



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



September 14, 2025
***The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross***

Everyone who believes in
him may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:15

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*
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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. 13 - Vigil
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
Monday	Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00AM	Bronislawa and Franciszek
8:45AM	Robert and Joan Mascarelli
Tuesday	Sept. 16 - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
7:00AM	John Daly
8:45AM	Timothy and Nora Sheehan
Wednesday	Sept. 17 - Weekday
7:00AM	Bill O'Shea
8:45AM	Stosica Crvaric
Thursday	Sept. 18 - Weekday
7:00AM	John Daly
8:45AM	Maria Pilar Pamela de los Santos
Friday	Sept. 19 - Weekday
7:00AM	Nicholas Marino
8:45AM	Bridget O'Connor
Saturday	Sept. 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng
8:30AM	Paula A. Sabug
5:30PM	Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday	Sept. 21 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Gabrielle Napoleone
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Jose M. Canlas



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rev. Thomas Pendrick requested by Josie Parrella.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo requested by Lisa Russo.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Angela Vala.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 14

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

1:30PM Baptism UC

2:00PM Parish Picnic

Monday – Sept. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

7:00PM OCIA

8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Sept. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

6:30PM Protecting God's Children

7:30PM Parish Council FDVRm

Wednesday - Sept. 17

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Sept. 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC

5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC

7:00PM Bridge Makers School Library

8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Sept. 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Sept. 20

8:00AM Korean School

10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC

Sunday – Sept. 21

8:30AM PACT Angels

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Stewardship Reflection

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?



Today we celebrate the great feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Few feasts throughout the year are important enough to take precedence over an ordinary Sunday. This feast is one that does.

This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, the Emperor Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus and a basilica, the Martyrium. In the square between the two churches, a shrine, the Calvarium, marks the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem around 626 but were later destroyed by Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross in 320 by St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

In the time of the Roman Empire, a cross was sign of cruel torture and a most agonizing death. It was the form of execution reserved for the most serious criminals and it was a warning to anyone who might consider defying the Empire. For us who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the cross is a sign of eternal salvation.

The Son of God took upon Himself our human nature and by dying on the cross destroyed death itself. For us, the cross is a sign that melds together two contradictory ideas, death and life. By surrendering to the will of His Father, the Son is exalted as Lord and Savior. Jesus calls each of us to pick up our cross and follow him. If we are willing to do so, we too will share in His exaltation. Each time we mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, we acknowledge that our Savior willingly died on the cross so that we might receive the gift of eternal life

Fr. Carey

Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

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

Sick and Homebound Visit

If you or know someone who 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.

Bridge Makers Meeting

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





PACT/Religious Education Program

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Check your mail... color-coded PACT/Religious Education Program schedules have been sent to all registered PACT families as our PACT/Religious Education Program begins with the Angels group on 9/21 and Saints 9/28.

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 religioused@stmarysdumont.org

Help us spread the Good News!

The average commitment for catechists, substitutes, and aides at our Religious Education Program is once or twice per month on a Sunday morning or sacrament preparation on a weekday evening. Volunteer requirements include completing an application with a background check and attendance at a *Protecting God's Children* seminar. For more information e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20

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.**



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***



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!*

St. John's Council #1345 presents:

Parents INTERNET SAFETY

Free Presentation



Join us for an evening with D/Sgt. James Calaski, member of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Computer Crimes Task Force, to learn how to keep your children safe and supported in today's digital world.



Internet Safety Basics: Simple steps to protect your family, set boundaries, and recognize online dangers.



Information Control: How to protect personal details, stop oversharing, and keep your family's private life private.



Social Media Mistakes: Common missteps kids make on apps like Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok—and how to guide them safely.



Sexting: The risks, legal consequences, and long-term effects parents need to understand, plus how to start tough conversations.



Cyberbullying: What to watch for, how to step in, and how to support your child if they're a target.

7:30 PM | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL HALL
61 ARMOUR PLACE, DUMONT, NJ 07628

RSVP is strongly suggested to save your seat.
RSVP to: Kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

NO CHILDREN | SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

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.

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. 30 - 31	\$7,651.00	\$7,536.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,405.00</u>	<u>1,650.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,056.00</u>	<u>\$9,186.00</u>
Collections: Sept. 6 - 7	\$7,062.00	\$7,377.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,603.00</u>	<u>1,806.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,665.00</u>	<u>\$9,183.00</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 from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

We greatly appreciate your continued support to St. Mary's.



Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345

Do you enjoy those Friday Evenings during Lent when you don't have to cook because we are hosting a Fish Fry? Don't heat your kitchen up. Join us for **CHICKEN & PASTA NIGHT!!**

CHICKEN & PASTA NIGHT
Friday September 19, 2025
6pm – 8pm

Buffet Menu consisting of:

- Bread
- Salad
- Vegetables
- Chicken Parmesan
- Grilled Chicken
- Spaghetti
- Soda, Coffee, Tea & Dessert
- Tap Beer, Wine, and Soda

RSVP REQUIRED BY Monday Sept 15th:
 Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or
 email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

**Only \$20
Per Person**

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



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.**