



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 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**YOU ARE THE
light of the world**

MATTHEW 5:14



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*

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Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/OCIA*

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Mr. Lawrence Miloscia, *Parish Trustee*

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Online giving: WeShare

[stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.](http://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	Feb. 7 - Vigil
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
Monday	Feb. 9 - Weekday
7:00AM	Zofia and Jan Koc (Living)
8:45AM	Dr. Peter Conti
Tuesday	Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica
7:00AM	Mina Emad Morcos
8:45AM	John Hughes
Wednesday	Feb. 11 - Weekday
7:00AM	Jose Carretas
8:45AM	Michele Patetta
Thursday	Feb. 12 - Weekday
7:00AM	Matthew Dimataris
8:45AM	Deci Noelle Estante
Friday	Feb. 13 - Weekday
7:00AM	Matthew Dimataris
8:45AM	Michele Patetta
Saturday	Feb. 14 - St. Cyril
8:30AM	Christopher Bishopp
5:30PM	Bendan 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



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses and the **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by Mary Reilly.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Joseph M. Gavin and Donna L. Corless.

This Week



Sunday – Feb. 8

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

Monday – Feb. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Prep #4
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Feb. 10

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

Wednesday - Feb. 11

7:00AM AHA 12th Grade Retreat SH/SFC
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Feb. 12

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
7:00PM Burning of Palms By Rectory Garages
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Feb. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH
Set-up Bingo after Basketball SH

Saturday – Feb. 14

Sunday – Feb. 15
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:00AM OCIA Teens
2:00PM Bingo SH

Stewardship Reflection

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.



While Valentine's Day may not be until next weekend, today we celebrate World Marriage Sunday; a day to acknowledge the supreme importance of the loving relationship of two people who commit to sharing the journey of life. While Valentine's Day reminds us of the all the romantic aspects of love, World Marriage Sunday calls us to acknowledge the daily work of remaining in a life-long and life-giving committed relationship.

In November 2009 the U.S. Catholic Bishops approved a pastoral letter entitled "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan." The letter presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage as sacramental, as a natural gift, and as a public commitment. It also discusses several contemporary challenges to marriage and how the Church can help couples address these many challenges.

In a culture where half of all marriages end in divorce, it is important for us as a community of faith to acknowledge the many couples who have weathered the storms of life with their commitment made stronger by the journey they have shared. As we celebrate World Marriage Sunday, let us thank these special couples for their witness of faith in each other and in the God who brought them together and has united them in the special bond of married love.

Fr. Carey

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.

Available 2026 Offerings

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

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

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.

St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry

Losing a loved one is hard. Join others who share your experience of loss and sadness and are looking for a way to heal. Join St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry starting February 25th at 7:00 pm and every Wednesday until March 25th.

To register email Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org or call the parish office at 201 384-0557.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy



The archdiocese is once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty, and sixty+ years of Catholic marriage!

There will be **ONE** anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties. This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on **Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark**. All clergy and family members are welcome!

The registration deadline is April 14, 2026.

If you would like to participate in this liturgy, you need to come to the parish office and fill in a registration form so that they know the names and the number of those attending the liturgy.

Once they receive the form, they will acknowledge receipt of the reservation directly to the celebrating couple after the April 14th deadline and provide them with additional details and directions to the Cathedral Basilica.



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

Sunday Saints PACT has two sessions this February due to the snow event and postponement Jan 25th.



Confirmation Preparation



Our Monday Confirmation Preparation sessions continue on 2/9 and 3/9. Our candidates attended their retreat here at St. Mary's and prepared boxes with hygiene items for teens at Oasis Haven in Paterson.



Please keep our candidates and their families in prayer. 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 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

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. 31 - Feb. 1	\$11,161.00	\$7,651.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,052.00</u>	<u>1,202.00</u>
Total	<u>\$13,213.00</u>	<u>\$8,853.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$2.00

Below are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

"I talked with parents about lesson."
"I helped someone." **"I said my prayers."**
"I clean." **"I helped my brother."**



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 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.

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 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...Jonele Tinio
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Edgardo Ariola
Jose Nicholas de la Pena...Melie Tiburcio
Bernie Ang..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.



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



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 kof1345reservations@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**

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) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____

6) _____
7) _____
8) _____
9) _____
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