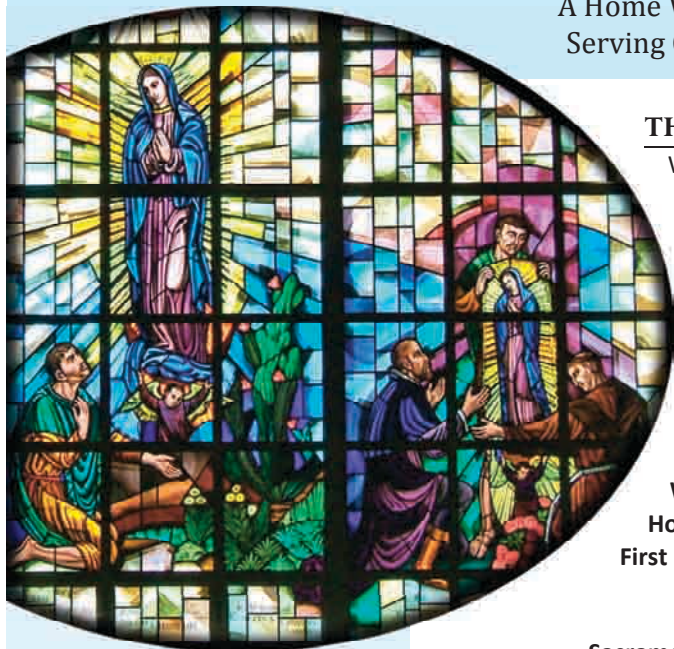


# CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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## PARISH OFFICES

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

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

### Parish Website

[www.stmarycloster.org](http://www.stmarycloster.org)

### Center for Spiritual Development and Religious Education

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### Center Hours

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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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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † JANUARY 29, 2017**

## ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Zep. 2: 3, 3: 12-13; 1 Cor. 1: 26-31; Mt. 5: 1-12a*

- 7:30 AM** Fr. Norbert Laskowski  
req. by Ralph and Ginger DeNicola
- 9:30 AM** Patricia Rauch  
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro
- 11:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 30 – WEEKDAY

*Heb. 11: 32-40; Mk. 5: 1-20*

- 8:00 AM** Douglas Bennigtor / req. by Mona Grbic

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 – ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

*Heb. 12: 1-4; Mk. 5: 21-43*

- 8:00 AM** Samuel Iacone  
req. by the Hildenbrand Family

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – WEEKDAY

*Heb. 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mk. 6: 1-6*

- 8:00 AM** John White III  
req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*Mal. 3: 1-4; Heb. 2: 14-18; Lk. 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32*

- 8:00 AM** Guy Anthony Blehl  
req. by Rev. Paul A. Cannariato

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR; ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP

*Heb. 13: 1-8; Mk. 6: 14-29*

- 8:00 AM** Chip Hartwell / req. by Sara and Dave Reeves
- 8:00 PM** James Sansavero  
req. by Rev. Paul A. Cannariato

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – WEEKDAY

*Heb. 13: 15-17, 20-21; Mk. 6: 30-34*

- 8:00 AM** Leonora Baltazar / req. by Julie Torres
- 5:00 PM** Jim Hayes / req. by Jack Caldwell

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Is. 58: 7-10; 1 Cor. 2: 1-5; Mt. 5: 13-16*

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
- 9:30 AM** Jacqueline DaSilva / req. by Sue Brueck
- 11:30 AM** Eugene and Margaret Bergandi  
req. by the Grbic Family



### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sanctuary Flowers and Plants** – In memory of Lee and George Hofmann.

### PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

*"But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them."*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, with these words from this week's scriptures, we are reminded that those who will follow the way of Jesus, who follow His beatitudes, are a prophetic remnant in the midst of the world. We live as Catholic Christians in the world but not of its values, morality or values. This is what separates us and sets us apart; we are consecrated to God and His ways. God places us in the world to have a positive influence on it.

This past Friday many of us marched in Washington D.C. at the March for Life. We in silence walked and proclaimed that all life is sacred, from conception to natural death, that the child in the womb to the elderly man and woman's life is valuable and is to be protected and upheld. That all creation is sacred. The life of the refugee, the life of the poor, the life of those on the margins of society are as important as the rich and powerful of the world, in the eyes of God. May we never forget this absolute Truth, as we go about our business in this world.

