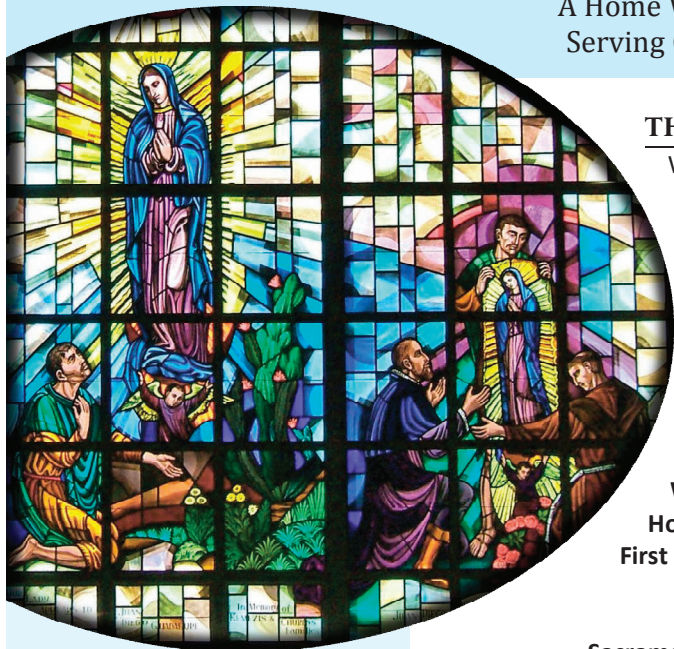


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Kindly notify the Rectory Office if you change your address or move from our parish community. Please see our website for Parish Calendar and more information about Sacraments and Parish Life.

Rectory

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201-768-7565

Parish cell phone number for emergencies only: 201-956-0218

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:
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*Closed for lunch between
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Parish Website

www.stmarycloster.org

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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
and by appointment

THE MISSION OF ST. MARY'S

We the family of St. Mary's of Closter, fervently believe in the fatherhood of God whom we come to know through the Lord Jesus Christ. We dedicate ourselves to the promotion of the spiritual and temporal welfare of our parish and our community. To this end, we direct our prayers to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through Mary the Blessed Mother and Patroness of our parish family.

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

Saturday (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*)----- 5:00 PM

Sunday----- 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Weekdays (*Monday through Saturday*)----- 8:00 AM

Holy Days & Civic Holidays----- As announced the Sunday before

First Fridays- Holy Hour: 7:00 PM; Mass with Prayers for Healing: 8:00 PM;
Adoration: 9:00 PM-Midnight

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
First Friday: 7:15 - 7:45 PM
or call for an appointment.

Spouse of the Spirit Prayer Group

7:30 PM Fridays except First Friday.
All welcome.

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday -
7:00 - 8:00 PM and as scheduled.

Holy Hour: Thursday, 7:30 PM - Church

Marian Devotions: Miraculous Medal
Novena and Recitation of the Rosary:
Saturdays after 8:00 AM Mass.

Information regarding Sacraments, Parish Ministries and Care of the Sick & Homebound can be found on our website. To arrange baptisms or weddings call Father or the parish office.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT † DECEMBER 4, 2016

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 –
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***Is. 11: 1-10; Rom. 15: 4-9; Mt. 3: 1-12*

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Lorraine Parent
 req. by Evening Scripture Study
11:30 AM Marie Pochini / req. by Carol and Ben Matera

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 – ADVENT WEEKDAY*Is. 35: 1-10; Lk. 5: 17-26*

- 8:00 AM** Carmela Giangola
 req. by Women's Cornerstone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 – ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP*Is. 40: 1-11; Mt. 18: 12-14*

- 8:00 AM** Connie Fiorenza
 req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 – ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH***Is. 40: 25-31; Mt. 11: 28-30*

- 8:00 AM** Joseph Vecchio / req. by the Grieco Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***Gn. 3: 9-15, 20; Eph. 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1: 26-38*

- 8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Bishop and Hau
 Families / req. by Dick and Jane Bishop
12 Noon All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
7:30 PM Agnes Gorman / req. by the Gardeski Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 –
ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN***Is. 48: 17-19; Mt. 11: 16-19*

- 8:00 AM** Rose and George Frank
 req. by Georgene Smith and Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 – ADVENT WEEKDAY*Sir. 48: 1-4, 9-11; Mt. 17: 9a, 10-13*

- 8:00 AM** Adam Tobia / req. by Rita Tobia
5:00 PM Catherine and Patrick Cosgrove
 req. by Mary Rogan

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 –
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***Is. 35: 1-6a, 10; Jas. 5: 7-10; Mt. 11: 2-11*

- 7:30 AM** Art Ditzel / req. by the Ditzel Family
9:30 AM Carole and Jerome Koch
 req. by Linda C. Gaydos
11:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS****Altar Bread** – In memory of Michael and Nellie Duffy.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Second Sunday of Advent invites us to prepare a way for the Lord. In the words of John the Baptist, we are invited to make preparation to deepen our friendship with Jesus during this special time of preparation called Advent. First and foremost by receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, secondly by personal prayer with the daily mass readings of Advent, perhaps by spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we have adoration of the Eucharist every Monday night for an hour of silent prayer 7:00 – 8:00 PM, or with others on Thursday nights with the small prayer group that gathers before the tabernacle. Or perhaps trying something like our prayer group on Friday evenings? Whatever you decide to do, plan to do something to bring about your spiritual growth. God is light in him there is no darkness the scriptures tell us. May we seek to come into the fullness of God's light and love in the Advent Season. God wants us to put the "ax to the root" and root out of our lives all that keeps us from coming closer to Him.

