

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



June 21, 2026
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

**SO DO NOT BE
AFRAID; YOU ARE
WORTH MORE THAN
MANY SPARROWS.**

MATTHEW 10:31

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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*
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/RCLIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
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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	June 20 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	June 21 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	All the Fathers of the Parish Living and Deceased
10:00AM	All the Fathers of the Parish Living and Deceased
12 Noon	All the Fathers of the Parish Living and Deceased
Monday	June 22 - Weekday
7:00AM	Walt Milliken
8:45AM	Kathleen Oates
Tuesday	June 23 - Weekday
7:00AM	Elaine Doyle
8:45AM	Pat and Helena McKenna (Living)
Wednesday	June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
7:00AM	Elaine P. Doyle
8:45AM	Antonio and Theresa Abad (Living)
Thursday	June 25 - Weekday
7:00AM	Fernando Bautista
8:45AM	Joya Mirante
Friday	June 26 - Weekday
7:00AM	Val and Maricar Laya (Living)
8:45AM	Bienvenido G. Liboro
Saturday	June 27 - Weekday
8:30AM	Arnold and Grace Silva (Living)
5:30PM	June Miloscia
Sunday	June 28 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Anne Duffy
12 Noon	Marie Heaney

Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in Thanksgiving by the Laya family requested by the Laya family.



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

This Week



Sunday – June 21
Father's Day
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
Monday – June 22
After 9:00AM Mass Rosary UC
10:00AM TLC (Day Care) Graduation Practice SH
6:30PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – June 23
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
10:00AM TLC (Day Care) Graduation Practice SH
Wednesday - June 24
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
9:00AM TLC (Day Care) Graduation SH
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – June 25
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – June 26
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:30PM Basketball SH
Saturday – June 27
Second Collection: Peter's Pence
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10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
Second Collection: Peter's Pence

We Welcome the Newest Members of our Parish Community



Matthew Elijah Diaz
Julianna Patricia Leuck
Jaxson Riley Weinberg

2026 Parish Summer Office Hours On Fridays Only

The parish office will close at 3:00 PM on **Fridays only starting this Friday, June 26th until September 4th**. We ask parishioners to make a note of this change.

If you normally would need to get keys, etc., at the parish office by 5:00 PM on a Friday, please know that you will have to come earlier during the months of June until August.



Here's my annual Father's Day Column

Fr. Carey

It's Father's Day! A day of cards, gifts, special dinners and promises to do all the things around the house so Dad won't have to lift a finger. But do we ever stop and think about all the things that fathers really do? Until we're old enough to help, Dad was expected to mow the lawn, clean the gutters and take care of everything needed to be done outside. He was also expected to fix anything and everything inside that needed fixing. From clogged pipes, to broken toys, - Dad needed to be Mr. Fix-It. Keeping the car in good running condition was Dad's job as well. All this and more, at least that's the image Dad was expected to live up to.

But it's more than keeping things around the house together, it's about keeping the family together. Mom's love may have always been the glue that held the family together, but Dad was the anchor that kept it in place. That is what we are really celebrating Father's Day.

And not just the real Dad's, but also the single moms who had to be both mom and dad. The step-dads' granddads and Godfathers, the uncles and big brothers, the guy next door or the coach at school who stepped in when a male influence was needed.

Father's Day is a day to thank God for the fathers we have been given and also to thank God for all those special men who have played important roles in our lives.

Stewardship Reflection

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

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...Any...Ryder Heckman
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Michelle Irimia
Bonifacio Riguerra...Ivan Ordonez...Jonel Tinio
Ryan McHugh...Baby James Thomas Formoso
Wilberto Guilgerito 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
Liam Turvy...Euphemia Penaflor...Roberto Lozada

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.

happy
FATHER'S
day!



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

New Parent Orientations

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.

Families new to our PACT/Religious Education Program should contact us to set up a new Parent orientation via e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

PACT Program returning family re-registrations are due!

Faithful Catholics Needed!



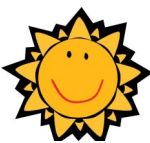
Have you considered spending some time once per month with a group of young people in our parish to share your faith? Catechists keep our parish children on track as they gather for Sunday sessions with their peers. Some teach First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation at weeknight sessions. If you can help as a catechist, co-catechist, substitute, or in other ways with our Religious Education efforts, e-mail us at religioused@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.*

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

July 27-31, 2026

Join us for a week of song, craft, story, games, and fun 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. Registration forms are available in the church or the parish offices.

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. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, e-mail vbs@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.



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)

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Collections: June 13 - 14	\$7,660.00	\$6,703.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,121.00</u>	<u>1,180.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,781.00</u>	<u>\$7,883.00</u>

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ONLINE  
GIVING  
By WeShare

**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](http://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 <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL**

We are grateful to share that we have already received **\$48,038.00** in pledges which is **86%** of our goal as of Tuesday, June 16th — 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.

