



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



You cannot serve
both God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13

September 21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth 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*
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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. 20 - Vigil Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Sept. 21 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gabrielle Napoleone Parishioners of St. Mary's Jose M. Canlas
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 22 - Weekday John Daly Messina Family
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina Emma and Anya Halecky (Living) Michele Patetta
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 24 - Weekday John Daly Michael Acuba
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 25 - Weekday Nicholas Marino In Thanksgiving Canlas Family (Living)
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Sept. 26 - Weekday Emily del Vecchio Rolando Joaquin
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul Jose Carretas 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



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Arthur Philip King requested by his wife, Eleanor.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Luisa Chua requested by Alex and Marge Yu.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Armando Tolentino.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 21

8:30AM PACT Angels
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Monday – Sept. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM OCIA
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Sept. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

Wednesday - Sept. 24

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
9:30AM Decorate Church Fall
7:00AM AHA Retreat SH/SFC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Sept. 25

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 – Sept. 26

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Sept. 27

8:00AM Korean School

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

Stewardship Reflection

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

“Catechetical Sunday 2025”

-Bill Mascitello

Each year, our Catholic Church commemorates Catechetical Sunday. On Sunday, 9/21 (and Saturday 9/20) we will ask God to bless all of our *catechists*... those who are part of Sunday PACT/ Religious Education catechists, the RCIA program, Sacrament Preparation, Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, and other ministries.

Besides *sharing the Good News*, we are asked to recall that this year is a special Jubilee year, called by Pope Francis. This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed we recite every Sunday! In conjunction with the Jubilee Year 2025, our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages us to remember what we read in the first letter of Peter: “Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope” (1 Pet 3:15). So besides recalling that all Catholics are called to *missionary discipleship*, and that all of us play a role in bringing the Good News to others, we are reminded to keep Hope in our hearts.

As we bless catechists this week, consider the call of Catholic Christians to spread the Gospel in our lives whatever our state in life. Perhaps it is time to respond to the call to missionary discipleship by coming forward as catechist in one of our parish programs. Perhaps it is time to (gently) challenge family members or friends who have been away from mass, parish life, or Religious Education. If you have read this far, congratulations! Wherever we find ourselves as we officially open our Religious Education Programs on this Catechetical Sunday 2025, may Hope accompany us this coming year and always. Happy, Hope-filled “Catechetical Sunday” to all!

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - October 3, 2025



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.

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 Guilgerito 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

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.

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.

Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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



PACT/Religious Education Program

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Registration letters and PACT/Religious Education Program schedules have been sent to all registered PACT families as our PACT/Religious Education Program begins with the Angels group this week, 9/21 and Saints next week, 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



Thank you, Catechists!

Catechists are vital for our Sunday PACT, sacrament preparation, OCIA, Sunday Children's Liturgy, and other programs. We can't do it without you and your continued commitment as *missionary disciples* sharing the Good News to our young people and others in our community. As you are blessed at our masses this weekend, we pray that you remain full of Hope in your ministry.

If you are reading this perhaps you are a faith-filled parishioner ready to take on the role of catechist at St. Mary's. 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

We Welcome the Newest Member of our Parish Community



Liam Dariel Nunez



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.catholicschoolsny.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:

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.catholicschoolsny.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: Sept. 13 - 14	\$8,322.00	\$7,425.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,077.00</u>	<u>1,329.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,399.00</u>	<u>\$8,754.00</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.

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

Mark Your Calendar

Our Fall Fish/Chicken Fry Fundraising will be on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Details to follow.



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.**