



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*  
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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*  
Sheila Romaine, *Religious Ed. Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator*

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Online giving: WeShare  
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## 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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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 24 - Vigil</b>
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 25 - Second Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Daniel Markert
10:00AM	Pablo T. Naong
12 Noon	Gerard Reilly
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 26 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Michael McGee
8:45AM	Bob Morris
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Esperanza Lorenzo
8:45AM	Peggy, John and Rev. Dan Cronin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 28 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Eduardo Carretas
8:45AM	Arturo N. Abad
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 29 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Lois Gaetto
8:45AM	Maureen Mulcahy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 1 - Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00AM	Maria and Jakob
8:45AM	Tara Hagan (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 2 - Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30AM	Lisette Figueroa
5:30PM	Frances Hans
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent</b>
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	George DiCostanzo
12 Noon	Illuminada and Abdon Panem



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

## Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Gilbert Guinto and Margaret Scallo.

## 2024 Offerings Available

**Bread and Wine:** Apr. 28; June 2; Aug. 11 & 18.

## This Week



<b>Sunday – Feb. 25</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
8:30AM PACT Saints Church/School
10:00AM Choir and Penitential Rite Candidates Dismissal
1:00PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner Set-up/Event SH
1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
7:00PM JWalk Stations Practice UC
<b>Monday – Feb. 26</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Tuesday – Feb. 27</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
<b>Wednesday - Feb. 28</b>
After 8:45AM OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH
<b>Thursday – Feb. 29</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
<b>Friday – March 1</b>
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration UC
7:00PM Stations of the Cross UC
8:00PM Basketball SH
<b>Saturday – March 2</b>
8:00AM Korean School
<b>Sunday – March 3</b>
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
8:30AM PACT Angels Church/School
10:00AM Choir and First Scrutiny
3:00PM Girl Scouts Father/Daughter Dance Set-up / Event SH

## Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - March 1st



On Friday, March 1st, 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.



Last week, right after Ash Wednesday, a parishioner asked me if Catholics are still expected to fulfill their Easter Duty. The Easter Duty is a precept of the Church that says every good Catholic should receive communion at least once a year, preferably during the Easter season. The follow up question was, “Do I also have to go to confession first?”

The revised Code of Canon Law maintains that all the Catholics are bound by an obligation to confess serious sins at least once a year. Moreover, the Code also asserted, “It is to be recommended to the Christian faithful that venial sins also be confessed.”

The strongest witness we can give of our awareness of our need for God’s mercy is by going to Confession. Confession, or more appropriately, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, like all sacraments is a celebration of God’s love. It is where we can hear the words that tell us that our sins are forgiven. It is where we are reminded that there is no sin we can commit that God cannot forgive. He loves us too much.

Hoping to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation more accessible, the priest of our deanery are joining together to host a series of Penance Services during Lent. St. Mary’s will host the first Lenten Penance Service on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be joined by priests from neighboring parishes to hear confessions.

There are three more Penance Services at neighboring parishes. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 4 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Church in Oradell.

Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm at St Peter’s Church in River Edge.

Saturday, March 18 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Visitation Church in Paramus.

We will continue to have our regularly scheduled Confessions on Saturday afternoon from 4 to 4:45 pm.

Hopefully, we will all avail ourselves of this healing sacrament during these 40 days of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to grow closer to God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us achieve this goal.

**Fr. Carey**

## Lenten Giving Tree



This year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we will be helping The Nurturing Place (York Street Project). Tags are now available.

The following are the items, which are on the tags, that will help them out:

- Paper Towel (8.5 inch)
- Liquid Bleach (Unscented)
- Liquid Hand Soap (Refill jugs and individual)
- Tissues
- Laundry Detergents
- Paper Plates
- Paper Bowls
- 7 oz. Plastic Cups
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Zip Lock Bags (Gallon, quart, sandwich, snack)
- Baby Wipes (Unscented)
- Baby Food (Fruits and vegetables only - jars/ pouches)

Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. You can bring the item marked, “**Lenten Giving Tree**”, before Easter to the church in the weekend or the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

## Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm using different meditations each week. Friday, February 16th was our first session.

## Faith Sharing Groups for Lent

Want to do something different this lent? Why not start a small weekly faith sharing group with your friends. Anyone who is interested should call the parish office, and we will send you materials to use for these Lectionary based reflections. Questions? Email Kathy Sylvester, [Kathy@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:Kathy@stmarysdumont.org).



