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

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

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

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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 ©JPPC

Saturday	**Nov. 29 - Vigil**
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	**Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent**
7:45AM	Mary Scalia
10:00AM	Maureen Mulcahy
12 Noon	Andrea Banzil
Monday	**Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Patricia Lindsell
8:45AM	Juanita Aviles
Tuesday	**Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Oscar Arrieta
8:45AM	Juanita Aviles
Wednesday	**Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier**
7:00AM	Aron Levy (Living)
8:45AM	Danilo de Jesus
Thursday	**Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Andrea Newman
8:45AM	Vivian Tilp
Friday	**Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Domenico Morin
8:45AM	Donald Lostumbo
Saturday	**Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday**
8:30AM	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Mary Barry
5:30PM	Brendan M. Thornton
Sunday	**Dec. 7 - Second Sunday of Advent**
7:45AM	Michael Coleman
10:00AM	Gloria Waters
12 Noon	Parishioners of St. Mary's

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Nicholas Fortunato, Jr. requested by Eileen Fortunato.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of John and Breda Shine requested by Joanne McMahon.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Liliosa Anano, Richard Icarangal and Agapito Pingul.

This Week

Sunday – Nov. 30
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM OCIA Kids
10:00AM Knights of Columbus Corp. Communion
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm
Second Collection: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Monday – Dec. 1
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:00PM Cleaning the Chandeliers UC
8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – Dec. 2
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS
7:00PM OCIA

Wednesday - Dec. 3
After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC
7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 4
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Children's Choir Practice UC
5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS
7:00PM Choir Practice UC
8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – Dec. 5
After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
5:00PM Aramaic School
8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Dec. 6
8:00AM Korean School
9:00AM Wreath & Grave Blanket Pick up Garages
11:00AM First Penance UC
1:30PM Firs Penance UC
6:30PM Parish Family Movie Night SH
Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

Sunday – Dec. 7
8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH
10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
10:00AM OCIA Kids
11:00AM OCIA Teens
1:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Luncheon Ciao Bella
3:00PM Basketball SH
Second Collection: Retirement Collection for the Religious

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - December 5th

On Friday, Dec. 5th, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 pm. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

Some stores started selling Christmas decorations in early October. A couple of satellite radio stations started playing Christmas music the day after Halloween, and I've already received my first Christmas card. It seems that every year, so many people try to start the Christmas season earlier and earlier and then, the day after Christmas, it's all over.

We seem to have it all backwards. Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of the season of Advent, not the Christmas season. It is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ among us. But all too often, we are so busy sending cards, wrapping gifts and decorating everything in sight that we have no time to think about what we are really getting ready for.

Advent is a time of prayerful waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. It's a time to prepare our hearts to receive the greatest gift that God has given us; his only begotten Son. But all too often, we are so busy preparing our homes, we forget to prepare our hearts.

The celebration of Christmas really begins on Christmas Eve, and we will continue to celebrate through all the days of Christmas until the Feast of Epiphany. I know it's counter to everything that everyone is telling us but maybe this year, we might try celebrate things in the proper order. Let's try using the Advent season to prepare spiritually for the celebration that is to come, the celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

Fr. Carey

Deanery Advent Penance Services

This year, our Deanery **Penance Services** for the season of Advent are scheduled as follows:

Monday, Dec. 1, 7:00PM
St. Therese of Lisieux, Cresskill
Monday, Dec. 15, 7:30PM
St. Mary's, Dumont
Saturday, Dec. 20, 12:00PM
St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield

This service affords our parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord and each other through the sacrament of healing.

The Advent Giving Tree

We will again this year, with your support and generosity, provide Gift Cards to families through The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.

They have about 70 children, in addition to approximately 30 moms they hope to assist this year.

Gift tags are now. If you could pick up a tag or two, we greatly appreciate it.

If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-384-0557.
Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree on the envelope to the parish office or to the collection baskets by **Wednesday, Dec. 10th.**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration - Dec. 12th

Join us for Mass at 7:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 12th. (Mass will be in Spanish with Rev. Fernando Gálvez presiding). It will be followed by a social in the Spiritual Formation Center.

50/50 Mega Raffle

By now, most parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail and some have already purchased the tickets.

Tickets are $20.00 each. There will be three (3) prizes – 1st Prize will be 25% of the proceeds, **2nd** Prize will be 15% of the proceeds, and **3rd** Prize will be 10% of the proceeds.

We ask that you purchase what you can afford. If possible, sell others to friends and neighbors. We know many people give lottery tickets at Christmas. Consider giving a raffle ticket instead. We all need to be a little creative as we strive to make this special raffle a great success. We are most grateful for whatever each family might be able to do. If you need more raffle tickets, they are available at the rectory.

