



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 28, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Whoever does not take up his cross
and follow me is not worthy of me.**

Matthew 10:38

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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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 27 - Vigil
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
Monday	June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul
7:00AM	James Fazzari
8:45AM	Bridie and Robert Dalton
Tuesday	June 30 - Weekday
7:00AM	Luigi Amato
8:45AM	Kathleen Oates
Wednesday	July 1 - Weekday
7:00AM	Timothy Cremin
8:45AM	Walter Milliken
Thursday	July 2 - Weekday
7:00AM	Walter Milliken
8:45AM	John Curry
Friday	July 3 - St. Thomas
7:00AM	Dave Molini
8:45AM	Tito M. Canlas (Living)
Saturday	July 4 - Weekday
8:30AM	In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Our Nation
5:30PM	Pauline Scalice (Living)
Sunday	July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Denise Mullins
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Giovanni and Maria Catalano and Family



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Joan and George Alvarez requested by their children.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Dorothy and Nicholas Behr requested by their grandchildren.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Richard Lipuma and Aleixos Gomes.

This Week



Sunday – June 28

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Monday – June 29

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary UC
6:30PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – June 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Wednesday - July 1

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
2:30PM Hackensack Walk-in Shelter
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – July 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – July 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:30PM No Basketball SH

Saturday – July 4

Sunday – July 5

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

2026 Parish Summer Office Hours On Fridays Only



The parish office will close at 3:00 PM on **Fridays only 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 September.

Stewardship Reflection

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



For many years before I entered the Seminary, I lived and worked in Philadelphia. Whenever out-of-town visitors arrived, I would take them on what I called "the Bicentennial Tour." We would visit Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the other sites that are part of the Independence National Park. I did some of the tours so often that I could actually give them.

Living so close to sites that are of such importance in American history, one tends to take them for granted. I would never visit on my own. It would take a visitor from out of town to make me think about how fortunate I was to be surrounded by so much history.

The liberty and freedom guaranteed us by the Constitution are also things we tend to take for granted. It is only when these freedoms are threatened or challenged that we realize how blessed we are to live in such a great nation. The approaching July 4th holiday gives all of us an opportunity to reflect on the blessing we have living in the United States, especially this year as we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This celebration gives us an opportunity to give thanks for the courageous men who risked everything by declaring our independence from foreign powers. We must also give thanks to countless men and women who have defended our nation in times of war. This Independence Day also calls us to pray that God will continue to protect our nation and all those who live here.

Fr. Carey



Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - July 3rd



On Friday, July 3rd, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE
Peter's Pence Collection

This weekend, June 27-28, is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.htm

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 for the hotline and reporting link.

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 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 or call **800-276-1562**.



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.



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 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
Anthony Maiorino...Melie Tiburcio...Liam Turvy
Mary-Ann Burke...Margaret Claire Burke
Euphemia Penaflor...Roberto Lozada
Gloria Naty Grande

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.

St. Mary's 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.



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: June 20 - 21	\$6,378.00	\$6,821.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,912.00</u>	<u>1,699.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,290.00</u>	<u>\$8,520.00</u>

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

We are grateful to share that we have already received **\$54,553.00** in pledges which is **98%** of our goal as of Tuesday, June 23rd — 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!



St. Mary's Food Pantry July Collection

For the month of July, the St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting **canned goods (vegetables, fruit, tuna, & beans)**. 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!



WeShare On-Line Giving



If you have already signed up to give a recurring gift on line, thank you. If not, please consider signing up today. With WeShare, you can set up weekly, monthly or one time gift to our parish. Simply follow the following steps:

1. Type the link:
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.
2. Click on the Sign In tab.
3. Click on Create One to set-up an account. (Look at the bottom of the screen.)
4. Fill out the form and click register.
5. Click on the Give Now tab.
6. Select the collection of your choice
7. Set-up your donation amount, payment type and frequency.

Once you set-up your account, donations will automatically deduct from your account. If you need to make a change in your donation, simply go the link and make the adjustment. It's that simple!

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



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2026 at St. Mary's!

Five days: Monday 7/27 through Friday 7/31

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Pre-K through Grade 8*

Registration fee: \$20 – Family max \$25

And donations will be accepted- more information to follow.

Volunteer at VBS!

Adults/College-age/and teens volunteer together to make our VBS week a huge success. Volunteer as a co-leader, an aide, in the snack area, for games, story time, music, or in another way. Remember that all adults who volunteer in the Church must be current with the *Protecting God's Children* requirements of our Archdiocese of Newark. Contact us:

(201) 384-0557 Extension 220 or e-mail vbs@stmarysdumont.org

When 6-7-8th graders attend, they are registered as Helpers.

**Confirmation candidates
each day helping at VBS is considered service.**





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

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