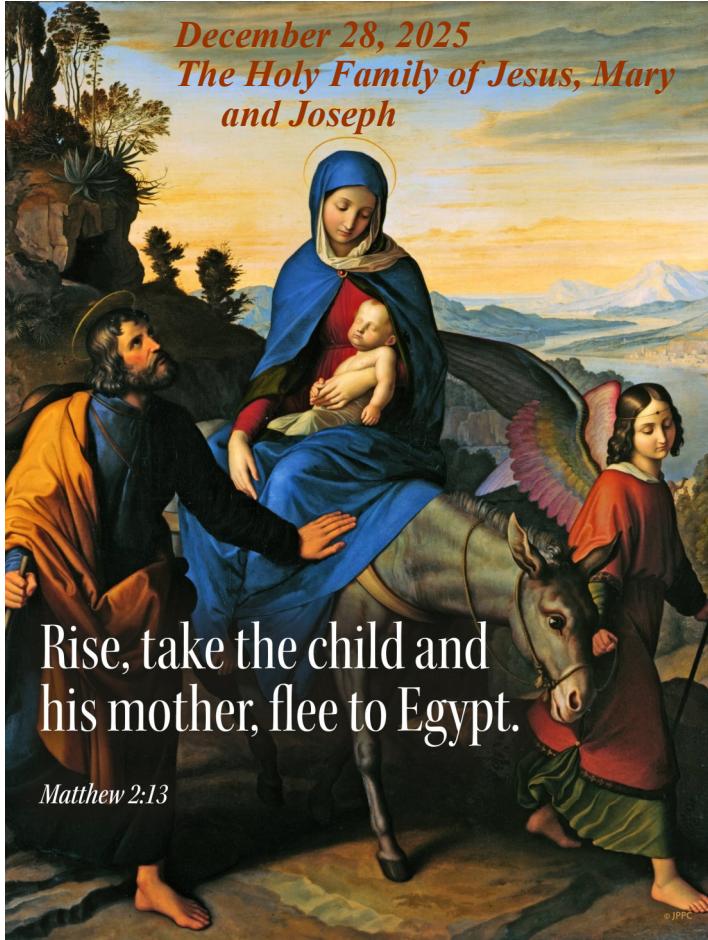


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



Matthew 2:13

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



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/RCIA*
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.

EUCARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holidays (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!

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

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday 5:30PM	Dec. 27 - Vigil Richard Delia, Jr.
Sunday 7:45AM	Dec. 28 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Arcenia Kim Ong
12 Noon	Michael and Michael McCabe
Monday	Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	Joe Tumaneng
Tuesday	Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Barbara Rostolder
8:45AM	Frances Gerace
Wednesday	Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
7:00AM	Angelica Regina Silva (Living)
8:45AM	Eduardo C. Umali
5:30PM	Domenico Morin
Thursday	Jan. 1 - The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00AM	Iguico and Canlas Families (Living and Deceased)
11:00AM	Adele Consentino
Friday	Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
7:00AM	Ann Theresa Herlihy
8:45AM	Michael Kelly
Saturday	Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday
8:30AM	PJ Kiely
5:30PM	Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday	Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:45AM	John Fitzgerald
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Padaloy Family



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Kathleen Callahan Lisa requested by the Buchheister family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Emil and Felicia Beranca requested by Roberta Elwell.

This Week



Sunday – Dec. 28

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM OCIA Kids
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

Monday – Dec. 29

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

Tuesday – Dec. 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM OCIA

Wednesday - Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Mass - 5:30PM
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC

Thursday – Jan. 1

New Year's Day Masses
9:00AM and 11:00AM

Friday – Jan. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Jan. 3

Sunday – Jan. 4
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM OCIA Kids
11:00AM OCIA Teens
After 12:00PM Mass Mega 50/50 Raffle Drawing
Prayer Garden

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.

Parish Office Schedule

During the days of the Christmas season, the parish office **will be closed** as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 and
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026



Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Margaret Sullivan and Lawrence Padrevito.



