

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



*October 26, 2025
Thirtieth 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/OCIA*
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Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
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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. 25 - Vigil
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
Monday	Oct. 27 - Weekday
7:00AM	Joan Lyons
8:45AM	Joan Lyons
Tuesday	Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude
7:00AM	Wesner Pierre
8:45AM	Michael Daly
Wednesday	Oct. 29 - Weekday
7:00AM	Domenico Morin
8:45AM	Denis and Elizabeth Daly
Thursday	Oct. 30 - Weekday
7:00AM	Ed Kostka
8:45AM	Domenick and Vincenza Giunta
Friday	Oct. 31 - Weekday
7:00AM	Darren Scott Drake
8:45AM	Abad Family (Living)
Saturday	Nov. 1 - All Saints
8:30AM	Miguel and Braulia Iguico
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Nov. 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
7:45AM	All Souls' Novena
10:00AM	All Souls' Novena
12 Noon	All Souls' Novena



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of the Carney family requested by Maureen Italiano.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Michael Daly requested by Josie Parrella.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Zenaida Acero.

This Week



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

Monday – Oct. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Parent & Candidates Meeting
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Oct. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:00PM First Penance Prep #2
7:00PM OCIA

Wednesday - Oct. 29

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

Thursday – Oct. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Bridge Makers St. Peter's
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Oct. 31

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM No Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Nov. 1

All Saints—**Not a Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00AM Korean School
2:00PM Irish Step Dancing LS

Sunday – Nov. 2

All Souls Day

8:30AM Empowering God's Children SH
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM OCIA Kids
11:00AM OCIA Teens
7:00PM Youth Group SFC
Daylight Saving Time Ends

Return to Standard Time - Nov. 2nd



We return to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Therefore, please remember to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on the evening of Nov. 1st.



As seasons change and darkness comes earlier each day, many cultures throughout history have viewed this time of year when vegetation dies as a period to remember all those we have loved who are no longer with us. The Celts of ancient Ireland called it Samhain, Summer's End. The first evening of Samhain was the night when "walls between the worlds grew thin and spirits of the underworld waked the earth." This ancient Celtic tradition is the basis of our modern Halloween. The Christian tradition however calls it All Hallows Eve, the eve of the Feast of All Saints.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints and The Feast of All Souls. The Feast of All Saints, commonly called All Saints' Day, is celebrated every year on November 1st by the Roman Catholic Church and as well as many Protestant denominations. The earliest observance of the holiday was recorded in the early fourth-century but it did not become an official celebration of the Church until the early seventh century under Pope Boniface IV when he consecrated Rome's Parthenon to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD.

Pope Gregory III officially made All Saints a holy day in the mid-eighth century and moved it to November 1st as a way to convert the pagan traditions into a Christian holyday. This year because All Saints' Day falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend mass is abrogated. The Feast of All Saints celebrates all those who have entered heaven, all those officially recognized as saints by the Catholic Church and, more importantly, those whose names are known to God alone.

The Feast of All Souls follows the next day on November 2nd. All Souls' Day is a day on which we remember all those who have died. But in a special way, we remember those who were not fully prepared to enter into joys of heaven at the time of their death. Like you and me, they continue their journey of faith as they are perfected by God's grace and mercy. We assist these beloved dead on their journey with our prayers.

In God's love we are in communion with all the saints in heaven. Through God's love, we pray for all those who continue their journey of faith after death; those souls, who like us, hope to one day join the Communion of Saints who worship forever before the throne of God.

Fr. Carey

All Souls Remembrance - Nov. 2nd



All Souls Day

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the Church remembers the souls of all those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

- We invite all of parishioners to bring in a photo of a loved one who has passed away. As in previous years, we will place their photos in a special place of remembrance near the statue of St. Joseph where they will remain for the entire month of November, as will the envelopes from our parishioners containing the names of their loved ones. **(Please make sure that you write your own name and telephone number on the back of the photo so that we know to whom it belongs.)**
- In addition, all the members of our community are invited to write the names of family members or friends who have gone before us in the Book of Life.

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."

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, October 30th at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, at the parish center. Please contact Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

We Welcome the Newest Member of our Parish Community



Lenni James Crouse
Mckenzie Grace Hartig



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.



Edlene Saintimond's Journey

St. Mary's partnership and her determination transformed life for her family.

Beyond Borders has provided us a report on the progress our sponsored family in Haiti has made. Edlene Saintimond graduated from Beyond Border's 24-month Family Graduation Program on July 4, 2025. Our gift helped Edlene move from extreme poverty toward stability, dignity, and self-reliance for herself and her children.

The sixth cohort, which launched 24 months ago, persevered through some of the most challenging conditions since the Family Graduation Program began in 2016. Families navigated Haiti's insecurity and instability to achieve a 100% graduation rate – the first cohort to achieve this.

Edlene now has 7 goats and 5 chickens to support herself and her family, and plans to run a small business. She also makes charcoal to pay for her children's schooling.

Edlene's caseworker reports that her two minor children are eating well and are healthy. The family eats two hot meals a day. Their house is finished, clean, with a good-quality metal roof, good door and completed windows. They have a private latrine.

They have a savings account in the Village Savings and Loan Association of 131.0 HTG (about \$40 USD).

St. Mary's support has allowed Edlene to have daily meals, safe water, a dignified home, regular savings and children who can stay in school.

We would like to sponsor another family in the Family Graduation Program starting this month. Our commitment would be for \$100 per month for 24 months. We will take up a collection next week.

Stewardship Reflection

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
LUKE 18:14

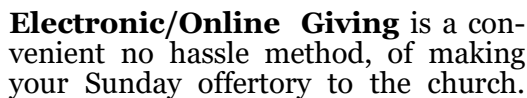
Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

Serving in the Military

(Deuteronomy 16:10)

Treasure from our children: \$14.00

“I talked with parents about lesson.”
“I helped someone.” ***“I said my prayers.”***
“Be kind.”



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

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

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



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

John Murray...Anthony Dunkin...Lorenzo Cortezano
Joseph Ament...Brandon Barhydt

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...Luisa Castro
Rosario Pingul...Agapito Pingul...Bonifacio Riguerra
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

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.

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.

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!

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.

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.

Help Wanted

We are looking for patient care associates/senior helpers to an elderly. It will be a split shift hours or side work approximately 1-2-hours per shifts, 4-5 times a day. If interested, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557

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.

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____

6) _____
7) _____
8) _____
9) _____
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**