

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



Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt.

Matthew 2:13

## MASSSES 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*

### CONTACT US

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### 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!

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

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***



Baptism

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](http://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 [religiously@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiously@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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**



**WE ARE HIS WITNESSES**

<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 verses them” mentality?”

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

### **Update Corner**



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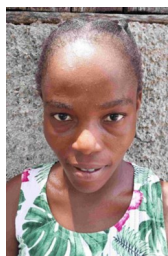
#### **Timeline Review**



*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](http://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 Hershkowitz, Jim Hirsch,

Alex Mendler, 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.**





## *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 Guilgerto Canlas  
 Revan Thrawn Wrage...Nerizza Flores Hooper  
 Laura Poznanski Clark...Lemuel Magusara  
 Filip Pindulnic...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.

# 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](mailto: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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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**