



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 30, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Whoever
wishes to
come after me
must deny
himself, take
up his cross,
and follow me.**

MATTHEW 16:24

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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*
Rev. Eugene J. Field, *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*
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Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
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Online giving: ParishSOFT
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	Aug. 29 - Vigil
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
Sunday	Aug. 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Henrita Brabante and Joyce Yanakas
10:00AM	Sheri Schettino
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	Aug. 31 - Weekday
7:00AM	John "Bob" Dondero
8:45AM	Enrica Almendra
Tuesday	Sept. 1 - Weekday
7:00AM	Brendan Thornton
8:45AM	Anne Farrell
Wednesday	Sept. 2 - Weekday
7:00AM	Brendan Thornton
8:45AM	Liam Turvey (Living)
Thursday	Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great
7:00AM	Wanda and Wacław Malinowski
8:45AM	Patricio de Guzman
Friday	Sept. 4 - Weekday
7:00AM	Pablo Dublin and Roy Borja
8:45AM	Caridad G. Liboro
Saturday	Sept. 5 - Weekday
8:30AM	Armand Padua (Living)
5:30PM	Robert Mascarelli
Sunday	Sept. 6 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Mary McCorry
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Michael J. Burke



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Naomi Murase requested by Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Abad

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

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Aida Mae Kelly, Dennis Hallahan, Earl Anthony Quirolgico, Marcela Pino, Lucille Velez, Daniel E. Aurimma, Debra Caspare, Carmelo Savoia and Kim Cantalina.

This Week



Sunday – Aug. 30
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
Monday – Aug. 31
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:30PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Sept. 1
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
Wednesday - Sept. 2
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:00PM PACT Catechist Meeting
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Sept. 3
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Sept. 4
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:30PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Sept. 5
Sunday – Sept. 6
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

2026 Parish Summer Office Hours Ends On Friday, Sept. 4th



The last Friday that the parish office closes at 3:00 PM will be this Friday, **September 4th**. Regular Friday hours will resume next Friday, Sept. 11th. We ask parishioners to make a note of this change.

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.



This will be a very busy weekend for many parents as they pack up the kids and send them off to college. As someone who worked on a college campus for many years, I know it's an exciting time for the students, especially for freshmen, most of whom are living on their own for the very first time. There are so many things competing for their attention, so many things happening, so much to discover, that the one thing that so often is forgotten is God.

On so many college campuses, so many students forget about the practice of their religion, which is extremely sad. Most, if not all colleges have a Newman Center or an Office of Campus ministry. Sunday mass is often offered at a time more in line with a college schedule and the masses themselves are designed to appeal more to young adults. Participating in the practice of the Catholic faith can provide a stable constant in the new and confusing world of college life. Campus ministry programs also offer an alternative social venue to the party atmosphere that is all too prevalent on so many college campuses.

Parents need to encourage their children to remember to practice their Catholic faith. Students need to remember that graduation from High School does not mean graduation from Church. Participation in the mass on at college campus gives students an opportunity to rediscover their Catholic faith in a whole new way. Most importantly, students need to remember that God is with them on the journey even when they are not aware of it.

Fr. Carey

Thank You & Farewell

For the past 3 years, Luis Chavez has served as Director of Music Ministry here at St. Mary's Church.

Our parish has been blessed by his musical talent and his commitment to good liturgy. Sadly, this weekend will be his last here at St. Mary's.

Luis is moving on to the next stage of his career. We wish him well as he starts the next phase of his life. We thank him for his hard work and his commitment to sharing his musical gift with our parish.

Stewardship Reflection

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, *"Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else."* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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.

Colombia Earthquake Relief

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark to prayerfully and generously support those affected by the recent earthquake in Colombia.

Parishioners may make donations directly to Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org.



PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT Angels and Saints Sunday schedules have been mailed!

Children in our Sunday PACT/Religious Education Program have been assigned to their peer groups/classes and color-coded schedules have been mailed. If you have not received your schedule, call us at (201) 384-0557 Ext. 220 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org. Our first session is in two weeks!

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.

An orientation for new parents is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in our office in the school building. R.S.V.P via e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

We need one 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.*

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: Aug. 15 - 16	\$7,609.00	\$6,480.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,360.00</u>	<u>1,266.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,969.00</u>	<u>\$7,746.00</u>
Collections: Aug. 22 - 23	\$6,014.00	\$7,500.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,688.00</u>	<u>1,852.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,702.00</u>	<u>\$9,352.00</u>

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

ParishSOFT
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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 ParishSoft.

You can also contact the parish office for more details.



Safe Environment Corner

Gaming Safety Tips for Families

Video games are a popular activity for many children. Since most games connect to the internet, it is important to help children use them safely.

- Check a game's rating before allowing your child to play.
- Use parental controls to manage content and online features.
- Keep gaming systems in a common area of the home.
- Remind children never to share personal information online.

By staying involved, parents can help children enjoy gaming in a safe and responsible way.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.



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

Sunday, September 20, 2026

St. Mary's Church Szelest Hall (Gym), 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

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

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 Ordenez...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..
Eddie Aleong...Baby Rafferty Francis Mather
Anthony Maiorino...Melie Tiburcio...Liam Turvy
Mary-Ann Burke...Margaret Claire Burke
Euphemia Penaflor...Roberto Lozada...
Melody Andres...Bernie Ang

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

September Collection

For the month of September, the St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting **Pancake Mix/Syrup and Coffee**. 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 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)