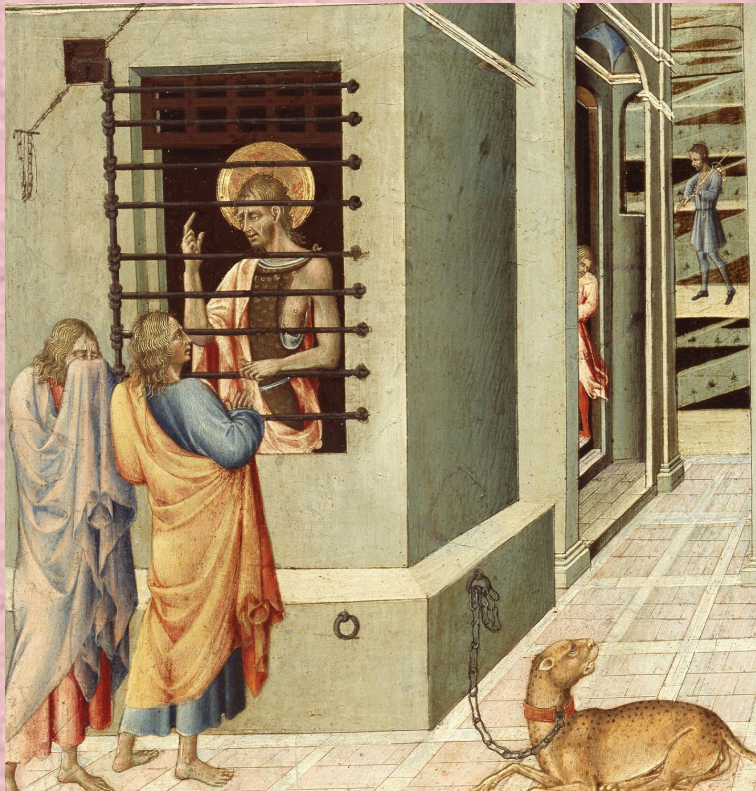


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



***December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent***

The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

Matthew 11:5

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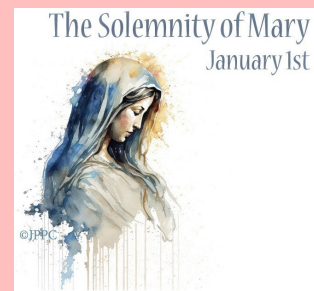
CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Wednesday, December 24,
Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM Mass, 6:30 PM Mass,
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

**Thursday, December 25,
Christmas Day**

7:45 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Mass,
12:00 Noon Mass



MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 AM Mass, 11:00AM Mass

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday 5:30PM	Dec. 13 - Vigil Joan & Robert Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent Rosemary Scalia Parishioners of St. Mary's Primo Sabido
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 15 - Advent Weekday Peggy Keating Gregoria Manaloto
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday Mike Daly Bochicchio and Giunta Families
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday John Daly Nicholas Fortunato, Jr.
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday Teresita Pascua-Bruce Neda Rosini
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday Africa Enguancho Jose M. Canlas
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday Robert and Joan Mascarelli Johanna and James Joyce
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Dec. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent Nancy Florio Michele Harris Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Robert and Joan Mascarelli requested by Bill and Linda Ebenhack.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Carmella Sciarra requested by Barbara and Randy Dunkin.

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.

This Week



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
Monday – Dec. 15 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 7:00PM Confirmation Prep #2 7:00PM Advent Penance Service UC 8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Dec. 16 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS 7:00PM OCIA 7:30PM Parish Council Kitchen
Wednesday - Dec. 17 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Dec. 18 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Children's Choir Practice UC 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS 7:00PM Choir Practice UC 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Dec. 19 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 1:00PM Simbang Gabi Set-up and Social SH 5:00PM Aramaic School 6:30PM Simbang Gabi Mass UC
Saturday – Dec. 20 8:00AM Korean School
Sunday – Dec. 21 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir 10:00AM OCIA Kids 11:00AM OCIA Teens

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.



Throughout the world, each culture has its own way of preparing to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. In the Philippines, the traditional way of preparing for Christmas is called Simbang Gabi. It is a Novena of masses at dawn beginning on December 16th and ending with midnight mass on Christmas Eve. The tradition was introduced by Spanish friars to allow the farmers to attend mass before going to work in the fields early in the morning. After mass and before work began, worshippers would share traditional Filipino foods of the holiday season.

While there are still Filipino communities that still observe Simbang Gabi with early morning masses, here at St. Mary's we have found a less taxing way to prepare for Christmas. On Friday evening, December 19th, we will have our traditional Simbang Gabi celebration. It will start with mass in Church at 6:30 pm.

Before moving to Szelest Hall for the sharing of traditional Filipino food, young members of our Parish will show us the true meaning of Christmas with their traditional Nativity Pageant.

