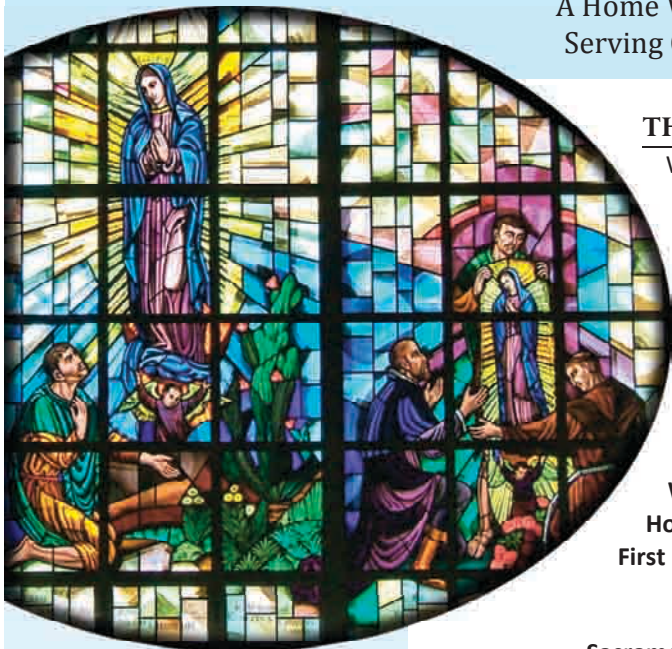


# CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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

20 Legion Place  
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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

*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

Monday - Friday:  
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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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT † APRIL 2, 2017**

## ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 2 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Ez. 37: 12-14; Rom. 8: 8-11; Jn. 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45*

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased  
**9:30 AM** Patricia Fleming  
req. by the Hildenbrand Family  
**11:30 AM** Jacqueline DaSilva / req. by Linda DiRese

#### MONDAY, APRIL 3 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

*Dn. 13: 1-9, 15-17, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62; Jn. 8: 1-11*

- 8:00 AM** Francisca and Alex Rios  
req. by the Grbic Family

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 4 –

#### ST. ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

*Nm. 21: 4-9; Jn. 8: 21-30*

- 8:00 AM** Dorothy Michel / req. by the Menezes Family

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 – ST. VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST

*Dn. 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn. 8: 31-42*

- 8:00 AM** Catherine Marino  
req. by Mary Macchiavelli and Family

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 6 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

*Gn. 17: 3-9; Jn. 8: 51-59*

- 8:00 AM** Miriam Capone  
req. by Florence and George Mertz

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 7 –

#### ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST

*Jer. 20: 10-13; Jn. 10: 31-42*

- 8:00 AM** Intentions of Fran Semler  
req. by Florence Mertz  
**8:00 PM** Mary Moliterno / req. by the Vecchio Family

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

*Ez. 37: 21-28; Jn. 11: 45-56*

- 8:00 AM** William Anthony Fox / req. by Allison Suter  
**5:00 PM** Ellen G. Saporito  
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Petrinic

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 9 –

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Mt. 21: 1-11; Is. 50: 4-7; Phil. 2: 6-11; Mt. 26: 14-27: 66 or 27: 11-54*

- 7:30 AM** Bea Strohmeyer / req. by the Ditzel Family  
**9:30 AM** Michael Stephanick  
req. by the McCormick Family  
**11:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased



### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Bread** – In memory of deceased members of the Raftery Family.

### PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What Jesus did for Lazarus He wants to do for us. He calls us out of our tombs and wants to set us free, spiritually that is, what this can look like in your spiritual life can be significant, you can go from seeing mass as an obligation to a devotion, you can read the scriptures as a personal word with a personal message for your life, you can experience God's power and feel clean inside through the sacrament of reconciliation, you can reach new dimensions in your personal prayer life, you can experience the angels and saints as your new best friends forever. See all that awaits you come and enjoy, love and blessings this lent, Fr Paul.

