

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

**Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28



**July 5, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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/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*

CONTACT US

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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 5:30PM	July 4 - Vigil Pauline Scalice (Living)
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Denise Mullins Parishioners of St. Mary's Giovanni and Maria Catalano and Family
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 6 - Weekday Francis Martin Jim Whelan
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 7 - Weekday Carmen Joaquin Andjelko Crvaric
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 8 - Weekday Anna Dunne Brian Cronin
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 9 - Weekday Bob Dondero Kathleen Oates
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 10 - St. Benedict John Hughes Patrick Pizzollo, Sr.
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	July 11 - St. Benedict Julieta I. Santos (Living) Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	July 12 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ciro Autuoro Maria and John Zunin For the Intentions of the Abad family especially Anton (Living)



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Francis Martin requested by the Martin family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Maureen Martin requested by the Martin family.

This Week



Sunday – July 5 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
Monday – July 6 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 6:30PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – July 7 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
Wednesday - July 8 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – July 9 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – July 10 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 6:30PM Basketball SH
Saturday – July 11
Sunday – July 12 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir 1:30PM Baptisms

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Not a Pastor's Desk

By: Dr. William Mascitello



**Illumination Station
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
at St. Mary's, Dumont,
July 27- 31, 2026**

SCHOOL in JULY???

In a non-denominational way, Vacation Bible School (VBS) has been a part of Christianity in the United States for over 125 years. VBS is not really "school" in the traditional classroom sense. It began as a way to keep kids off of the streets and give them a wholesome place to gather as school was not in session. Each day at VBS introduces a scripture passage around a central theme. Kids hear the scripture story, create a craft, pray, sing, play, and enjoy a snack together. This year's *Illumination Station* VBS revolves around Jesus Christ as Son of God. Light of the World, and Savior.

Levels of Participation

VBS is open to children PreK-3 through 5th grade (participants), Grades 6-7-8 (helpers), and High school youth (aides). Leaders who are 18 conform with our Archdiocese of Newark's safe environment requirements including a volunteer application, background check, and attendance at a Protecting God's Children session as required.

Advance Registration Required!

Advance registration is absolutely required! If you are intending to register for VBS, register this week so that we may set up our groups and plan accordingly.

We hope you can be a part of VBS!

There are often many options for kids in the summer these days. We hope you can be a part of VBS here at St. Mary's the last week of July. Our VBS registration information and form may be found in this bulletin. For more information, contact Sheila or Bill at vbs@stmarysdumont.org

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.



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.



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!



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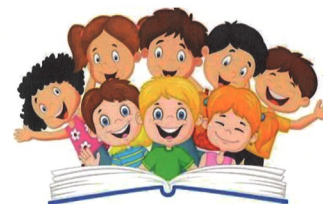
Food Pantry

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.



Are You Registered?

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

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**.

Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00am -5:00pm, Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

We are almost there! We are grateful to share that we have already received **\$54,928.00** in pledges which is **99%** of our goal as of Friday, June 26th — 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!



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)

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collection for June 27 - 28 will be in next week's bulletin.

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.

A Note from...

Joan Albanese, Fr. Bob Laferrera's sister.

Dear Father Carey,

Several of your parishioners gave us Mass cards and spiritual enrollments in Bob's memory. I don't have their addresses to acknowledge their kindness. I was wondering if you could put an acknowledgement in your bulletin on our behalf letting them know how grateful we are. Their memories and kind words they shared and extended to us were very comforting. Thank You.

*Sincerely,
Joan*



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