

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 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Come after
me, and I
will make
you fishers
of men

Matthew 4:19

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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*
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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*
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Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
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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 5:30PM | Jan. 24 - Vigil Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon | Jan. 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Frank and Rose Keighran Mary Elizabeth Voto Elvin Lister |
| Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM | Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus Mary Morrissey Leonardo Tabaldo |
| Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM | Jan. 27 - Weekday Nora Sheehan Larry Rivera |
| Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM | Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas John Phelan Anselma S. Guerrero |
| Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM | Jan. 29 - Weekday Ernesto Perone Andjelko Crvaric |
| Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM | Jan. 30 - Weekday Anselma S. Guerrero Maureen Loughnane |
| Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM | Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco Denis Dalton Kevin and Jack Foley |
| Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon | Feb. 1 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Denis Dalton Parishioners of St. Mary's Carmencita Ambal (Living) |



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Luisa Chua requested by Margaret and Alex Yu.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Peter J. DeRobertis requested by Amy Stair.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Gloria Switlyk and Lemuel Magusara.

This Week



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| 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 |
| Monday – Jan. 26 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 8:00PM Basketball SH |
| Tuesday – Jan. 27 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS 7:00PM OCIA |
| Wednesday - Jan. 28 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH |
| Thursday – Jan. 29 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 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH |
| Friday – Jan. 30 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Aramaic School 8:00PM Basketball SH |
| Saturday – Jan. 31 Sunday – Feb. 1 8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH 10:00AM OCIA Kids 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir 11:00PM OCIA Teens 2:00PM Girl Scouts Set up & Event SH |

Available 2026 Offerings

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

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

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.



On January 19, 2026 three Catholic Cardinals issue a rare Joint Statement on the Morality of U.S. Foreign Policy. Our Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin joined with Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago and Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington to issue a strongly worded statement measuring U.S. foreign policy against the principles set forth by Pope Leo XIV in his Jan. 9, 2026 address to members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See.

Cardinal Cupich stated, "As pastors entrusted with the teaching of our people, we cannot stand by while decisions are made that condemn millions to lives trapped permanently at the edge of existence. Pope Leo has given us clear direction and we must apply his teachings to the conduct of our nation and its leaders."

Cardinal McElroy added that "Catholic social teaching testifies that when national interest narrowly conceived excludes the moral imperative of solidarity among nations and the dignity of the human person, it brings immense suffering to the world and a catastrophic assault on the just peace that benefits every nation and is the will of God." Further he noted, "In our current national debate about the fundamental contours of American foreign policy, we ignore this reality at the cost of our country's truest interests and the best traditions of this land that we love."

Cardinal Tobin remarked that, "Recent events, including participation in last week's consistory in Rome with Pope Leo and brother cardinals from across the world, convince me of the need to underscore the vision of Pope Leo for just and peaceful relations among nations. Otherwise, escalating threats and armed conflict risk destroying international relations and plunging the world into incalculable suffering."

I strongly encourage everyone to read the full text of the Cardinals' statement which could be found on line. As Catholic Christians we have responsibility to well informed our world events to let our voices be heard by our elected representatives.

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...Kris Telesmanich...Tito
Filip Pindulic...Maureen Donohue...Jonel Tinio
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Edgardo Ariola
Jose Nicholas de la Pena...Ryder Heckman

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

Stay the course...! Parents are asked to continue to prioritize our PACT/Religious Education and sacrament preparation sessions. We don't have a "drop-off-and-pick-up" Religious Education program at St. Mary's. For our regular Sunday PACT sessions, PACT stands for *Parents And Children Together*; at least one parent attends from each family. Parent attendance at meetings helps to ensure that our families stay on track.

Confirmation Preparation



Our Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions continue on 2/9 and 3/9. Parents are asked to ensure that all required candidate paperwork has been submitted at this time. 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., one parent attends with each candidate for First Communion. A parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd. Parents are asked to check their information letter for more details about preparation for First Eucharist.