Have a blessed Advent.

Love, Fr. Paul.

**ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH
THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP***Last Sunday's collection was as follows:*

Amount Collected in 121 Sunday Envelopes \$5,502.00
 Total Collected in Loose Money \$725.00
 Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment \$7.00
 Total Sunday Collection \$6,234.00
 Last year's collection for same week was \$5,696.00

Special Collection

Collected in 1 add'l. Immaculate Conception Env.... \$200.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." – Matthew 3: 10*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ally Aagard, Paula Bertelloni, Alana Bronze, Diego Bronze, Mary Ann Buckley, Dolores Collier, Michael Conmy, Lee Ann Davito, Frank Forte, Lillian Guyt, Ed Koch, Teresa Meierdierks, Donna Oettinger, John Pagano, Richard Pinto, Jim Walsh

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Candle, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Flowers and Plants are available the remainder of 2016.

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

12/4 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC

Coffee Connection after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses – Sponsored by the Religious Education Parents
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5

12/5 – MONDAY

10:30 AM – Scrip Orders being placed
No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

12/6 – TUESDAY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Moms' Group – Parish Life Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Support Group for Caregivers of Frail Elderly – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Cornerstone Sisters – Parish Life Room
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

12/7 – WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Center for Spiritual Development

12/8 – THURSDAY

All Parish Offices Closed – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM
7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – K of C Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

12/9 – FRIDAY

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
7:30 PM – Spouse of the Spirit Prayer Group – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

12/10 – SATURDAY

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

12/11 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Third Order Lay Carmelites – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Confirmation Session

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There are two collections next weekend **December 10th** and **11th**. The second collection is for the Retired Religious. Thank you.

Sunday, November 20th collection was as follows:

Amount Collected 149 in Sunday Envelopes\$6,693.00
Total Collected in Loose Money..... \$703.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment..... \$15.00
Total Sunday Collection\$7,411.00
Last year's collection for same week was.....\$5,220.00

Special Collections

Collected in 32 Black and Indian Relief Env. \$383.00
Collected in 4 Additional All Saint's Env. \$80.00
Collected in 2 Additional World Mission Env..... \$25.00

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **December 5th**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Parish Life Room. **Pivotal Players**, presented by Bishop Robert Barron, **Significant Saints in the Catholic Church**, facilitated by Fr. Leo Butler and Sr. Georgette Dublino.

MOMS' GROUP

Tuesday, **December 6th**, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.

CORNERSTONE SISTERS

Tuesday, **December 6th**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Parish Life Room. All are invited as we come together with our new participants.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesday, **December 7th**, Scripture Study, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Parish Life Room, evening session, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, in the Center for Spiritual Development. Come as we enter into the beautiful scriptures of ADVENT.

ST. MARY'S GOLDEN AGERS SOCIAL GROUP

Meets the second Monday of every month in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall at 1:00 PM. All seniors of our parish are more than welcome to be part of this group.

GIVING TREE GIFTS

All gifts are to be returned by **December 11th** at the latest.

ANNUAL PBA TOY DRIVE

The Closter Police Dept. and Northern Valley PBA Local 233 is sponsoring their annual toy drive to benefit the Sanzari Children's Hospital, Tomorrow's Children Hospital, Birthright of Bergen County, Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey, and military families. **New UNWRAPPED toys** for children can be left by Sunday, **December 18th** in the donation boxes located in both side vestibules. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND GIFT FAIR

Looking for that last minute gift, office grab bag or hostess gift?? Look no further!! Come and browse through the items from local crafters for that perfect gift. Sunday, **December 18th**, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Vendors welcome, please e-mail Emily Griffin at 'griffinemily02@gmail.com'. Tables are \$20.00 each, checks payable to Church of St. Mary.

K OF C QUEEN OF PEACE COUNCIL #3679



Steven Ditzel, a member of St. Mary's Queen of Peace Council, is congratulated by Grand Knight John Hernandez on ascending to the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The Exemplification was held at The Fiesta on Sunday, November 20th, 2016 and attended by his parents John & Grace Ditzel and over 350 Knights and dignitaries. Ditzel will continue with Queen of Peace Council #3679 as Assistant Chaplain and Chairman of Publicity. As a Fourth Degree Knight he is eligible to join the Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly #1289 and the Color Corps. The Fourth and final degree is known as the Patriotic Degree and the Exemplification ceremony covered that facet in great detail. Henceforth, he will be known throughout the Knights of Columbus as Sir Knight Steven Ditzel. Please join us in congratulating him for his outstanding achievement.

St. Mary's Christmas Food Drive



To benefit the ClosterTown Pantry

Food in a Bag

Please provide the following **non-perishables** in a brown paper bag:

2-3 cans of a vegetable

1-2 Boxes of potatoes **or** rice **or** a pasta side (the kind you see in a pouch)

1 jar or can of fruit (applesauce, fruit cocktail, peaches etc.)

1 condiment - pickles, olives, mustard etc.

Feel free to add other non-perishables and holiday extras such as:

cake mix/muffin mix cookies nuts candies candy canes Christmas napkins/paper plates candles

a card to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

- Please label the bag -Food in a Bag
- The bag may be left in the north side vestibule (nearest the Spiritual Center)
- **Food drive ends December 18**
- Any questions please call Maureen Logerfo @201-784-3891
- **Please, nothing open or expired-items cannot be distributed.**

The clients have truly enjoyed the meals given in the past-you've been so generous!

Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas!

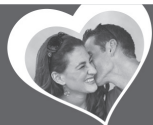
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