



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

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will *produce* its fruit.

MATTHEW 21:43



October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA*
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: 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	Oct. 3 - Vigil
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
Monday	Oct. 5 - Weekday
7:00AM	Anthony and Simone Borges
8:45AM	Nenita de Guzman
Tuesday	Oct. 6 - Weekday
7:00AM	Barry Bernard
8:45AM	Sheri Schettino
Wednesday	Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
7:00AM	James Reilly
8:45AM	Christine Marie Schneider
Thursday	Oct. 8 - Weekday
7:00AM	Diane Barone Morrissey and Alfred Barone
8:45AM	Monica L. Tuy (Living)
Friday	Oct. 9 - Weekday
7:00AM	Cheryl Anne B. Abon
8:45AM	Kathleen Oates
Saturday	Oct. 10 - Weekday
8:30AM	Tom Murphy
5:30PM	John Phelan
Sunday	Oct. 11 - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Bochicchio and Giunta Families
12 Noon	Thomas Fitzpatrick



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

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

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Kathleen Mayer and May Louise Barone.

This Week



Sunday – Oct. 4

After 7:45AM Mass A & R Communion Breakfast SH
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Monday – Oct. 5

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

Tuesday – Oct. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
After 8:45AM Mass Set-up A & R Meeting SFC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM PACT First Sacrament Parent Meeting

Wednesday - Oct. 7

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
10:30AM Mum Decorations UC
7:00PM A & R Meeting SFC
7:00PM Bereavement Group Mother Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 8

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

Friday – Oct. 9

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
6:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Oct. 10

8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Oct. 11

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
1:30PM Baptisms

Stewardship Reflection

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!



The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision by the US Supreme Court legalized abortion across the United States. The 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson decision by US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and granted the authority to regulate it to individual states. Today's observance or Respect Life Sunday calls us to carefully consider these two opposing decisions.

For so many years, the debate on abortion was considered a federal issue. Now state legislators across the country are writing new laws or resurrecting old laws resulting in a hodge-podge of confusing and often contradicting laws on abortion access. Far from settling the debate on abortion, the Supreme Court ruling has moved the abortion debate front and center where extreme voices from either end of the political spectrum are competing to be heard. The Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade has once again turned abortion access into a political issue as our nation approaches the mid-term elections.

While the question of abortion must always be our priority when we observe Respect Life Sunday, this day reminds us of our duty to respect and protect all human life; not only the unborn child in the womb but also the elderly, the sick, persons with disability and all those marginalized by society. We must also realize the serious threat to human life and dignity caused by racism, the environmental crisis, inadequate health care, poverty and the death penalty.

Pope John Paul II's encyclical 'The Gospel of Life' calls us to build a culture of life and a civilization of love where all human life is protected and nurtured. As followers of Christ, we are all called to the important work of transforming our culture by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our hearts and to guide the decisions we make. May our Lord grant each of us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of Life.

Fr. Carey



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.

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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



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's Religious Education Program

At St. Mary's Religious Education, we are committed to:

- Sunday Mass attendance
- Completing Religious Education assignments at home
- Sunday PACT Parent And Children Together gatherings
- Commitment to sacramental preparation programs
- Support of other parish events

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 should have received a letter reminding them of this meeting.*

Confirmation Preparation Candidate, Sponsor, Parent Meeting



A letter will be sent home inviting Confirmation candidates and their parents for St. Mary's Confirmation Preparation Program on Monday, October 26th. Sponsors are also invited. For more information, call us at (201) 384-0557 Ext. 220 or e-mail religiously@stmarysdumont.org.



Are you an adult who needs to make your Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion?

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who can answer yes to one of the questions above?

The process of becoming a Catholic or of completing the sacraments is an ongoing one and unique for each individual. If you or someone you know is in need of some information, please contact Kathy Sylvester at Kathy@stmarysdumont.org or call her at [201-788-3152](tel:201-788-3152).



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



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

Save the Date

Rev. David W. Milliken
50th Anniversary of Ordination
Saturday, June 19, 2027

More information to follow.

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...Lyra Kennedy
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.

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. 26 - 27	\$5,692.00	\$7,929.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,251.00	1,377.00
Total	\$6,943.00	\$9,306.00

Treasure from our children: \$1.00

Below are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

***"I talked with parents about lesson."
"I helped someone." "I said my prayers."
..."I helped my classmate with a cast."***

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

High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2027! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026. Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. The deadline to register for the Cooperative Admissions HSPT is October 23, 2026. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to <https://www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions>.

Envelope Announcement

We are transitioning to another envelope company. The next batch of envelopes will be dated Nov. 15-29, 2026. After this, you will be receiving bi-monthly envelopes, December and January. If there are any corrections, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557. Thank you for your patience.

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. JOHN'S
COUNCIL #1345**
61 ARMOUR PL. DUMONT NJ

ITALIAN NIGHT - OCT 17TH - 7PM

FAMILY STYLE SIT-DOWN
MEAL INCLUDES:

- Freshly baked bread
- Mini antipasto platter
- Mozzarella caprese with prosciutto
- Salad
- Stuffed shells with meatballs
- Tortoni & Spumoni
- Cordial bar & Espresso
- Tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, & tea

\$55 per person

**RSVP REQUIRED
by Oct. 12th**

Call or text
516-220-9333

FEATURING
PANORAMA

In their Farewell Performance
at St. John's Council

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.

2027 Available Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

May 2 & 23; July 4 & 25; Oct. 24.

St. John's Council Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Membership Drive and Muffin Sale after masses on Saturday October 10th and Sunday October 11th . Please stop by and find out more about the support they provide to our Parish and the community. Muffins will be \$2 each. All proceeds benefit our Parish.



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DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

October 22, 2026

All proceeds to benefit
St. Mary's Church

\$23.00 PP

Includes Choice of:

**Fish and Chips or Chicken and Chips with fries
and coleslaw.**

Pick up on: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: St. Mary's Rectory Parking Lot

Advance Orders required by October 21, 2026



Prepared by: Tastefully British



Order Form - Return to the Parish Office

With Payment on Wednesday, October 21st by Noon



Name: _____ Phone# _____

Fish & Chips: _____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____ Chicken & Chips: _____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Make check payable to St. Mary's Church

Or Order and Pay On-Line at: stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com