



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



Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27



September 7, 2025
Twenty-Third 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/RCIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
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Sheila Romaine, *Religious Ed. Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator*

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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 | Sept. 6 - Vigil |
| 5:30PM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | Sept. 7 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:45AM | Living Members of the Hughes Family |
| 10:00AM | Joan and Robert Mascarelli |
| 12 Noon | Sean Thornton-Francis Sidle |
| Monday | Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 7:00AM | John Daly |
| 8:45AM | Alexander Silva (Living) |
| Tuesday | Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver |
| 7:00AM | Valerio Laya (Living) |
| 8:45AM | Kevin M. Foley |
| Wednesday | Sept. 10 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Msgr. Richard Arnholds Personal Intentions (Living) |
| 8:45AM | Michele Patetta |
| Thursday | Sept. 11 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Victims of 9/11 |
| 8:45AM | Victims of 9/11 |
| Friday | Sept. 12 - Weekday |
| 7:00AM | Timothy Sheehan |
| 8:45AM | Iris D'Souza |
| Saturday | Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom |
| 8:30AM | Gabriella Borges (Living) |
| 5:30PM | Mike Burke |
| Sunday | Sept. 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| 7:45AM | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| 10:00AM | John Dombroski |
| 12 Noon | Nancy Florio |



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of the Markert and Quigley families.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Vera and Lou Vietri requested by Lynne and Mike Vietri.

Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine:

Jan. 4, 11 & 18; Feb. 1; May 17; June 7; Aug. 23 & 30; Oct. 4; Nov. 8, 22 & 29; Dec. 6, 13 & 20.

Sanctuary Lamp:

May 24; July 5 & 26; Aug. 2, 23 & 30; Nov. 22.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 7

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

11:00AM PACT New Parent Meeting Library-School
After the 12:00PM Mass Feast of Filipino Martyrs and
Social UC/SFC

2:00PM Altar & Rosary Bingo Fundraising SH
Second Collection: The Catholic Univ. of America

Monday – Sept. 8

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM PACT Catechist Meeting Library School

8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Sept. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH

Wednesday - Sept. 10

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Sept. 11

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC

8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Sept. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Sept. 13

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Sept. 14

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

2:00PM Parish Picnic

Stewardship Reflection

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



Once we know that Labor Day is over, we adjust to the start of a new school year. The start of a new school year brings major changes for us here at St. Mary's. Like most parishes in our Archdiocese, St. Mary's needs rental income to balance our operating budget. For more than five years, a Korean language school has rented out the majority of our school building on Saturdays and the lower level of our school has been rented out as an early childhood center.

For the past few years an early childhood facility called GLO was our tenant in this space but unfortunately, they were forced to close at the beginning of the summer. We are most fortunate that a new tenant has already been found. The Learning Center, an early childhood school that has been in operation here in Dumont for many years is leaving their current location across the street from the Rectory and is taking up residence in the lower level of St. Mary's School. We are most happy to welcome The Learning Center to our building.

The sad truth is that many, if not most parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark, rely on rental income from their closed school buildings to balance their budget and every time another Catholic School closes, there is one more parish competing for the limited number of possible tenants. Some parishes avoid this by simply selling their empty school building. Even if I wanted to, which I don't, we couldn't sell our school building. We need it for the close to 500 hundred students in our Religious Education program.

I am truly grateful for the support St. Mary's receives from our generous parishioners but in these difficult times, this support is not always enough. We need the rental income that our tenants provide.

Fr. Carey

Bridge Makers Meeting



September 18th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's, in the school.

Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. Our next meeting is Thursday,

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

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will begin our 89th 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 9th!

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org



*Food Pantry Items
For September*



It is back to school time and that means packing school lunches! So, for the month of September the food pantry will be collecting peanut butter & jelly. 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**





PACT/Religious Education Program

New Parent Orientation-Registration Meeting Sunday 9/7 at 11:15 a.m.

A **New Parent Orientation-registration Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday 9/7 at 11:15 a.m.** If you cannot make that time, call (201) 384-0557 extension 20 or e-mail us at religious@stmarysdumont.org to make an appointment to drop by the office.

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).

Schedules for PACT/Religious Education

Have you re-registered for PACT/Religious Education? Color-coded schedules have been mailed and should arrive to all PACT/Religious Education families this week.

Protection God's Children for Adults – Tuesday, 9/16/2025 6:30 p.m.



We are offering a Protecting God's Children for Adults session here Tuesday, 9/16/2025 6:30 p.m. (refreshments served 6:15 p.m.)

This session is one of the requirements for all who volunteer in programs with children including our PACT/Religious Education, Children's Liturgy, and other ministries. **Advance registration is required- sign up online at www.virtus.org.**

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)

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collections for Aug. 30 - 31 will be in next week's bulletin.

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. Thank you for your support.

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 Scherwzler...Myra D'Silva
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone
George & Gerry Taylor...Frank Babiera...Anya
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.

St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry

Losing a loved one is hard. Join others who share your experience of loss and sadness and are looking for a way to heal. Join St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry starting on October 1st at 7:00 pm and every Wednesday until November 5.

To register email Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org or call the parish office at 201 384-0557.



High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2026! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 7, 2025. Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to <https://www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions>.

Additionally, the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are holding their annual High School Expo Nights in September at various locations in the Archdiocese. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from Catholic high schools from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 16th: St. Thomas the Apostle School, 50 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

Thursday, Sept. 18th: St. John the Apostle School, 571 Valley Road, Clark, NJ

Monday, Sept. 22nd: St. Peter's Prep, 144 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ

Thursday, Sept. 25th: Our Lady of Mercy Academy, 25 Fremont Ave., Park Ridge, NJ

For more information, visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

Are You Registered?

If you have recently moved or even if you have been attending for years, stop by the parish office and register.

Why do you need to register?

There are many reasons such as:

- There's a feeling of becoming part of the parish community.
- You give the parish a chance to get to know you better.
- The parish will have a way to communicate with you by sending you emails or mails to keep you up-to-date on the parish news.
- **Registration is required** to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony.
- If you're planning to register your child(ren) to our **Religious Education program**, the families of those attending must be registered parishioners.
- When a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or if a parish needs verification of your status as a practicing Catholic, these **can't be done if you're not registered**. *You need to be registered as an active parishioner for at least **three months**.*

Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

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Rachel's VINEYARD
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time




2025 Retreat Dates

March 28-30, 2025

September 19-21, 2025

Hope... Healing... Forgiveness

For more details, contact Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office by
phone at 201-912-3272 or email at
Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

Come, join us...

St. Mary's Church, Dumont, NJ

together with the

Churches in Our Deanery

on the

NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

to the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, DC

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.



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. on Oct. 18, 2025.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____ (Made out to St. Mary's) Cash _____

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

ARE YOU IN?

ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY PICNIC



WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

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 7TH

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)