



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



**Will not God then
secure the rights of
his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?**

Luke 18:7



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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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. 18 - Vigil
5:30PM	Jay Anderson
Sunday	Oct. 19 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Sr. Eileen Franz
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Abraham Secio
Monday	Oct. 20 - Weekday
7:00AM	Patrick and Dolores Kiernan
8:45AM	Dax Patrick Coste
Tuesday	Oct. 21 - Weekday
7:00AM	John Daly
8:45AM	Aldo and Angelina Luciano
Wednesday	Oct. 22 - Weekday
7:00AM	John (Jack) Foley
8:45AM	Nida M. Jocson (Living)
Thursday	Oct. 23 - Weekday
7:00AM	John Daly
8:45AM	Jose M. Canlas
Friday	Oct. 24 - Weekday
7:00AM	Dillon James Jennerich
8:45AM	Sandra Gibbs
Saturday	Oct. 25 - Weekday
8:30AM	Deacon Cyrill Massar
5:30PM	Lawrence Miloscia, Sr.
Sunday	Oct. 26 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Ruth Scully
10:00AM	Deceased Members of the Harris Family
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Jay Anderson requested by Roberta Elwell.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Juanita Aviles requested by her daughters.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Sergio DeCesare, Peter Bruno, John E. Curry, Nelson Moncada and Patricia Margaret O'Shea Lau.

This Week



Sunday – Oct. 19

8:30AM PACT Angels SH/School
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM OCIA Kids
11:00AM OCIA Teens
7:00PM Youth Group SFC
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

Monday – Oct. 20

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:00PM Town Hall Listening Session SH

Tuesday – Oct. 21

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM OCIA
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting FDVRm

Wednesday - Oct. 22

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
9:30AM Decorate All Souls Shrine UC
6:00PM Town Hall Listening Session SH
7:00PM Bereavement Ministry Seton Rm

Thursday – Oct. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC
5:00PM Fish Fry Fundraising Garages
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Oct. 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH
After Basketball Set-up for the Anointing Mass SH

Saturday – Oct. 25

8:00AM Korean School
11:00AM Fall Anointing Mass SH
2:00PM Irish Step Dancing LS

Sunday – Oct. 26

8:30AM PACT Saints SH/School
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
9:15AM OCIA Kids
1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
1:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
3:00PM Girl Scouts Halloween Dance/Set-up SH

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



This Saturday, October 25th, St Mary's will host our Fall Mass of Anointing. It will take place in Szelest Hall at 11:00 am and it will be followed by a light luncheon provided by our Rosary Society. We have these Anointing Masses twice a year because we want to make the Sacrament of Anointing available to more people.

Many people still call the Sacrament of Anointing "Last Rites" and think it is only for those who are near death. The Last Rites of the Church are Confession, Anointing, and Communion and it is meant as final preparation for those who will soon be called home to God. But taken out of context of Last Rites, Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament that can and should be received by anyone who is dealing with chronic illness, facing imminent surgery or struggling with the debilitating effects of age. Like Confession, Anointing of the Sick is called a Sacrament of Healing and like Confession, it is a sacrament that can be received as often as needed.

I would encourage everyone who feels the need of God's healing love to join us for this Anointing Mass. As we struggle with the effects of age and illness, it is important to remember that we are not alone on this journey. Please join us as we come together as a community to support each other and to share this special sacrament of God's love.

Fr. Carey

Stewardship Reflection

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!



Invitation to Attend Our Parish Session

We encourage our parishioners to review the planning area information and draft models in preparation for attending our parish sessions - they are available at www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org

For our parish to properly plan for our sessions, please register for the session you plan to attend here: [Parish Session Registration](#). The same information will be presented at both sessions so you only need to attend one of these sessions.

Parish listening sessions in Szelest Hall

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

QR Code to Registration Site



Direct Link to the Registration Site

<https://www.catholicleaders.org/archdiocese-newark-parishsessionregistration>

Fall Mass of Anointing Saturday, October 25th



Our Fall Mass of Anointing will be concelebrated on Saturday, October 25th at 11:00 am in Szelest Hall. We cordially invite all those who are affected by illness or confined at home to come join us as we ask God's healing upon them. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Mass.

We hope you will be able to join us for a light luncheon following Mass.

If you need the assistance of the Dumont Ambulance Corp. or ordinary transportation to get to Mass that morning, please call the Parish Office at 201-384-0557.



PACT/Religious Education Program

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession



First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession preparation sessions are held Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. Please pray for our families as they prepare their young candidates to meet the Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this December.

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



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...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 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...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.

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.

St. Mary's Sponsored Family



All Souls Day CUR

- Our belief in the Communion of Saints reminds us that, as we read in our funeral services, “...*the ties that bind us to one another do not unravel with death.*”

“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)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Collections: Oct. 11 - 12	\$6,960.00	\$7,848.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,597.00</u>	<u>749.00</u>
Total	\$8,557.00	\$8,597.00

Treasure from our children: \$17.00

Below are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

“I talked with parents about lesson.”

