

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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PARISH OFFICES

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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

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 --Confessions 7:30 PM - 7:45 PM; First Friday Mass 8:00 PM;
Holy Hour 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD † AUGUST 6, 2017

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 –

Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1: 16-19; Mt. 17: 1-9

5:00 PM Louis Buonomo / req. by Diane Hughes-Raitt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1: 16-19; Mt. 17: 1-9

7:30 AM Bruno Lodes
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

9:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:30 AM Simon Menezes / req. by the Menezes Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 – ST. SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; ST. CAJETAN, PRIEST

Nm. 11: 4b-15; Mt. 14: 13-21

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 – ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

Nm. 12: 1-13; Mt. 14: 22-36 or 15: 1-2, 10-14

8:00 AM Martin T. Nolan
req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 – ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Nm. 13: 1-2, 25 – 14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt. 15: 21-28

8:00 AM Margaret Spataro
req. by Fran and Bill O'Neill and Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 – ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

2 Cor. 9: 6-10; Jn. 12: 24-26

8:00 AM Lee Hofmann / req. by the Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 – ST. CLARE, VIRGIN

Dt. 4: 32-40; Mt. 16: 24-28

8:00 AM Albert D'Elia / req. by Ann Frank

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 – ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Dt. 6: 4-13; Mt. 17: 14-20

8:00 AM Juan Longo / req. by Linda DiRese

5:00 PM Pauline Wagner
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs. 19: 9a, 11-13a; Rom. 9: 1-5; Mt. 14: 22-33

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Neil F. Murphy
req. by Krystyna and Lee Tunison

11:30 AM Margaret Franolich / req. by Mildred Petrinic



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, I wrote a rather lengthy article concerning the proper placement of the presider's chair within the sanctuary. A few have mentioned that they found the article rather interesting and some have mentioned that they would rather see the chair placed once again behind the altar. As stated by the bishops conference: "An appropriate placement of the chair allows the priest celebrant to be visible to all in the congregation." Which also means that the congregation should be visible to the priest celebrant. As the presider of the liturgy, I find it difficult to be able to see the entire congregation while sitting with my back to 1/3 of the congregation. Beginning this weekend, we'll place the presider's chair at the center of the sanctuary behind the altar. Any feedback, thoughts, or opinions would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe

ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's collection was as follows:

Amount Collected in 115 Sunday Envelopes	\$6,024.00
Total Collected in Loose Money	\$408.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment	\$200.00
Total Collected in 6 Air Conditioning Envelopes	\$135.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$6,767.00

Last year's collection for same week was \$6,653.00

Special Collection

Collected for Propagation of the Faith Collection.. \$1,589.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." – Matthew 17: 2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Paula Bertelloni, Alana Bronze, Diego Bronze, Christian Brueck, Dolores Collier, Michael Conmy, Normita Crystal, Lee Ann Davito, Frank Forte, Lillian Guyt, Ed Koch, Donna Oettinger, John Pagano, Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Frank Shargo, Jim Walsh

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Kathleen and Joseph Mann.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of Lee Hofmann.

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.**

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY PARISH**

8/7 – MONDAY

Scrip Orders being placed
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition
of the Most Blessed Sacrament

8/9 – WEDNESDAY

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

8/10 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic
Holy Hour
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – K of C
meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

8/12 – SATURDAY

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM –
Reconciliation

8/13 – SUNDAY

1:00 PM – Baptism

**MINISTRIES ON SUMMER
BREAK**

LWC, Prayer Shawl, Deepening
the Journey, Mom's Group,
Cornerstone Sisters, Morning and
Evening Scripture Study, Parish
Choir and Choristers are on
summer break and will begin
again in the fall. Watch the
bulletin for startup dates and
information.

2017 MASS OFFERINGS

Please note that we still have a
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the rest of 2017.



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Sunday, July 23^d collection was as follows:

Amount Collected in 102 Sunday Envelopes ... \$4,032.00
Total Collected in Loose Money..... \$332.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment..... \$5.00
Total Collected in 6 Air Conditioning Envelopes.... \$90.00
Total Sunday Collection \$4,459.00
Last year's collection for same week was \$4,861.00

SCRIP ORDERS

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **August 7th**. Scrip cards which are prepaid cards that are used like cash are available for many different stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, etc. They make great gifts, especially at this time of year with so many celebrations and people traveling. The Church of St. Mary receives a certain percentage of each card purchased (2% to 15% or more depending on the card) and doesn't cost you anything extra.

Please have your orders to us no later than 10:00 AM Monday. If you prefer you can order online by setting up an online account at www.ShopwithScrip.com (registration #D84E6EB522L51 and pay either by PrestoPay or via check to Church of St. Mary. Info can be found in the vestibules or contact John Hernandez at jah21344@aol.com or 201-768-8871 or Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565 for further information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

There will be limited summer hours for the Religious Education Office. Please call first, 201-767-8247. For immediate help call the Rectory, 201-768-7565.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE FOOD

HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Once again, our Parish will be serving dinner to the homeless and working poor at the Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack on **Wednesday, August 23rd**. 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 August 23rd**. Information and sign-up sheets are located in the entrances of the church. For further information, please call Jane Bishop at 201-739-5622. Thank you for your generous support!!

SACRAMENT CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

For various reasons there are times when one needs to obtain a new current Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage Certificate. When doing so please allow the office **at least two weeks time**. Thank you.



MOVING? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? E-MAIL ADDRESS

If you are registered in the parish and are moving please let us know. Also, if you have changed your e-mail address or if we don't have one on file for you please let Grace Ditzel know at 201-768-7565 or gditzel@stmarycloster.org, so we can keep our records current. Thank you for your help.

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