond...Heather S...Betty & Richard Delia  
Anthony Montagnino...John Eckel, Sr...Marie F.  
Teresita Ariola...Allan Austria...Daniel Thornton  
Dolores Awid...Chelsea Schwerzler...Myra D'Silva  
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone  
George & Gerry Taylor...Frank Babiera...Any  
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Wilma Balingit...John R.  
Michelle Irimia...Richard Hogan...Zenaida Acero  
Rosario Pingul...Agapito Pingul...Luisa Castro  
Ryan McHugh...Baby James Thomas Formoso  
Paul Bernard Francois...Wilberto Guilgerto Canlas  
Revan Thrawn Wrage...Nerizza Flores Hooper  
Laura Poznanski Clark...Lemuel Magusara  
Filip Pindulic...Baby Eli Antar...Maureen Donohue

## 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.

## 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: Aug. 16 - 17	\$6,480.00	\$6,235.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,266.00</u>	<u>1,557.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,746.00</u>	<u>\$7,792.00</u>

**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 . Thank you for your support.





### WHAT IS IT?

Launched by Cardinal Tobin in June 2025, and inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium*, this is an invitation to “**PASTORAL CONVERSION**” – a call for every member of the Church to take shared responsibility in renewing our Catholic presence by embracing evangelization and missionary outreach while adapting to today's cultural and social norms.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS INITIATIVE?



Renew Missionary Purpose



Deepen Parish Vitality



Foster Shared Listening & Action

### WHY IS RENEWAL NEEDED NOW?

#### A CHANGING LANDSCAPE SINCE 1998\*:

- 🏰 Mass attendance ↓ 53%
- 🧑 Baptisms ↓ 61%
- 💍 Marriages ↓ 75%
- 🕯️ Funerals ↓ 56%



#### FEWER PRIESTS TO SERVE\*:

- Only **127 priests** under 50
- By 2044, fewer than **131 pastors** available

*\*In the Archdiocese of Newark*

**YET, THE POPULATION IS GROWING!**



Each county is projected to grow **3%+**

➡ More people to reach with Christ's love



### HOW WILL THIS WORK? Our faith must respond to today's realities.

We will walk together in faith, listening, discerning, and acting to bring Christ to the world.

#### AREAS OF MISSION FOCUS:

1. Evangelization and Outreach – How will we share the Gospel with all people in our area?
2. Pastoral Care of the Faithful – How will we care for all Catholics in our parish communities?
3. Long-Term Sustainability – How will we provide support for parishes into the future?

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO GUIDE US:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where is God calling us to go?
3. How will we get there together?

#### GUIDING VALUES:

1. *Synodality* - Listening, walking together
2. *Subsidiarity* - Trusting local wisdom
3. *Solidarity* - Unity in diversity

#### WHO'S INVOLVED?

1. Clergy, religious, lay leaders, and **YOU**
2. Guided by Bishop Saporito & RCAN Commissions
3. Cardinal Tobin listens—but makes final decisions



#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Join parish listening sessions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Share feedback and ideas                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stay open to change            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support and pray for your community and the entire Archdiocese |

Stay connected with your parish and the Archdiocese to follow the progress of this important initiative.

Visit [WeAreHisWitnesses.org](https://WeAreHisWitnesses.org) for updates, resources, and more.





## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **Religious Education – New Parent Orientation/Registration Sessions**

Religious Education is not only for preparing for Communion and Confirmation. Our PACT/Religious Education Program runs from Grades 1-8 (with an optional section of kindergarten).

We have parent orientation-registration appointments this week Sunday (today), 8/17 11:15 a.m., Monday, 8/18 3:30 p.m., Monday, 8/18 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, 8/19 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, 8/19 3:30 p.m.

E-mail us at [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org) or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20 for more information or to R.S.V.P. for one of these appointment times.

### **Re-registration for PACT/Religious Education**

Some of our families are not registered for our PACT/Religious Education program which begins next month! Be sure you are registered as we need to organize our program and assign class sections at this time. Color-coded schedules will be mailed to your home after school begins in September.

### *St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News*

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will begin our 89<sup>th</sup> year on Tuesday, September 9 with our first meeting and birthday celebration! Please join us as we renew our faith to our Blessed Mother.

Current members should be receiving their packet in the mail with our calendar and Membership/Communion Breakfast forms. New members may pick up a new member form at the doors of the church.

As Fr. Carey recently wrote, "A study found that praying the Rosary boosts mental health and that this traditional prayer can be a source of inner peace."

So please join us as we share our faith, renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother and find some inner peace.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!

Kathy Mullins – President  
[rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org)

## **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION FORM • WASHINGTON, DC**

Please enroll me as a pilgrim to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

**One-Day Bus Trip**  
**Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
**Cost: \$60.00**

**"Reservation is First Come, First Serve."**

Bus leaves St. Mary's promptly at 7:00 a.m. and

Departs from the Basilica at 5:30 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office at 201-384-0557 if you have any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Made out to St. Mary's Church)

**Return this form to the Parish Office  
with your payment by Monday,  
October 6, 2025.**

## ***Food Pantry Items For August***

For the month of August, the food pantry will again be collecting PANCAKE MIX/BISQUICK & SYRUP. Please place your items in the baskets at the doors of the upper church or drop at the rectory during normal business hours. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please place your contribution in the collection basket in an envelope marked Food Pantry.

We thank you in advance for your continued support!!

**God Bless,  
Anna, Denise & Lynne**



# *St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society Presents: Bingo Sundays!*

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

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

**Reservations: Cost - \$20**

**Includes: 11 Games of Bingo**

**Dessert, Coffee & Tea**

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

**Additional Boards \$5**

**Bingo prizes start at \$20 per game**

**Prizes will be split if there are multiple winners to a game.**

**Must be 18 years or older to play**

**BYOB & Snacks permitted**

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

**Please contact Kathleen Mullins @ 201.310.1159**

**or email [rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org) with any questions**

*Please note, tables are arranged in rows. Your party may be combined with another table.*

*Please include names & payment for each person at your table.*

*Please list additional people on the back of this form.*

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_  
4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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9) \_\_\_\_\_  
10) \_\_\_\_\_

**Amt Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Name/Phone Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please drop payment and form to the Rectory by Friday, September 5 between 9 am & 5 pm or mail to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ 07628**

# ARE YOU IN?

## ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY PICNIC



WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

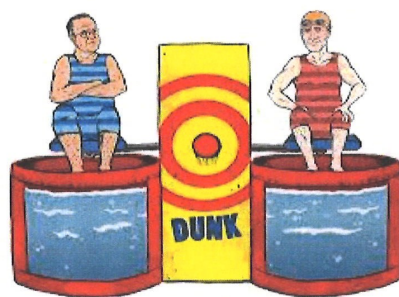
TIME: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE: RECTORY PARKING LOT

ST. MARY'S WILL SUPPLY THE

BURGERS, DOGS, DRINKS

PLEASE DONATE ONE OF YOUR FAMILY  
FAVORITE SALADS OR DESSERTS TO SHARE!



GAMES, FACE PAINTING, BALLOONS &

FR. CAREY & STAFF IN A DUNK TANK!!

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

PLEASE DROP FORM IN BASKET AT MASS OR BRING/MAIL TO RECTORY

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FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF KIDS \_\_\_\_\_

SALAD DONATION: GREEN, POTATO, MACARONI, PASTA, OTHER

DESSERT DONATION: BROWNIES, COOKIES, CUPCAKES, OTHER

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR DONATION)