“I helped someone.” “I said my prayers.”

"Helping people with math."

"Did mommy's laundry."

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.

Back in the spring St. Mary's sponsored a family in Haiti, Edlene Saintimond, 39, and her three boys aged 5, 12, and 17, in Beyond Borders Family Graduation Program. The 24-month program was in its 14th month at that time. Since then, the program has been completed and the Saintimond family, along with 160 other families, met the graduation criteria and successfully completed the program. Here is a brief description of the goals of the program:

- **Poverty Reduction:** Families are selected from the most vulnerable populations, often including single mothers with young children and no support.
- **Income Generation:** A primary criterion is the ability for families to establish three different, dependable income streams to support themselves.
- **Financial Planning:** Establishing a savings account is a prerequisite for graduation, showing responsible financial management.
- **Community Integration:** Families are encouraged to join local savings and loan organizations as part of their path to financial independence.
- **Long-Term Sustainability:** The goal is for families to permanently rise out of extreme poverty within 24 months.

All of the families in this program now have livable housing, income generating assets, at least one nutritious meal a day, money in a bank and children in school.

There have been challenges. The social and political situation in Haiti has worsened. Traders have major challenges stocking their shelves as they could not travel to Port-au-Prince to buy supplies. There are challenges in obtaining medicine for both people and livestock. The absence of rain affected the availability of water and food for animals, causing many to die. The distribution of water tanks at the start of the rainy season improved participants' living conditions. In November we hope to sponsor another family in the next Family Graduation program. Our commitment will be for \$100 per month for 24 months. A collection will be taken up in October. Next week's bulletin will tell the story of Edlene Saintimond's journey out of poverty.

For more information on Beyond Borders go to beyondborders.net or contact deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society



Dear Supporters,

We are hosting a Christmas Candy Fundraiser through Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. You can shop online with this flyer or pick up a catalog and order form packet in the Upper Church or PACT office.

Participants who place online orders by Sunday, November 9, 2025 can choose to have their orders delivered to the church for free with the main shipment. Out of town friends and family can choose to send their orders directly to their home (shipping fees apply). Online orders that are being shipped to a home can be placed up until December 7, 2025. All web orders require credit card payment.

If you are submitting a paper order form, please have the form to the Rectory by Sunday, November 9, 2025 and keep the bottom copy and brochure for your records. **Paper order forms should NOT include any online sales.** Total dollars sent in should equal Grand Total Amount on the order form.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

Our Fundraiser starts today and ends on Sunday,
November 9, 2025
Organization ID # is: 119856
Estimated Delivery Date: The week of December 8,
2025.

TO PURCHASE ONLINE:

- Go to fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com
- Select: I AM A BUYER
- Select: FIND A FUNDRAISER
- In the CHOOSE ORGANIZATION box, Type Code 119856 (choose St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society, Dumont, NJ) Click NEXT
- In the CHOOSE SELLER box, Type Saint (choose Saint Mary's) Click GET STARTED

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!
Please share this information with family and friends!

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society Presents: Sunday Bingo!

Sunday, November 9, 2025

St. Mary's Church Szelest Hall (Gym), 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

Reservations: Cost - \$20

Includes: 11 Games of Bingo

Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Doors open at 2pm. Bingo starts at 2:30pm

Additional Boards \$5

Bingo prizes start at \$20 per game

Prizes will be split if there are multiple winners to a game.
No one under the age of 18 will be admitted.

BYOB & Snacks permitted

Come join us for a relaxing Sunday afternoon
and some good old-fashioned fun!

Please contact Kathleen Mullins @ 201.310.1159
or email rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org with any questions

Please note, tables are arranged in rows. Your party may be combined with another table.
Please include names & payment for each person at your table.
Please list additional people on the back of this form.

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| 1) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 9) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 10) _____ |

Amt Enclosed: \$ _____ Name/Phone Contact Person: _____
Please drop payment and form to the Rectory by Friday, November 7 between 9 am & 5 pm or mail to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ 07628

St. John's Council Auxiliary #1345

BOO BINGO

Sunday, October 26th, 2025
St. John's Knights of Columbus
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ

Cost - \$22.00 per person
Includes one bingo board (3 games per board for 11 games), dessert, coffee, tea
Doors open at 2pm Bingo starts at 3:30 pm

Ghoulish beverages available for purchase!
NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES PERMITTED
COOLERS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION

MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED OR ELSE!!!!
Additional sheets available for purchase - \$5.00 per sheet

For reservations text or call: Nina DiCostanzo at 201-310-2930
or Annette Favia at 201-638-9562

Halloween Costume Contest and Fall mini-Tricky Tray
(costumes optional)
Bingo prizes start at \$50.00 per game.
Prizes to be split depending on the number of winners

Over 30 chances to win!!!

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

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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