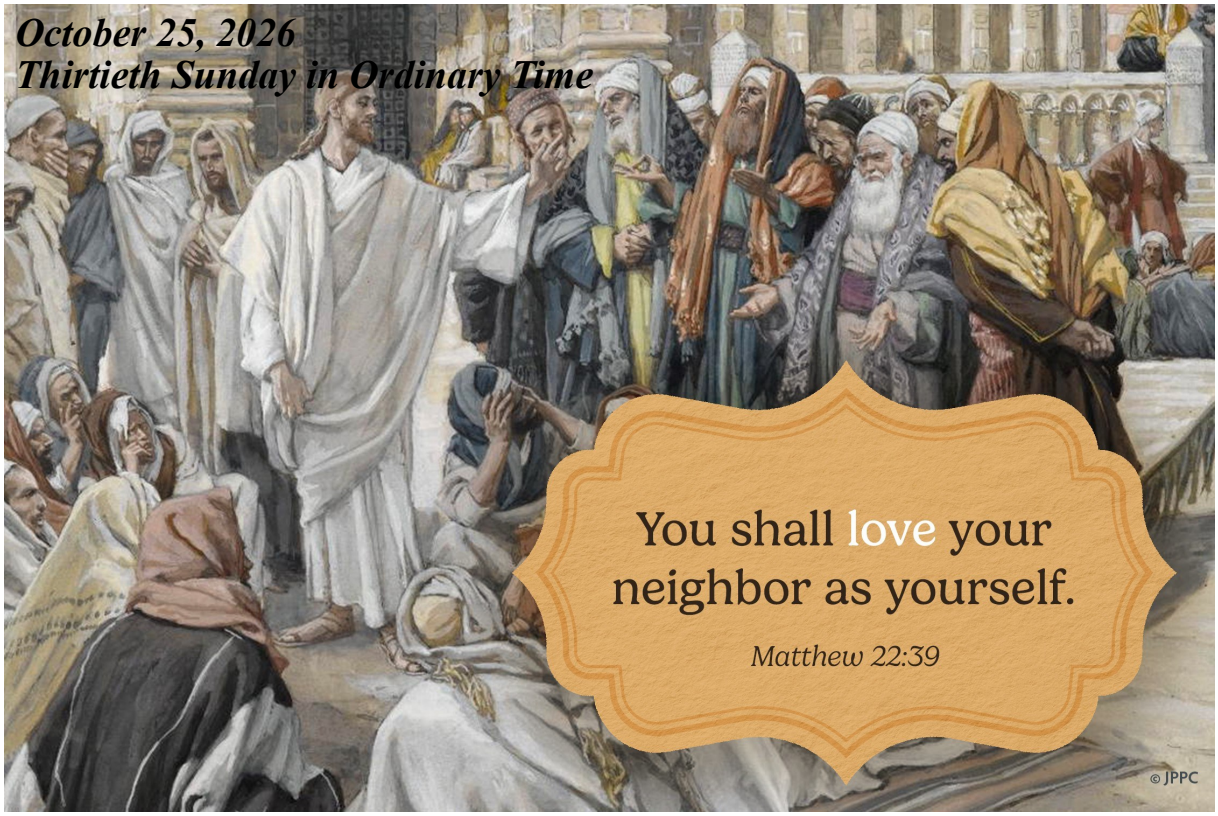
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

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



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*
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Mr. Lawrence Miloscia, *Parish Trustee*

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Online giving: ParishSoft
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.

