

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

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

i will lay down
MY LIFE
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



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

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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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Saturday	April 20 - Vigil
5:30PM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday	April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Mattea Morin
10:00AM	Emily Stevens
12 Noon	Benjamin M. Canlas
Monday	April 22 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Dennis Daly, Jr.
8:45AM	John, Dan and Denis Daly
Tuesday	April 23 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Richard Schmude
8:45AM	Reynaldo Sadsad
Wednesday	April 24 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Florie Fitzgerald
8:45AM	Roger Orfila
Thursday	April 25 - St. Mark
7:00AM	Francis Fitzgerald
8:45AM	Hannah Matthews
Friday	April 26 - Easter Weekday
7:00AM	Anthony and Anna Tarabocchia
8:45AM	Dominick Ciriaco, Sr.
Saturday	April 27 - Easter Weekday
8:30AM	Richie Martinez
5:30PM	Helen Zawaski
Sunday	April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Denis J. Kaminski
12 Noon	Andrew Mirto



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Arthur P. King, Jr. requested by Eleanor King.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and in memory of Evan Awen, Sr. requested by his family.

Recently Deceased

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Grace Gelormino Zair and George Collantes.

This Week



Sunday – April 21

8:30AM PACT Saints Church/School

10:00AM Choir

10:00AM Adult Confirmation

Monday – April 22

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

8:00PM Basketball SH

Tuesday – April 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Irish Step Dancing SH/LS

6:00PM FHC Prep #3 Church/School

Wednesday - April 24

After 8:45AM OLPH Novena and Rosary UC

6:30PM Refresh Easter Decorations

7:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – April 25

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:30PM Irish Step Dancing LS

7:00PM RCIA Class Rectory

8:00PM Basketball (Tuy) SH

Friday – April 26

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC

5:00PM Aramaic School

8:00PM Basketball SH

Saturday – April 27

8:00AM Korean School

Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Sunday – April 28

10:00AM Choir

1:00PM PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

4:00PM Confirmation Church

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Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



My first year at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, there were 68 students in residence. Slightly more than half were studying for the Archdiocese of Newark. The others were from various neighboring dioceses. When I was finishing my studies, five years later, there were only 46 students. They are significantly fewer now and most of them are studying for service in other diocese.

When I was ordained 26 years ago, I was one of 16 men ordained for service in the Archdiocese of Newark. Last May, only 4 men were ordained for service in the Archdiocese of Newark. This year, I think that there are only 2 candidates for priesthood ordination in our Archdiocese.

The sad reality is that each year, more priests are retiring or are dying than are being ordained. As many other dioceses have already done, the Archdiocese must seriously consider closing parishes and merging others. In many other parts of our country, one priest may be asked to serve in two or three different churches. The shortage of priests that has plagued many dioceses across our nation has already seriously affected our Archdiocese and how we operate.

The 4th Sunday of Easter is always referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because each year we read a different part of St. John's Gospel about Jesus, the Good Shepherd who cares for all his sheep. The Church has designated Good Shepherd Sunday to be a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While it is important to see that each of us is called to a particular vocation be it married life, single life, or a vocation to priesthood or religious life, Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us of a special need to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Each of us must work to promote vocations. Sometimes asking the question is all that is needed to plant the seed of a vocation. We must also support those who are in the discernment process and those in the seminary. But most of all, we must pray. Pray that God will call more men to ordained ministry and that more men will say yes to that call.

Fr. Carey

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

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Arvin Erd...John M. Kathleen Oates...Ann Marie Maurice...Myra D'Silva Steve Riccardi...Concepcion Santos...Brian O'Dowd Michael Hayes...Ted Widman...Arsenia Carrasco 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 Josefina Caoli...Jeanne Kwederis...Miss Giusi S. Mariantonia D...Fran D...Audrey Maguire Daniel Robbins...Katie Hubert...Billy Schweizer Carole Chittenden...Alisen Herman...Darwin Pabico Jing Santamaria...Dolores O'Dowd...Nicole Sorce Baby Jason Aldo...Jeannine

Lenten Giving Tree Donations for The Nurturing Place - Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated to our Lenten Giving Tree and to all the volunteers who helped packed the donated items - Cris Banzil, Ken D'Silva, Richard Tedesco, Carmen Vicente and confirmation candidates. Special Thank You goes to Josie Parrella for once again heading this ministry.



Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - May 3, 2024

On Friday, May 3rd, 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.





PACT/Religious Education Program

April PACT/Religious Education Program Sessions


Our April PACT/Religious Education sessions are our final family sessions as we shift our focus on preparing for Easter season sacramental celebrations. Parents are asked to prioritize the April sessions as we will review our progress this past year, and register for next year's program.

New Families – PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT is a family program provided for all parish families with children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic schools (we also have a small Kindergarten group). Children who attend regular Religious Education or Catholic school are then prepared separately for First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation.

Parents of families new to the program meet with our director for a brief orientation. To schedule an appointment or for more information e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20. Thank you!

First Holy Communion Preparation

 Please pray for our First Holy Communion candidates and their families who we will welcome to the table of the Lord during our Easter Season. Our regular preparation sessions for First Holy Communion are Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning with prayer and song in the church. The next session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd. Be sure to check your First Holy Communion Preparation schedule for other important dates and announcements.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Please take this opportunity to pray for our candidates, their families, and our community that the Holy Spirit may enliven us to be witnesses of the Good News in our families, neighborhoods, and world. Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated with Bishop Flesey on April 28th here at St. Mary's. Check your Confirmation Preparation schedule for other important information.



Contact Information Update



PACT/Religious Education parents- please ensure that your contact information is correct so that we may contact you when necessary. Have you changed a phone number- or have a new cellphone? Do you receive e-mails with important updates from St. Mary's PACT and from the parish? Have you moved? To update your information, e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 20.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgies

The archdiocese is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin:

May 5, 2024 12:00 PM 5 years & 25 years (All counties)


June 2, 2024 12:00 PM 50 years (All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join them. Please note, whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023, the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

If you would like to participate in one of these liturgies, you need to come to the parish office and fill in a registration form so that they know the names and the number of those attending each liturgy.


Saint Mary's Altar & Rosary Society
 Invites you to...
3rd Annual CRAFT NIGHT



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Friday
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Tables of 8, please include names & payment for each person at your table

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office by May 1, 2024
 Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society.

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>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Collections: April 13 - 14	\$7,812.00	\$7,750.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>1,304.00</u>	<u>1,905.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,116.00</u>	<u>\$9,655.00</u>

Collections for March 31 Easter will be in the future bulletins.

Treasure from our children: \$13.00

Here are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

- "I talked with parents about lesson."**
- "I helped someone."**
- "I said my prayers."**



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.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$36,405.33 already pledged. This is approximately 82% of our goal, from 146 families as of Friday, April 16, 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/ sharing or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your prayers and support.




Food Pantry News

Thank you to Mrs. Demetrakis and the Jr Youth Action Committee of the Bogota Middle School for collecting over 300 non-perishable food items for our pantry.
 And Margaret Molder for delivering it to St. Mary's! Their generosity to our food pantry is amazing!

"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one"
 St. Mother Teresa

God Bless Our Youth!



St. Mary's Church



2024 Offerings

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