Please return the raffle tickets and the money to the rectory or put in the collection basket in church. The winning tickets will be pulled on January 4th, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany.

As of Tuesday, November 18 our total is $5,120.00.

PACT/Religious Education Program

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession preparation sessions are held Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. Please pray for our families as they prepare their young candidates to meet the Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this December.

Confirmation Preparation

Monday preparation sessions have begun. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide our candidates, their families, and our parish family as we prepare candidates for full initiation in our Church.

Empowering God's Children

It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children and inform them of their safety rights and boundaries.

Children in our PACT/Religious Education program participate in a program entitled *Empowering God's Children*, in which Lesson Leaders or parents present grade-appropriate safety lessons to children which include a video component along with a participatory activity. Each year, lessons in the program rotate.

This year we will be covering Lesson 3: Boundaries: You Have Rights! And Lesson 4: Secrets, Surprises and Promises.

Parents who opted to cover these chapters at home may access the materials at virtusonline.org. Soon, an e-mail with a survey link indicating completion of the program will be sent to parents. Thank you for helping us to provide safe environments for all of our children.

St. Nicholas Project 2025

There is still time to participate as in our St. Nicholas Project. We are collecting gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. To participate, cut out a St. Nick tag below and tape it to your gift of new clothing, a gift card, toy or sports item and bring gifts to St. Mary's by Thursday, December 4th. We need to deliver to Paterson early so please bring your donations in at this time.

For more information about him visit: www.stnicholascenter.org

For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success stories, visit http://www.oasisnj.org/ or call 973-881-8307.

Simbang Gabi 2025 Changes

This year's Simbang Gabi will be celebrated on Friday, 12/19. We are introducing some format changes to the celebrations:

1. ***Mass time***. The Simbang Gabi Mass will start at 6:30 pm, instead of the usual 7:00 pm.
2. ***Nativity Presentation***. A new Nativity Presentation, authored by our own Music Director, Luis Chavez, will replace the Nativity re-enactment.
   a. ***New location***. The new presentation will be held at the Upper Church, instead of Szelest Hall. It will immediately follow the conclusion of the Mass.
   b. ***Format/Adaptation***. The Nativity will be entirely scripture-based, with narrations and songs by our St. Mary's youth.
   c. ***Participants***. Our children will continue to play the roles of Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds and Wise men.

We are excited to introduce and share with you this new Nativity Presentation. Afterwards, Simbang Gabi celebrations will continue at Szelest Hall for the traditional dinner, raffles, Santa's visit and line dancing.

Come & Celebrate!

Simbang Gabi 2025

Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church, Dumont
starts at 6:30 pm on Friday, December 19, 2025.

The Nativity Presentation by our youth will immediately follow the conclusion of the Mass, in the Upper Church.

The traditional dinner, Santa's visit, raffles and line dancing will be at Szelest Hall.

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Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine: Jan. 18; Feb. 1; May 17; June 7; Aug. 23 & 30; Nov. 29; Dec. 6, 13 & 20.

Sanctuary Lamp: May 24; July 26; Aug. 2, 23 & Aug. 30.

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...Anthony Dunkin...Lorenzo Cortezano
Joseph Ament...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...Robert Delia
Anthony Montagnino...John Eckel, Sr...Marie F.
Teresita Ariola...Allan Austria...Daniel Thornton
Dolores Awid...Chelsea Schwerzler...Myra D'Silva
Stacey Juhlin..Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone
George & Gerry Taylor...Frank Babiera...Anya
Karen and Jerry Kastner...John R....Jonel Tinio
Michelle Irimia...Richard Hogan...Luisa Castro
Rosario Pingul...Bonifacio Riguerra
Ryan McHugh...Baby James Thomas Formoso
Paul Bernard Francois...Wilberto Guilgerto Canlas
Revan Thrawn Wrage...Nerizza Flores Hooper
Laura Poznanski Clark...Lemuel Magusara
Filip Pindulic...Baby Eli Antar...Maureen Donohue
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O'Neill...Nelly Mayorga
Kris Telesmanich...Jose Nicholas de la Pena

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.

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

Food Pantry News!

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #98814 of New Milford for their donation of 17 "Birthday Surprises in a Tin". The troop used the money they earned from selling girls scout cookies to buy the supplies. They then packaged and delivered them to St. Mary's. They have given some of our neighbors a very happy birthday indeed!

