



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 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

I am the  
resurrection  
and the life.

JOHN 11:25



## 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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## 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>	<b>Mar. 21 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Brian O'Connell
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Kazimir Telesmanich
12 Noon	Leonor M. Canlas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 23 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Garret Nagle
8:45AM	Patrick O'Neill
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 24 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Delio Padilla
8:45AM	John Dombroski
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
7:00AM	Lisa Fulco
8:45AM	John and Eileen O'Neill
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 26 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Anne Coleman
8:45AM	John Hughes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 27 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Marie McMahan
8:45AM	Antonio Bautista (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 28 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	David Rovetto
5:30PM	Alfred Barone and Diane Barone Morrissey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
7:45AM	Elizabeth Leyden
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Peter Joyce



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 Christopher Bishopp requested by his nieces.

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Baby Diego Arita and Valentino Anthony Simpao.

## This Week



<b>Sunday – March 22</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
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
<b>Monday – March 23</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Tuesday – March 24</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:00PM FHC Prep# 2 Church/School
<b>Wednesday - March 25</b>
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:00PM Bereavement Ministry Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
<b>Thursday – March 26</b>
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
<b>Friday – March 27</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Saturday – March 28</b>
8:00AM Korean School
9:00AM Palm Cross Pick-up Rectory Garages
9:30AM Decorate Church for Palm Sunday
10:00AM Food Pantry Distribution LC
5:30PM Parish Movie Night Set-up and Event SFC
<b>Sunday – March 29</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>
8:30AM PACT-SAINTS School/Gym
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
7:00PM Stations of the Cross Practice UC

## Available 2026 Offerings

**Bread & Wine:** Aug. 23 & 30



Over the past several months, the Archdiocese of Newark has undertaken an initiative called *We Are His Witnesses*, a process of “pastoral conversion” to evaluate the current state of the Archdiocese, to consider the future needs of the Archdiocese and to discern an appropriate path forward. As our Archbishop, Cardinal Tobin has stated that we must ask ourselves three fundamental questions. Where are we now? Where are we going? How do we get there?

As part of this process, all parishioners of St. Mary’s were asked to complete an online survey. Everyone was invited to participate in listening sessions. Our parish provided the Archdiocese with comprehensive data regarding the current state of St. Mary’s parish. All this information was collected to see how we, as an Archdiocese, should move forward.

Part of the discussion considered the possibility of merging two or more parishes into new canonical entities. This discussion seriously addressed the idea of closing certain parishes. This discussion was considered necessary to address the current shortage of priests; an issue that will continue to get worse over time. For the time being, consideration of closing or merging parishes is being slowed down.

The information collected and the feedback received has caused the diocese to reevaluate the road we were on and the speed at which we were moving. More information is needed and more time is needed to carefully address the issues at hand and to develop a more concise plan for the future of our Archdiocese.

I strongly encourage everyone to read the Cardinal’s recent letter on *We Are His Witnesses* which can be found on the Archdiocesan website; [rcan.org](http://rcan.org). I also ask everyone to pray for the Archdiocesan team that continues the vital work of the process.

**Fr. Carey**

**Easter Flowers**



**PLEASE** don’t forget to use your envelope marked for **FLOWERS** - it takes a **LOT** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Easter.



**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion  
(Palms to be distributed at all Masses)**

Saturday, March 28 - 5:30 PM  
Sunday, March 29 - 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

**Holy Thursday – April 2**

7:30 PM - Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
11:00 PM - Night Prayer

**Good Friday – April 3**

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion  
7:30PM - Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday – April 4**

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
8:00 PM - Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection

**Easter Sunday – April 5**

Masses at 7:45 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

**Deanery Lenten Penance Service**



The last Penance Service in our deanery will be on *Monday, March 23, 7:00pm at Mt. Carmel, Tenafly*

**Stations of the Cross**

Our last Stations of the Cross in the upper church will be on Friday, March 27th at 7:00 pm.



**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, March 26th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary’s, 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, in the school entrance near Park Avenue. Please contact Deacon John Sylvester at [deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org) for more information.



## ***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)



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.

## ***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



**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)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**All this for only \$50 per person!**



## Salubong

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026  
for the celebration and reenactment of “Salubong”,  
the first meeting of the Risen Christ and the sorrowful  
Virgin Mary on the first Easter morning.  
“Salubong” is an old Easter tradition in the Philippines.



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**Assembly Time:** 11:30am (before the 12noon Mass).  
**Place:** St. Mary’s Church, 280 Washington Av., Dumont  
Procession starts at the parking lot. Reenactment will  
commence on the main steps and vestibule.  
**Sponsor:** Philippine-American Lay Apostolate of Dumont (PALAD)

