

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 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Which of the two did
his **father's** will?

MATTHEW 21:31



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*
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*

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Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
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Online giving: ParishSOFT
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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. 26 - Vigil
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
Monday	Sept. 28 - Weekday
7:00AM	Ernesto Bugarin
8:45AM	Frank Karl Kaiser
Tuesday	Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	Walter Nolting
Wednesday	Sept. 30 - St. Jerome
7:00AM	Michael Rhemy Santos
8:45AM	Rev. Robert G. Laferrera
Thursday	Oct. 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
7:00AM	Filippa Romeo
8:45AM	Rich Melber, Jr. (Living)
Friday	Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00AM	Edward Kostka
8:45AM	Arturo Aquino
Saturday	Oct. 3 - Weekday
8:30AM	Patricia M. Ianni
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	Oct. 4 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Virginia DeMeglio
10:00AM	Mary Manchilli
12 Noon	Mike McCabe



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Pablo Yu requested by Margaret and Alex Yu.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann and Jim Zanosky requested by their family.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased John E. Reilly, Julia M. Holtje, Carlos Morales and Ronald Java.

This Week



Sunday – Sept. 27

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

After 12:00Noon Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

Monday – Sept. 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Sept. 29

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

Wednesday - Sept. 30

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 1

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

6:00PM PACT Penance Prep #1

8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Oct. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Oct. 3

8:00AM Korean School

3:00PM Set-up A & R Communion Breakfast SH

Sunday – Oct. 4

After 7:45AM Mass A & R Communion Breakfast SH

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - Oct. 2nd



On Friday, Oct. 2nd, 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.

2027 Available Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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



September 28th, the Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the patron saint of the Philippines. In the 17th century, San Lorenzo and his companions were martyred during a Japanese persecution of Christians. San Lorenzo willingly died rather than recant his faith in Christ. San Lorenzo is the proto-martyr and first saint of the Philippines.

San Pedro Calungsod is the second Filipino to declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. At the age of 17, he along with the Spanish Jesuit missionary Diego Luis de San Vitores, suffered religious persecution and martyrdom in Guam for their missionary work.

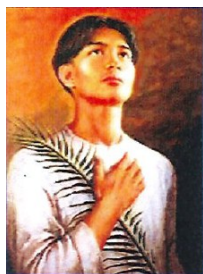
Since the death and resurrection of Christ, the seeds of the Church have always been watered by the blood of martyrs. This Sunday, September 27, following the 12 noon, here at St. Mary's we will have a special novena prayer to honor these saints.

As we celebrate the contributions these two great martyrs have made to the Catholic Church, let us also celebrate the countless contributions the Filipino community have made to our parish.

Fr. Carey



San Lorenzo Ruiz



San Pedro Calungsod

IMPORTANT CORRECTION

In my Pastors Desk for this past June 28th, I stated an historical error with regard to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I referred to "courageous men who risked everything by declaring our independence from foreign powers." What I should have stated is "courageous men who risked everything by declaring our independence from a foreign power." This egregious error has caused great consternation for a member of our parish community and I feel a need to correct. Please forgive this error.

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

Our PACT/Religious Education has opened!

We are excited to begin a new PACT program year! 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 religious@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 of candidates for the sacraments will receive a letter reminding them of this meeting.*

Volunteering at Religious Education sessions



If you are interested in helping as a catechist or other ways in our Sunday morning program, Tuesday First Penance and First Communion classes, or Monday evening Confirmation Preparation once per month, e-mail us at religious@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.*

Mark Your Calendar!



St. Mary's Fish/Chicken Fry Fundraising will be on Thursday, October 22, 2026. Order form will be in next week's bulletin.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society 90 Years Strong!

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society began our 90th year on Tuesday, September 15! We prayed the Rosary, had lively discussions about this upcoming year, and as always, enjoyed our birthday cake and other desserts!

Please join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 7 @ 7 pm** in the Spiritual Formation Center as we share our faith, renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother and find some inner peace.

On Sunday, October 4th we will be hosting our annual Communion Breakfast right after the 7:45 am mass in Szelest Hall. All are welcome to attend. Reservation forms can be found at the doors of the church.

Looking forward to seeing current members, and some new ones, on Wednesday, October 7th!

On April 11, 2027, we will host our 90th year celebration. Details to follow!

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org



Food Pantry Items For October

For the month of October, the food pantry will be collecting laundry detergent, small size up to 50 oz. Please place your items in the boxes at the doors of the upper church or drop at the rectory during normal business hours.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please place your contribution in the collection basket in an envelope marked Food Pantry.

We thank you in advance for your continued support!!
God Bless,



Anna, Denise & Lynne



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. 19 - 20	\$6,828.00	\$6,866.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,248.00	1,935.00
Total	\$8,076.00	\$8,804.00

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.

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**.

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

Sunday, October 18, 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

Stewardship Reflection

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and even those who make you angry.

Blessing of Animals



We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 4th. The day and time to bless the animals will follow.

Save the Date

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

Parish Family Picnic Sep. 13, 2026



Thank you to all who worked to our Parish Family Picnic, our sponsors - Altar & Rosary Society, Frech McKnight, Knights of Columbus, ShopRite and Columbiettes for making the event a success! Despite moving the picnic indoor due to the weather, everyone had a good time and we were able to wish Fr. Carey a happy birthday!

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 - Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

Slice of Dumont

2nd Annual Pizza Crawl & History Trolley Tour

Oct. 3rd
Noon-4PM

Hop on and eat up:

- Delicious Pizza
- Local lore
- Extended Tour now includes Old North Reformed Church

\$25 per ticket

Hurry, limited seating!

- Tickets will be sold during Dumont Day celebration at Memorial park 9/12 12pm-5pm
- Beginning 9/14 tickets will be sold at Borough Hall Mon-Fri 9:30am to 4:00pm with extended Monday evenings 6pm-8pm
- Your check in location and details will be emailed to you by 10/1
- On-site registration will begin 11:45am
- Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- There are no seat belts on trolley.

Questions? Email tlamazza@dumontboro.org or mrussini@dumontboro.org

Please be advised that the Arts, Beautification & Economic Development Committee (ABED) is a distinct entity which is neither affiliated with or operated by the Dumont Public Schools.





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.