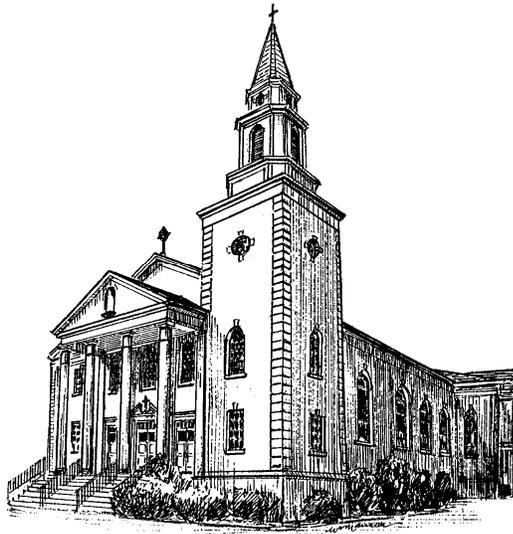


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

August 28, 2022

*Twenty-Second
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*
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Food Pantry:
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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.

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!

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.

From the Pastor



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This will be a very busy weekend for many parents as they pack up the kids and send them off to college. As we try to move beyond the covid crisis, hopefully this year's college move in will be more normal.

As someone who worked on a college campus for many years, I know it's an exciting time for the students, especially for freshmen, most of whom are living on their own for the very first time. There are so many things competing for their attention, so many things happening, so much to discover, that the one thing that so often is forgotten is God.

On so many college campuses, so many students forget about the practice of their religion, which is extremely sad. Most, if not all colleges have a Newman Center or an Office of Campus ministry. Sunday mass is often offered at a time more in line with a college schedule and the masses themselves are designed to appeal more to young adults. Participating in the practice of the Catholic faith can provide a stable constant in the new and confusing world of college life. Campus ministry programs also offer an alternative social venue to the party atmosphere that is all too prevalent on so many college campuses.

Parents need to encourage their children to remember to practice their Catholic faith. Students need to remember that graduation from High School does not mean graduation from Church. Participation in the mass at college gives students an opportunity to rediscover their Catholic faith in whole new way. Most importantly, students need to remember that God is with them on the journey even when they are not aware of it.

Fr. Carey

2022 Summer Schedule

Parish Office Hours On Friday Only

The last Friday that the parish office will close at 3:00 PM will be this Friday, September 2nd.

Regular Friday hours will resume on September 9th.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will begin its 86th year on Tuesday, September 6 with our first meeting and birthday celebration! Please join us as we renew our faith to our Blessed Mother.

Current members should have received a packet in the mail with our calendar and Membership/Communion Breakfast form. If you have not received your forms in the mail or would like to join, please email to the address below or stop by the rectory to pick up a packet.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 6th!

Kathy Mullins – President
rosaryaltarsociety@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)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Collections: Aug. 20 - 21	\$5,378.00	\$4,896.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,747.00</u>	<u>1,492.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,125.00</u>	<u>\$6,388.00</u>
Maintenance	\$2,567.00	\$1,923.00

There are also other ways to support the parish aside from using the envelopes.

You can make a donation on line by using the link **stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com** from WeShare On-Line Giving. OR

Call your bank to find out if they provide the service of sending your donation to St. Mary's automatically for free on your behalf.

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



PACT/Religious Education Program

New Parent Orientation Sessions

Our PACT/Religious Education Program is offered to St. Mary's families with children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic school. We are even planning on having a Kindergarten class! Parents of families new to our Religious Education Program attend a brief program orientation here at St. Mary's. Parents may call or e-mail to set up an appointment (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or religiouised@stmarysdumont.org. Registration and participation at St. Mary's parish is required.

Getting back on track...

We are in the process of helping our parish families get back 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 religiouised@stmarysdumont.org.

Registration is due for our September PACT Opening!

Take a moment to register, even if you are not able to enclose your family's donation with the registration at this time. Schedules will be sent to all registered families by the first week of September.

Catechist Meetings

All PACT/Religious Education catechists are asked to prioritize attendance at one of the following meetings, which will be held in person in the Library/Meeting Room in the school building:

- Sunday, 9/11/22 at 8:45 a.m.
- Monday, 9/12/22 at 7:00 p.m.

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News from the Food Pantry



It is hard to believe August is almost over and Labor Day will be here before we know it! To replenish the pantry for the fall, St. Mary's Food Pantry (280 Washington Avenue, Dumont) will be hosting a drive

through food donation on Saturday, September 10, 2022 between the hours of 10 am and 12 noon. We will also be continuing our collection of school supplies through September 9. Please see the flyers at last two pages of the bulletin for more information.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and we thank you for your continued support of the St. Mary's Food Pantry

Anna, Denise & Lynne

On Care for Our Common Home
(This is the seventh in a series of articles on Laudato Si')

The Loss of Biodiversity

In the first chapter of Laudato Si', Pope Francis writes about the necessity of biodiversity – that each living thing, no matter how small, is important to sustain life. He wrote that we “overlook the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority became extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey that message to us. We have no such right.”

We see an example of the importance of biodiversity right here in Dumont. Many of us have seen deer on our front lawns, eating our vegetable gardens and flowers. Ten years ago deer sightings in Dumont were extremely rare. Carole Stanko, chief of the Bureau of Wildlife Management at NJDEP, said the vast imbalance of deer in New Jersey is due to multiple factors, including the absence of a natural predator for the animal, since wolves and mountain lions no longer populate much of the state. There's also the easy access to food that human habitation brings.

The Holy Father also is concerned with the ocean. “Oceans not only contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, but also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them still unknown to us and threatened for various reasons. Particularly threatened are marine organisms which we tend to overlook, like some forms of plankton; they represent a significant element in the ocean food chain.”

Various news outlets have reported that the ocean is threatened by plastic, threatened by mineral extraction that destroys the ocean floor and everything that lives near it, threatened by rising water temperature and threatened by industrial waste.

“Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another.”

Next week: The Gospel of Creation

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High School Open House

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Sunday September 25th at 1:00. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please feel free to contact the admissions office at admissions@bergencatholic.org



Fall
Food Drive-Thru
Let us do good to everyone
Galatians 6:10
Help Our Neighbors in need

Items Needed: Cereal, Oatmeal, Condiments, Tea/Coffee, Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie Mix, Canned Tuna/Meats, Tomato Sauce, Bisquick/Syrup, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Progresso Soups, Pasta, Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Tissues

Saturday, September 10th 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.

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.

A volunteer will take the food from the car.

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

Due to the recent bag ban, donation bags will be available in the Church beginning Sunday August 21st.

We thank everyone in advance for your generosity

ST Mary's Church
280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ
Back to School Pantry Drive
August 1st - Sept. 9th

Drop off at Rectory or
Box Located in Vestibule of Church



Folders
Crayons
Colored Pencils
Markers
Pencils/Pens
Glue Sticks
1 Subject Notebooks
Rulers

Staples & Target
Back to School
Sales Have Begun!!

