



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

March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday of Lent

Whoever drinks  
the water I shall give  
will never thirst.

John 4:14



## 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*  
Rev. David W. Milliken, *In-Residence*  
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Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*  
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Online giving: WeShare  
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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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<b>Saturday</b> 5:30PM	<b>Mar. 7 - Vigil</b> Maria Brigida Mazzella
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Mar. 8 - Third Sunday of Lent</b> Judith Clare Bankey Parishioners of St. Mary's Jacqueline Caratozzolo
<b>Monday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Mar. 9 - Lenten Weekday</b> Thomas McGovern Lawrence Padrevito
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday</b> Patrick O'Neill Cresencia Duque
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Mar. 11 - Lenten Weekday</b> John Hyland Oscar Arrieta
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Mar. 12 - Lenten Weekday</b> Valerie Lim (Living) Neda Rosini
<b>Friday</b> 7:00AM 8:45AM	<b>Mar. 13 - Lenten Weekday</b> Al Saggio Kathleen and Frank McMorrow
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30AM 5:30PM	<b>Mar. 14 - Lenten Weekday</b> Rosemary and Thomas Ray Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b> 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	<b>Mar. 15 - Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Dennis and Daniel Daly Bochicchio and Giunta Families Victoria M. Quimbao (Living)



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael Daly requested by the Sheehan family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of John O'Shea requested by Anne Marie and Jim Bishopp.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Diana Potente and Robert Fitzgerald.

## This Week



**Sunday – March 8**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH  
10:00AM OCIA Kids  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross Practice UC

**Monday – March 9**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
7:00PM Confirmation Prep# 5 Church/School  
7:00PM Basketball SH

**Tuesday – March 10**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS  
6:00PM FHC Prep# 1 Church/School

**Wednesday - March 11**  
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC  
7:00PM Bereavement Ministry Seton Rm  
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

**Thursday – March 12**  
7:00AM AHA 12th Grade Retreat SH/SFC  
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 Class  
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

**Friday – March 13**  
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC  
5:00PM Aramaic School  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross  
8:00PM Basketball SH

**Saturday – March 14**  
Korean School  
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

**Sunday – March 15**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
10:00AM OCIA Kids  
10:00AM St. Patrick's Mass and Social UC/SH  
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir  
2:00PM A & R Bingo SH  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross Practice UC  
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

## 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.



Last month, every registered family should have received the mailing on the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. This weekend, we are showing the Appeal Video at all masses, and we are asking every family to make a commitment to be part of this very important fundraising effort of the Archdiocese. Once again, we are challenged to “Share Our Blessing” in support of the various ministries of the Church.

The Archdiocese supports the parish family of St. Mary’s in so many ways. Our participation in the Appeal helps the Archdiocese support all the parishes and all the ministries in the four-county region that is the Church of Newark. This Appeal reminds us that St. Mary’s is not a stand-alone church. We are part of the Archdioceses of Newark; we are part of the world-wide Catholic Church.

Our parish’s stretch goal this year is \$72,310. We are already at 24% of our goal. Reaching this stretch goal by June 30 means that our parish will receive a significant reduction in our annual Archdiocesan assessments. Last year, because we reached our stretch goal, St. Mary’s saved over \$11, 000.

There are many different ways to participate in the Appeal. You can make a one-time donation or you can pledge to a certain amount over a number of months. You can ear-mark your donation for a particular ministry of the Archdiocese. And as I say every year, you can make your pledge using a credit card so that you can earn some bonus miles. It’s what I always do. Whatever way you choose to be part of the Appeal, please make sure that you do so as part of St. Mary’s.

Every donation to the Appeal is appreciated and no gift is too small. I understand that in these difficult times, limited resources may make it difficult for some families to participate in the Annual Appeal. Please remember, as Cardinal Tobin stated in the video, all funds collected through the Annual Appeal will be used for those ministries highlighted in the video. I ask you to prayerfully consider being part of this Annual Appeal.

**Fr. Carey**

**Available 2026 Offerings**

**Bread & Wine:** Aug. 23 & 30; Nov. 29.

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Aug. 2.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Feast of St. Patrick - March 15th**



On Sunday, March 15th at 10:00AM Mass, we will celebrate our annual Mass in Honor of St. Patrick. A social will follow in Szelest Hall featuring Clan na Vale Pipe Band, McLoughlin Irish Step Dancers and soda bread.

**Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th**



Join us on Thursday, March 19th at the 7:30pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph. Following the Mass, there will be a social in the Spiritual Center.

**Deanery Lenten Penance Service**



The priests of our deanery are joining together to host a series of Penance Services during Lent. The schedule of these Penance Services are as follow:

- 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*

**Stewardship Reflection**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” JOHN 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

**J-Walk Palm Cross Sale**



Our Youth Group will be selling palm crosses again this year. Order forms are available at the doors of the church. Orders may also be placed on line by going to [stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com).

Pick up date will be Saturday, March 28 from 9:00am-11:00am.



## ***PACT/Religious Education Program***

### **St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program**

Sunday Saints Re-scheduled! Our Sunday Saints PACT group will meet two Sundays in a row in March. We have scheduled the makeup since we missed two Saints sessions.

All families— Angels and Saints— are reminded to stay with the work at home each week. After our April PACT session, we will be more focused on our celebration of the sacraments in May.

