

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

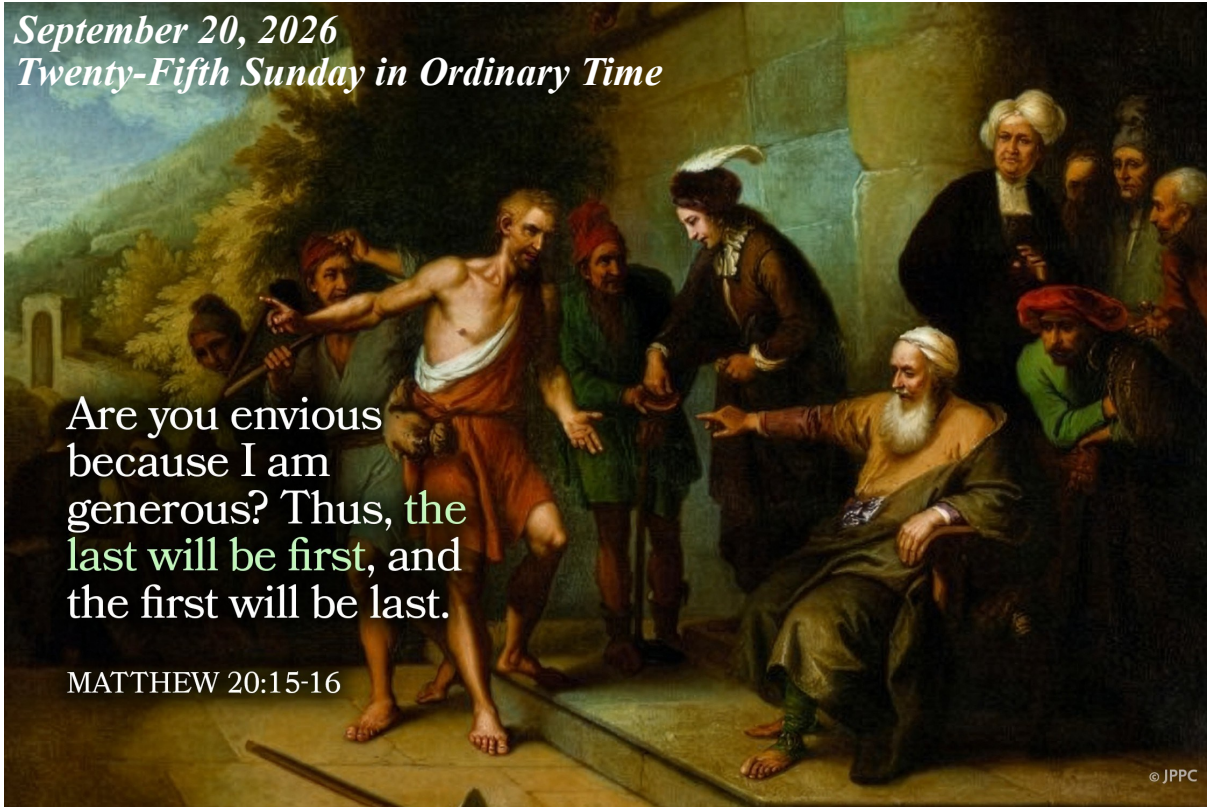
St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557

*September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Are you envious
because I am
generous? Thus, the
last will be first, and
the first will be last.

MATTHEW 20:15-16



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*
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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Food Pantry: email: foodpantry@stmarysdumont.org

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	Sept. 19 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Sept. 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Junie Somerville
10:00AM	Paula A. Sabug
12 Noon	Patricia Lezette
Monday	Sept. 21 - St. Matthew
7:00AM	Ed Kostka
8:45AM	Agapito Cabreriza
Tuesday	Sept. 22 - Weekday
7:00AM	Bill O'Shea
8:45AM	John E. Curry
Wednesday	Sept. 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina
7:00AM	John Mattessich
8:45AM	A. J. Donohue
Thursday	Sept. 24 - Weekday
7:00AM	Darryl D'Souza
8:45AM	Antonia Padilla
Friday	Sept. 25 - Weekday
7:00AM	Emily Del Vecchio
8:45AM	In Thanksgiving-Tito and Malu Canlas (Living)
Saturday	Sept. 26 - Weekday
8:30AM	Pat and Jack McMahon
5:30PM	Eileen and Billy Murphy
Sunday	Sept. 27 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Paul DiPaola
10:00AM	Fran and Richard Bishopp
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rev. Thomas Pendrick requested by Josie Parrella.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Frances and Richard Bishopp requested by their granddaughters.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Gloria Naty Grande, Merrill Abele, and Regulo Samaniego.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 20

8:30AM PACT Saints Opening Session
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
2:00PM Bingo SH
7:00PM Youth Group SFC
Second Collection: The Catholic University of America

Monday – Sept. 21

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

Tuesday – Sept. 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00 Social Concerns Meeting Mother Seton Rm

Wednesday - Sept. 23

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Sept. 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Sept. 25

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

Saturday – Sept. 26

8:00AM Korean School
6:30PM Pistahan sa St. Mary's SH

Sunday – Sept. 27

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00Noon Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

Stewardship Reflection

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.



