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St. Mary's Church

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*February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

I have come
not to *abolish*
but to *fulfill*.

MATTHEW 5:17

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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

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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!

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

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Saturday	Feb. 14 - Vigil
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
Sunday	Feb. 15 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Michael Daly
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michael J. Burke
Monday	Feb. 16 - Weekday
7:00AM	Gary Rappo Sr.
8:45AM	Gorgonio Lacap
Tuesday	Feb. 17 - Weekday
7:00AM	Skutnik Family
8:45AM	Fabian Banzil, Sr.
Wednesday	Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Frank Catalano
8:45AM	Ivanica Telesmanich
3:30PM	Prayer Service
7:30PM	Simone and Anthony Borges
Thursday	Feb. 19 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Czeslaw Gryszko
8:45AM	Vera Vietri
Friday	Feb. 20 - Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Peter Salandra
8:45AM	Leo Bennet Canlas Melber (Living)
Saturday	Feb. 21 - Saturday After Ash Wednesday
8:30AM	Brian O'Connell
5:30PM	John Daly
Sunday	Feb. 22 - First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	John P. and Michael Daly
10:00AM	Betty Duffy and Kathleen Whalen
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Brian O'Connell requested by the O'Connell family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Michele Patetta and Carol Maguire requested by the Arts and Environment ladies.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John Horsman and Jose Fernandez.

This Week



Sunday – Feb. 15
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:00AM OCIA Teens
2:00PM Bingo SH
Monday – Feb. 16
Presidents' Day
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Feb. 17
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:30M Decorate the Church for Lent
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:30PM Parish Council Kitchen
Wednesday - Feb. 18
Ash Wednesday
Masses: 7:00AM, 8:45AM and 7:30PM
Service: 3:30PM
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
Thursday – Feb. 19
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC
5:30 PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Bridge Makers
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00PM OCIA Class
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Feb. 20
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Feb. 21
Korean School
10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC
1:30PM Call to Continuing Conversion
Sunday – Feb. 22
First Sunday of Lent
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:00AM OCIA Teens
12:00PM Cub Scouts Pack 131 Set-up/Event SH
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
4:30PM Rite of Election Cathedral
7:00PM Stations of the Cross Practice UC

Presidents' Day – February 16th

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.



What does Lent mean to you? Is it a time to give up something we really like? Is it a time to give up some sinful habit? Is it a time to adopt a new spiritual practice? Is it a time to commit ourselves to be more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? Lent can be all of these and so much more.

Each year, as Ash Wednesday rolls around many of us make some kind of Lenten commitment hoping that it will help make us better Christians. We may tell others what our Lenten resolution is or perhaps, it is something we share only with God. It may be something great and grandiose or could be a small simple step. Whatever it is, it is supposed to be something that brings us closer to God.

Getting closer to God; that's what the journey of faith is all about. The Church gives us the sacred season of Lent each year to challenge us to take an honest look at our journey of faith. To see how far we have come and to see how far we still have to go. Lent challenges us to work at removing the hazards that so often impede our progress. Lent challenges us to acknowledge the weaknesses and vulnerabilities that slow us down. Lent calls us to discipline our bodies and our spirits so that we are better equipped to face the road ahead.

Conversion is a life-long process. Lent challenges us to once again renew our commitment to process so that when we gather to celebrate Easter, we will be truly ready to renew our baptismal promises and recommit ourselves to God and to his Church.

Fr. Carey

We Welcome the Newest Members of our Parish Community



Avery Mae Ashman
Nathaniel Frank Nicolosi
Brady Antonio Palucis
Stevie Valentine Ramos

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.



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2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Deanery Lenten Penance Service



This year, our Deanery **Penance Services** for the season of Lent are scheduled as follows:

Monday, Feb. 23, 7:00pm St. Joseph, Oradell
Tuesday, March 3, 7:00pm St. John, Bergenfield (Spanish)
Monday, March 9, 7:00pm Ascension, New Milford
Saturday, March 14, 1:30pm Annunciation, Paramus
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm Visitation, Paramus
Monday, March 23, 7:00pm Mt. Carmel, Tenafly



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

Sunday Saints PACT will meet again Sunday 2/22. See your PACT e-mail for more details.

Family Lenten Resources will be e-mailed as well.

Confirmation Preparation



Our Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions continue on 3/9. Be sure to check that required candidate paperwork is complete at this time. Please continue to pray that our candidates, their families, and our whole parish family will be enlivened by the Holy Spirit.



First Holy Communion



Our candidates for First Communion and their parents attended the *Morning With Jesus* last week where they learned more about the Eucharist together. A parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd. First Communion candidate sessions begin the following week. Parents are asked to check their information letter for more details about preparation for First Eucharist. Please keep our candidates and their families in prayer.

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.



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, February 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont, in the school. Use the entrance in the parking lot closest to Park Ave. Please contact Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm using different meditations each week. Our first session will be Friday, Feb. 20th.

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.

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



WHERE: 61 Armour Pl, Dumont NJ
WHEN: Friday, February 27, 2026, 6 – 8 PM
INCLUDES: Beer Battered Cod - Steak Fries - Homemade Mac & Cheese - Coleslaw - Tartar Sauce - Pickles - Salad & Bread
DESSERT: Cake/Cookies/Coffee/Tea

INCLUDES: DRAFT BEER/WINE/SODA

Note: Take out orders must be picked up inside

COST: \$20.00 Adults / \$12.00 Children
(\$50 Family Maximum)

50/50 50/50 50/50

Reservation Details: RSVP via call or text to Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or Email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com This is a SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER for the Council - if you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to St. John's Council #1345 KOC, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628. As always, THANK YOU for your support.

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 Barhvd

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.
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Dolores Awid...Myra D'Silva...Daniel Thornton
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone
George & Gerry Taylor...Anya...Ryder Heckman
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Michelle Irimia
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Ryan McHugh...Baby James Thomas Formoso
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Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Edgardo Ariola
Jose Nicholas de la Pena...Melie Tiburcio
Baby Teddy Lang...Martha Velasco Rice

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.

Available 2026 Offerings

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

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





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



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

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!

St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry

Dates: Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: St. Mary's Parish Office
280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

To register email:

Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org

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