Have a blessed week,

Love, Fr. Paul

### ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

*Last Sunday's collection was as follows:*

Amount Collected in 119 Sunday Envelopes .....	\$3,904.00
Total Collected in Loose Money .....	\$706.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment .....	\$720.00
Total Sunday Collection .....	\$5,330.00

Last year's collection for same week was ..... \$2,884.00

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5: 3*

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

### 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 **throughout 2017.**

## ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

#### 1/29 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5

#### 1/30 – MONDAY

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 – Center for Spiritual Development

#### 1/31 – TUESDAY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Moms' Group – Parish Life Room

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM – Moms' Group – Parish Life Room

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 6 – 7

No – Cornerstone Sisters

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

#### 2/1 – WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room

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

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Center for Spiritual Development

No – Men's Cornerstone

#### 2/2 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

#### 2/3 – 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

#### 2/4 – SATURDAY

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

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

#### 2/5 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC

Coffee Connections after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses – sponsored by Stewardship/Finance  
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5

### SAVE THE DATES

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

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

### – FROM THE PASTORS DESK –

*Sharing God's Blessing Appeal is next weekend. Our goal is \$28,200. Those who receive envelopes for this you will be receiving them shortly.*

#### **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> collection was as follows:**

Amount Collected 124 in Sunday Envelopes.....\$4,279.00

Total Collected in Loose Money.....\$1,047.00

Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment.....\$27.00

Total Sunday Collection.....\$5,353.00

Last year's collection for same week was.....\$5,283.00

#### **Special Collections**

Collected in 1 Additional Christmas Envelope. ....\$75.00

#### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Total Christmas Collection to Date.....\$29,363.00

Total Christmas Flower Collection to Date.....\$1,867.00

Thank you to all who contributed so generously this Christmas.

#### **DEEPENING THE JOURNEY**

Monday, **January 30<sup>th</sup>**, presentation by Bishop Robert Barron, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Conclusion on Blessed John Henry Neuman a Redemptorist Priest, Center for Spiritual Development.

#### **MOMS' GROUP**

##### **Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)**

**An Invitation from MOMS to Moms ... To all you wonderful Moms (age doesn't matter!) You are invited to our MOMS Group which meets on Tuesdays. Come and see who we are and what we are about. Information sessions are planned on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM and (will be repeated) 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM. (Attend whichever time works best for you ... and bring another mom also if you wish!) **Parish Life Room** which is located in the school building (entrance is at the top of the parking lot ramp). Refreshments will be provided and **free babysitting is available!** More details can be found in the brochures in the church vestibules. RSVP is not required but would be helpful in our planning. Sue at 201-262-6185 or Maria at 201-750-0806.**

#### **WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – In Parishes, February 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Please pray for Religious Vocations special on this day, and be sure to thank them for their commitment. There are Prayer Cards in the vestibules for you.

#### **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE HELPS NEW HOPE, INC.**

During the month of February, the month as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day and Love, our PRO-LIFE Committee will be hosting a **Gift Card Fund Raiser for New Hope, Inc.** New Hope provides infant car seats and all other essential needs to single Moms and their babies. They can use gift cards to: **Buy Buy Baby, Stop 'n Shop and Shop Rite.** They can combine all the cards together to purchase car seats, which are quite costly, and/or whatever they need. When you purchase these GIFT CARDS from St. Mary's Scrip Program, (next order being placed **February 6<sup>th</sup>**) our Church receives a percentage of the price, with no extra cost to you. **This is a WIN-WIN situation. Please place your gift cards in an envelope marked – PRO LIFE, and drop it in the weekend basket collection, OR drop off at the Rectory at your convenience, and give to Grace Ditzel.**

Please find it in your heart to help the Moms who have lovingly and courageously **Chosen Life for their pre-born babies.** Any questions – please call Mary-Anne Colucci 201-599-9430 or e-mail [msalisabeth@aol.com](mailto:msalisabeth@aol.com) OR Jill Ciotti --- 201-956-2389 or e-mail [jill.ciotti@gmail.com](mailto:jill.ciotti@gmail.com).



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