



*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*



*December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent*

*Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand!*

MATTHEW 3:2

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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*

## **TRUSTEES**

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

## **CONTACT US**

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**Online giving:** WeShare  
[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://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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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 6 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 7 - Second Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Michael Coleman
10:00AM	Gloria Waters
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:00AM	Rev. Patrick Donohue
8:45AM	Concepcion Santos
7:30PM	Mike Daly
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Maureen Martin
8:45AM	Patrick Pizzollo, Jr.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Josefa Garcia Reyes
8:45AM	John Daly
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Brendan M. Thornton
8:45AM	Bochicchio and Giunta Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
7:00AM	Patricia Loose
8:45AM	John Daly
7:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 13 - St. Lucy</b>
8:30AM	Margaret Hiltenbrand
5:30PM	Joan & Robert Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent</b>
7:45AM	Rosemary Scalia
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Primo Sabido

## Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in Thanksgiving for the Liboro family requested by Antonio and Theresa Abad.



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

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Rev. Michael Sheehan, Abdul Abouannajate, Matthew Dimataris, Vincent R. Smith and Marie Heaney.

## This Week



### Sunday – Dec. 7

8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
10:00AM OCIA Kids  
11:00AM OCIA Teens  
1:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon Ciao Bella  
2:00PM Basketball SH  
Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

### Monday – Dec. 8

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

### Tuesday – Dec. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS  
7:00PM OCIA

### Wednesday - Dec. 10

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
10:00AM Wreath Decorating Garage  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – Dec. 11

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

### Friday – Dec. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Aramaic School  
7:30PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Social UC/SFC

### Saturday – Dec. 13

8:00AM Korean School  
10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC  
12:00PM Dumont Decks the Halls Set-up/Event SH

### Sunday – Dec. 14

8:30AM PACT Saints School/SH  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
10:00AM OCIA Kids  
10:00AM Mass and Vigil Against Gun Violence  
Bishop Saporito Presiding  
1:30PM Baptisms UC  
2:00PM Girl Scouts Holiday Event Set-up/Event SH  
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

## Parish Office Schedule



In observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 8th, the parish office will be closed.





This weekend, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will join parishes across the Archdiocese of Newark in our participation in the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious sisters, brothers and order priests. This collection gives us an opportunity to honor and support the aging members of religious communities who have dedicated their lives to ministry and service.

While the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was not formally defined until December 8, 1854, belief in the Immaculate Conception of our blessed Mother has been held in tradition since earliest days of the Church going as far back as the Church Fathers. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is vital to our faith in explaining how the Eternal Son of God could be born of the finite creature Mary; how the divine could come forth from the corporeal. But more than trying to understand the theology behind the doctrine, we must embrace the reality of God's plan of salvation and Mary's preeminent place in that eternal plan.

Mary said yes to God's plan when it was announced to her by the Angel Gabriel. Our participation in the Collection for Retired Religious shows our gratitude to all those special women and men who said yes to God's call to serve his Church. These aging members of religious communities had a dramatic impact on the lives of so many of us. I'm not sure I would be priest today if I had not learned from the example of so many religious sisters who had been part of my education.

In retirement, I know that these members of religious communities continue to serve the church through their constant prayers for all of us. In gratitude, we all need to financially support these religious men and women as we pray for them and as we pray for an increase in vocations to religious life.

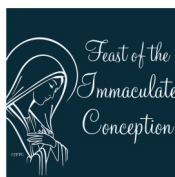
**Fr. Carey**

## Christmas Flowers



**PLEASE** don't forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8th Holy Day of Obligation



On Monday, Dec. 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States and also the principal patroness of the Archdiocese of Newark. This feast proclaims our belief that Mary was conceived without sin, preparing her to be the Mother of the Lord.

Since this feast is a holy day of obligation, the Mass schedule for that day will be: **7:00 AM – 8:45 AM – 7:30 PM.**

## The Advent Giving Tree

### Only 3 Days Left

We will again this year, with your support and generosity, provide Gift Cards to families through The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.