St. Mary's Food Pantry

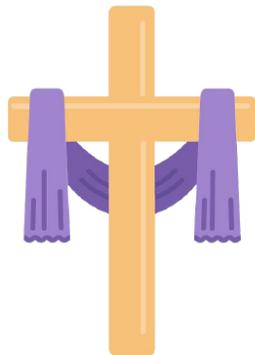


"If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed just one"  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

# Food Pantry Easter Donation Weekend The Weekend of March 16 Give The Gift Of A Meal

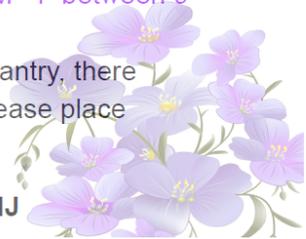


**Items In Need:** Yams, Turkey Gravy, Dried Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Tea/Coffee, Brownie Mix, Rice Dishes, Sauce/Pasta, Syrup/Bisquick, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels  
**Frozen Turkeys & Hams** (Collecting through Friday March 22nd)



Please bring your non perishable food donations to the mass you attend. Volunteers will be at the vestibule of the upper church to collect your donations before and after all masses the weekend of March 16th. If you forget your donation, please drop to the rectory any time: M - F between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (excluding 1 pm to 2 pm for lunch)

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, there will be food pantry envelopes at the doors of the church. Please place your donation in the collection baskets.



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## St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society News



St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting an Easter candy fundraiser with Gertrude Hawk Chocolates!

Order form packets are available at the doors of the upper church. All families enrolled in our PACT program will receive a flyer during their PACT session. Orders are due Monday, February 19. Thank you for your support!!

Also, please join us on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in Szelest Hall for our next meeting. Come share your faith with us and renew your devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Kathy Mullins – President  
rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org

## 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 Murray

## Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd...Diane Lang  
Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice...Myra D'Silva  
Steve Riccardi...Concepcion Santos...Brian O'Dowd  
Michael Hayes...Ted Widman...Alice Widman  
Michele Patetta...John Romaine...Anne Picciano  
Robert Baccollo...Joseph Welsh...Jonel Tinio  
Carmelo Abbruzzesi..Baby Colton Lewis..Gary Barba  
Perla Biron...Skylar Frye...Scott Tkacz...Sean Hayes  
N.Diamond...Joan Lyons...Perla Biron...June H  
Patricia Adone...George Taylor...Tom Aquino  
Francis Martin...Maureen Martin...Ryan Heckman

## 2023 Contributions Statement

If you want a statement regarding your 2023 contributions, please call the parish office and give us your name, address and envelope number.

We will get the statement to you in a timely fashion.

# ANNUAL <sup>2024</sup> APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$13,069.00 already pledged. This is approximately 29.53% of our goal, from 67 families as of Tuesday, February 15, 2024.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please visit [www.rcan.org/](http://www.rcan.org/) sharing or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your prayers and support.



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**  
Presents  
**BEHOLD**  
A Eucharistic Revival  
A LIVE 3-NIGHT ENCOUNTER

**LOCATION:**  
St. Joseph Church  
300 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ

**DATES:**  
Monday, Feb. 26th, 7:30pm  
Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 7:30pm  
Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 7:30pm  
Mass : 8:15pm

Array of Hope offers, in collaboration with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a 3-night encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.  
The nights include talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, music provided by AOH Music and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.  
The "BEHOLD" nights look to be very bright lights which the Lord will use to pour out streams of grace to those who attend (and) lie in very well with the Bishops' recent document on the "Holy Eucharist: The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."  
— Bishop Andrew Cozzens  
(Chairman of the USCCB committee on Evangelization and Catechesis and leader of the National Eucharistic Revival)

**INCLUDING**

AOH MUSIC

FATHER LUKE FLETCHER, CFR

DR. DAVID HAJDUK

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[www.arrayofhope.org](http://www.arrayofhope.org)

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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# LENTEN FISH/CHICKEN FRY FUNDRAISER

*All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Church.*



Prepared by: *Tastefully British*  
**\$20.00 per Dinner**

**INCLUDES CHOICE OF:  
FISH AND CHIPS DINNER OR  
CHICKEN AND CHIPS DINNER  
WITH COLESLAW.**

**PICK UP ON: THURSDAY,  
MARCH 14, 2024**

**TIME: 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**WHERE: ST. MARY'S  
RECTORY PARKING LOT**

**Advance Orders Required by  
March 13, 2024 Noon**

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**Order Form - Return with Payment to the Parish Office or Put in the Collection Basket**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Fish & Chips: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken & Chips: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ *Make check payable to St. Mary's Church*

**Or Order and Pay On-Line at: [stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)**



J-Walk – St. Mary’s Youth Ministry  
2024 Palm Cross Fundraiser  
Place Orders by Monday, March 11



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop form in the collection boxes in the church, at the parish office or email your order to Beth Miloscia at [youthmin@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:youthmin@stmarysdumont.org)



Price \$15.00

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your method of payment: CASH CHECK ONLINE

Please provide payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Mary’s Church.

Online orders can be placed at [stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com](http://stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com)

**Contactless Drive-Thru Pickup at the Rectory Garage  
Saturday, March 23 between 9am and 11am**