



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

August 23, 2026

**Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**YOU ARE
THE CHRIST,
THE SON
OF THE
LIVING GOD.**

Matthew 16:16



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*
Rev. Eugene J. Field, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
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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	Aug. 22 - Vigil Kathy Palumbo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Aug. 23 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Emmanuel Bautista Parishioners of St. Mary's Michael J. Burke
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew Sabrina Laya (Living) Michele Patetta
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Aug. 25 - Weekday Dorothy Boutillier Olivia Reekie
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Aug. 26 - Weekday Kazimierz and Francszek Malinowski Ann Zanosky
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Aug. 27 - St. Monica Kathy Oates Lemuel Magusara
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Aug. 28 - St. Augustine Catherine Palumbo Timothy Kenny
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist John McGill Brendan M. Thornton
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Aug. 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Henrita Brabante and Joyce Yanakas Sheri Schettino Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of the deceased members of the Hughes and McCarron families requested by Anna Hughes and family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Nicholas Fortunato requested by Eileen Fortunato.

This Week



Sunday – Aug. 23 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
Monday – Aug. 24 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
Tuesday – Aug. 25 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 6:30PM Basketball SH
Wednesday - Aug. 26 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Aug. 27 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Aug. 28 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 6:30PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Aug. 29 8:00AM Korean School
Sunday – Aug. 30 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

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 August and September.

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - Sept. 4th



On Friday, Sept. 4th, 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.



An E-Mail I received entitled "A Thought To Ponder" that I'd like to share with you.

Fr. Carey

I have discovered a fundamental TRUTH. It is...

Lying makes a problem a part of the future. Telling the truth makes a problem a part of the past.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if all of us heeded this message all of the time? I believe that most people are basically good, and basically honest, and want to do the right thing.

However, I also believe that you would have a hard time finding a single person who, at some point in their lives, have not yielded to the temptation to tell a lie - large or small, and thereby pushed a problem into the future to be dealt with again and again.

Telling the truth is such a "magic potion". It may be difficult, embarrassing, or painful. It may mean setting aside pride or seeking forgiveness. It may even mean admitting weakness, or finding a humility we never knew we had.

In spite of all this, and at whatever cost, telling the truth has the POWER to make us WHOLE, to make us WELL, and to give us one of our most powerful forms of influence: INTEGRITY.

When people do not lie, others will instinctively trust them because they have integrity. They walk their talk. When people do not lie, their "believability" quotient goes up. When people do not lie, others feel secure around them. When people do not lie, they like themselves better and they begin to radiate an aura of confidence and positive energy. When people do not lie, truth flourishes and EVERYONE benefits!

Let us build our lives with integrity. Let us tell the truth and know that the truth about all things will always be your greatest asset.

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...Gloria Naty Grande
Wilberto Guilgerto Canlas...Revan Thrawn Wrage
Laura Poznanski Clark...Kris Telesmanich
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...Kim Catalina

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

PACT Angels and Saints Sunday Schedules

Children in our Sunday PACT/Religious Education Program have been assigned to their peer groups/classes. If you have not returned your registration form, be sure to do so at this time as schedules for our will be mailed out soon.

New Parent Orientation Meetings

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 schedule a brief new parent orientation and registration appointment via e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

We need a Catechist for our Sunday PACT/Religious Education Program!



We are so grateful that we have many catechists ready to help with our Religious Education efforts which begin in a few weeks! We still need a catechist for Sunday to keep a group of our parish children on track as they gather for monthly Sunday sessions with their peers.

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 adult volunteers 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.*



St. Mary's Food Pantry



August Collection

For the month of August, the St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting **Cereal and Pasta & Sauce**. 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!



Pistahan sa St. Mary's (Festival at St. Mary's)

The Filipino community of St. Mary's will be having a social event at Szelest Hall on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 6:30-10:00 pm, to celebrate the feast of the first Filipino saints, Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz and Pedro Calungsod. All Filipino parishioners of St. Mary's, and their families, are invited to a night of fun activities, meet-and-greet, fellowship and friendship. Dinner will be provided. For questions, please call, send text or email:

- Tates Abad, (201) 936-0022, aabad712@aol.com; or
- Mimi Cortezano, (201) 417-1346, cacacort@yahoo.com.

Stewardship Reflection

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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.

Catechumenate

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

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 collections for August 15 - 16 will be in next week's bulletin.

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, September 10th at 7:00 pm at St Peter the Apostle Church, 445 5th Ave, River Edge. Contact Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for more information.

2027 Available Offerings

Bread & Wine:

Jan. 17 & 31; Feb. 7; Mar. 14 & 28; May 16; July 4 & July 11; Aug. 1, 22 & 29; Sept. 26; Oct. 10, 17 & 31; Nov. 21; Dec. 19 & 26.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Jan. 17; May 2, 16 & 23; July 4 & 25; Oct. 24; Nov. 21.

Why Become a Hospice Volunteer?

The simplest gifts are often the most meaningful. If you have time, empathy, and a compassionate heart, you have the power to make a difference. Hospice volunteers help ensure that no patient or family feels alone during this important chapter.

Volunteers may:

- Offer companionship visits in patients' homes or care facilities in **Bergen County**
- Provide administrative support for meaningful projects
- Make comforting phone calls from our **Englewood office**
- Support patients and families with a calm, caring presence

To prepare volunteers for this important work, VNAHG/ Barnabas Health Hospice offers a **Specialized 15-hour Hospice Volunteer Training**, led by experienced members of our interdisciplinary hospice team.

For more information or to register, please contact:

Ruth Sorbanelli, MPH, CHES®, CDP

Manager, Volunteer Services at 201-510-6426

✉ Ruth.Sorbanelli@vnahg.org

Illumination Station Vacation Bible School
2026
at St. Mary's Dumont



ARE YOU IN?

ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY PICNIC



WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

TIME: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

WHERE: RECTORY PARKING LOT

ST. MARY'S WILL SUPPLY THE

BURGERS, DOGS, DRINKS

PLEASE DONATE ONE OF YOUR FAMILY
FAVORITE SALADS OR DESSERTS TO SHARE!



GAMES, FACE PAINTING, BALLOONS & A DUNK TANK!!

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 7TH

PLEASE DROP FORM IN BASKET AT MASS OR BRING/MAIL TO RECTORY
OR EMAIL AT RELIGIOUSED@STMARYSDUMONT.ORG

FAMILY NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ NUMBER OF KIDS _____

SALAD DONATION: GREEN, POTATO, MACARONI, PASTA, OTHER

DESSERT DONATION: BROWNIES, COOKIES, CUPCAKES, OTHER

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR DONATION)