

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



February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed

ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:3



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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Food Pantry: email: foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org
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!

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday	Jan. 31 - Vigil
5:30PM	Kevin and Jack Foley
Sunday	Feb. 1 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Denis Dalton
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Carmencita Ambal (Living)
Monday	Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
7:00AM	Amanda Silva (Living)
8:45AM	Paul Consentino
Tuesday	Feb. 3 - Weekday
7:00AM	Francis Martin
8:45AM	Sophie Yee
Wednesday	Feb. 4 - Weekday
7:00AM	Ernesto Perone
8:45AM	Deceased Members of the Sheehan Family
Thursday	Feb. 5 - St. Agatha
7:00AM	Michael Policastri
8:45AM	Rodolfo Santos, Sr.
Friday	Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki
7:00AM	Anita and Teresita Ababan
8:45AM	Joseph Crvaric
Saturday	Feb. 7 - Weekday
8:30AM	Arturo Abad
5:30PM	Kenny and Anne Johnson
Sunday	Feb. 8 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Michele Patetta
12 Noon	Clemencia Awen



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Ann O'Sullivan requested by Phyllis Sullivan.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Barbara Papalexis requested by Anne Marie and Jim Bishopp.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Dennis Benson.

This Week



Sunday – Feb. 1

8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM Rite of Acceptance
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:00PM OCIA Teens
2:00PM Girl Scouts Set up & Event SH

Monday – Feb. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Finance Meeting FDVRm
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Feb. 3

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats at the 7:00AM & 8:45AM Masses
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Meeting SH

Wednesday - Feb. 4

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

Thursday – Feb. 5

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
7:00AM OCIA
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Feb. 6

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

Saturday – Feb. 7

10:00AM Morning with Jesus UC/School

Sunday – Feb. 8

8:30AM PACT Saints School/SH
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - February 6th



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



Several years ago, in a discussion I was having with a good friend of mine who is a priest in the Episcopalian Church, he casually mentioned that one of the things he envied about the Catholic Church was the fact that we had cloistered community of both men and women. I was extremely surprised by this comment thinking what a strange thing to envy about the Catholic Church. When I asked him why, he said, "Don't you realize that at every minute of every day, somewhere in the world there is cloistered community of nuns or brothers praying for your Church?"

Tomorrow, February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Catholic Church will celebrate the 30th World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. This is a day to honor and give thanks for all the men and women who serve the Church in religious communities, those in cloistered life and those who serve in so many active ministries. In addition to those who live in community, our archdiocese is blessed with many individuals who are part of secular institutes, who are consecrated virgins, and those who have taken private vows.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, is celebrated 40 days after the Birth of Christ. It marks the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. We bless candles on this feast because, as we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is the light that reveals the God of Israel to all the nations. According to the old church calendar, this feast of the Presentation was considered the official end of the Christmas season. In 1976, Pope St. John Paul II declared that this day would also be a World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. He attached it to "Candlemas Day" because consecrated men and women are called to be the light in the world, imitating Jesus, the Light of the World.

For more than 170 years, the Archdiocese of Newark has been blessed by the ministry of countless men and women in consecrated life, most especially in education and in health care as well as in parish ministry. They have touched so many lives with their compassion, their care, their ministry, and most importantly, with their prayers. Let us all give thanks for all the women and men in consecrated life who serve the Church and let us all pray that the Church will be blessed with an abundance of vocations to consecrated life and ordained ministry.

Fr. Carey**Blessing of Throats**

The Feast of St. Blaise will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Those who wish for the traditional imposition of candles are welcome to come forward at the end of the Mass.

Burning of Palms

Join us for a prayer service on Thursday, Feb. 12th at 7:00pm by the rectory garage where we burn the palms, which will provide us ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th.

**Faith Sharing Groups for Lent.**

Lent is coming! It starts with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. If anyone has an interest in forming a faith sharing group for lent, please call Kathy Sylvester at the parish office 201-788-3152.