If you picked up a tag from the Giving Tree, please drop off your donation(s) (marked Giving Tree on the envelope) to the parish office or to the collection baskets by **Wednesday, Dec. 10th.**

If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-384-0557.

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration - Dec. 12th



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us for Mass at 7:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 12th. (Mass will be in Spanish with Rev. Fernando Gálvez presiding). It will be followed by a social in the Spiritual Formation Center.

## Deanery Advent Penance Services

This year, our Deanery **Penance Services** for the season of Advent are scheduled as follows:

Monday, Dec. 15, 7:30PM

St. Mary's, Dumont

Saturday, Dec. 20, 12:00PM

St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield

This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through the sacrament of healing.



## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **PACT/Religious Education Contact Information**



Parents of PACT/Religious Education families are asked to update changes in their contact information with our Religious Education Office. Have you changed your e-mail address? Have a new cell phone? Moved? Please keep us updated with new contact information. As parents were reminded in our PACT sessions this year, each parish family receives a weekly e-mail blast with important parish information. If you do not receive this e-mail, please let us know.

E-mail [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org) or call us at (201) 384-0557 Extension 20.

### **Confirmation Preparation**

Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions have begun. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide our candidates, their families, and our parish family as we prepare candidates for full initiation in our Church.



### **Empowering God's Children**



Parents are reminded that this year, we are covering *Lesson 3: Boundaries: You Have Rights! And Lesson 4: Secrets, Surprises and Promises in the Empowering God's Children program.*

An e-mail link was sent to parents who opted to cover these chapters at home so they can indicate completion of this year's program. Thank you for helping us to provide safe environments for all of our children.

### **St. Nicholas Project 2025**



There is still time to participate in our St. Nicholas Project. We are collecting gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. To participate, cut out the St. Nick tag and tape it to your gift of new clothing, a gift card, toy or sports item and bring gifts to St. Mary's by **Wednesday, December 10th.** We need to deliver to Paterson early so please bring your donations in at this time.

For more information about St. Nicholas visit: [www.stnicholascenter.org](http://www.stnicholascenter.org).

## ***Vigil to Remember Victims of Gun Violence***



It has been thirteen years since 20 children and six faculty members at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newton, CT, were killed while going about their normal activities. The deaths shocked the nation at the time, but since then there have been many more mass shootings – at schools, during concerts, in houses of worship, at places of work, at restaurants. In short, where ever people gather.

Next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, Bishop Saporito will celebrate the 10:00 am Mass with us. After Mass we will once again hold a vigil on the steps of the church to pray for all affected by mass shootings and an end to all gun violence. The vigil will last about 10 minutes, with the tolling of the bells 28 times and ending by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners at this vigil.



### ***Food Pantry Holiday Collection Give The Gift of a Meal***



For the month of December, the food pantry will be collecting for the Christmas Holiday. Please place your items in the boxes at the doors of the upper church or drop at the rectory during normal business hours. Items most needed are listed below. 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***



**\*Items Most Needed:** Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Turkey Gravy, Yams (small & large cans), Dried/Canned Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Tea/Coffee, Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie Mix, Canned Tuna/Meats, Sauce/Pasta, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Syrup/Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter/Jelly

***Frozen Turkeys & Hams (Collecting through Friday, December 12).***



## 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)***

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Collections: Nov. 22-23	\$8,325.00	\$7,648.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,592.00</u>	<u>1,506.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,917.00</u>	<u>\$9,154.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$27.00

*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."***

***"I clean."***

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**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](http://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.

## 50/50 Mega Raffle

By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail and some have already purchased the tickets.

Tickets are \$20.00 each. There will be three (3) prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize will be 25% of the proceeds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize will be 15% of the proceeds, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. We know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we strive to make this special raffle a great success. We are most grateful for whatever each family might be able to do. If you need more raffle tickets, they are available at the rectory.

