

# CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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## ST. MARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. Mary 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.



## PARISH STAFF AND CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Scarangella, K.H.S  
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### **Weekend Associate:**

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**Parish Trustees:** Pamela Derfus and John Hernandez  
and assisted by the Pastoral Advisory Board  
and Financial Council

## WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass)**----- 5:00 PM

**Sunday**----- 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 12:00 PM

**Weekdays (Monday through Saturday)**----- 8:00 AM

**Holy Days & Civic Holidays** ----- As announced the Sunday before

**First Fridays**----- 8:00 PM - Healing Mass and Blessing

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday**----- 4:15 - 4:45 PM

**First Friday**----- 7:30 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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## 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, Closter, New Jersey 07624  
201-768-7565 • Parish Website: [www.stmarycloster.org](http://www.stmarycloster.org)  
Parish cell phone number for emergencies only: 201-956-0218

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
(Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM)

### **CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

320 High Street, Closter, New Jersey 07624  
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### **CENTER HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and by appointment

## ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 –

*Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 or Gn. 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3; Col. 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17 or Heb. 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk. 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40*

**5:00 PM** John Cully / req. by the Torre Family

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 –

##### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

*Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 or Gn. 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3; Col. 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17 or Heb. 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk. 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40*

**7:30 AM** Zoila D'Ribeaux  
req. by John and Midas Hernandez

**9:30 AM** Mary Neusch / req. by Tony Neusch

**12:00 PM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 –

##### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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

**8:00 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

**10:00 AM** Margaret Cully / req. by the Torre Family

#### TUESDAY, 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** Domenica Florinda Conte  
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 –

##### THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

*1 Jn. 2: 29-3: 6; Jn. 1: 29-34*

**8:00 AM** Mazzani Family Members / req. by Mrs. Lodes

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 –

##### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

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

**8:00 AM** Cosses Menezes  
req. by the Menezes Family

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 – ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

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

**8:00 AM** Rosa and Family

**8:00 PM** Al Ghigone, Jr.  
req. by Ralph and Ginger DeNicola

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 –

##### ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

*1 Jn. 5: 5-13; Mk. 1: 7-11 or Lk. 3: 23-38*

**8:00 AM** Catherine Karpinski / req. by Mona Grbic

**5:00 PM** Paul Vecchio  
req. by the Bertelloni Family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

**7:30 AM** Marge Fauci / req. by Chris Hofmann

**9:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

**12:00 PM** Lorenzo Cafasso  
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

### PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

Reflecting back on the past year, it has truly been a year of many blessings for me personally. As I celebrated my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood, I cannot be more grateful for the gift of Holy Orders I received in May of 1992. In these past 25 years, I had the blessing of serving in 5 different parishes, offering many moments of joy as I served the people of God by celebrating weddings and baptisms, confessions and first communions, and bringing the consolation of the Lord to those who mourned the loss of a loved one.

This past year brought a new joy in my life as the Cardinal called me to serve as pastor to you, the good people of St. Mary Parish in Closter. Getting to know you and serving as your pastor is truly a joy in my life. I want to thank each and every one of you for your warm welcome and your support as we work together to build the kingdom of God here in north east Bergen county. Luke and I are truly blessed.

As we get ready to welcome a new year, I hope and pray this will be a time of many blessings for all of you. May the Good Lord bless you all with good health, joy, and good will. May we all live in a world free of terror and at peace with everyone. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joe

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

#### SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

*"... as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."* –  
Colossians 3: 13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone – maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Bread** – In memory of Frances Lombino, req. by Pamela and Carl Musci.

**Altar Wine** – In memory of Frances Lombino, req. by Pamela and Carl Musci.

### ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Weekly offerings of:** Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Candle, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Flowers and Plants are available throughout **2018**.

**THIS WEEK AT  
ST. MARY PARISH**

**12/31 – SUNDAY**

No – LWC

**1/1 – MONDAY**

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM – Mass  
All Parish Offices Closed  
No – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
No – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
No – Deepening the Journey

**1/2 – TUESDAY**

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Women's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

**1/3 – WEDNESDAY**

No – Morning Scripture Study  
No – Evening Scripture Study

**1/4 – THURSDAY**

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

**1/5 – FRIDAY**

7:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Confessions and Holy Rosary  
8:00 PM – Healing Mass

**1/6 – SATURDAY**

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

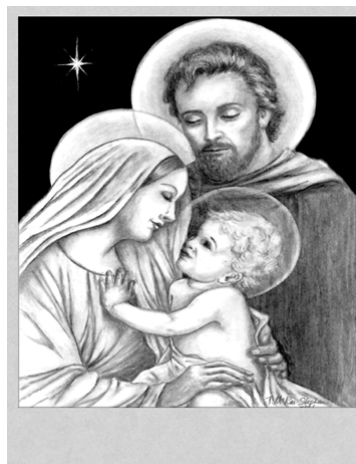
**1/7 – SUNDAY**

No – LWC  
10:30 AM – 11:55 AM – Religious Ed – Grades 1 – 5  
10:30 AM – 11:55 AM – Confirmation Program – Fr. Roger Troy Hall



**HELP HOMELESS MEN'S  
SHELTER**

Now that the colder weather is here there is a need for warm shirts, sweaters, pants, winter coats, boots, hats and gloves. Leave bags in the front vestibule of the church.



**OUR NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Eve** – Sunday, **December 31<sup>st</sup>** – 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM.

**New Year's Day** – Monday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>** – 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED  
Baptized Between July and December 2017**

Amelia Rose Groschel  
Madeline Karis Anderson  
Grayson Charles Gillen



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED  
THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE IN OUR CHURCH**

**Married Between July and December 2017**  
Nicholas James Mann and Teresa Julia Brusco

**PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED**

Due to the Privacy Act, the church is not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, a nursing home, rehab center, on hospice or shut-in at home. This means that we cannot minister to them. Please call the rectory to keep us informed, if you would like someone to bring communion or to be added to our sick list. Also please remember to notify when to remove a name from the sick list.

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number or e-mail address please make sure to notify us. If you don't receive the occasional e-mail we send out regarding something happening at St. Mary we probably don't have an e-mail for you so please give it to us so we can add you to these mailings. Either call the rectory at 201-768-7565 or e-mail Grace Ditzel at [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org).



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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