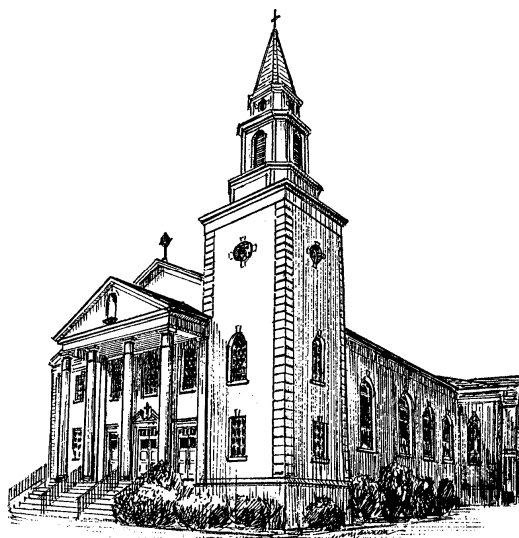


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 20, 2022

**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**

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. Thomas Pendrick, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
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*

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
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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.

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!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.



Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:45AM, 10:00AM, 12 Noon
Monday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Tuesday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Wednesday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Thursday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Friday 7:00AM, 8:45AM
Saturday 8:30AM, 5:30PM
Sunday 7:45AM, 10:00AM, 12 Noon

Feb. 19 - Vigil
 Bienvenido Liboro

Feb. 20 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Elizabeth Sylvester
 Christopher Bishopp
 Michael J. Burke

Feb. 21 - Weekday
 Jacky Sexton
 Barbara Papalexis

Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 John Hennessy
 Betty Duffy

Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp
 Brian C. McCann
 Kathleen Mary Curran

Feb. 24 - Weekday
 Alfredo Cariño Abat
 Peggy, John and Rev. Dan Cronin

Feb. 25 - Weekday
 Andrew Comer
 Pablo T. Naong

Feb. 26 - Weekday
 Peggy Cronin
 Daniel Markert

Feb. 27 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Richard Deiser
 Gerard Reilly
 Arturo Nantes Abad

Sunday – Feb. 20
 10:00AM - 11:00AM Choir A
 1:30AM Baptism UC
 2:00pm-4:00pm K of C Free Throw Contest SH

Monday - Feb. 21
 8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Feb. 22
 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH

Wednesday - Feb. 23
 7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Feb. 24
 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

Friday – Feb. 25
 5:00PM Aramaic School
 8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Feb. 26
 9:00AM Korean School

Sunday – Feb. 27
 8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School
 10:00AM - 11:00AM Choir B
 1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
 3:00pm-5:00pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner SH

Old Palms Wanted



Please bring your old palms to the church or the parish office so we can burn them, which will provide us ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.

Faith Sharing Groups for Lent

Small groups are offered to anyone who would like to lead one. They can be virtual or in person. Just call the parish office to get material.

2022 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:

Mar. 20; July 10 & 17; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 & 11; Oct. 23; Dec 4 & 18.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Apr. 10 & 24; May 22; June 12; Jul 31; Sept. 11 & Sept. 18; Oct. 9.

Thank You

On behalf of myself & my family, I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and mass cards during the difficult time of my mother's passing. All your thoughts and prayers are truly appreciated.

Fr. Tom

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Marie Caldera requested by Janet Caldera and children.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Betty Duffy requested by her granddaughters.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Geraldine Melucci.

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - March 4th



On Friday, March 4th, 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. All are welcome.

From the Pastor



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Today is the United Nations Day of Social Justice; an international day recognizing the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, social protections and care for our environment.

The Catholic Church has always been at the forefront in the fight for social justice. With regards to care of the environmental, several years ago, our Holy Father, Pope Francis issued an encyclical called *Laudato Si'*. Two years ago, Deacon John Sylvester wrote the first in a series of columns on this encyclical. Unfortunately, the covid crisis brought this series to halt.

On this United Nations Day of Social Justice, we'd like to reprint Deacon John's original column as a way to start again this series reminding us all of our responsibility to care for our common home.

Fr. Carey

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)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Collections - Feb. 12 - 13	\$5,921.00	\$6,252.00
Weekly On Line Giving	<u>1,077.00</u>	<u>852.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6,998.00</u>	<u>\$7,104.00</u>

Fuel \$2,278 \$1,432.00

There are also other ways to support the parish by using our On-Line Giving: WeShare. The link is stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com or you can call your bank if they can do on-line payment on your behalf.

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

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Presidents' Day – February 21

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

On Care for Our Common Home

(This is the first in a series of articles on Laudato Si')

The Encyclical

On June 18, 2015, Pope Francis released an Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home*. April 22, 2020, will mark the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. So between now and April 22 we will look at the Encyclical and address some of the issues it raises. But first some common questions:

What is an encyclical letter? An encyclical is a "circular letter" to be spread throughout a community. (The word comes from the Greek *egkyklios*, with *kyklios* meaning a circle.) It is one of the highest forms of communication by the pope and usually deals with some aspect of Catholic teaching — clarifying, amplifying, condemning or promoting one or a number of issues.