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. Please place your items in the boxes at the doors of the upper church or drop at the rectory during normal business hours. Items most needed are listed below. 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

**Items Most Needed:* Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Turkey Gravy, Yams (small & large cans), Dried/ Canned Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Tea/Coffee, Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie Mix, Canned Tuna/ Meats, Sauce/Pasta, Rice Dishes, Mac & Cheese, Syrup/Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter/Jelly

Frozen Turkeys & Hams (Collecting through Friday, December 12).

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)

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collections for Nov. 22 - 23 and the good deeds of our children will be in next week's bulletin.

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Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church. For more information or to sign up you can visit ***stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com*** from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

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

2026 Sunday Missals

Copies of St. Joseph's Sunday missals are now available for purchase**.** The cost is $5.00 for each missal.

Christmas Flowers

PLEASE don't forget to use your envelope marked for ***FLOWERS*** - it takes a ***LOT*** of flowers to make our church extra-special for Christmas.

St. John Columbiette's

Sensory Santa Event

December 14, 2025 1pm-3pm

61 Armour Pl, Dumont, NJ

Admission is free (Suggested donation of $5)

Reservations are requested

Call or Text Genine at

917-992-2011 by 12/12/2025.

Twist balloon artist, face painter and professional photography w/ free digital photos of Santa available.

Snacks, coffee and tea will be served

and Cash Bar available.

Open for individuals with sensory needs and their friends & families.

Low background music will be playing and lights dimmed.

Arts and crafts and goodie bags available while supplies last.

Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

- PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL –

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On

Saturday December 13th

From

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

This classic Christmas meal will be accompanied by great entertainment, good friends, and the Christmas Spirit.

Live Music & Entertainment by:

Julian
&
Dominique

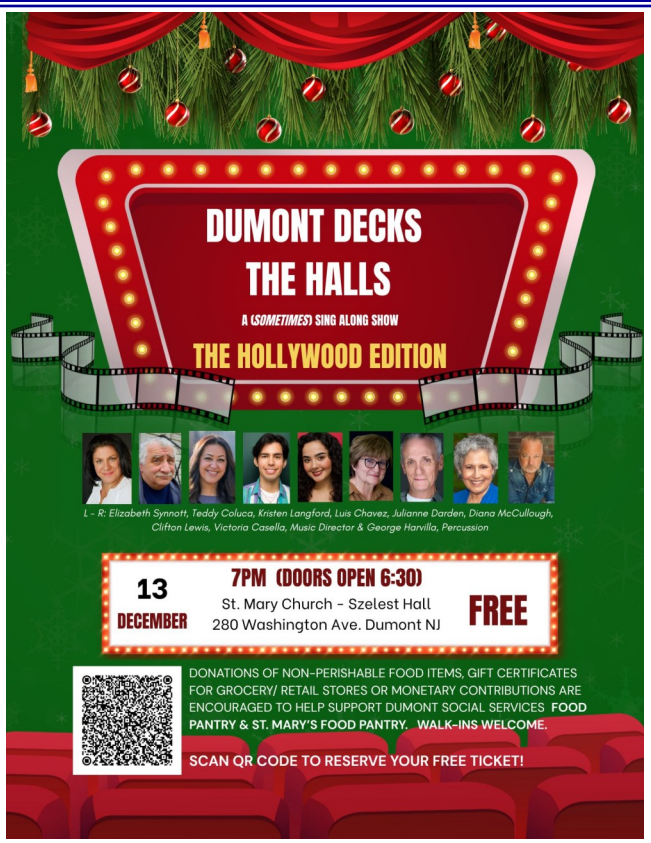
Show of 1000 Voices

FAMILY STYLE SIT-DOWN MENU

WELCOME GLASS OF EGG NOG
ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES
TOSSED SALAD
TURKEY & GRAVY
STUFFING & CRANBERRY SAUCE
GREEN BEANS
COFFEE, TEA, & DESSERT
TAP BEER, WINE, SODA INCLUDED

Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

ALL THIS FOR ONLY $50 PER PERSON!



St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society Annual Christmas Party

Ciao Bella Italian Bistro
690 River Road,
New Milford, NJ 07646
Tel.: (201) 767-0063

Sunday, December 7, 2025 ~~ 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Appetizer
Mozzarella Caprese
Fried Calamari
Eggplant Rollatini

Lunch
Penne Vodka
House Salad

Choice of:
Chicken Parmigiana
Chicken Francaise
Grilled Salmon
Gluten Free Option Available

Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soda Included
BYOB Permitted

$55.00 Per Person – Tables of 8
Please return form and payment by November 30, 2025
(Unfortunately, walk-ins will not be accepted)

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Please include names for each person at your table

1) _____ 5) _____
2) _____ 6) _____
3) _____ 7) _____
4) _____ 8) _____

Please return form to Parish Office
Questions – Kathy Mullins (201) 310-1159
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