Available 2026 Offerings

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

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

St. Mary's Presents

A Lenten Family Movie Night

KING OF KINGS

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 at 6:30PM
SPIRITUAL FORMATION CENTER



Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and bring blankets for a parish movie night!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org



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

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society



Dear Altar & Rosary Supporters,

We are hosting an Easter Candy Fundraiser through Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. Our Fundraiser starts today and ends on **Sunday, March 1 for online orders** and **Sunday, February 22 for hardcopy order forms**. Estimated Delivery Date: The week of March 23, 2026

Two ways to purchase:

- 1) **Online: Due by Sunday, March 1, 2026.** Customers can choose to have their order delivered to the church for free with the main shipment. Out of town friends and family can choose to send their orders directly to their home (shipping fees apply). All web orders require credit card payment. See below for directions.

TO PURCHASE ONLINE:

- Go to fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com
- Select: I AM A BUYER
- Select: FIND A FUNDRAISER
- In the CHOOSE ORGANIZATION box, Type Code 119856 (choose St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society, Dumont, NJ) Click NEXT
- In the CHOOSE SELLER box, Type Saint (choose Saint Mary's) Click GET STARTED

- 2) **Order Form: Due by Sunday, February 22, 2026.** Order form packets can be found in the Upper Church or PACT/Rectory offices. Please return the form to the Rectory and keep the bottom copy and brochure for your records. **Hardcopy order forms should NOT include any online sales.** Total dollars sent in should equal Grand Total Amount on the order form. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society**

Thank you for your continued support!

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)

	2026	2025
Collections: Jan. 24 - 25	\$9,140.00	\$7,651.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,413.00</u>	<u>1,202.00</u>
Total	\$10,553.00	\$8,853.00

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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.

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 Christmas Collection

Thank you to all those who offered their treasure to St. Mary's at Christmas. I am grateful to announce that this past Christmas, our collection totaled **\$28,076.00**.

For what you offer, may the Lord bless you as you help your parish to fulfill its mission of service.

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

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...Anya
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Rosalina Ariola
Michelle Irimia...Ryder Heckman...Luisa Castro
Rosario Pingul...Bonifacio Riguerra...Ivan Ordóñez
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...Jonele Tinio
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Edgardo Ariola
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.

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.



Food Pantry Items For February

For the month of February, the food pantry will be collecting laundry detergent, small size up to 50 oz. Please place your items in the boxes at the doors of the upper church or drop at the rectory during normal business hours. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please place your contribution in the collection basket in an envelope marked Food Pantry.

We thank you in advance for your continued support!!

God Bless,
Anna, Denise & Lynne



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



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

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026

St. Mary's Church Szelest Hall (Gym), 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont
Please return reservation form below by **THURSDAY, February 12, 2026**

BINGO
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.

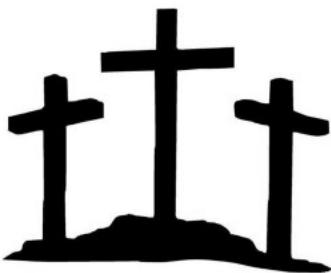
Please list additional people on the back of this form.

1)	_____	6)	_____
2)	_____	7)	_____
3)	_____	8)	_____
4)	_____	9)	_____
5)	_____	10)	_____

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

*Please drop payment and form to the Rectory by **THURSDAY, February 12** between
9 am & 5 pm or mail to St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ 07628*

Do you want to be a part of the Stations of the Cross this year?



We are looking for 7th – 12th grade teens to lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday!

Jesus
Mary
Guards
Pilate
Veronica
Simon
Joseph
Readers
Singers
Lights



Practices on Sundays

7pm – 9pm

Upper Church

February 22

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 29

Practice with Choir

Tuesday March 31

5pm – 7pm

Good Friday Service:

April 3 at 7:30pm

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org