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



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

**Peter's Pence Collection**

Next week, June 27-28, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



## 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.*



## Food Pantry

### June Collection

For the month of June, the St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting **small packages of Diapers (NO LARGE BOXES PLEASE) Sizes 4, 5 & 6**. 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!



## Are You Registered?

If you have recently moved or even if you have been attending for years, stop by the parish office and register. Registering is easy.

### Why do you need to register?

There are many reasons such as:

- There's a feeling of becoming part of the parish community.
- You give the parish a chance to get to know you better.
- The parish will have a way to communicate with you by sending you emails or mails to keep you up-to-date on the parish news.
- Registration is required to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony.
- If you're planning to register your child(ren) to our religious education program, the families of those attending must be registered parishioners.
- When a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or if a parish needs verification of your status as a practicing Catholic, these can't be done if you're not registered. **You need to be registered as an active parishioner for at least three months.**

Become part of our parish family; come to the parish office and register.



## Knights of Columbus

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

### Year End BBQ

including the presentation of  
St. John's Council #1345 2025-26 Scholarships



On  
**Friday June 26th**

From  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**



Please come enjoy some grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixings, Sausage & Peppers, Cathy's Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, and Genine's Sweet Potato Salad. Tap Beer, Wine, and Soda included.

**All this for only \$20 per person**

**RSVP REQUIRED BY JUNE 22nd**

Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333

or

Email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com)



## Registration Form VBS 2026 at St. Mary's!

**Be sure to read the VBS 2026 Important Information Sheet.**

Indicate for each child below: **Participant** (Grade Pre-K through 5) or **Helper** (completed Grades 6-7-8) or **Aide** (H.S.)

| Child Name | Grade Completed June 2026 | Role | Allergies/Other Info |
|------------|---------------------------|------|----------------------|
|            |                           |      |                      |
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|            |                           |      |                      |

Name of Parent/Guardian Registering Child \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment or Floor # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work or other phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional/emergency, contact person:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### VBS 2026 Important Information

Each child attending must be registered with grade completed and role indicated (participant- helper-aide).

Inform us of any special needs such as food allergies. Children may bring their own snack suited to special dietary needs.

#### Photo Permission/Release

Vacation Bible School activities are often photographed. Names and other personal or identifiable information are not used unless approved by parent or guardian in writing prior to use. Photos may be used to keep our community informed about and/or promote what is happening at St. Mary's and may be posted around the parish, our parish bulletin, e-mails, and online via our social media and website. St. Mary's cannot be responsible for photos taken by other VBS participants and their parents and guardians.

#### Emergency Medical Treatment Policy

I agree to the medical treatment of my child(ren) if emergency care is necessary and I cannot be readily contacted at the phone number(s) provided.

*Signature of parent or guardian below indicates that the parent or guardian has read, understood, and consented to the above policies.*

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2026



## Update on St. Mary's sponsored family



*Jacqueline, a participant in the Family Graduation program proudly shows off the living fencing she has constructed around the site of her home-build.*

St. Mary's is sponsoring the Pierre family in Beyond Borders "Family Graduation Program." They are one of 110 families in the seventh class that began in September 2025.

Cherlanda Pierre, a young mother with two children, continues to receive weekly cash transfers and coaching visits, which are focused on literacy, money management, and family health.

Beyond the practical lessons, the family is growing a warm and friendly relationship with the AAPLAG staff person who accompanies them; this bond of trust is the heart of the program, ensuring they have the emotional support and encouragement needed to tackle the challenges of this journey.

While they are building their knowledge and skills, we are also preparing for the physical foundations of their future.

Transporting construction supplies across Lagonav (an island off the coast of Haiti) is a major logistical feat; the rugged, mountainous terrain and lack of paved roads often makes standard transport impossible, and regional insecurity has added further complications to the supply chain.

Despite these hurdles, most families have already assembled the in-kind labor and materials they are responsible for contributing, and the rest are slowly being delivered to the communities—moving from small trucks to motorcycles, and finally by donkey to reach the most remote areas.

At the start of this journey, the need for safe housing was clear. Our intake assessments revealed that of all families in the current cohort:

- 63% of families lived in a home they owned or rented, but these structures were often in very poor condition and/or unsafe.
- 37% of the families were living in temporary shelters, makeshift structures that offered little protection from the elements.
- 70% had no access to a latrine - not even at a neighbor's close-by- which is a basic necessity for health and dignity.

The Pierre family contributes by gathering local materials like sand, wood, and rocks, and by digging the pits for their new sanitary latrines.

Meanwhile, our donations provide the essential supplies that they cannot easily access alone: cement, aluminum roofing, lumber, and the skilled labor to ensure every home is built to last.

For more information on Beyond Borders visit their website at [beyondborders.net](http://beyondborders.net).