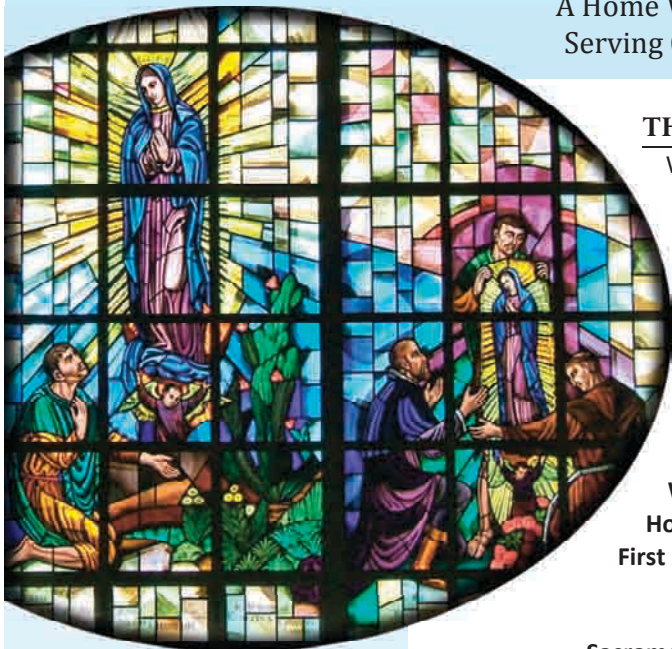


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Kindly notify the Rectory Office if you change your address or move from our parish community. Please see our website for Parish Calendar and more information about Sacraments and Parish Life.

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201-768-7565

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

Rectory Office Hours

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

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Parish Website

www.stmarycloster.org

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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT † MARCH 19, 2017

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex. 17: 3-7; Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn. 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Rosalinda and Nicola DiMarco
req. by the DiMarco Family
11:30 AM Members of the Piezas Family
req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

MONDAY, MARCH 20 –

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Sm. 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt. 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk. 2:41-51a

- 8:00 AM** Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr., & Josephine Hofmann
req. by the Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Dn. 3: 25, 24-43; Mt. 18: 21-35

- 8:00 AM** Donald McCabe / req. by Margaret Francavilla

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Dn. 4: 1, 5-9; Mt. 5: 17-19

- 8:00 AM** Angela D'Agnese / req. by Mona Grbic

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 –

ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Jer. 7: 23-28; Lk. 11: 14-23

- 8:00 AM** Louis Buonomo
req. by Deepening the Journey

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Hos. 14: 2-10; Mk. 12: 28-34

- 8:00 AM** Dorothy Hofmann
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cappelluti

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 –

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is. 7: 10-14, 8-10; Heb. 10: 4-10; Lk. 1: 26-38

- 8:00 AM** Deceased Members of Kelly and Kearney
Families / req. by Ita and Bernard Kelly
5:00 PM Ann Angresano / req. by Ed & Carolyn Rogan

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm. 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5: 8-14; Jn. 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Donald Krueger
req. by Roger and Peggy Austria
11:30 AM Peter and Veronica DeFabiis
req. by Gloria Tropiano



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Kathleen and Joseph Mann.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the third Sunday of Lent, and the scriptures today focus our attention on the woman at the well who comes in search of water but finds not only physical water but spiritual living water as well. On our Lenten journey, Jesus wants us to drink from the well of the living water of the truth of the gospel message and to experience personal transformation by our encounter of Jesus who is the living water of life. All we have to do is have the desire to receive what God wants to give to us. Lent is a time to deepen our personal encounter with Jesus and to rediscover or perhaps discover for the very first time, the power of God's Word, the power of the scriptures, the power of the Eucharist, and the power of prayer.

We are also called to discover the power of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins that is once we have examined our consciences.

We are called to meet Jesus anew in this Lenten season and to allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the fullness of His Life.

Have a blessed Lent.