This Nativity Pageant calls us to remember a simple story of faith, hope and love; the faith of a virgin who trusted the word of an angel, the hope of parents who brought forth a child into poverty, the love of a God who gave his Son to be our Savior. While Christmas is truly a special holiday for all children, we celebrate the fact that Christmas is about one special child, an infant born in a manger. And Christmas is all about the child in each one of us called to look with wonder and awe upon our new born king. We pray that the joy and wonder of Christmas be yours each and every day throughout the coming year.

Fr. Carey

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.

Vigil Against Gun Violence



This weekend, after the 10:00 am Mass, for the twelfth time, we gather on the front steps to remember the 20 six- and seven-years old children and six staff members killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School by a twenty-year-old man using a semi-automatic rifle. We also remember all the victims of mass shootings, particularly at Annunciation Church on August 27, where two children were killed and over a dozen others wounded during a start of school Mass.

Columbine, Sandy Hook, Parkland, Uvalde, Virginia Tech, University of California (Santa Barbara), Annunciation – gun violence in schools is happening too often. Mass shootings have become so common that many have faded from memory: This year is on track to exceed 400 incidents where four or more people are shot in a single incident.

Today we pray for an end to all gun violence, so peace on earth will become a reality.

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: Nov. 29-30	\$6,426.00	\$9,195.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,717.00</u>	<u>1,690.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,143.00</u>	<u>\$10,885.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$1.00

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."



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

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 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.

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 Schwerzler...Myra D'Silva
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone
George & Gerry Taylor...Frank Babiera...Anya
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 for the hotline and reporting link.



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.

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/OCA*

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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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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345
61 ARMOUR PL. DUMONT
PRESENTS
2025
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
DECEMBER 31 | 8 PM - 1 AM
WITH LIVE MUSIC BY
TK WALKER & COMPANY
OPEN BAR THROUGHOUT
*** CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT ***
NOISEMAKERS AND DECORATIONS
TIMES SQUARE BALL DROP FEATURED ON LARGE SCREEN

Buffet Dinner Included Assorted Hors D'oeuvres Shrimp Cocktail Steak Pizzaiolo w/mushrooms Chicken Champagne Penne w/Broccoli Aioli Linguine and Clams Eggplant Rollatini Sausage & Peppers Grilled Vegetables Roasted Potatoes Coffee & Tea Dessert	\$125 per person advance payment required For Tickets Call or Text: Ken Armellino 516-220-9333 Anthony Marti 917-602-3797 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com Buy Online at: KofC1345.square.site
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\$10 DISCOUNT PER PERSON IF PAID BY 12/1/24

IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME

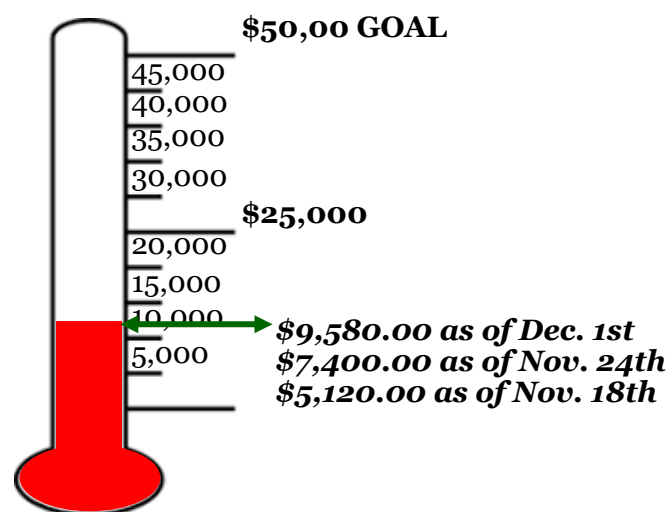
Once again, St. Mary's is hosting a big 50/50 Mega Raffle. When we did this for the past five years, the pot exceeded \$45,000. It would be great if, this year, we could reach \$50,000. I'm sure everyone would like to win a share of such a large pot.

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

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



Three Weeks Left



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=agicrs2026hcm00hero2>

Stewardship Reflection

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Catechumenate

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

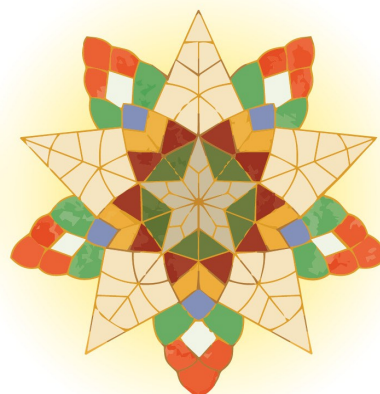
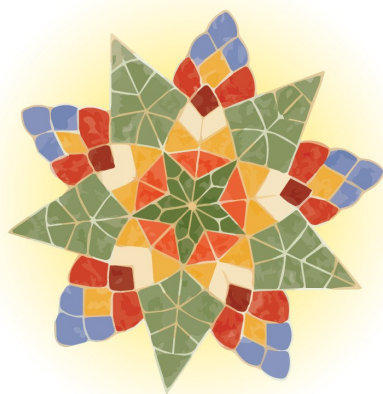
Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

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



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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