Eucharistic 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. 24 - Vigil**
5:30PM	Lawrence Miloscia, Sr.
Sunday	**Oct. 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:45AM	Sr. Eileen Franz
10:00AM	Eden Pacana (Living)
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Monday	**Oct. 26 - Weekday**
7:00AM	Guy Riggitano
8:45AM	Ruth Scully
Tuesday	**Oct. 27 - Weekday**
7:00AM	Rev. Robert G. Laferrera
8:45AM	Barbara Zigmund
Wednesday	**Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude**
7:00AM	Mary Ryan
8:45AM	Antonio Bonaldo
Thursday	**Oct. 29 - Weekday**
7:00AM	Jean Goggi
8:45AM	John La Motta
Friday	**Oct. 30 - Weekday**
7:00AM	Mary Shea
8:45AM	Denis and Elizabeth Daly
Saturday	**Oct. 31 - Weekday**
8:30AM	Byrne Family (Living)
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	**Nov. 1 - All Saints**
7:45AM	Deceased Members of Santos-Laya Families
10:00AM	Zoraida and Alphonso Parrella
12 Noon	Miguel and Braulia Iguico



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Annie and Neil Best, Sr. requested by Noreen and Neil Best, Jr.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Alice and Timothy Conway requested by Noreen and Neil Best, Jr.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Bienvenido R. Hernandez.

This Week



Sunday – Oct. 25
8:30AM PACT Saints Fire Drill
9:15AM Penance Prep Neophytes
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB FDVRm
2:00PM Holiday Show Rehearsal (Beth) SH
7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Monday – Oct. 26
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
7:00PM OCIA Adults Parish Office
7:00PM PACT Confirmation Parents/Candidates
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Oct. 27
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
6:00PM PACT Penance Prep# 2
7:00PM Holiday Show Rehearsal (Beth) SH

Wednesday - Oct. 28
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:00PM Bereavement Group Mother Seton Rm
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Oct. 29
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Oct. 30
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:00AM The Learning Center Halloween Parade SH
5:00PM Aramaic School

Saturday – Oct. 31
Halloween
8:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Nov. 1
All Saints
8:30AM PACT EGC
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:15AM OCIA Teen Parish Office
3:00PM Irish Step Dancing LS

Stewardship Reflection

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

From the Pastor

As seasons change and darkness comes earlier each day, many cultures throughout history have viewed this time of year when vegetation dies as a period to remember all those we have loved who are no longer with us. The Celts of ancient Ireland called it Samhain, Summer's End. The first evening of Samhain was believed to be the night when "the walls between the worlds grew thin and spirits of the underworld waked the earth." This ancient Celtic tradition is, in large part, the basis of our modern Halloween. The Christian tradition however calls it All Hallows Eve, the eve of the Feast of All Saints.

I am truly surprised by the number of homes in our town that are overly decorated for Halloween. Most of these decorations stress the macabre aspects of the holiday, trying to frighten as much as amuse. With so much focus on the dark side of the holiday, some Christians think we should try to avoid any celebration of Halloween. But if we try to remember the original Celtic celebration of Samhain, masks were worn to frighten away evil spirits. Bonfires were lit to bring light into dark places. Treats were given to children to help them get past their fears.

Halloween can be for us a teachable moment when we confront the reality of death even as we celebrate the gift of life. A mask gives a chance to be someone else, even if it's just for one night. The giving and the receiving of treats reminds us that we need to share the sweet things of life. There are many things in our world that should truly frighten us. Halloween is not one of them.

Fr. Carey

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.

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.*"



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



Return to Standard Time - Nov. 1st



We return to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Therefore, please remember to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on the evening of Oct. 31st.

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 continue this Tuesday 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 Monday 10/26



Confirmation candidates and their parents for St. Mary's Confirmation Preparation Program this Monday, October 26th. Sponsors are also invited. For more information, call us at (201) 384 -0557 Ext. 220 or e-mail religioused@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.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.

2026 Archdiocese of Newark Convocation: *"We Are Church, Forming Disciples for Mission".*

Registration is open!

We know we have to "Go, make disciples." But *how* do we do that?

Join parishioners from around the Archdiocese of Newark and come find out at the ***2026 Archdiocesan Convocation*** on Saturday, November 7th at Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, NJ.

This will be an opportunity to rediscover ways of being "Church", and the many ways we can help form missionary disciples who share Jesus with the world and help our parishes thrive!

For more information and to register go to**: https://rcan.org/we-are-church-convocation/**

Or scan the QR Code.