Is an encyclical letter considered an infallible teaching of the Pope? While an encyclical is to be taken seriously by the faithful, and to be used by bishops and theologians in their teaching capacity, it is not an infallible teaching.

Is this the first encyclical on the environment to be written by a Pope? Yes, but previous popes have addressed the necessity of protecting the environment. Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have all addressed the environment in various forums. Their thoughts will be the subject of future articles.

Is this encyclical based solely on the Pope's personal opinion? As in most encyclicals, the Pope frequently quotes scripture, the catechism and previous Popes' writings to support his position. What is unusual is that the Pope quotes documents from various bishops' conferences, such as the New Zealand, Mexican, Portuguese, Paraguayan and United States.

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Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



PACT/Religious Education Program

On Site PACT Sessions Resume in February

In-person PACT/Religious Education resumes with our February PACT sessions listed on your color-coded schedule. Students will go to classrooms after the opening prayer and we will have a meeting with parents. February 2022 parent meetings are *Synod Listening Sessions*.

We will continue to follow our COVID gathering protocols.

If you are not receiving e-mails from us and our e-mails do not appear in your spam or junk mail folders, take a moment to provide us with an e-mail which accepts religioused@stmarysdumont.org as a sender.

Confirmation Virtual Session

3/21/22 at 7:00 p.m.



Our next monthly preparation session is Monday, 3/21/22 at 7:00 p.m. If you do not receive this link, call us at (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

Confirmation Retreat Postponed

The original schedule for Confirmation Preparation shows a retreat for February. The Confirmation Retreat has been postponed until May. Further details will be provided to Confirmation candidates and their parents during our preparation sessions.

First Communion Preparation Tuesday Virtual-Zoom Sessions

These sessions begin Tuesday, 3/22/2022 at 7:00 p.m. Links to join the virtual preparation sessions will be sent to parents several days prior to the sessions.



Return to Religious Education

We are still in the process of helping our parish families stay on track with their Religious Education. Have your children been away from Religious Education? Contact us. Do you know a Catholic family with children who should be participating in Religious Education? Refer them to us at this time. Call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

New Parents/Families

To inquire about Religious Education and preparing for the sacraments, call or e-mail us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or religioused@stmarysdumont.org for more information. Parents of families new to us attend an orientation appointment here at St. Mary's. Registration and participation at St. Mary's parish is required.

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.

John Eckel III...Jaelon Magat...Sean Flanagan
Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...James Francis Ward
Christopher Smaldone...Steve Sullivan...John Murray
Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Vincent Mazzilli

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Sean Hayes...Arvin Erd
James Carney...Hector Montero...Scott Tkacz
Tom Phelan...James Pelletiere...Skylar Frye
Anthony Montagnino...Cris Kelly...Tom Sguglia
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...Elaine Haddad
Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas
Nancy Caggiano...Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Annette
Eric Granada...Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz...SSND Wilton
Kristi Carbonaro...Frank Uvenio...Carol Anne Barry
Joseph Vaccaro...Dorothy Peterson...Diane Lang
Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito...Jim Nicholas
Tina Fortalesa...Frank Martin...Rolando Joaquin
Tienne Myers...James Hughes...Hector Montero, Jr.
Kevin Rainey...Michael Falcone...Mary Ann Ragone
Patricia Adone...Ted Widman...Rose Klenck
Danny Santulli...Renata Grabowski

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Food Pantry News

Food Drive Announcement



To replenish our food pantry, St. Mary's will be hosting a drive through food collection on Saturday, March 5, 2022 between the hours of 10 am and 12 noon at St. Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave, Dumont.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, there will be food pantry envelopes next to the collection boxes the weekend of **March 5th & 6th**.

Please place your donation in the collection boxes.

Thank you for your continued generosity.
"If you can't feed a hundred people
then feed just one"
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Spring Food Drive-Thru

Let us do good to everyone
Galatians 6:10
Help Our Neighbors in need



Items Needed: Peanut Butter/Jelly, Cereal, Condiments, Canned Tuna/Meats, Pasta/Sauce, Bisquick/Syrup, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Toilet Paper Individually Wrapped or Packs of 4, Paper Towels, Turkey Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce

Grab & Go Items:
Cases of Water, Individually Wrapped Snacks, Small Juice Boxes

Saturday, March 5th 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saint Mary's Church 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ

Drop off procedures:

Please enter the St. Mary's parking lot from Washington Avenue, follow the driveway around the back of the church and then to the area between the church and the rectory. It is preferable that the driver be the only person in the car.

All donated food must be non-perishable and in a bag with handles.

The bag should be placed in the back seat on the passenger side or in the trunk if the trunk can be opened from inside the car.

The driver is not to exit the car.

A volunteer will take the food from the car.

We thank everyone in advance for your generosity



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