

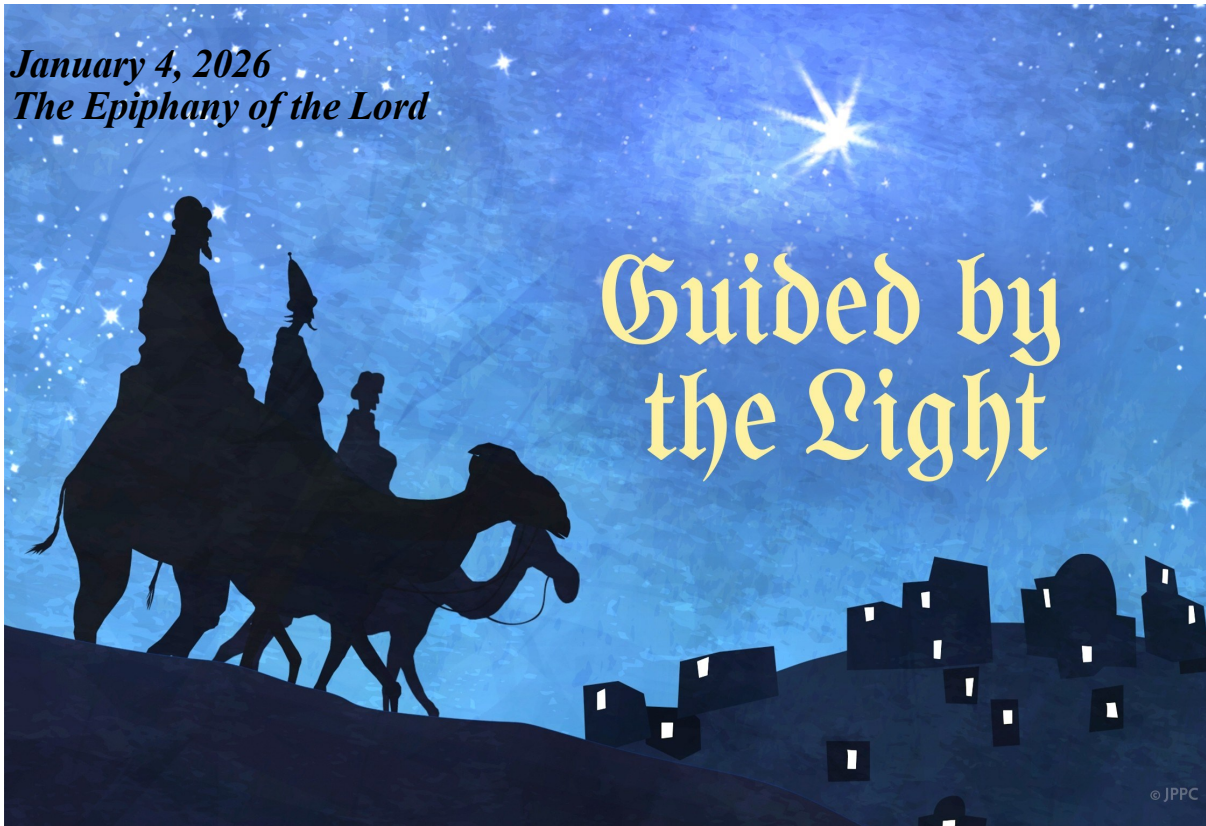
The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557



January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord



Guided by the Light

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*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/OCIA*
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*

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Lawrence Miloscia, *Parish Trustee*

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Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

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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Saturday 5:30PM	Jan. 3 - Vigil Robert and Joan Mascarelli and Baby Faith Russo
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord John Fitzgerald Parishioners of St. Mary's Padaloy Family
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann James Sheehan Ann Schenone
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday Anthony and Anna Montagnino John Brennan
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday Fr. Krzysztof Pastuszek Teresita Lacap
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday Anthony Gerace Joan and Bob Mascarelli
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday Kevin Pineda Angel Cabezudo, Sr.
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Jan. 10 - Christmas Weekday Joan Mascarelli Zdravka Golub
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Jan. 11 - The Baptism of the Lord Sr. Maureen O'Neill James Boyle and Boyle and McGowan Families Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Beranja and Mazza families requested by Roberta Elwell.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Ann Theresa Herlihy requested by John Robert Herlihy.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased parishioner Patrick O'Neill.

This Week



Sunday – Jan. 4 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir 10:00AM OCIA Kids 11:00AM OCIA Teens After 12:00PM Mass Mega 50/50 Raffle Drawing Prayer Garden
Monday – Jan. 5 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 8:00PM Basketball SH
Tuesday – Jan. 6 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS 7:00PM OCIA 7:00PM Finance Meeting FDVRm
Wednesday - Jan. 7 After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena and Rosary UC 7:30PM Line Dancing SH
Thursday – Jan. 8 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal UC 5:30 PM Irish Step Dancing LS 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal UC 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC 8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH
Friday – Jan. 9 After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC 5:00PM Aramaic School 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC 8:00PM Basketball SH
Saturday – Jan. 10 10:00AM Confirmation Retreat School/SH/Church 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena SFC
Sunday – Jan. 11 8:30AM PACT Angels School/SH 10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir 10:00AM OCIA Kids 7:00PM Sto. Nino Novena Cafeteria 7:00PM Youth Group SFC

Available 2026 Offerings

Bread & Wine: Feb. 1; May 17; Aug. 23 & 30;
Nov. 29; Dec. 13 & 20.

