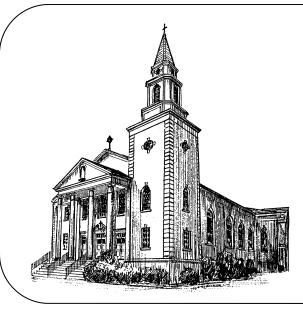
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 27, 2022 Eighth 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* Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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Mass Reservation email: contactus@stmarysdumont.org

Online giving: WeShare 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.

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	Feb. 26 - Vigil
5:30PM	Daniel Markert
Sunday	Feb. 27 - Eighth Sunday in
	Ordinary Time
7:45AM	Richard Deiser
10:00AM	Gerard Reilly
12 Noon	Arturo Nantes Abad
Monday	Feb. 28 - Weekday
7:00ÅM	Eduardo Carretas
8:45AM	Kathleen Shanley
Tuesday	March 1 - Weekday
7:00AM	Mary Bridget Forde
8:45AM	Alicia Sugue
Wednesday	March 2 - Ash Wednesday
7:00AM	Robert A. Orth
8:45AM	John A. Weiss, Sr.
3:30PM	Prayer Service
7:30PM	Richard Deiser
Thursday	March 3 - Thursday after Ash
	Wednesday
7:00AM	Gerard Reilly
8:45AM	Anne O'Neill
Friday	March 4 - Friday after Ash
	Wednesday
7:00AM	Andrew Comer
8:45AM	Meikel Henry Manaog
Saturday	March 5 - Saturday after Ash
	Wednesday
8:30AM	Todd Lostumbo
5:30PM	Thomas O'Shea
Sunday	March 6 - First Sunday of Lent
7:45AM	Vincent DiCostanzo
10:00AM	Margherita Bonaldo
12 Noon	Judith Donohue



In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

<u>Holy Hour with Eucharistic</u> <u>Adoration - March 4th</u>



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.



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

Monday - Feb. 28 7:00PM PACT Angels Session/Parent Meeting UC/ School 8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – March 1 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing SH

Wednesday - March 2 Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:00AM, 8:45AM and 7:30PM / Service: 3:30PM Hackensack Walk-in Shelter

Thursday – March 3 5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

Friday – March 4 5:00PM Aramaic School 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC 8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – March 5 8:00AM Korean School 9:30PM Drive thru Food Donation LC

Sunday – March 6 10:00AM - 11:00AM Choir A Food Pantry Collection Weekend

<u>We Welcome the Newest Members of</u> <u>our Parish Community</u>



Caroline Enes Covelo Anthony Edward DeAngelis Leonardo Moscarelli Chase King Mottolese

2022 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:

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

Sanctuary Lamp:

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



Lent is a time when we so often make sacrifices for our spiritual welfare. Because of a deadly virus, for almost 2 full years we have all been forced to make many numerous sacrifices to protect our physical wellbeing. We all yearn for things to return to some sense of normalcy and we are getting closer every day. So how can we use this coming Lenten season to help us prepare for the celebration of the Pascal Mystery and at same time help us move closer to a new normal?

So what do we do as a new Lenten season begins this week? After being forced to give up so much because of covid, what sacrifices can we make that help us on our journey towards Easter? What are we supposed to give up to make this Lent really count? I guess that depends on how we see Lent and why we make Lenten sacrifices.

Lent was originally a period of preparation for those who were to be baptized at Easter. For us, Lent is time of preparation for the renewal our baptismal promises. This Lent can be a time to readjust our perspective; a time to cultivate an attitude of gratitude for the countless blessings God has given us. A time to thank God for the monumental progress we have made in the battle against covid.

As we hopefully move towards a new sense of normalcy, let us not forget the lessons we have learned. We have learned that life is fragile and that each life is truly precious. We have learned that we are truly blessed by a God who loves us. We have learned that in these tough times we need each other and we need to reach out to those who are struggling. Let this Lent be a time to remember that no sacrifice we make compares with the sacrifice of our Savior who stretched out His arms on the Cross and died for our sins.

Fr. Carey

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.

<u> Ash Wednesday - March 2nd</u>



Ashes will be distributed at the 7 am, 8:45 am and 7:30 pm Masses as well as at the service at 3:30 pm. Due to Covid-19, The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome has issued guidelines for the distribution of Ashes. The basic change is that ashes will be sprinkled on top of the head in silence, not placed on the forehead as is our usual custom. The guidelines are as follows:

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

"The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he <u>addresses all those present</u> <u>and only once</u> says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general:

> "Repent and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return".

The priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him, sprinkling on the heads of each one without saying anything."

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Penance

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The following are the dates and locations for the Lenten Penance services in our deanery:

Monday, March 14 @ 7:00 pm Annunciation, Paramus

Monday, March 21 @ 7:00 pm St Mary's, Dumont

Monday, March 28 @ 7:00 pm St Peter's, River Edge

Saturday, April 2 @ 1:00 pm St. John's, Bergenfield

Monday, April 4 @ 7:00 pm St Therese, Cresskill



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 emails 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.

<u>Confirmation Virtual Session</u> <u>3/21/22 at 7:00 p.m.</u>

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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.

<u>First Communion Preparation Tuesday</u> <u>Virtual-Zoom Sessions</u>

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.

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2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

- 2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- 3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, <u>March 6, 2022</u> to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, <u>June 12, 2022</u>.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

<u>Stewardship Reflection</u> By David Baranowski

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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 Pellettere...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

<u>St. Patrick's Mass - March 13th</u>



Our annual St. Patrick's celebration will be held on Sunday, March 13 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Cardinal Joseph Tobin** will be our Celebrant. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing, and bagpipes.

Save the Date

Coming soon to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ:

Michelangelo Pieta

Mass and public unveiling on Saturday, March 12th at 5:00PM.

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 several 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.

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. 19 - 20	\$6,550.00	\$7,038.00
Weekly On Line Giving	1,492.00	<u>1,380.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,042.00</u>	<u>\$8,418.00</u>

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.

Lenten Giving Tree



This year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we will be helping The Nurturing Place (York Street Project). The following are items they use throughout the year to keep the center safe and healthy:

- Roll of Paper towels
- Liquid hand soap (individual and refill)
- Tissues
- baby wipes/refills
- Lysol or disinfectant spray
- Clorox liquid bleach unscented only
- Clorox or disinfectant wipes
- Ziplock bags- Quart and Gallon size
- Paper plates and bowls
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Dish liquid

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. You can bring the item before the end of Lent to the church in the weekend or the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Annual Appeal

The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway. St. Mary is currently at <u>\$21,895.00</u> from <u>88 families</u> as of Tuesday, February 22nd.

Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity.

If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the doors of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

<u>Food Pantry News</u> <u>Food Drive Announcement</u>



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.

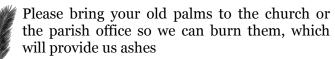
Thank you for your continued generosity. "If you can't feed a hundred people then feed just one" St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

<u>DAVID</u> <u>Sights & Sounds</u>

This trip to Sights & Sounds theater to see the inaugural presentation of DAVID on Saturday, April 2, 2022 is being hosted by St. John's Columbiettes. The price per person is \$195.00. This show is selling out quickly and we have a block of tickets on hold as a group until 3/1.

Reservations & Info call Joan Winant at 291-696-1159.

Old Palms Wanted









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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