SCAN ME

This promises to be a practical and inspirational day that will include prayer, informative and interactive workshops, and concrete resources to help us do the work of The Great Commission and to "Go and make disciples" effectively. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

- Members of parish pastoral councils and finance councils
- Key Parish Leaders for We Are His Witnesses
- Parish staff
- Catechetical leaders
- Catechists for children, adults, and families
- Baptismal ministry preparation
- Youth and young adults
- OCIA coordinators and catechists
- And all who desire to grow in missionary discipleship

Special Memorial Collections

The offerings received for Mother's Day, Father's Day and All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made.



Food Pantry
Holiday Collection
Give The Gift of a Meal



For the months of November & December, the food pantry will be collecting for the Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays. Items most needed are:

Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Pasta & Sauce, White or Brown Rice, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Coffee

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

We thank you in advance for your continued support!! Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!
Anna, Denise & Lynne

Frozen Turkeys & Hams Are Also Needed
Thanksgiving by Wednesday, November 18
Christmas by Friday, December 19







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...Anya...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...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
Gerardo Gregorio

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.

BEYOND BORDERS

Update on St. Mary's sponsored family
Message from Beyond Borders



Thank you for supporting the Family Graduation Program.
Your commitment is providing a path toward sustainable self-sufficiency for the Pierre family, giving them the tools, assets, and mentorship required to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.
This proven methodology is grounded in the belief that lasting change must be driven by the community itself. Sister Limeteze Pierre-Gilles, SSND, Assistant Director of Engagement at Beyond Borders, highlighted this approach during her remarks at the recent HLPF 2026 United Nations Parallel Event:

> "Injustices that took centuries to construct cannot be dismantled in a single season. Lasting change requires trust built from within, through Haitian language, culture, and community traditions like konbit, the Haitian tradition of communal labor, and the lakou, Haiti's multi-generational system of shared protection and mutual aid. The goal must always be fostering collective agency, self-determination, and authentic community ownership, not holding power or creating dependency."

By supporting the Pierre family in this 7th cohort, you are putting the spirit of konbit directly into practice. Konbit represents the power of collective effort, stemming from the fundamental belief that neighbors uniting as a community can accomplish what no individual could achieve alone.
In the Family Graduation Program, this tradition comes alive as local mentors, case managers, and fellow participants surround the Pierre family with care, guidance, shared accountability, and practical skills to help them flourish.
We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your belief in the dignity and agency of every family. Thank you for making a profound, lasting difference in the lives of the Pierre family as a global neighbor, and for helping them to build a stronger, healthier future for themselves.
For more information on our sponsored family or Beyond Borders visit their website at beyondborders.net or contact Deacon John at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org.

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. 17 - 18	$6,314.00	$6,752.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	1,560.00	1,517.00
Total	$7,874.00	$8,269.00

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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. 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 11; Aug. 1 & 22; Oct. 31; Nov. 21.

Sanctuary Lamp:
May 2 & 23; Oct. 24.

Save the Date

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



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
DUMONT, NJ
&
2026-27 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



TEEN SPIRIT
PERSONAL HYGIENE DRIVE

Please donate from the list below and help our Confirmation Candidates, collect & fill individual male and female personal hygiene boxes for their peers in need.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ST. MARY'S RECTORY OR THE RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE UNTIL JANUARY 11, 2027. PLEASE MARK DONATIONS ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS ED/CONFIRMATION

ITEMS NEEDED:

2 in 1 SHAMPOO, BRUSHES, COMBS, BAR SOAP, DEODORANT, BODY LOTION,
BABY WIPES, PERSONAL SIZE TISSUES, NAIL CLIPPERS,
DISPOSABLE SHAVERS, SHAVING CREAM,
FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUCTS,
SMALL HAND SANITIZER, CHAPSTICK,
BANDAIDS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, FLOSS,
SMALL ALCOHOL-FREE MOUTHWASH,

(No expired and items must be new and unused)

FILLED BOXES WILL BE BROUGHT TO:

OASIS, A HAVEN FOR WOMAN & CHILDREN

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed office at 201-384-0557, Ext. 220, or email us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org