Please return the raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or put in the collection basket in church. The winning tickets will be pulled on January 4th, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany.



**As of Monday, December 1, our total is \$9,580.00.**

## 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.*

Sgt. 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 Scherzler...Myra D'Silva  
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone  
George & Gerry Taylor...Frank Babiera...Any  
Karen and Jerry Kastner...John R...Jonel Tinio  
Michelle Irimia...Richard Hogan...Luisa Castro  
Rosario 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  
Kris Telesmanich...Jose Nicholas de la Pena

## 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.

## Patient Privacy Reminder

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.

## Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.



## Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services has been doing great work serving all those affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba.

Cardinal Tobin has approved parishes to offer financial support which can be sent to the Office of Finance or you can donate directly to Catholic Relief Services by using the link:

<https://www.crs.org/donate/hurricane-melissa?ms=agiers2026hcmoohero2>.

## Available 2026 Offerings

**Bread & Wine:** Feb. 1; May 17; Aug. 23 & 30; Nov. 29; Dec. 13 & 20.

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

## 2026 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available for purchase. The cost is \$5.00 each.



### Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345  
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

- PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL -



### CHRISTMAS PARTY

On  
Saturday December 13th

From  
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm



This classic Christmas meal will be accompanied by great entertainment, good friends, and the Christmas Spirit.



Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! RSVP  
REQUIRED! Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or  
email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

#### FAMILY STYLE SIT-DOWN MENU

WELCOME GLASS OF EGG NOG  
ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES  
TOSSED SALAD  
TURKEY & GRAVY  
STUFFING & CRANBERRY SAUCE  
GREEN BEANS  
COFFEE, TEA, & DESSERT  
TAP BEER, WINE, SODA  
INCLUDED

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$50 PER PERSON!



## St. John Columbiette's



## Sensory Santa Event

December 14, 2025 1pm-3pm

61 Armour Pl, Dumont, NJ

Admission is free (Suggested donation of \$5)

Reservations are requested

Call or Text Genine at

917-992-2011 by 12/12/2025.

Twist balloon artist, face painter and professional photography w/ free digital photos of Santa available.

Snacks, coffee and tea will be served

and Cash Bar available.

Open for individuals with sensory needs and their friends & families.

Low background music will be playing and lights dimmed.

Arts and crafts and goodie bags available while supplies last.



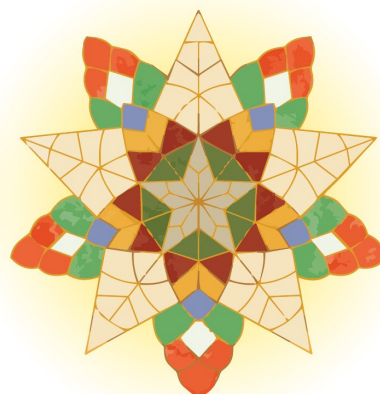
**DUMONT DECKS THE HALLS**  
A (SOMETIMES) SING ALONG SHOW  
**THE HOLLYWOOD EDITION**

L - R: Elizabeth Synnott, Teddy Coluca, Kristen Langford, Luis Chavez, Julianne Darden, Diana McCullough, Clifton Lewis, Victoria Casella, Music Director & George Harvilla, Percussion

**13 DECEMBER** **7PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30)** **FREE**  
St. Mary Church - Szelest Hall  
280 Washington Ave. Dumont NJ

DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR GROCERY/ RETAIL STORES OR MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HELP SUPPORT DUMONT SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY & ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY. WALK-INS WELCOME.

SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKET!



# Come & Celebrate!

## *Simbang Gabi* 2025

Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church, Dumont  
starts at 6:30 pm on Friday, December 19, 2025.

The Nativity Presentation by our youth will immediately follow  
the conclusion of the Mass, in the Upper Church.

The traditional dinner, Santa's visit, raffles and line dancing  
will be at Szelest Hall.

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