



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

Then repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God **what belongs to God.**

MATTHEW 22:21



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*

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 5:30PM	Oct. 17 - Vigil Cesar Ambal
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Oct. 18 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Virginia DiMeglio Parishioners of St. Mary's Leonila N. Lavides
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues Patrick and Dolores Kiernan Robert G. Laferrera
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 20 - Weekday Jorge Arevalo Dax Patrick Coste
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 21 - Weekday Sean Harte Edward Kostka
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 22 - Weekday Marcus Celerian Nida M. Jocson (Living)
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Oct. 23 - Weekday Mary Ryan Emelita Paragas
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Oct. 24 - Weekday Patrick Crowe Lawrence Miloscia, Sr.
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Oct. 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sr. Eileen Franz Eden Pacana (Living) Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of James and Marie McMahon requested by Joanne McMahon.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Jay Anderson requested by Roberta Elwell

This Week



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

Monday – Oct. 19
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Oct. 20
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM Holiday Show Rehearsal (Beth) SH
7:30PM Pastoral Council FDVRm

Wednesday - Oct. 21
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:00PM Bereavement Group Mother Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 22
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Fish Fry Fundraising
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Oct. 23
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
6:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball / Set-up Anointing Mass SH

Saturday – Oct. 24
8:00AM Korean School
11:00AM Anointing Mass SH

Sunday – Oct. 25
8:30AM PACT Saints Fire Drill
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB FDVRm
2:00PM Holiday Show Rehearsal (Beth) SH
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Stewardship Reflection

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s. - MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.



Next Saturday, October 24th, St Mary's will host our Fall Mass of Anointing. It will take place in Szelest Hall at 11:00 am and it will be followed by a light luncheon provided by our Rosary Society. We have these Anointing Masses twice a year because we want to make the Sacrament of Anointing available to more people.

Many people still call the Sacrament of Anointing "Last Rites" and think it is only for those who are near death. The Last Rites of the Church are Confession, Anointing, and Communion and it is meant as final preparation for those who will soon be called home to God. But taken out of context of Last Rites, Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament that can and should be received by anyone who is dealing with chronic illness, facing imminent surgery or struggling with the debilitating effects of age. Like Confession, Anointing of the Sick is called a Sacrament of Healing and like Confession, it is a sacrament that can be received as often as needed.

I would encourage everyone who feels the need of God's healing love to join us for this Anointing Mass. As we struggle with the effects of age and illness, it is important to remember that we are not alone on this journey. Please join us as we come together as a community to support each other and to share this special sacrament of God's love.

Fr. Carey



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).

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 parish Book of the Dead.

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."

We Welcome the Newest Members of our Parish Community



The Sacrament of *Baptism*

Victoria Rose Alicea
Jan Amand del Rosario
Noah Alexandar Fernandez
Mackenzie Lynne Urbanowicz



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 began on 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 religious@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>.

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...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...Paul Ott
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
Celine Diane Cabuay...Jimi Aragon...Victor Serafica

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.



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

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!!

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

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. 10 - 11	\$6,125.00	\$8,094.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,732.00</u>	<u>2,683.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,857.00</u>	<u>\$10,777.00</u>

Envelopes and Electronic Giving

Envelopes are still a welcome and beneficial method of contributing. If you presently do not receive envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact the parish office at 201-384-0557.

Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church.

ParishSOFT
by Ministry Brands

This ensures that St. Mary's will have consistent funds to better serve the parish and to serve the works that are important to you throughout the year.

For more information or to sign up you can visit **stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com** from ParishSoft company.

You can also contact the parish office at 201-384-0557 for more details.

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.

2027 Available Offerings

Bread & Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

Save the Date

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

Church Cleaning

We need help each week on Friday mornings following the 8:45AM Mass, to assist members of our parish with light cleaning in the church. By dusting and polishing various areas of our church, they ensure that our worship space is a fitting place for prayer.

Please feel free to join and help us if you're available. Call the parish office at 201-384-0557.

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.

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.



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DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

October 22, 2026

All proceeds to benefit
St. Mary's Church

Three Days Left!!!

\$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