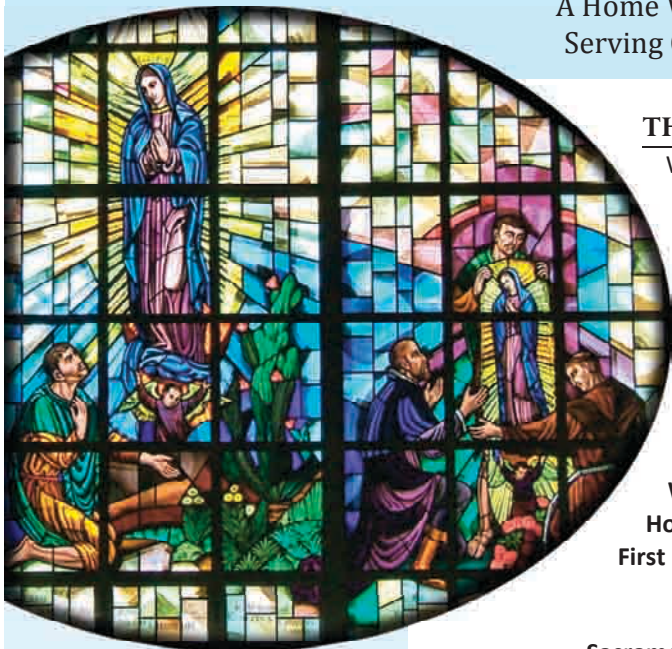


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Please see our website for Parish
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about Sacraments and Parish Life.*

Rectory

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201-768-7565

*Parish cell phone number for
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Rectory Office Hours

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*Closed for lunch between
12 Noon & 1:00 PM*

Parish Website

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Center Hours

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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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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD † JANUARY 1, 2017

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Nm. 6: 22-27; Gal. 4: 4-7; Lk. 2: 16-21

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Jacqueline DaSilva
 req. by Norma and Al Evans
11:30 AM Margaret Cully / req. by the Torre Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

1 Jn. 2: 22-28; Jn. 1: 19-28

- 8:00 AM** Dino Cristofolletti
 req. by the Cristofolletti Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 – THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

1 Jn. 2: 29-3; Jn. 1: 29-34

- 8:00 AM** Louise Andreola / req. by the Larre Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 – ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn. 3: 7-10; Jn. 1: 35-42

- 8:00 AM** Charlie Albanese / req. by Jack Caldwell

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 – ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn. 3: 11-21; Jn. 1: 43-51

- 8:00 AM** Ann Angresano / req. by Eleanor Fanelli

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 – ST. ANDRE' BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn. 5: 5-13; Mk. 1: 7-11 or Lk. 3: 23-28 or 3: 23, 31-34, 36, 38

- 8:00 AM** Kenny Guile / req. by Tony Neusch
8:00 PM Elizabeth Mendolia / req. by Mona Grbic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

1 Jn. 5: 14-21; Jn. 2: 1-11

- 8:00 AM** Vera Venezia / req. by Bev Watkins & Family
5:00 PM Paul Vecchio / req. by the Bertelloni Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is. 60: 1-6; Eph. 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt. 2: 1-12

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Maria Hockenmaier / req. by the Family
11:30 AM Carmelita Merino
 req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Candle, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Flowers and Plants are available **throughout 2017**.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

A blessed New Year to all of you with many blessings for 2017. Today as it should be we honor the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Mary Mother of God. Our Mother, whom we can turn to whenever we are in need of powerful intercession for our needs and for our lives. Mary was obedient to God's will in her life as we are all called to be and she responded to God's grace in her life as we are to do in ours as well. Holy Amazement can be our reaction too as we see the wonders God wants to do in our lives as well, when we give God permission to move in our lives. When we have the courage to turn our lives over to Him, rather than trying to control everything ourselves, God's plan unfolded in the fullness of time, and in the fullness of time, we too will experience the unfolding of God's plan in our lives as well.

Have a blessed New Year, love, Fr Paul.

ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's collection was as follows:

Amount Collected in Sunday Envelopes	\$0.00
Total Collected in Loose Money	\$0.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment	\$0.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$0.00
Last year's collection for same week was	\$4,377.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." – Luke 2: 19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.



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

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Dorothy Hofmann, req. by Joan Westervelt.

Altar Wine – In memory of the Brautigan Sisters, req. by Joan Westervelt.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – For the special intentions of Fran Semler, req. by Thom and Grace Calabro.

Sanctuary Candle – In memory of Presley Miranda and Anna Rapisarda, req. by Mona Grbic.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

1/1 – SUNDAY

No – LWC

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM – Masses

Coffee Connections after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses – sponsored by the Sanctuary Guild

1/2 – MONDAY

All Parish Offices Closed

No – Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

No – Deepening the Journey

1/3 – TUESDAY

No – Moms' Group

No – Cornerstone Sisters

No – Parish Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Support Group for Caregivers of Frail Elderly – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Church

1/4 – WEDNESDAY

No – Morning Scripture Study

4:00 PM – Choristers Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

No – Evening Scripture Study

1/5 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

1/6 – FRIDAY

7:00 PM – Confessions and Holy Hour

8:00 PM – Mass with Prayers for Healing followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

1/7 – SATURDAY

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Support Group for Eating Disorders – Parish Life Room

1/8 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5

SAVE THE DATES

Catholic Men's Conference – Saturday, **March 4th**, 2017 at Seton Hall University, 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM.

Women's Commission Day of Reflection – Saturday, **March 11th**, 2017, Seton Hall University.

– FROM THE PASTORS DESK –

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God has blessed all of us with many talents and gifts in our lives and we are invited to share them with others. The opportunity to serve God and one another is a tremendous gift and blessing. At this time of year in which we are called to give I as your pastor invite you to give of yourself to our parish. You many volunteer in the community but have never even thought of volunteering in your parish. We have many ministry opportunities for you to serve each week when you come to mass. Hospitality, Greeter, Usher, Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Choir. Perhaps you have never been asked to give of your time and talent to your parish. We have many who serve already, and we need many more. I would ask you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to be blessed and be a blessing to others. All willing hands and hearts are welcome to serve at whatever mass you come to on Sundays. Just let me know of your interest and thank you for your anticipated response. Fr. Paul

COFFEE CONNECTION

Coffee Connection is sponsored by the Sanctuary Guild after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. All are welcome to join us in the Fr. Kevin Cahill room for a cup of coffee and a sweet treat.

2017 CALENDARS

2017 calendars are available in the vestibules. Thank you to the Moritz Funeral Home for their sponsorship of our Parish Calendars.

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY, MOMS' GROUP, CORNERSTONE AND SCRIPTURE STUDY

These ministries break for Christmas Recess until the week of **January 8th, 2017**. A Joy-Filled Christmas and Blessed New Year!

TRAVELING STATUE

We have a traveling Blessed Mother Statue. To host in your home for one week please call Toni Pozotrigio at 201-750-2756 for more details or to sign up. God bless those who welcome our Lady!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED Baptized Between June and December 2016

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Ava Marie Blasko

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Abrielle Maria Matics

Harrison James Matics



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