

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

*January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Behold, the Lamb of
God, who takes away
the sin of the world.**

John 1:29

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

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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!

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

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Saturday	Jan. 17 - Vigil
5:30PM	Pat and Nick Marino
Sunday	Jan. 18 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Halecky Family (Living)
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Sally Ariola (Living)
Monday	Jan. 19 - Weekday
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Frank Ricciardi
Tuesday	Jan. 20 - Weekday
7:00AM	Dax Patrick Coste
8:45AM	Fabian Banzil, Sr.
Wednesday	Jan. 21 - St. Agnes
7:00AM	Mike Daly
8:45AM	Mary Voto
Thursday	Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
7:00AM	Joseph F. Heiser, Jr.
8:45AM	Elizabeth Caruso and Hernando Lupisan
Friday	Jan. 23 - Weekday
7:00AM	Kathy Key
8:45AM	Charles Albert "Al" Lawrence, Jr.
Saturday	Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales
8:30AM	Barbara Papalexis
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Jan. 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Frank and Rose Keighran
10:00AM	Mary Elizabeth Voto
12 Noon	Elvin Lister



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of John Mezich requested by Dolores.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Valeriano, Sr. and Anatalia Laya.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Pasquale Sfarra.

This Week



Sunday – Jan. 18

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

Monday – Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Jr.

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday – Jan. 20

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

Wednesday - Jan. 21

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:00PM OCIA
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Jan. 22

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 OCIA
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Jan. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Jan. 24

10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC
10:30AM Confirmation Retreat
Second Collection: Communicating God's Word

Sunday – Jan. 25

8:30AM PACT Saints School/SH
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB FDVRm
7:00PM Youth Group SFC
Second Collection: Communicating God's Word

Parish Office Schedule - Jan. 19th



In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day on Monday, January 19th, the parish office will be closed that day.



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down the Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in this nation. In the summer of 2022, the Supreme Court issued a new ruling which vacated the Roe decision leaving the question of the legality of abortion to the laws of each individual state.

Since then, some states have adopted strict draconian laws prohibiting all abortions while other states are working to ensure abortion as a legal option. This patchwork of state laws has caused mass confusion and heated debate regarding this issue.

Every January since 1974, the year after the Roe decision, thousands have gathered in Washington for the annual March for Life. Originally started to protest the Roe decision, this March continues as a celebration of each and every life, from the moment of conception until natural death. It is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. This March stresses the need to continue the work to protect all human life at the state and federal levels. This year's March will take place on Friday, January 23rd.

I think it is most important to remember that abortion in this country did not start with Roe v Wade, and abortions will not end even if all the laws are changed. As important as it is to change laws, it is much more important to change hearts and minds. Until everyone acknowledges the dignity and the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, abortions will continue.

I find it extremely ironic that at the same time people work to enact laws to stop abortions, others work to promote laws that permit physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, and the death penalty. If we want to claim the mantle of Pro-Life, we must respect and protect all human life.

If we are truly followers of Christ, we must work to promote a culture of life where all human life is respected and nurtured. This must include the poor, the homeless, the sick and the marginalized in our society. We need to pray for a world where no child goes to bed hungry and no elder person is neglected. Until each and every individual is respected as a child of God, our work in promoting a culture of life is not finished.

Fr. Carey

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...Joseph Ament
Lorenzo Cortezano...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...Tito

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.



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

We are at the midpoint of our year of regular PACT sessions! Thank you to our PACT parents for continuing to ensure that Religious Education and sacrament preparation are prioritized within their families. Thanks as well to our catechists, staff, and to all of our parishioners for supporting us in so many ways that keep our program running so smoothly.

Confirmation Preparation



Besides our Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions, the Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, January 24th. Candidates arrive by 10:00 a.m. and parents and sponsors arrive at 4:30 p.m.

The day concludes with us all attending the 5:30 p.m. mass. 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 7th beginning at 10 a.m. Parents- check your information letter for more information about important preparation information.



Re-sent: Empowering God's Children Program



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 re-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.

Available 2026 Offerings

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

Sanctuary Lamp: July 26; Aug. 2 & 23.



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 Hursch, 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



Bridge Makers Meeting



Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Center, 445 Fifth Ave, River Edge. Contact Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.”

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Collections: Jan. 10 - 11	\$7,404.00	\$9,354.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,897.00</u>	<u>996.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,301.00</u>	<u>\$10,350.00</u>



We greatly appreciate your continued support to St. Mary's.

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.

The Archdiocese of Newark takes all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy, religious, and lay staff seriously. We encourage anyone with knowledge of such acts to contact us so we can take appropriate steps to protect others and support victims of sexual abuse. Please call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **201-407-3256** or visit **www.rcan.org/protection-of-the-faithful** for more information.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service receives reports of sexual abuse or misconduct by bishops and forwards them for investigation. To report abuse, visit www.reportbishopabuse.org or call **800-276-1562**.



