

*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*



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## BAPTISM OF THE Lord

*January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord*

### 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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[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!

### 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.

# Weekly MASS Intentions

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 10 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Zdravka Golub
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 11 - The Baptism of the Lord</b>
7:45AM	Sr. Maureen O'Neill
10:00AM	James Boyle and Boyle and McGowan Families
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 12 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	James Boyle
8:45AM	Brian Fegan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 13 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Laura Poznanski Clark (Living)
8:45AM	Brian Fegan
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 14 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Enrique
8:45AM	Teresita Enriquez
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 15 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Andresito G. Magbanua, Sr.
8:45AM	Walt Milliken
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 16 - Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Imelda Bautista
8:45AM	Gregory Swenson
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 17 - St. Anthony</b>
8:30AM	Renier Matias
5:30PM	Pat and Nick Marino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 18 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:45AM	Halecky Family (Living)
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Sally Ariola (Living)



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the Llanillo family requested by Flor Bautista.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of James Boyle requested by Mary Boyle and family.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Cresencia Duque, Dorothy Ledermann and Neil Magbanua.

## This Week



### Sunday – Jan. 11

8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
10:00AM OCIA Kids  
7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena Cafeteria  
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

### Monday – Jan. 12

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
7:00PM Confirmation Prep #3  
7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Tuesday – Jan. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS  
6:30PM Undecorate the Church  
7:00PM OCIA  
7:00PM Finance Meeting FDVRm  
7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC

### Wednesday - Jan. 14

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

### Thursday – Jan. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC  
5:30 PM Irish Step Dancing LS  
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC  
7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC  
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

### Friday – Jan. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Aramaic School  
7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC  
8:00PM Basketball SH

### Saturday – Jan. 17

All Day A & R Bingo Set-up

### Sunday – Jan. 18

9:15AM OCIA Kids  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
11:00AM OCIA Teens  
2:00PM A & R Bingo SH

## 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.



Once a month, usually on the second Sunday of the month, here at St. Mary's we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. Usually, it's one or two babies. Sometimes it's three or four babies. Occasionally, it's more and sometimes, the babies aren't babies. They're toddlers. But it doesn't matter how many or how old, I love celebrating baptisms.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The baptism of Jesus in waters of the Jordan by his cousin John is what gives meaning to all baptisms. Just as our heavenly Father claimed the newly baptized Jesus as his beloved Son, the Father claims every baptized individual as a beloved son or daughter. The Father's love washes away the stain of Original Sin and bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Whenever I celebrate a baptism, I always say it's a great day. It truly is a great day for the person being baptized because they are claimed as God's own child. It is also a great day for our parish and for the Church Universal because our faith community and our Church are made richer and stronger as we welcome each new member.

Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, let's thank God for the countless gifts He has given us, His children, and remember it all began in the waters of Baptism.

**Fr. Carey**

## ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.



Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](https://rcan.org/sharing), scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.

## 50/50 MEGA-RAFFLE - THANK YOU!!



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,  
THANK YOU...**

to all who participated in our fundraising. You made it such a **HUGE** success. We are very grateful for your support.

***The winning tickets were pulled on Sunday, January 4, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, after the 12:00 noon Mass.***

We received a total of **\$31,620.00**.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize (25% of the proceeds)**

Ticket # 11255 **\$7,905.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (15% of the proceeds)**

Ticket #00116 **\$4,743.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (10% of the proceeds)**

Ticket #13671 **\$3,162.00**

## Stewardship Reflection

### The Baptism of Our Lord

*"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?'"*  
MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

## 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.





## ***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 [religiousd@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiousd@stmarysdumont.org) or call us at (201) 384-0557 Extension 20.

### **Confirmation Preparation: Retreat January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Besides our Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions, the Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Candidates arrive by 10:30 a.m. and parents and sponsors arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide our candidates, their families, and our parish family as we prepare candidates to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



### **First Holy Communion**



Please keep our candidates and their families in prayer, First Holy Communion Preparation begins with the *Morning with Jesus* Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. Parents-check your information letter for more information about important preparation information.