Love, Fr. Paul

ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's collection was as follows:

Amount Collected in 111 Sunday Envelopes	\$4,043.00
Total Collected in Loose Money	\$501.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment	\$285.00
Collected in 4 Heat and Fuel Envelopes	\$175.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$5,004.00

Last year's collection for same week was \$5,722.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." –
John 4: 13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

Special Collection

Collected in 35 Peter's Pence Envelopes.	\$570.00
Collected in 4 Additional Retired Priest Envelopes. ...	\$53.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

3/19 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC

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

10:45 AM – Choir at Mass – Robed

12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Third Order Lay Carmelites – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Confirmation Session

3/20 – MONDAY

10:00 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parish Life Room

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

8:00 PM W(hine), Cheese and the Good News

3/21 – TUESDAY

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

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

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room No – Cornerstone Sisters

3/22 – 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

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

3/23 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Women-to-Women – Parish Life Room

3/24 – FRIDAY

7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross - Church

8:00 PM – Spouse of the Spirit Prayer Group – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

3/25 – SATURDAY

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

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

3/26 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC

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

No Choir

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **March 20th**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Center for Spiritual Development, DVD Series, Bishop Robert Barron, Pivotal Players, Michaelangelo. All are welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesday, **March 22nd**, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Breaking open the upcoming Sunday Readings! New comers always welcome!

WOMEN-TO-WOMEN

It's 2017. Do you know what your children are looking at on their phone? In our next **Women-to-Women** session, the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Child and Youth Protection will offer a 90 minute session to update us on the dangers our youth face when they use modern technology.

Thursday, **March 23rd**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. Registration is required by **March 19th**. Please e-mail Maria Matos at mmatos3723@gmail.com. Doors will open at 7:15 PM and we will begin at 7:30 PM. This is a free event.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Sacred Heart Church in Haworth is planning its annual Lenten Soup Supper on Saturday, **March 25th** at 6:00 PM in their Church hall. There will be a large selection of homemade soups. The menu includes fresh bread, rolls, butter, desserts, Starbucks Coffee, tea and water. Eat as much as you like. No tickets will be required. A free-will collection will be offered to our guest speaker's charity. Come and enjoy this evening. If you have questions please phone Mary Ann at 201-387-2060 or Vincent at 201-387-1994. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION OUTFITS

Clean, slightly used/new First Communion suits/dresses being collected by our Archdiocese for needy families **February 27th through March 31st**. Drop off at the rectory.

STEPHANIE CYWINSKI-OBRIEN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

For the 10th consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school, as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office. Applications are due **March 31st** with decisions to be made by April 30th.

LENTEN ACTIVITY-EASTER FOOD DRIVE

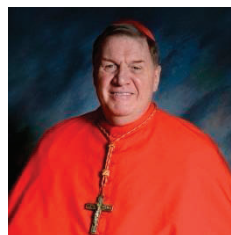
Our Easter Food Drive to benefit the Closter Town Pantry has begun. We ask for non-perishables and holiday items to be placed in a bag, labeled Easter Food Drive and be donated no later than Wednesday, **April 5th**. Donations can be left by the pantry door in the north side vestibule. For more information see the posters in the vestibules or call Maureen Logerfo at 201-784-3891. Thank you for your generosity!

Please, no opened or expired food, such items cannot be passed along.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

Every couple who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage during 2017 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Five and twenty-five years on Sunday, **April 30th** at 3:00 PM and fifty years on Sunday, **May 7th** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** for April 30th is Wednesday, **April 12th** and the deadline for May 7th is Friday, **April 21st**.

SAVE THE DATE



Joseph Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark is coming here to Church of St. Mary on Tuesday, **April 18th**. He will celebrate Mass at 7:30 PM and a light reception and informal dialogue will follow in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall.



Church Spring Cleaning

Saturday, April 8th ~ 9am to 12noon

(or 12noon to 3pm if Church is needed for a morning funeral)

We are reminded by Fr. Paul that all are called to live out our faith, and build the Kingdom of God here on earth by sharing our time, talent and treasure. Here's an opportunity to get involved in our parish by volunteering your time and talent.

Our church sanctuary is cleaned weekly (floors vacuumed, bathroom cleaned, etc.) by a paid cleaning service. However twice a year, before Advent and Easter, we invite parishioners to volunteer and give our church a more thorough cleaning ~ wipedown the pews, dust to remove cobwebs, dust the votive candle stands, etc.

Okay, cleaning is not glamorous, but it is necessary to keep our church sanctuary looking clean and welcoming. Especially as we prepare our sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter, and a visit by Cardinal Tobin.

And there are additional benefits....spendquality time with God while keeping His house clean....meetother parishioners....burncalories. Talk about multi-tasking!!

Any amount of time you can contribute to help clean on April 8th is appreciated. Parents, this activity counts towards community service hours for teenagers.

Please RSVP to Chris Hofmann (768-6535). Light breakfast will be served.

Thank you!



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