The U. S. Bishops once again call us to celebrate Catechetical Sunday; a day in which we recognize and prayerfully support those called to serve our parish community in the catechetical ministry. It gives us, as a parish community, the chance to thank those who have said yes to the call to serve in catechetical ministry and it challenges each of us to see what role we too can play in this vital part of our parish life.

The theme chosen for this year is “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor.” These words remind us that it is the Holy Spirit that calls each of us to be heralds of the good news of salvation. It is our job to bring the good news to everyone, especially to the young members of our parish.

Our observance of Catechetical Sunday reminds us that as a parish community, we all have a responsibility to pass on the faith to the next generation. Some may be called to serve as catechists, as substitutes or as aides. We are all called to pray for our students and for all those who are part of the program so that God’s Church may always continue.

Fr. Carey

Bishop Michael Saporito Appointed Bishop of Metuchen



Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Michael A. Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, as Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen. Bishop Saporito has served our local Church in many ways, particularly through his ministry as Regional Bishop for Bergen County, where he has accompanied our priests, parishes and people with great care and dedication. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., congratulated Bishop Saporito on his appointment, calling him “a faithful servant of the Gospel and, to me, a brother and friend.” Please join Cardinal Tobin and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark in praying for Bishop Saporito and the people of Metuchen as they begin this new chapter together. To read more, visit rcan.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...Wilberto Guilgerto Canlas
Revan Thrawn Wrage...Helen de la Pena
Laura Poznanski Clark...Kris Telesmanich
Filip Pindulic...Maureen Donohue
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...Bernie Ang
Melody Andres...Bede Leroy Mohammed

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.

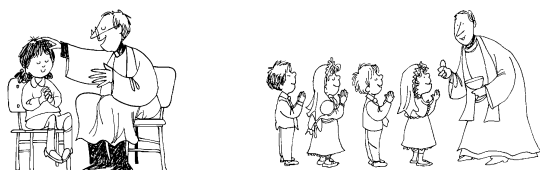


PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/Religious Education SAINTS Program begins today!

We are excited to begin a new PACT program year! Our parishioners are reminded that we provide Religious Education for Catholic Christian children from Grades 1-8 (PACT Angels has a Kindergarten group). 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. Parents attend PACT sessions and work with children at home as part of our *Parents And Children Together* Religious Education program which is curricular for our young parishioners. For more information, contact Bill or Sheila at religiously@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

Parent Meeting for First Penance and First Communion



Our Parent Meeting for children preparing for First Penance and First Communion will be Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Parents will receive a letter reminding them of this meeting.

Happy Catechetical Sunday!



We are so grateful that we have catechists ready to help with our Religious Education efforts as our children gather for monthly Sunday sessions with their peers.

If you are interested in helping as a catechist, co-catechist, substitute, or in other ways with our Religious Education efforts, e-mail us at religiously@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.*

We are Church!

Forming Disciples for Mission

Convocation 2026



"See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it"
Isaiah 43:19

Saturday, November 7th
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Paramus, NJ



rcan.org/lifelong-formation



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!**



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: Sept. 5 - 6	\$7,207.00	\$7,062.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	2,809.00	2,603.00
Total	\$10,016.00	\$9,665.00
Collections: Sept. 12 - 13	\$5,896.00	\$8,322.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,149.00	1,077.00
Total	\$7,045.00	\$9,399.00

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

ParishSOFT by Ministry Brands **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.

Save the Date

Rev. David W. Milliken
50th Anniversary of Ordination
Saturday, June 19, 2027
More information to follow.

We Welcome the Newest Members of our Parish Community



Mason Gennaro Cusano
Gracie Marie Pelaez
Mila Noelle Torregrossa

2027 Available Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

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



FISH FRY DINNER FRIDAY SEPT 25, 6-8PM

SERVING BEER BATTERED COD - STEAK FRIES - COLE SLAW -
MAC & CHEESE - TARTAR SAUCE - SALAD - BREAD
TAP BEER, WINE, SODA, COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT INCLUDED
CASH BAR AVAILABLE - 50/50 DRAWING

Adults: \$20pp Children: \$12pp
(\$50 max for immediate family)

RSVP REQUIRED BY MONDAY SEPT 21st VIA CALL OR TEXT to
KEN A. at 516-220-9333 or

Email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com



St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry

Join others who share your experience of loss and sadness
and are looking for a way to heal.

Walk the journey
of grief together

Share the
stages of grief

Understand the
challenges of grief



Find meaning in
suffering

Explore grief in
relationships

Dates: Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4 and 11

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: St. Mary's Parish Office
280 Washington Avenue, Dumont

Group is limited to 8 participants.

To register or for more information
contact St. Mary's at 201 384-0557
or email deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.

Pistahan Sa St. Mary's

Saturday
SEPTEMBER
26
2026

WHAT

PISTAHAN SA
ST. MARY'S IN
DUMONT, NJ, TO
CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF THE FIRST
FILIPINO SAINTS,
STS. LORENZO
RUIZ AND PEDRO
CALUNGSOD.



WHERE
SZELEST
HALL
6:30-10:00PM

**All Filipino parishioners and their families
are invited to a night of fun activities, meet-
and-greet, fellowship and
friendship. Dinner is served.**

*Join us and
meet fellow
Kababayans!*

RSVP

(Please call, text or email):

- ★ Tatess Abad, (201) 486-5852,
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