Each year, on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. As we celebrate this great feast, it is tempting to reduce the life of Jesus and Mary and Joseph to the picture perfect scene we see on most Christmas cards. Everything is peaceful and serene, or as the song says "all is quiet, all is bright." We need to remember however, that all was not always perfect in the life of this little family.

It's so very easy to forget the other images of the Holy Family. A troubled and frightened Mary; a teenager approached by an Angel and asked to be the Mother of God. Or how Joseph is all set to divorce her until he had a dream. Or how Mary gave birth to her child far from home, in a stable. Or the flight into Egypt, fearing the King's wrath. Or the fear and the stress when the child Jesus stays behind in Jerusalem without his parent's knowledge. In the less than perfect life of the Holy Family, they faced more trials than we can count.

But no matter what they faced; the Holy Family placed their hope and trust in God's plan of salvation. We need to do the same thing. Perhaps that is the New Year's resolution we all need to make; to have more trust in God. We need to remember that we are never alone. We need to remember that the God, who loves us so much that he gave us his Son to be our Savior, will be with us through all the trials and tribulations the New Year might bring. If we can do that, we too can be a holy family.

Fr. Carey

Elevator Notification List



In case the elevator is out of service and to avoid the unnecessary trip to the church to find out it's not working, we would like to establish a list who use or might use the elevator, with phone number or email so they can be notified.

Please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 or email us at info@stmarysdumont.org and give us the information.

IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME



One Week Left

Once again, St. Mary's is hosting a big 50/50 Mega Raffle. When we did this for the past four 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.

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.

If you need more raffle tickets, they are in the vestibule and 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.**



We Welcome the Newest Members of Our Parish Community



Ava Lina Rosario
Ciian Augustine Telmo

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - January 2nd



On Friday, Jan. 2nd, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 pm. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Nicholas Project Oasis Haven in Paterson



Thank you to all who donated to our St. Nicholas Project for Oasis Haven in Paterson. Miss Josie Parrella and Juan and Jackie Guzman packed up the sleigh. We had such great participation; we had two deliveries this December! Wanda and the staff at Oasis are always so grateful and happy to see us.

More information about Oasis may be found at oasisnj.org:



Oasis provides food, clothing, and counseling to help women and children meet their basic needs. We provide educational classes for women and academic after-school programs for children to help them thrive. We address the inequalities facing women and children who live in poverty.

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.

First Penance/Confession/Reconciliation

Congratulations to our young parishioners who made their First Penance/Confession/Reconciliation the first Saturday of December. Please keep our candidates and their families in prayer, First Holy Communion Preparation begins with the *Morning With Jesus* Saturday, February 2nd beginning at 10 a.m.



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.

Update Corner



<https://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/>



Your Voice Matters! We have conducted more than 420 Listening Sessions throughout the Archdiocese. And we are still gathering insights. We want to ensure your input is included to help shape our future! Scan the QR-code and click "**Model Feedback Form.**" Please share your comments by **Dec. 31st.**

A Few Feedback Snapshots

“ We are used to our intimate community. ”

“ How do we prevent “us versus them” mentality? ”

“ We should be willing to help/share with our neighbors. ”

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Timeline Review

Preparation, Development, & Data Collection

June 2024 - June 2025 June 2025 - June 2026 Multi-Year Implementation

Model Feedback, Consultation, Discernment, & Decision Making

Local-level Discernment, Planning, Development, & Implementation

From the moment Cardinal Tobin announced this effort, countless voices have guided its path. Yours can too—if you haven't spoken up yet, we'd love to hear from you.

Your Voice Matters! We are still gathering insights from our parish listening sessions and want to ensure your input is included. Help shape our future by scanning the QR code above and clicking "**Model Feedback Form.**" Please share your comments by **Dec. 31st.**

Meet Cherlanda Pierre



Cherlanda Pierre lives in the village of Titans on Lagonave Island with her two children. Our sponsorship will ensure that her family escapes extreme poverty for good.

