

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

October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**EVERYTHING
IS READY;
COME TO
THE FEAST.**

MATTHEW 22:4



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/RCIA*
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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	Oct. 10 - Vigil
5:30PM	John Phelan
Sunday	Oct. 11 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Bochicchio and Giunta Families
12 Noon	Thomas Fitzpatrick
Monday	Oct. 12 - Weekday
7:00AM	Fr. Heely
8:45AM	Rev. Robert G. Laferrera
Tuesday	Oct. 13 - Weekday
7:00AM	Jorge Arevalo
8:45AM	Alicia K. Donohue
Wednesday	Oct. 14 - Weekday
7:00AM	Mary Ryan
8:45AM	Apolonia Singson
Thursday	Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus
7:00AM	Margarita Flores-Dublin
8:45AM	Pat and Gilda Tedesco
Friday	Oct. 16 - Weekday
7:00AM	Maureen Martin
8:45AM	Msgr. Florentino M. Canlas (Living)
Saturday	Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius
8:30AM	Nathaniel Laya (Living)
5:30PM	Cesar Ambal
Sunday	Oct. 18 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Virginia DiMeglio
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Leonila N. Lavides

Special Intentions

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given for the intentions of Bill and Linda Ebenhack for their 41st wedding anniversary requested by the Ebenhack family.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Maureen Martin requested by the Martin family.

Columbus / Indigenous Peoples' Day October 12th

In observance of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 12th.

This Week



Sunday – Oct. 11

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

Monday – Oct. 12

Columbus Day

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

Tuesday – Oct. 13

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Baptism Class
7:00PM PACT Penance Prep #1

Wednesday - Oct. 14

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:00PM Bereavement Group Mother Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 15

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Bridge Makers Library
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Oct. 16

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Oct. 17

8:00AM Korean School
10:00AM Food Distribution LS
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

Sunday – Oct. 18

8:30AM PACT Angels Fire Drill
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:15AM OCIA Teen Office
2:00PM Bingo SH
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

Stewardship Reflection

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.



Next weekend we will join parishes throughout the world in observing World Mission Sunday. Our observance of World Mission Sunday reminds us that the work of spreading the Gospel continues and that we must all be a part of the ongoing work of the Church. Our contribution to next weekend's collection for World Mission Sunday is one way in which we can play our part.

Our contributions help to support young men in missionary seminaries as well as young women who are preparing to be religious sisters in missionary service. Our contributions can help train lay catechists who will teach the next generation of Catholics. Our contributions can help build a church where people are just learning about Jesus Christ. Our contributions help to nourish body and soul in the poorest parts of the world.

There is so much that our contributions can do. But our prayers can do even more. Let our celebration of World Mission Sunday remind us that we are called to pray constantly for those who serve the Church as missionaries and for those who are called to join in this challenge. Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is part of our baptismal call. Let each of us do what we can to proclaim the Gospel in word and in deed.

Fr. Carey

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, October 15th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's, in the school. Enter at the door closest to Park Ave. Contact Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

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.

Fall Mass of Anointing Saturday, October 24th



Our Fall Mass of Anointing will be concelebrated on Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 am in Szelest Hall. We cordially invite all those who are affected by illness or confined at home to come join us as we ask God's healing upon them. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Mass.

We hope you will be able to join us for a light luncheon following Mass.

All Souls Remembrance - Nov. 2nd

On Monday, Nov. 2, the Church remembers the souls of all those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.



- We invite all of our parishioners to bring in a photo of a loved one who has passed away. As in previous years, we will place their photos in a special place of remembrance near the statue of St. Joseph where they will remain for the entire month of November, as will the envelopes from our parishioners containing the names of their loved ones. **(Please make sure that you write your own name and telephone number on the back of the photo so that we know to whom it belongs.)**
- In addition, all the members of our community are invited to write the names of family members or friends who have gone before us in the Book of Life.

Our belief in the Communion of Saints reminds us that, as we read in our funeral services, "...the ties that bind us to one another do not unravel with death."



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).



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

Tuesday First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession Sessions



Tuesday First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession Sessions begin this Tuesday, 10/13/2026 in the church. Please pray for our young candidates as they prepare to meet

our forgiving Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.



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.catholicsschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions>.



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.

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: Oct. 3 - 4	\$7,437.00	\$8,094.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>2,992.00</u>	<u>2,683.00</u>
Total	<u>\$10,429.00</u>	<u>\$10,777.00</u>

Assessment \$998.00 \$1,102.00

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.

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.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Candy Sale

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will once again be hosting the Gertrude Hawk Christmas candy fundraiser. The sale has started and will end on Sunday, November 8th. Order forms and catalogs can be found at the doors of the upper church. Orders can be placed online or with an order form.

All families enrolled in our PACT program will receive information at their October classes.

The estimated delivery date is the week of December 7th.

Thank you for your support!!

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 Rigueria...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
Nestor Canlas...Jun Adel...Alexander Estacio

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.

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

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.

High School Fall Open Houses

1. Bergen Catholic - 1040 Oradell Ave. Oradell, NJ
Sunday, October 25, 12:00pm-2:00pm

2. Mother Seton - 1 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066
Sunday, October 18 at 1 p.m. and Wednesday,
November 4 at 7 p.m..

Register at motherseton.org.

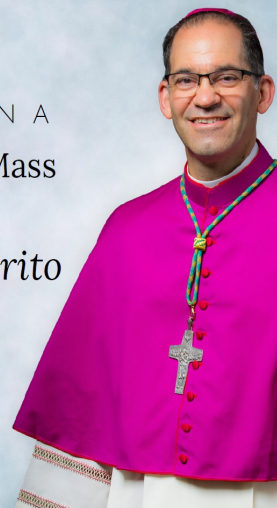
3. Xavier - 30 West 16th St., New York, NY 10011
Saturday, October 17, 10:00am-3:00pm.
Register at xavierhs.org/inquire.



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN A
Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass
TO HONOR

Bishop Michael A. Saporito

as he concludes his service in the
Archdiocese of Newark
and begins his new ministry as
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen



OCTOBER

Saturday **17** 5 p.m.

2026

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ

A reception will follow in the Archdiocesan Center Auditorium



St. Mary's Church//Dumont, NJ//201-384-0557

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