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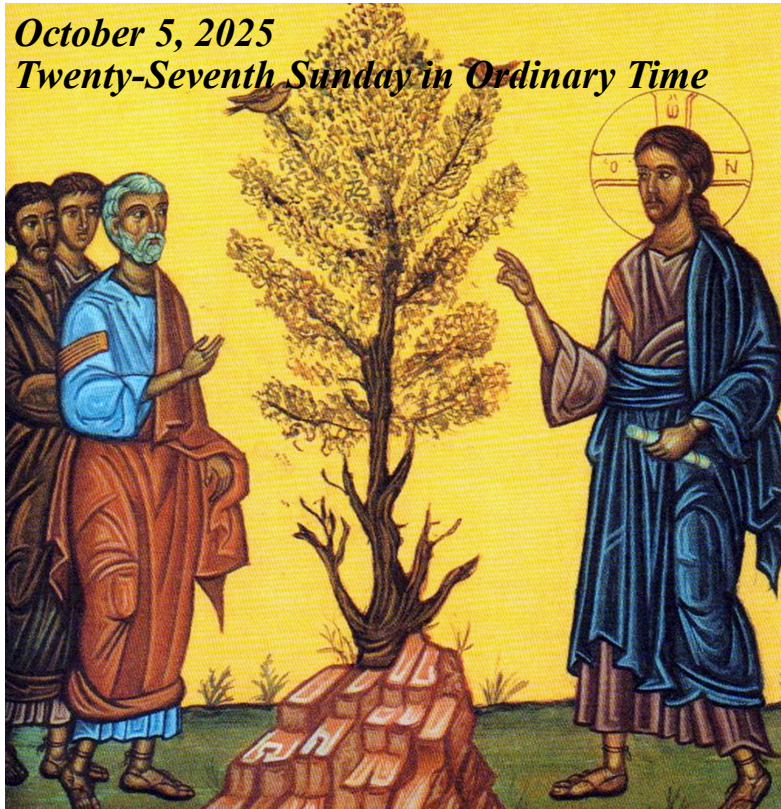
St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557



October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

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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*

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Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Lawrence Miloscia, *Parish Trustee*

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Food Pantry: email: foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org

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	Oct. 4 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Oct. 5 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Nenita de Guzman
10:00AM	Matthew Hayes
12 Noon	Michael McCabe
Monday	Oct. 6 - Weekday
7:00AM	Jack Foley
8:45AM	John Daly
Tuesday	Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
7:00AM	Jennifer Bie and Jose Mondragon
8:45AM	John Daly
Wednesday	Oct. 8 - Weekday
7:00AM	Albert Gatchalian
8:45AM	Monica L. Tuy (Living)
Thursday	Oct. 9 - Weekday
7:00AM	Maureen Martin
8:45AM	John Daly
Friday	Oct. 10 - Weekday
7:00AM	Walter and Dorothea Boettger
8:45AM	Marita Reyes
Saturday	Oct. 11 - Weekday
8:30AM	Leonila Lavidés
5:30PM	Domenica Morin
Sunday	Oct. 12 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Rita Crowley
12 Noon	Maria Secio



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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann and Jim Zanosky requested by Lynne and Mike Vietri.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Margaret J. Schwartz.

This Week



Sunday – Oct. 5

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 7:45AM Mass A & R Communion Breakfast SH
7:00PM Youth Group Meeting SFC

Monday – Oct. 6

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

Tuesday – Oct. 7

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH
7:00PM First Sacrament Meeting UC
7:00PM OCIA

Wednesday - Oct. 8

After 8:45AM Mass OLPN Novena and Rosary UC
7:00PM Bereavement Ministry Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 9

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. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Oct. 11

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Oct. 12

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
1:30PM Baptisms UC

Stewardship Reflection

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Available 2026 Offerings

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

Sanctuary Lamp: May 24; July 26; Aug. 2, 23 & Aug. 30



Each year, on the first Sunday of October, the Catholic Church observes Respect Life Sunday as we kick off Respect Life month. In his official statement for Respect Life Sunday, his year's Chairman of USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo, offers us these words.

"With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama. The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection."

