

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

May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord

Go therefore
and make
disciples of
all nations.

Matthew 28:19



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*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/OCIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
Sheila Romaine, *Religious Ed. Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator*

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Lawrence Miloscia, *Parish Trustee*

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Food Pantry: email: foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org

Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

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	May 16 - Vigil
5:30PM	John Sullivan and Karen Camporeale
Sunday	May 17 - The Ascension of the Lord
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Sheri Wills Schettino
12 Noon	Cresencia Duque
Monday	May 18 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Carol McGuire
8:45AM	Keith Wicker
Tuesday	May 19 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Sharon Lane Pendergast
8:45AM	Margaret Tate
Wednesday	May 20 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Vincenzo Pietropaolo
8:45AM	Jack Maher
Thursday	May 21 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Mary (Maureen) Giblin
8:45AM	Mary McCorry
Friday	May 22 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Anthony Miloscia
8:45AM	Catherine Follis
Saturday	May 23 - Easter Weekday
8:30AM	Curlee Ross
5:30PM	Michele Patetta
Sunday	May 24 - Pentecost Sunday
7:45AM	Daniel Markert
10:00AM	Agnes and Bill Leonard
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Nicholas Fortunato requested by Eileen Fortunato.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Rev. Patrick Donohue requested by Josie Parrella.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John (Bob) Dondero and Nicolas Montemayor.

Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine: Aug. 30

This Week



Sunday – May 17

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM & 12:00PM First Holy Communion
12:00PM May Crowning UC
1:00PM Baptisms UC
2:00PM A & R Bingo SH
7:00PM Youth Group Meeting SFC

Monday – May 18

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM Confirmation Practice
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – May 19

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting FDVRm

Wednesday - May 20

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
6:30PM The Learning Center Family Event LS
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – May 21

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
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – May 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
7:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – May 23

Sunday – May 24

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
2:00PM Irish Step Dancing LS

Stewardship Reflection

7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.



Back when I was a young student in a Catholic grammar school, I really loved Ascension Thursday. It was a holyday of obligation, which meant we got a day off from school, my friends in public school didn't get. Sure, we had to go to mass and the principal of our school was at church to take attendance but it was great that we got a day off while other kids didn't.

We no longer celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on a Thursday. A few years ago, during the Covid crisis, the Feast of the Ascension was moved to the 7th Sunday of Easter. At first, this move was considered temporary, but the bishops of the five dioceses of New Jersey decided to make the move permanent.

The transfer of this Solemnity actually puts the dioceses of New Jersey in line with much of the United States. In most parts of our country the Solemnity of the Ascension has been celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter for many, many years. When this decision was made, Cardinal Tobin said, *"The bishops of New Jersey hope that the transfer will permit a greater number of Catholics to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, which is an essential event in the great mystery of our Redemption."*

The Solemnity of the Ascension reminds us that our Savior has returned to the glory of heaven where he intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. Where he has gone, we all hope to follow. Celebrating this Solemnity on Sunday will allow more members of our community to participate in this great reality that we all hope to share.

Fr. Carey

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.

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...J.C. Lasmanis
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...Francesca Sverna
Baby Teddy Lang..Martha Velasco Rice..Bernie Ang
Eddie Aleong...Baby Rafferty Francis Mather
Richie Lipuma...Anthony Maiorino...Melie Tiburcio
Mary-Ann Burke..Margaret Claire Burke..Ed Kostka



Food Pantry

Children's Book Corner

A Summer Initiative for the Food Pantry

To promote a summer adventure by reading books, The Food Pantry will be collecting children's books (ages newborn to 15 years) to stock our Children's Book Corner. If you have any children's books you are willing to donate, please drop them in the food pantry baskets in the vestibule or on the elevator side of the church. Or bring to the Rectory during regular business hours.

We thank you in advance for supporting the learning and imaginations of the children who come to the Food Pantry.





PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program **Family re-registration is open!**

Families new to our PACT/Religious Education Program should contact us for information about attending our new Parent orientation session: e-mail religoused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

Parish families with children in Grade 1 through Grade 8 who do not attend Catholic school should be enrolled in our parish PACT/Religious Education Program. Religious Education is curricular for Catholic Christian children from Grades 1-8 (we also have a Kindergarten group). Parents attend PACT sessions and work at home as part of our *Parents And Children Together* Religious Education program.

Faithful Catholics Needed!



Have you considered spending some time once per month with a group of young people in our parish to share your faith? Catechists keep our parish children on track as they gather for Sunday sessions with their peers. Some teach First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation at weeknight sessions. If you can help as a catechist, co-catechist, substitute, or in other ways with our Religious Education efforts, e-mail us at religoused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220. *All volunteers 18 and over who are part of Religious Education efforts at St. Mary's complete a volunteer application which includes a background check, and attend a Protecting God's Children session.*

Confirmation Preparation

Our parish will welcome Bishop Gregory J. Studerus for Confirmation on May 30th at the 5:30 p.m. mass. Important updates about practice for the liturgy have been mailed to the homes of our candidates. We ask for continued prayers as our candidates, their families, and our whole parish family prepares for the deepening of the Holy Spirit through our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



PACT/Religious Education Program Cont'd.