St. Mary's will be sponsoring Cherlanda Pierre and her family in Beyond Borders "Family Graduation Program."

Cherlanda is in the seventh cohort in the Family Graduation Program, launched in September 2025. After the selection and registration of all 110 families, programming began in late October. In ordinary times, families living in extreme poverty already face hunger, illness, and the inability to send their children to school. In the current crisis, however, families like the Pierre's are even more at risk, including the possibility of sending their children away—making our prayers, solidarity and sponsorship that much more crucial.

Here are a few details about Cherlanda Pierre and her family:

- Cherlanda, 21, and her two children are homeless.
- Without a source of income, she cannot provide for her children.
- The family frequently goes hungry, according to their caseworker.

Our sponsorship will give Cherlanda and her family a path to a much brighter future, one that is filled with dignity, hope, opportunity, and self-reliance.

The Family Graduation Program will allow Cherlanda to build her own home and begin earning the money needed to care for herself and her children. She will be equipped with the skills she needs so that she can provide for her children long after our sponsorship ends.

Caseworkers meet with families both individually and in groups, providing training on essential life skills—from hygiene and sanitation to saving and future planning. These sessions empower the community to collectively protect and defend the rights of all children, ensuring no child is sent away and put at risk of modern slavery.

We will be provided with regular updates on the Pierre family's progress as they move through the Family Graduation Program.

St. Mary's has pledged \$100 per month for 24 months for the Pierre's family participation in the Family Graduation Program. We will take up a collection on January 3-4 and January 10-11. Depending on how is donated will determine when the next collection will be held.

For more information on Beyond Borders and the Family Graduation program contact Deacon John or visit beyondborders.net.

Food Pantry News

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2025. We could not have helped so many families and seniors without their efforts. So in no particular order, our angels are:

*Father Carey, Father David, Deacon John
Dory Weiss-Parish Secretary*

John Weiss - Business Administrator

Kathy Sylvester-Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA

Abner Buensalida, Rich Romaine & EJ McCartan - Maintenance

Beth Meloscia and the Youth & Young Adult Ministry

The Parishioners of St. Mary's and residents of Dumont

Shop Rite of New Milford & Inserra Supermarkets

The Boys & Girls Scouts of Dumont & New Milford

The Honiss School Teachers & Staff

The Honiss School Student Council

The Bogota Middle School Youth Action Committee

Our Confirmation Candidates

Bergen Office of Food Security

Janine Aiello, Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Matthew Bannon,

Ben Basil, Mason Bell, Melissa Gracey, Joey Hakim,

Andrew & Justin Herskowitz, Jim Hursch,

Alex Mandler, Margaret Molder & Betty Torres

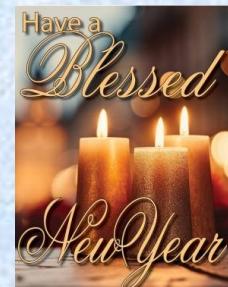
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

Anna, Denise & Lynne

New Year's Greetings

We want to extend the prayers, thanks and best wishes of the priests, deacon and parish staff to the families of St. Mary's.

May the new year be filled with peace, joy and wonder.



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: Dec. 13 - 14	\$5,665.00	\$8,875.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,141.00</u>	<u>1,564.00</u>
Total	6,806.00	\$10,439.00



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.

Stewardship Reflection

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

COLOSSIANS 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

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.

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

We will be starting a new sick list beginning January, 2026. If you would like our parish to continue to pray for family, friends or loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office – 201-384-0557

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 Guilerto 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.

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

Sunday, January 18, 2026

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

Please return reservation form below by THURSDAY, January 15, 2026

Reservations: Cost - \$20

Includes: 11 Games of Bingo

Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Doors open at 1:30pm Bingo starts at 2:00pm

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.

Walkins Welcome!

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) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

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5) _____

10) _____

Amt Enclosed: \$ _____ Name/Phone Contact Person: _____

**Please drop payment and form to the Rectory by THURSDAY, January 15 between
9 am & 5 pm or mail to St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ 07628**