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.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

Now that the winter break is over, the St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be holding our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 3 @ 7 pm in Szelest Hall.** We will begin by praying a Rosary, discuss new and old business and then have a little fun with a tricky tray. Of course there will be dessert, coffee & tea! Please join us monthly as we share our faith, renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother and find some inner peace. Looking forward to seeing old & new members at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd.

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org

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)

| | <u>2026</u> | <u>2025</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Collections: Jan. 17 - 18 | \$4,360.00 | \$9,451.00 |
| Weekly On-Line Giving | <u>1,488.00</u> | <u>1,635.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$5,848.00</u> | <u>\$11,086.00</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** from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

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

Knights of Columbus

On January 30th, 2026, we will be hosting a winter social featuring Karaoke with George Corbo and Chicago Hot Dogs served up by Jim Brooks.



A Message From Beyond Borders



A member of the Family Sponsorship program with her food basket.

Dear friends at St. Mary's,

Thank you for your generous support of Beyond Borders' Family Graduation Program. Your support is a powerful reminder that Haiti is not a lost cause, despite how difficult the headlines may feel. You stand with Haiti's families and communities at a time when hope and solidarity matter most.

Even amid immense challenges, we see remarkable grassroots progress in the communities where we work—progress made possible by partners like you. Programs that have been rigorously tested and proven to continue to take root, reaching more communities, families, and women and girls, and nurturing hope and connection where fear and isolation once dominated. I hope you have a sense of the life-changing impact that you are having on the Pierre family.

Since the launch of the program in October, participants have been receiving weekly support payments to get them on their feet. Group training was organized in late November on how to launch and successfully manage a small business, as well as care for livestock. They are each on-track to launch their own chosen income-generating activity, thanks to your sponsorship.

In these difficult moments, your family sponsorship is making all the difference, giving participating families the tools they need to navigate the economic effects of the seemingly unending political crisis.

When families in this current cohort graduate in 2027 they will be the seventh cohort to successfully complete the 24-month program -- under extremely trying conditions.

Results like these in such difficult conditions are a testament to your steadfast commitment and to the unrelenting efforts of our Haiti team. We are truly grateful.

As we begin 2026, we're excited to share the ways your partnership will help advance helping families in Haiti escape extreme poverty.

It is an honor to have you as part of the Beyond Borders family. Thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your unwavering belief in what is possible in Haiti.

In Community,

Coleen Hedglin & Smith Maximé, Co-Executive Directors

St. Mary's has so far collected over \$1,200 towards our sponsorship of the Pierre family. For more information on Beyond Borders, including their 2025 Annual Report, go to beyondborders.net or contact deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ 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.



Twin Boro Columbian Club

Home of KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

WINTER TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

On
Friday February 13th

Buffet & Check-in 6pm, Poker Starts at 7pm

The \$100 entry includes:

- Tournament entry
- Gourmet Sandwiches
- Macaroni Salad
- Potato Salad
- Salad
- Assorted Snacks
- Tap Beer
- Wine
- Soda
- Coffee
- Pay Bar Available for all else

Tournament Features:

- Regulation Texas Hold'Em Rules
- Full Size Tables
- Professional Cards
- Licensed Dealers
- 5,000 Chip Starting Stack
- Re-buys/Add-on until Break
- \$5,000 Prize Pool*
- Final Table Gets Paid*
- Champion Bracelet
- * based on 75 players

RSVP ONLINE by 2/6/2026 and get a 500 Chip BONUS

Tournament Conducted by:
 Mike's Poker Tables

TO RSVP VISIT LINK BELOW

<https://www.mikespokertables.com>

Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or

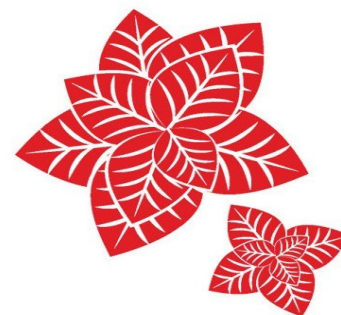
email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com for info