PACT Parents: Have you received your PACT e-mail with Family Lenten Resources? If you are not receiving e-mails from us, please e-mail us at [religioused@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysdumont.org)

### **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**

Parents of First Holy Communion candidates met Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. First Communion candidate sessions begin this week. Parents are asked to check their information letter for more details about meetings and candidate preparation for First Eucharist. Please keep our candidates and their families in prayer.



### ***Report Sexual Misconduct Confidentially***

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](http://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](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) or call **800-276-1562**.

### ***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...Anya...Ryder Heckman  
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Michelle Irimia  
Bonifacio Riguerra...Ivan Ordonez...Jonel Tinio  
Ryan McHugh...Baby James Thomas Formoso  
Wilberto Guilgerto Canlas...Revan Thrawn Wrage  
Laura Poznanski Clark...Kris Telesmanich...Tito  
Filip Pindulic..Maureen Donohue..Helen de la Pena  
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer  
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Edgardo Ariola  
Jose Nicholas de la Pena...Melie Tiburcio  
Baby Teddy Lang..Martha Velasco Rice..Bernie Ang

### ***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.

### ***Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially***

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](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.

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



We are looking for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youthmin@stmarysdumont.org)

**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](mailto:youthmin@stmarysdumont.org)

### Lenten Giving Tree



This year our Lenten Giving Tree, will be for The Nurturing Place (York Street Project). You may take a tag from the tree over by the Sacred Heart Shrine. The following are items which they are most in need of throughout the year to keep the center safe and healthy.

**List of needs 2026:**

- Paper Plates (large and small)
- Paper Bowls
- Plastic Forks/Spoons
- 5 oz Plastic Cups
- Zip Lock Bags (gallon, quart, sandwich, snack)
- Bounty Paper Towels (ROLLS)
- Facial Tissues
- Lysol, Air Freshener Spray
- Liquid Hand soap
- Dish Liquid
- Scrubbing Sponges
- Laundry Detergent (liquid/powder)
- Liquid Bleach (unscented)

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. You can bring the item before the end of Lent to the church and leave it in the box by the Sacred Heart Shrine or drop items off at the parish office during the week from 9 am – 5 p.m.

*St. Mary's*  
**Food Pantry**  
Easter Collection

As we journey through Lent and increase our prayers, fasting and almsgiving, please consider donating to our Easter Food Drive for the month of March. The items we need the most are peanut butter & jelly, canned beans, tuna & chicken, white & brown rice, baby wipes & Aim toothpaste. We DO NOT NEED stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce or turkey Gravy. Food can be dropped at the Parish Office during regular business hours or left in the baskets at the doors of the Upper Church.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please drop an envelope marked Food Pantry in the collection baskets or bring to the Rectory.

In addition to non-perishable food items, we will be collecting Hams & Turkeys for Easter beginning March 1. Please bring to the rectory between 9am & 5pm by Friday, March 27.

Please continue to pray for each other and for our neighbors around the world who do not have enough to eat.

God Bless.

Anna, Denise & Lynne

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

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

St. Mary's Church Szelest Hall (Gym), 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

**NO RESERVATION NEEDED!**

Bingo Cost - \$20

Includes: 11 Games of Bingo  
Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Doors open at 2:30pm Bingo starts at 3:00pm

Additional Boards \$5

Bingo prizes start at \$50 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.

NO RESERVATION WILL BE TAKEN.

SEATING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.

Come join us for a relaxing Sunday afternoon  
and some good old-fashioned fun!

Please email [rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org) with any questions

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: Feb. 28 - Mar. 1	8,150.00	\$9,695.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,134.00</u>	<u>1,877.00</u>
Total	<u>\$10,284.00</u>	<u>\$11,572.00</u>

Assessment \$1,517.00

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."**

**"Being nice."**

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

ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

We are grateful to share that as of Tuesday, March 3rd, we have already received **\$13,413.00** in pledges which is **24%** of our goal—thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2026 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese.

Our goal can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so today. To make an online gift, please visit [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or scan QR code below.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you abundantly!



Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345  
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

Grand Knight Chuck Hollis invites you to



IRISH NIGHT

On

Saturday March 28th

From

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm



Join us for one of our most popular events. The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Bangers and Mash, coffee, tea and dessert.

Tap beer, wine, and soda are included. All else pay bar available.

Let's not forget featuring LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by

Kevin Guerin and the Round the House Band



Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early!  
RSVP REQUIRED! Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333  
or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

All this for only \$50 per person!



# News

This past weekend we celebrated the **Rite of Election** for our catechumens, Jade Berrocal and Luciana Khimishman at the 10 am Mass. Normally this ritual would have been celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, on the First Sunday of Lent but it was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

The Rite of Election is where the Church formally ratifies (elects) catechumens for initiation into the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. It marks their final, intense period of preparation. From this point forward the catechumens are officially called The Elect, those chosen for initiation. Please keep Jade and Luciana in your prayers.



Lucianna and Jade, sign the Book of the Elect,



Jade, left, and Lucianna with the Book of The Elect.

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**The Penitential Rite-** We also celebrated the Penitential Rite for our Candidates for Completion of Initiation and those coming to Full Communion at 12 noon Mass. The Penitential Rite is a special liturgical rite for baptized candidates (not the unbaptized elect) held on the Second Sunday of Lent, to support their purification and preparation for full communion. It serves as a communal acknowledgment of sins, focusing on Lenten conversion and preparing them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Please continue to pray for our 13 Candidates as well as our Elect.

