



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



If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.

Luke 16:31

September 28, 2025
Twenty-Sixth 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*

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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 5:30PM	Sept. 27 - Vigil Domenico Morin
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Sept. 28 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lucia DiMeglio Richard and Frances Bishopp Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Paul DiPaola Asaka Watanabe-Park
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 30 - St. Jerome John Daly Dorothy M. Cipollone
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Filippa Romeo Rich Melber, Jr. (Living)
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels John Daly Arturo Aquino
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 3 - Weekday Mr. & Mrs. Maurice and Mary Lynch Nicholas Marino
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi Pamela Durcan Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Oct. 5 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Nenita de Guzman Matthew Hayes Michael McCabe



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Teresita Enriquez requested by Antonio and Theresa Abad.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Richard and Frances Bishopp requested by their great granddaughters.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Albert Honovic.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 28 8:30AM PACT Saints 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm 3:00PM Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony SH
Monday – Sept. 29 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Sept. 30 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS 7:00PM Finance Council Meeting Seton Rm 7:00PM OCIA
Wednesday - Oct. 1 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC 7:00PM Bereavement Ministry Seton Rm 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Oct. 2 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Oct. 3 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Oct. 4 8:00AM Korean School 3:00PM A & R Communion Breakfast Set-up SH
Sunday – Oct. 5 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir After 7:45AM Mass A & R Communion Breakfast SH 7:00PM Youth Group Meeting SFC

Stewardship Reflection

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."
LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



More than a year ago, the Archdiocese of Newark entered into 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.

Last October, all the priests of the Archdiocese had a full-day presentation on the process of Pastoral Conversion. The process 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.

The information that is being evaluated includes the results of the Disciples Maker Survey that all parishioners were invited to be part of this past spring. There were other surveys for the priests and pastors of the Archdiocese. Also, a work book for each parish was developed that charted mass attendance, sacramental celebrations, parishioner participation as well as the financial health of the parish.

Last month, in our bulletin, there was a one-page insert that outlined the process of Pastoral Conversion under the Cardinal’s campaign of “We Are His Witnesses.” Just as we encouraged parishioner involvement through the Disciples Maker Survey, we will be asking for your continued participation in Parish Listening Sessions. There will be two sessions in mid-October here at St. Mary’s. These sessions will be your opportunity to express your concerns and voice your opinion.

We must all realize the changing demographics of the Archdiocese, the changing participation in the life of the parish of many Catholics, and the declining number of ordained ministers, compel us, as the Church of Newark, to make fundamental adjustments to ensure that the pastoral needs of Catholics continue to be met.

As the Cardinal has stressed, 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 process of Pastoral Conversion.

Fr. Carey

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...Robert 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
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O’Neill...Nelly Mayorga

Sick and Homebound Visit

If you or someone you know can’t come to the church and would like to receive communion, do confession, or would like to talk to a priest, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557. Fr. Carey will be glad to visit you.

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - October 3rd



On Friday, Oct. 3rd, 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.

Blessing of Animals Saturday, October 4th

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of animals on Saturday, October 4th at 12:30pm. Please bring your pets to the parking area at the back of the rectory.





PACT/Religious Education Program

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Our PACT Program has begun! Please pray that our Religious Education year will be blessed as we gather *Parents And Children Together* to learn how to be Disciples of Hope in a world which needs Hope more than ever.

Staying with the program...



Our PACT/Religious Education Program is in place for St. Mary's families with children in Grades 1 through 8 (we even have a section of kindergarten). Do you need to get your family back on track with Religious Education? Parents new to our parish/program come in to the Religious Education Office for a brief orientation session.

For more information, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religious@stmarysdumont.org

Sharing the Hope of the Gospel

Are you a faith-filled parishioner who attends mass regularly ready to take on a new role, sharing the *Hope of the Gospel* with our younger parishioners once or twice per month? We will help you complete our archdiocesan volunteer requirements which include completing an application with a background check and attendance at a Protecting God's Children seminar. For more information e-mail religious@stmarysdumont.org or call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20.



High Schools Open House

1. **Bergen Catholic High School**
1040 Oradell Ave., Oradell, NJ 07649
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm.
Register at admissions@bergencatholic.org
2. **Mother Seton Regional High School**
1 Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066
Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1:00pm
Register at motherseton.org
3. **Regis High School**
55 E 84th, New NY 10028
Thursday, Oct. 5, 5:00pm-8:30pm
Register at regis.org/admissions/events

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: Sept. 20 - 21	\$6,866.00	\$7,058.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,935.00</u>	<u>1,435.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,804.00</u>	<u>\$8,493.00</u>



ONLINE
GIVING
By WeShare

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.

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: _____

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.**

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

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society began our 89th year on Tuesday, September 9 praying a Rosary. 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." Please join us monthly as we share our faith, renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother and find some inner peace. Looking forward to seeing old & new members at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 7th.

We will be hosting our annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 5 right after the 7:45 am mass in Szelest Hall. All are welcome to attend. Reservation forms can be found at the doors of the church.

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org



*Food Pantry Items
For October*

For the month of October, the food pantry will be collecting laundry detergent, small size up to 50 oz. Please place your items in the boxes 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



The St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a garage sale on Sunday, October 12, 2025, rain or shine. It will be held in Szelest Hall and on the landing outside the gym doors on New Milford Avenue from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

If you would like to help with this endeavor by donating gently used items, **please bring your items to the doors of Szelest Hall on New Milford Avenue on Thursday & Friday, October 9 & 10 between 6 pm and 8 pm.**

Please do not bring your items to the rectory or leave them in the church.

PLEASE NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

*Thank you for your continued support of the
St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society!*

Paint & Sip

A Fundraiser for The Bergen Irish Association

When: Saturday, October 4, 7:30 PM

**Where: Bergen Irish Hall
41 Omaha Street, Dumont, NJ**



\$50 per person

**Proceeds to benefit
The Bergen Irish
Association.**

**All materials
included. BYOB.
Light snacks
provided.**

Register by 9/29: Contact Mary Anne Hackett at 845-222-3032 or Anne Marie Mitchell at 201-220-7753

WINE DESIGN
Montclair

St. Mary's Parish Picnic Sept. 21, 2025



Dunk Time



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Two Sundays ago, St. Mary's hosted a Parish Family Picnic. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a tremendous success. Thank you to all those who donated wonderful salads and delicious desserts. Thank you to those who cooked so many great hot dogs and hamburgers. Thank you to the servers and those who set-up and cleaned up.

Special thank you to Inserra Shop Rite who donated hot dogs, hamburgers and buns for the event, and to Frech McKnight Funeral Home for a generous donation that helped defrayed most of our costs. We also thank the Knights of Columbus, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cremin and everyone else who donated to the event.

Thank you to all who attended our Parish Family Picnic. It was a tremendous community building event.

And special thanks to God for giving us perfect weather.

Fr. Carey

ps: Yes, I did get wet in the Dunk Tank.

St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry

Dates: Wednesdays from October 1 to November 5

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: St. Mary's Parish Office

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

To register email:

Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org

or call the parish office at 201 384-0557