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



As we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany today, we remember the gifts of the Magi. Wise men from the East came with gifts to honor the newborn King. We have all received so many special gifts this holiday season and we all need to pause to say Thank You. There are so many people I need to thank for making this Christmas season at St. Mary's so very special.

I thank PALAD for the wonderful celebration of Simbang Gabi that is such an important part of our Christmas celebration. The children who participated in the Simbang Gabi Christmas pageant certainly showed us all the way to enter into the true joy of a simple story. It was a truly special evening with great food, great music and a great pageant.

I thank all those who gave their time to help decorate our Church for Christmas. Because of the size of our Church, decorating St. Mary's is no small task. It was truly monumental effort by a dedicated team of people and I am extremely grateful.

I thank all who participated in our music ministry. Under the direction of Luis Chavez, our choirs and musicians certainly made a joyful sound unto the Lord. Their contributions made each Christmas liturgy very special.

I thank all the servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and everyone else who helped to make each mass a wonderful celebration of God's love. Those visiting St. Mary's for the first time certainly saw our parish at its best.

I thank everyone who attended the Christmas masses. It was wonderful to see our Church so filled with people celebrating God's love. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this could happen every week? That is what we need to work towards and to pray for.

I thank everyone who shared with us their wonderful home-made sweets and holiday treats. The Rectory staff and I truly enjoyed them.

I thank all of you for your contributions to our Christmas collection and our collection for Christmas flowers. I also thank everyone who participated in our big 50/50 Raffle. The winning tickets will be pulled after the last mass today.

Finally, I extend a special thank you to all those who participated in the past year's We Are His Witnesses program. Our participation provided significant information to guide the Archdiocese as we move forward. The coming year will be a stressful time as the Archdiocese confronts the need to close or to merge certain parishes. We all need to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the Archdiocese charts a path for our future.

During the past year, we celebrated the operation of our new elevator. At the same time, we dealt with emergency repairs to the Church roof and ceiling. No doubt, there will be new challenges and new reasons to celebrate in the year to come. As a community of faith, we will move forward guided by our loving God.

Fr. Carey

The Drawing is today! Jan. 4th at 1:15 p.m.



IT'S MEGA-RAFFLE TIME

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.

Please return the raffle tickets in the collection basket in church today before the 12:00pm Mass or give them to Fr. Carey.





PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT/Religious Education Contact Information



Parents of PACT/Religious Education families are asked to update changes in their contact information with our Religious Education Office. Have you changed your e-mail address? Have a new cell phone? Moved? Please keep us updated with new contact information. As parents were reminded in our PACT sessions this year, each parish family receives a weekly e-mail blast with important parish information. If you do not receive this e-mail, please let us know.

E-mail religiously@stmarysdumont.org or call us at (201) 384-0557 Extension 20.

Confirmation Preparation

Monday Confirmation 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.



First Holy Communion



Please keep our candidates and their families in prayer, First Holy Communion Preparation begins with the *Morning with Jesus* Saturday, February 7th beginning at 10 a.m. Parents- check your information letter for more information about important preparation information.

Empowering God's Children

Parents are reminded that this year, we are covering *Lesson 3: Boundaries: You Have Rights! And Lesson 4: Secrets, Surprises and Promises in the Empowering God's Children* program.



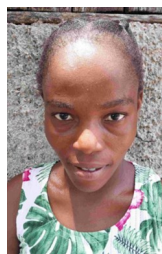
An e-mail link was sent to parents who opted to cover these chapters at home so they can indicate completion of this year's program. Thank you for helping us to provide safe environments for all our Children.

Elevator Notification List

In case the elevator is out of service and to avoid the unnecessary trip to the church to find out it's not working, we would like to establish a list who use or might use the elevator, with phone number or email so they can be notified.

Please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 or email us at info@stmarysdumont.org and give us the information.

Meet Cherlanda Pierre



Cherlanda Pierre lives in the village of Titans on Lagonave Island with her two children. Our sponsorship will ensure that her family escapes extreme poverty for good.

St. Mary's will be sponsoring Cherlanda Pierre and her family in Beyond Borders "Family Graduation Program."

Cherlanda is in the seventh cohort in the Family Graduation Program, launched in September 2025. After the selection and registration of all 110 families, programming began in late October. In ordinary times, families living in extreme poverty already face hunger, illness, and the inability to send their children to school. In the current crisis, however, families like the Pierre are even more at risk, including the possibility of sending their children away—making our prayers, solidarity and sponsorship that much more crucial.