COMEDY *Night*

(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 KOFIC345RESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ 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, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.

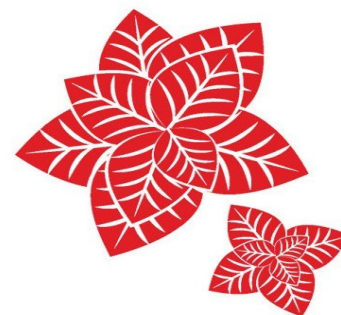
2025 Contributions Statement

If you want a statement regarding your 2025 contributions, please call the parish office and give us your name, address and envelope number. We will get the statement to you in a timely fashion.



Flowers Donation

Thank You!



Partial List

<u>Donated By</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor Of:</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Collado	
Mrs. John Creegan	John P. & Annie Creegan; Harry & Annie Barrett
Mrs. Elvira Criscuolo	Theodore Criscuolo; Adesso Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Cristofolletti	Bud and Pat Rauch; Dino and Kay Cristofolletti; Delaney, McKenna, Larkin
Mr. & Mrs. Roseller Cuasay	Conrado C. Salamat, Sr.
Mrs. Mary Daly	Michael Daly; John P. Daly; Daly Family; Coleman Family
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Daniele	Deborah Daniele; Phyllis Daniele
Mr. & Mrs. Bonifacio Dante	
Ms. Sophie Darby	George Darby; M/M Anthony DeVirgiliis; M/M John Darby; Vivian Velez
Mr. & Mrs. Rudy O. De La Pena	Deceased Members of Simpao and de la Pena Families
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Delia	Richard Delia, Jr.; M/M F. Delia; M/M D. Liburdi
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Mrs. Katherine De Robertis	
Mrs. Nina Di Costanzo	George Di Costanzo
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Digirolamo	
Mrs. Joan C. Di Paola	Paul Di Paola
Mr. & Mrs. Kenny P. D'Silva	D'Silva's Living and Deceased; Coutinho's Living and Deceased
Mr. Don Devera	
Kelvin Diaz	
Ms. Irene Driggs	Loreto Mercedes Driggs; Carlos Driggs, Sr.; Irene Saez; Fabian Saez
Mr. & Mrs. Owen Duffy	
Mr. & Mrs. Juanito Q. Duque, Jr.	
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Ebenhack	Bob & Joan Mascarelli
Ms. Roberta Elwell	Sandra Gibbs; Emil & Felicia Beranja; Jay Anderson; Jimmy Giles
Mr. & Mrs. Arvin B. Erd	Walter & Jean Tkacz; Elizabeth Ocenasek; Diamond Family; Drozdowski Family
Mary Grace Fabonan	Ildefonso Fabonan; Antonio De Castro, Jr.; Teresita De Castro
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Mrs. Eileen Fortunato	Nicholas Fortunato, Sr.; Elizabeth Lewis
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Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Garrison	Sarah Long; Patrick Long; Pauline Garrison; Edmund Garrison
Mr. & Mrs. James J. Giles	M/M Thomas Lennon; M/M John Giles; June Somerville; Thomas Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Romulo Gomez	Gomez Family; Ibanez Family

2025 Christmas Flower Offering Cont'd.**Partial List**

Donated By:	In Memory/Honor Of:
Ms. Teresa Gryscko	Czeslaw Gryscko; Gryscko Family; Skutnik Family; For All Forgotten
Mr. & Mrs. Juan Guzman	
Mrs. Josephine Harris	Charlie Harris; Michele Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond E. Harris Sr.	Richardson Family; Harris Family; Douglas Family; McBride Family; McCartan Family
Mrs. Louise Hayes	Michael A. Hayes
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Mr. & Mrs. Honorinan Lastouski	
Mr. & Mrs. Valerio Laya	Deceased Members and Friends of the Santos-Laya Families; For the Forgotten Souls
Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Lee	Martin Bernal; Rosario Bernal; Inocencio Pilotin; Rufina Pilotin
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Leidig	Harry and Ruth Leidig; James and Catherine Fleming; Dennis Fleming
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lopez	Consuelo Lopez; Antonio Lopez; Mariana Velasco
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Miss Roseann Mancuso	Anne & Sal Mancuso
Mrs. Anna Markert	Daniel Markert; Deceased Members of Markert & Quigley Families; Rosemary and Tom Ray
Mrs. Bridget Martin	John Fitzgerald; Francis Fitzgerald; Maureen Martin; Francis Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Martinelli	Oreo Martinelli
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Mrs. Michael McCabe	Michael McCabe; Michael J. McCabe; Mary Morissey; Patrick Morissey
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Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. McDonald	
Ms. Lynda McGowan	Patricia and Nicholas Marino