### **Parents, Final Call for Responses: 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

We started 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...Betty Delia  
Anthony Montagnino...John Eckel, Sr...Marie F.  
Teresita Ariola...Rolando Ariola...Allan Austria  
Dolores Awid...Myra D'Silva...Daniel Thornton  
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone  
George & Gerry Taylor...Frank Babiera...Any  
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Rosalina Ariola  
Michelle Irimia...Richard Hogan...Luisa Castro  
Rosario Pingul...Bonifacio Riguerra...Ivan Ordonez  
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...Maureen Donohue...Jonel Tinio  
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer  
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Edgardo Ariola  
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.

## 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. 27 - 28	\$5,965.00	\$6,340.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,458.00</u>	<u>1,182.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,423.00</u>	<u>\$7,522.00</u>
	2026	2025
Collections: Jan. 3 - 4	\$9,063.00	\$7,077.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,112.00</u>	<u>2,221.00</u>
Total	<u>\$11,175.00</u>	<u>\$9,298.00</u>



**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.

## 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.



## Food Pantry News

When the food pantry volunteers attended the Bergen County Food Pantry Summit for 2025 this past summer, one of the major themes was "How do we get fresh fruits and vegetables to people in need". Well, God had already answered that call for us a few months prior. He sent us our parishioner, Jim Hirsch, who partnered with Fierman Produce, Lily Produce, Mango Rico Produce and Rubin Bros Produce to provide the fresh fruits & vegetables we needed. Every month the four produce companies donate, and Jim delivers fresh produce to St. Mary's for our distributions! We cannot thank them enough for filling such an essential need to our neighbors



St. Mary's  
Food Pantry



*Happy New Year from the Food Pantry!*

*January is Can Can Month @ ShopRite!  
Can Can You Help Us?*

January is Can Can month at ShopRite and the sales are fantastic! Can you help us? If so, the food pantry needs the following canned items: beans, tuna, chicken, fruit & tomatoes. Please place your donations in the baskets at the doors of the upper church. Donations may also be dropped at the Rectory during normal business hours. We will be accepting canned donations until the end of January.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*God Bless,*

*Anna, Denise & Lynne*



St. John's Council #1345  
61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ

## COMEDY Night

FRIDAY JANUARY 23RD - 8PM

(DOORS OPEN 7PM)

SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

HOSTED BY:

**JANICE MESSITTE**

AS SEEN AT BROADWAY  
COMEDY CLUB

FEATURE:

**RICH CARUCCI**

RECENTLY PERFORMED AT NY COMEDY  
FESTIVAL

HEADLINER

**FRANK VIGNOLA**

FREQUENTLY SEEN ON  
COMEDY CENTRAL

**INCLUDES HERO SANDWICHES, ASSORTED  
SNACKS, TAP BEER, WINE, AND SODA.**

**ALL ELSE PAY BAR**

**\$40 PP (PAY AT THE DOOR)**

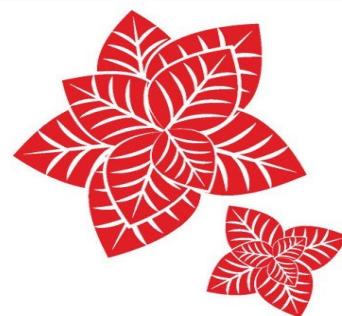
**RSVP REQUIRED BY JANUARY 16TH!**

CALL OR TEXT KEN A. AT 1-516-220-9333 OR  
EMAIL [KOF1345RESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KOF1345RESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM)



# Flowers Donation

## Thank You!



### Partial List

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Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Booth	
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Mrs. James Boyle	James J. Boyle; Boyle and McGowan Families
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Donald Cahill	Josie Cahill; Elaine Mingo
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Mrs. Luisa C. Castro	
Ms. Anne Cawley	The Cawley Family
Alex & Hazel Ceniza	Alberto Ceniza, Sr.; Marta Ceniza; Galileo Quijano
Mrs. George Coberg	George R. Coberg; Mary & Thomas O'Shea; Deceased Members of T. O'Shea Family



# *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.*

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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6) \_\_\_\_\_  
7) \_\_\_\_\_  
8) \_\_\_\_\_  
9) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**