



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 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

I was blind
and now
I see.

JOHN 9:25

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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*
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Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
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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	Mar. 14 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Mar. 15 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Dennis and Daniel Daly
10:00AM	Bochicchio and Giunta Families
12 Noon	Victoria M. Quimbao (Living)
Monday	Mar. 16 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Dolores Diaz Calupad
8:45AM	Daniel Dunne
Tuesday	Mar. 17 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Angelina Nappi
8:45AM	Marlon Singson
Wednesday	Mar. 18 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Brendan Thornton
8:45AM	Ed Ariola (Living)
Thursday	Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM	Martina Denby
8:45AM	Patrick O'Neill
7:30PM	Mary Tagliareni
Friday	Mar. 20 - Lenten Weekday
7:00AM	Michele White
8:45AM	John P. Daly
Saturday	Mar. 21 - Lenten Weekday
8:30AM	Patrick O'Neill
5:30PM	Brian O'Connell
Sunday	Mar. 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Kazimir Telesmanich
12 Noon	Leonor M. Canlas



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of John Daly requested by his mom.

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

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Joan Trank.

This Week



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
1:00PM Faith Sharing Group (T. Abad) FDVRm
2:00PM A & R Bingo SH
7:00PM Stations of the Cross Practice UC
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services
Monday – March 16
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – March 17
St. Patrick's Day
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:30PM Parish Council Kitchen
Wednesday - March 18
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:00PM Bereavement Ministry Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – March 19
Feast of St. Joseph
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
7:30PM St. Joseph's Mass and Social UC/SFC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – March 20
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
7:00PM Stations of the Cross
8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – March 21
Korean School
4:00PM Penance Make-up UC
Sunday – March 22
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30AM PACT-SAINTS School/Gym
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:00AM OCIA Teens
1:00PM Faith Sharing Group (T. Abad) FDVRm
2:00PM eNVY Color Guard (T. O'Shea) SH



While his official feast day may not be until Tuesday, today we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We are honored to welcome the dignitaries who will lead today's Bergen County St. Patrick's Day parade to St. Mary's Church.

Details about Patrick's life are extremely limited but early medieval tradition credits St. Patrick with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland and, while evidence indicates that he was not the first missionary to bring Christianity to the island, he certainly worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel and is honored for his efforts to convert all of Ireland to the Christian faith.

In this country, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day has become more than the celebration of a 5th century bishop and has instead become a celebration of all things Irish. After the 10:00am mass, in addition to tea and soda bread served by our Altar & Rosary Society, we will also have Irish Step Dancing along with bag pipes and drums.

As we celebrate St. Patrick today, we also look forward to celebrating St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19th. As the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph played a profound role in the story of our salvation. Scripture calls Joseph the "righteous" man who trusted in a dream. Because of this trust and his willingness to surrender his will to the will of God, he provided fatherly care and protection to our Savior.

In 1870, during some truly difficult time in our Church's history, Pope Pius IX, wishing to place her under the powerful patronage of the holy patriarch Joseph, declared him to be "Patron of the Catholic Church." To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, on December 8, 2020 Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter, "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"). As the Holy Father says in this letter, "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, let us recall that as a "Foster Father," St. Joseph played his part in bringing Jesus to a world in need. Let us remember that as followers of Christ, it is our job to bring Jesus to those in need. Let us follow the examples of St. Joseph as we boldly proclaim the Good News of Salvation by the way we live our lives.

Fr. Carey

Feast of St. Patrick - March 15th



This 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:

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm Visitation, Paramus

Monday, March 23, 7:00pm Mt. Carmel, Tenafly

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.

Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



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



How are you doing with your Rice Bowl?

At our March PACT sessions, we are viewing a video and discussing the importance of supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services through their traditional Rice Bowl program.

Confirmation Preparation



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

First Communion candidate sessions have begun! 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.



Available 2026 Offerings

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

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: Mar. 7 - 8	\$6,305.00	\$6,861.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,295.00</u>	<u>1,991.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,600.00</u>	<u>\$8,852.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$26.00

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 was kind." "I help my sister."*



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

We are grateful to share that as of Tuesday, March 10th, we have already received **\$15,963.00** in pledges which is **29%** 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 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!



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 Ordenez...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.

Hackensack Walk-in Shelter - March 4th ...Thank You!



We thank John and Paula Scalice for consistently delivering the food to the Hackensack Walk-In Shelter. We were able to continue this ministry because of them and we greatly appreciate all their hard work.

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.



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
Fundraiser*

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a fundraiser in the vestibule of the upper church this weekend March 14 & 15 after all masses.

There will be Soda Bread (\$5/loaf), "Fun Pasta" (\$5/bag) and a bake sale. Please stop by the table!

Soda Bread & Pasta will also be available for purchase at the St. Patrick's Day Social in Szelest Hall following the 10 am mass.

We thank you for your support!!



Kathy Mullins - President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org

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.

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



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 to RSVP.

All this for only \$50 per person!



J-Walk – St. Mary’s Youth Ministry
2026 Palm Cross Fundraiser
Place Orders by Monday, March 23



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Drop form in the collection boxes in the church, at the parish office or
email your order to Beth Miloscia at youthmin@stmarysdumont.org



Price \$15.00

Quantity _____

Total Payment _____

Circle your method of payment: CASH CHECK ONLINE

Please provide payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Mary’s Church.

Online orders can be placed at stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

**Contactless Drive-Thru Pickup at the Rectory Garage
Saturday, March 28 between 9am and 11am**