Here are a few details about Cherlanda Pierre and her family:

- Cherlanda, 21, and her two children are homeless.
 - Without a source of income, she cannot provide for her children.
 - The family frequently goes hungry, according to their caseworker.
- Our sponsorship will give Cherlanda and her family a path to a much brighter future, one that is filled with dignity, hope, opportunity, and self-reliance.

The Family Graduation Program will allow Cherlanda to build her own home and begin earning the money needed to care for herself and her children. She will be equipped with the skills she needs so that she can provide for her children long after our sponsorship ends.

Caseworkers meet with families both individually and in groups, providing training on essential life skills—from hygiene and sanitation to saving and future planning. These sessions empower the community to collectively protect and defend the rights of all children, ensuring no child is sent away and put at risk of modern slavery.

We will be provided with regular updates on the Pierre family's progress as they move through the Family Graduation Program.

St. Mary's has pledged \$100 per month for 24 months for the Pierre's family participation in the Family Graduation Program. We will take up a collection on January 3-4 and January 10-11. Depending on how much is donated will determine when the next collection will be held.

For more information on Beyond Borders and the Family Graduation program contact Deacon John or visit beyondborders.net.

Update Corner



WE ARE HIS WITNESSES

<https://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/>



Timeline Review



Now is a moment for prayer, discernment, and preparation. From October through December, more than 420 listening sessions were held across the 212 parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark. The *Modeling Team* is prayerfully reviewing all the feedback received. At the same time, the *Implementation Task Force* is preparing Priests and Archdiocesan staff with the skills and resources needed to envision and embrace these new models. We ask for your prayers for all involved in these workstreams, as well as for all parishioners, priests, and parishes. May we remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and willing to step beyond our comfort zones to ensure the continuation of Christ's mission to proclaim the Good News!

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society Presents: Sunday Bingo!

Sunday, January 18, 2026

St. Mary's Church Szelest Hall (Gym), 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont
Please return reservation form below by THURSDAY, January 15, 2026

BINGO
Reservations: Cost - \$20
Includes: 11 Games of Bingo
Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Doors open at 1:30pm Bingo starts at 2:00pm

Additional Boards \$5
Bingo prizes start at \$20 per game
Prizes will be split if there are multiple winners to a game.
No one under the age of 18 will be admitted.
BYOB & Snacks permitted.
Walkins Welcome!

Come join us for a relaxing Sunday afternoon and some good old-fashioned fun!

Please contact Kathleen Mullins @ 201.310.1159 or email rosaryaltarsociety@stmarysdumont.org with any questions

Please note, tables are arranged in rows. Your party may be combined with another table. Please include names & payment for each person at your table. Please list additional people on the back of this form.

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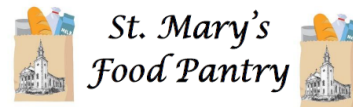
Amt Enclosed: \$ _____ Name/Phone Contact Person: _____

Please drop payment and form to the Rectory by THURSDAY, January 15 between 9 am & 5 pm or mail to St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ 07628

Food Pantry News

The St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support during 2025. We could not have helped so many families and seniors without their efforts. So in no particular order, our angels are:

- Father Carey, Father David, Deacon John Dory Weiss-Parish Secretary
- John Weiss - Business Administrator
- Kathy Sylvester-Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA
- Abner Buensalida, Rich Romaine & EJ McCartan - Maintenance
- Beth Meloscia and the Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- The Parishioners of St. Mary's and residents of Dumont
- Shop Rite of New Milford & Inserra Supermarkets
- The Boys & Girls Scouts of Dumont & New Milford
- The Honiss School Teachers & Staff
- The Honiss School Student Council
- The Bogota Middle School Youth Action Committee
- Our Confirmation Candidates
- Bergen Office of Food Security
- Janine Aiello, Erin Alloca, Nick Alloca, Matthew Bannon, Ben Basil, Mason Bell, Melissa Gracey, Joey Hakim, Andrew & Justin Hershkowitz, Jim Hursch, Alex Mendler, Margaret Molder & Betty Torres
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!
- Anna, Denise & Lynne



Happy New Year from the Food Pantry!

January is Can Can Month @ ShopRite! Can Can You Help Us?

January is Can Can month at ShopRite and the sales are fantastic! Can you help us? If so, the food pantry needs the following canned items: beans, tuna, chicken, fruit & tomatoes. Please place your donations in the baskets at the doors of the upper church. Donations may also be dropped at the Rectory during normal business hours. We will be accepting canned donations until the end of January.

Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless.
Anna, Denise & Lynne



Happy holidays from all of us here at The Nurturing Place,
York Street Project!

This festive season, we are sharing this message of thanks to express how incredibly grateful we are for the generous gifts you have all provided to our children and families. Your support during the Christmas season means the world to us and the families we serve. Your kindness embodies the true spirit of the season and has brought warmth and happiness to all of our families. You all make a tangible difference where it is needed most, our families believe that there is still hope and generosity in the world.

We wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year. We hope to continue this journey creating positive change with you in the coming year.