As followers of Christ, the Bishop's words remind us that Respect Life is not a slogan for a day or a focus for a month. It is an attitude we must embrace each and every day. We must remember that, in the eyes of our God, every life is precious, deserves protection and calls for our efforts to promote the dignity and sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

Fr. Carey



Safe Environment Corner

Mental Health Sunday is observed on October 12, 2025, as a moment of grace and healing in our parish community.

Today's readings remind us of God's healing presence and strength found in hope and perseverance during times of suffering. These messages offer comfort not only to those who are struggling, but also to those who accompany them with compassion and faith.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to survivors of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.

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.

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. 27 - 28	\$7,929.00	\$6,446.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,377.00	1,255.00
Total	\$9,306.00	\$7,701.00

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.



PACT/Religious Education Program

First Communion and First Confession Parent Meeting 10/7



The *First Sacraments Parent Meeting* will be held here Tuesday, 10/7/2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Parents with children who will be preparing for First Communion and First Confession (Penance/Reconciliation) should have received notification of this meeting in the mail. If you did not receive a letter and your child is part of the PACT/Religious Education Program or a Catholic school student who should be preparing for these sacraments this year, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religiously@stmarysdumont.org.



Confirmation Candidate/Parent/Sponsor Meeting 10/27



Candidates who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will meet with their parents and sponsors (if available) Monday, 10/27/2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Candidates and their parents should have received notification of this meeting in the mail. If you did not receive a letter and your child is part of the PACT/Religious Education Program or a Catholic school student who should be preparing Confirmation this year, call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religiously@stmarysdumont.org

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 religiously@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 religiously@stmarysdumont.org or call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20.

St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry



St. Mary's Bereavement ministry offers care, comfort, consolation and healing for those dealing with the death of a loved one. Intellectually we know that death is a part of life, and our faith teaches us that life continues in union with God. But our reaction to "he/she is with God" can often be "I'd rather he/she be right here, with me."

You are invited to join with others who have experienced this loss. In our gatherings, we will remember, pray, share our stories and support one another, reminding each other that we don't grieve alone; God, who will wipe away every tear, weeps with us.

There will be six sessions, in the parish office, on consecutive Wednesdays, beginning October 1st and ending November 5th, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon John via email at: DeaconJohn@stmarysdumont.org or call the parish office (201) 384-0557 and leave a message for him.

If you need a ride, transportation will be arranged.



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!*



November 14, 2025
(Friday)
7:00pm - 11:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

at

St. Mary's Church
Szelest Hall Gym
280 North Washington Ave.
Dumont, NJ



Sponsored by:
Philippine-American Lay Apostolate
of Dumont (PALAD), St. Mary's Church

This is a fund raising event to
support the various projects of PALAD





Invitation to Attend Your Parish Session

Cardinal Tobin invites all of the faithful to participate in a parish listening session. At your parish session you will learn more about the We Are His Witnesses initiative and your planning area and will see multiple draft model options to consider for the respective planning area. There will be small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

You are encouraged to review the planning area information and draft models in preparation for attending your parish session - they will all be available at www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org beginning October 1, 2025.

For your parish to properly plan for its sessions, please register for the session you plan to attend here: [Parish Session Registration](#).

Parish listening sessions

- 1. Monday October 20, 2025
6:00pm-8:00pm**
- 2. Wednesday October 22, 2025
6:00pm-8:00pm**

QR Code to Registration Site



Direct Link to the Registration Site

**[https://www.catholicleaders.org/
archdiocese-newark-
parishsessionregistration](https://www.catholicleaders.org/archdiocese-newark-parishsessionregistration)**

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

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.**

Last day to register!!!



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DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

October 23, 2025

All proceeds to benefit
St. Mary's Church

\$20.00 PP

Includes Choice of:

**Fish and Chips or Chicken and Chips with fries
and coleslaw.**

Pick up on: Thursday, October 23, 2025

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: St. Mary's Rectory Parking Lot

Advance Orders required by October 22, 2025



Prepared by: Tastefully British



Order Form - Return to the Parish Office

With Payment on Wednesday, October 22nd by Noon



Name: _____ Phone# _____

Fish & Chips: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____ Chicken & Chips: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Make check payable to St. Mary's Church

Or Order and Pay On-Line at: stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com