SPECTATORS \$20PP - MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ENTER THE PREMISES



Flowers Donation

Thank You!



| Donated By: | In Memory/Honor Of: |
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| Ms. Joanne Marie McMahon | James McMahon; Marie McMahon; Margaret Hiltenbrand; Daniel Hiltenbrand |
| Ms. Jeanne M. Messina | |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Militar | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Miloscia | Deceased Members of the Miloscia and Hans Families |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Montagnino | Franz & Montagnino Families |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mario Morin | Anthony & Anna Tarabocchia; Mattea & Domenico Morin |
| Mr. Michael Murphy | Annie Murphy; Vincent Murphy; Bea and Michael Hanley; Patrick and Margaret Murphy |
| Mrs. Kathleen Murray | |
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| Kevin Nimo | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Oates | Oates & O'Reilly Families |
| Mr. & Mrs. Nestor Olegario | Gertrude Vilorio; Millette Aduna; Gena Vilorio |
| Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Oliver | Marcial and Pat Quijano; Deusdedit Encarnacion; Agripina Oliver |
| Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Osborne | Marilyn & Hugh Gorman; Michael & Margaret Osborne |
| Mrs. William O'Shea | William O'Shea; Sr. Bridget O'Shea; Peggy Keating; Carol McGuire |
| Ms. Justina Josie Parrella | Fr. Pat Donohue; Fr. Thomas F. Pendrick; Rita Crowley |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alex R. Pavon | |
| Carmen Pena | Francisco E. Pena; Celina Andujar; Miguel A. Santiago; Ivan Saud |
| Mr. Joseph Pidi | Dolly & Vito Pidi |
| Nancy E. Poznanski | Anglot Martucci; Edward, Joe, Joey Wysoch; Mary, Joseph, Stanley, Phyllis Sedlacek; Marie Henley |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Puthuparampil | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ignacio M. Quiambao | Lily Dalit |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hector Rabanes | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Oscar M. Ramos | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ramiro T. Ramos | |
| Denise Randazzo | |
| Mrs. Gerard Reilly | Gerard Reilly; James and Margaret Bannoal; John and Bridget Reilly |
| Ms. Erlinda A. Riguerra | Maria Ariola & Ciriaco Ariola |
| Miss Myla M. Roxas | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Richard Russo | Robert & Joan Mascarelli; Baby Faith Russo |
| Edmundo Sanglay | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Allan Santos | |
| Joseph Scalia | Rosemary Scalia; Mary Scalia |
| Miss Pauline Scalice | Deceased Members of Bonini & Scalice Families |
| Ms. Linda Scandiffio | Frank and Dolores Scandiffio; Anna Rose Digilio; Mary Scandiffio |

2025 Christmas Flower Offering Cont'd.

| Donated By: | In Memory/Honor Of: |
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| Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sheehan | Sheehan Family; Daly Family; Larkin Family |
| Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sienkiewicz | |
| Mrs. Judith Skorupa | Theresa Baccaglione; Carol Stormer |
| Mr. & Mrs. Michael Smith | |
| Mrs. Christine Stangl | Vitus Stangl; M/M Georg & Maria Luisser |
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| Mr. & Mrs. John Tagliareni | Cecelia Ricciardi; Frank Ricciardi; Mary Tagliareni; Salvatore Tagliareni |
| Mrs. Anne Marie Thornton | Deceased Members of the Reilly Family; Deceased Members of the Thornton Family |
| Miss Claire Thornton | Brendan M. Thornton; Eva & George Reilly; Margaret & Martin Thornton, Sr.; John, Kevin, Marty, Jr. & Brian Thornton |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Williams | Connie Williams; Ralph Williams, Jr.; Fillippa Romeo |
| Dr. Marie Woke | |
| Joseph Yanga | |

Our heartfelt thank you to all those who donated towards the Christmas Flowers Offering. The flowers made our church even more beautiful! Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

**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*