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

*Last Sunday's collection was as follows:*

Amount Collected in 141 Sunday Envelopes ..... \$4,655.00  
Total Collected in Loose Money ..... \$955.00  
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment ..... \$45.00  
Collected in 4 Heat and Fuel Envelopes ..... \$70.00  
Total Sunday Collection ..... \$5,725.00

Last year's collection for same week was ..... \$6,008.00

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous God,

We give our thanks to you for the gifts you have given to us – our life, our family and friends – time, talents and material possessions. All we have comes from you. Help us to remember this always and rejoice in your generosity.

Help us on our spiritual journey, so that we may constantly renew our relationship with you and all people of our parish community.

Give us the strength and courage to become better followers of Jesus, to be disciples. Help us always to hear the call to live the Stewardship Way of Life.

Amen

### Special Collection

Collected in 2 Additional Peter's Pence Envelopes.... \$35.00



### 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

#### 4/2 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC  
9:30 AM – K of C Memorial Mass  
and Communion Breakfast  
Coffee Connections after the 9:30  
AM and 11:30 AM Masses –  
sponsored by the Men's Group  
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Religious  
Education – Grades 1 – 5  
10:45 AM – Choir at Mass – Robed

#### 4/3 – MONDAY

Scrip Orders being placed  
10:00 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry –  
Parish Life Room  
4:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Confirmation  
Candidate Retreat  
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

#### 4/4 – TUESDAY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Moms'  
Group – Parish Life Room  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Religious  
Education – Grades 6 – 7  
No – Parish Choir Rehearsal  
No – Cornerstone Sisters  
7:30 PM – Joint Penance Service –  
Church

#### 4/5 – 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

#### 4/6 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy  
Hour

#### 4/7 – FRIDAY

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

#### 4/8 – SATURDAY

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Church  
Cleaning  
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Support  
Group for Eating Disorders – Parish  
Life Room

#### 4/9 – SUNDAY

9:00 AM – Choristers in Church for  
Mass  
9:30 AM – LWC  
10:45 AM – Choir at Mass – Robed

### – FROM THE PASTORS DESK –

*On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a reconciliation service with Immaculate Conception Norwood. I will preside, and Fr. Leo Butler will preach the homily. Confessions will be heard during the service. Plan now to make this part of your Lenten experience, 7:30 PM Church of St. Mary.*

#### DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, MAGNIFICENCE of the MOTHER OF GOD, Fr. Leo Butler.

#### MOMS' GROUP

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Spiritual Parenting, Gary Thomas.

#### CORNERSTONE SISTERS

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, Communal Service, 7:30 PM.

#### SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Valimar Jansen. New comers always welcome!

#### LOTTERY LOVERS

The SCHOOL SISTER of ST. FRANCIS have their Lottery Tickets available this month – 62 chances to win, \$5.00 each. See the Sisters at Mass or the Center for Spiritual Development. Thank you. . . God love you.

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### SPRING CHURCH CLEANING APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

Come spend some time in church on our next cleaning date – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 12 noon (if church is needed that morning, we'll clean from 12 noon to 3:00 PM). Join us for a fun time of work and fellowship as we prepare our sanctuary for Easter by cleaning the pews, dusting, etc. Any amount of time you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Parents, this activity counts towards community service hours for teenagers. Please RSVP to Chris Hofmann at 201-768-6535. Light breakfast will be served. Thank you.

#### RECEPTION FOR SISTER GEORGETTE

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the 11:30 AM Mass, there will be a Champagne Brunch in Tenaflly, at the Clinton Inn to celebrate Sister Georgette and her 13 years with us. There is a cost per person and a response needed before April 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call the Rectory at 201-768-7565.

#### 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 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM and fifty years on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The deadline for April 30<sup>th</sup> is Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for May 7<sup>th</sup> is Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### THANK YOU

St. Mary's Pro-Life Committee would like to thank everyone who generously donated diapers and Gift Cards for New Hope, Inc.

#### SAVE THE DATE

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

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE FOOD FOR HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER

Once again, our Parish will be serving dinner to the homeless and working poor at the Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We anticipate feeding about 125 people. We are in need of volunteers to prepare various food dishes in their homes and to bring the hot food to the Fr. Roger Troy Hall between 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Information and signup sheets are located in the entrances of the church. For further information, please call Jane Bishop at 201-739-5622. Thank you.



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