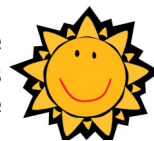
First Holy Communion



First Communion will be celebrated Sunday 5/17 at the 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon masses. Please keep our young candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus Christ sacramentally for the first time in the Eucharist.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) **July 27-31, 2026**

Join us for a week of song, craft, story, games, and fun as this summer as we explore God's Word! VBS Participants are grades Pre-K through 5. Helpers are grades 6-7-8. Aides are high school age.



All volunteers 18 and over who help at parish programs with children including Vacation Bible School must complete a volunteer application and attend a Protecting God's Children session.

Registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office. For more information, e-mail vbs@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

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

For the month of May, the St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting **Peanut Butter & Jelly and Cereal**. Please drop your items in the basket in the vestibule or by the door near the elevator in the upper church. Items can also be dropped at the Rectory during regular business hours. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please drop an envelope marked Food Pantry in the collection baskets or at the Rectory.

Thank You for your support!



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

Sunday, May 17, 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 1:30pm. Bingo starts at 2:00pm

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 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)

Collection for Easter, April 5, 2026, will be published on a later date.

	2026	2025
Collections: May 9 - 10	\$7,503.00	\$8,708.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,903.00</u>	<u>1,787.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,406.00</u>	<u>\$10,495.00</u>

Treasure from our children: \$6.00

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 played with my friends."



ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345
61 ARMOUR PL., DUMONT, NJ

SUDS & SPUDS
Friday May 29th 6PM-8PM

Join Us for a Baked Potato Bar
with all the fixings, salad and dessert.
Tap beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea
included during the event.

\$20 Per Person



RSVP Required by May 26th. To RSVP call or text
Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at
KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com

**We will remain open after 8PM for
an Evening Social with a Pay Bar**



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 we have already received **\$34,768.00** in pledges which is **63%** of our goal as of Tuesday, May 12th—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.

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



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Final List

Donated By	In Memory/Honor Of
Ms. Erlinda A. Riguerra	Ciriaco Ariola & Maria Ariola
Euris Rivas	Carmela Brito
Mr. & Mrs. Jorge R. Rosario	
Ignasius & Joan Rozario	Denis Vincent; Callistus & Euphrasia Rozario
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Roxas	Magdael Brother's
Miss Mayla M. Roxas	Kirsten Nina Roxas Buebos
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Russo	Dominick Patino; Lorraine Russo; Joseph Dato; Dolores Cenci
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Russo	Robert & Joan Mascarelli; Baby Faith Russo
Odessa & Henry Salamanca	
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Santos	
Ms. Lauraeden Sarmiento	Cresencia S. Duque
Joseph Scalia	Rosemary Scalia; Mary Scalia
Ms. Linda Scandiffio	Frank Scandiffio; Dolores Scandiffio; Anna Rose Digilio; Mary Scandiffio
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sheehan	Sheehan Family
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Skalski	John & Phyllis Rasso
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Smith	
Mrs. Christine Stangl	George & Maria Luisser; Mariat Erwin Fazekas; Franz Luiszer
Mrs. Flora D. Suan	
Mr. & Mrs. John Tagliareni	Mary Tagliareni; Salvatore Tagliareni; Cecelia Ricciardi; Frank Ricciardi
Mrs. Ann Marie Thornton	Deceased of the Thornton & Reilly Families
Miss Claire Thornton	Brendan M. Thornton; George & Eva Reilly; Margaret & Martin Thornton, Sr.; John, Martin, Kevin and Brian Thornton
Mr & Mrs. Henry Trino	
Mrs. Josephine A. Tumaneng	Joe Tumaneng
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Valente	
The Verdino Family	Joe and Anna Verdino
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vicente	
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vietri	Ann & Jim Zanosky; Vera & Lou Vietri; Nick Vietri
Maria Carla Villavicencio	
Ms. Helen Viloría	Eugenio Viloría; Gertrude Viloría; Carmelita Aduna; Cecilia Sinclair
Mrs. Mary Whelan	Jim Whelan
Ms. Barbara Wiese	Lawrence & Frances Wiese
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Williams	Connie Williams; Pina Romeo; Ralph Williams, Jr.
Dr. Marie Woke	George Michael Woke; Vincent DiCostanzo; Gabrielle Napoleone; Mary Woke



Our heartfelt thank you for your Easter Flowers donation. The flowers made our church even more beautiful! Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

St. Mary's Church

2027 Mass Requests

In Person

The Mass Book for 2027 will open on Wednesday, May 20th. This year's requests will be in-person. Stop by the parish office, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, closed for lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm, with the completed form. To ensure that all parishioners have an equal opportunity to request masses for their loved ones, each family may request Three Sundays or Holydays and Five Weekday Masses in their INITIAL request. Beginning Wednesday, June 17th, you may request additional masses if desired.

Three Sundays or Holydays - \$10.00 Each

Table with 4 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Time, Mass Card. Rows 1-3.

Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each

Table with 4 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Time, Mass Card. Rows 1-5.

Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each

Table with 3 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Requested by: Rows 1-2.

Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each

Table with 3 columns: Intention for: (Please indicate if Living), Date, Requested by: Rows 1-2.

Name: Phone:

Email: Amount Enclosed: \$

Payment for Mass Requests is one check and offerings for Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp is another check, two checks in total. Make check(s) payable to St. Mary's Church.