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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

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*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

First Sunday of July through Labor Day Weekend ----- 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday-----4:15 - 4:45 PM
or call for an appointment

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday - 8:30 - 9:00 AM and as scheduled.

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.*



Please like us on Facebook: facebook.com/stmarycloster

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: stmarycloster.org

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:
201-767-8247 • *reled@stmarycloster.org*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 20 –

Gn. 18: 1-10a; Col. 1: 24-28; Lk. 10: 38-42

5:00 PM Catherine Scarpa / req. by Mary Berrian

SUNDAY, JULY 21 –

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn. 18: 1-10a; Col. 1: 24-28; Lk. 10: 38-42

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Anthony DiPaola

req. by Joanne and Andrew Harvey

MONDAY, JULY 22 – ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Sg. 3: 1-4b or 2 Cor. 5: 14-17; Jn. 20: 1-2, 11-18

8:00 AM Helen King / req. by Mona Grbic

TUESDAY, JULY 23 – ST. BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

Ex. 14: 21-15: 1; Mt. 12: 46-50

8:00 AM Mary Moliterno / req. by the Bertelloni Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 –

ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

Ex. 16: 1-5, 9-15; Mt. 13: 1-9

8:00 AM Carmela Guernsey

req. by Theresa and Vinny Russo

THURSDAY, JULY 25 – ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

2 Cor. 4: 7-15; Mt. 20: 20-28

8:00 AM Marguerite Brady / req. by Dennis Brady

FRIDAY, JULY 26 – STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ex. 20: 1-17; Mt. 13: 18-23

8:00 AM Robert Connolly / req. by Susan Brueck

SATURDAY, JULY 27 – WEEKDAY

Ex. 24: 3-8; Mt. 13: 24-30

8:00 AM Jim Walsh / req. by Mona Grbic

5:00 PM Charles Michael Lee, Jr.

req. by Roseann Lee and Sons

SUNDAY, JULY 28 –

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn. 18: 20-32; Col. 2: 12-14; Lk. 11: 1-13

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Elmer Greey / req. by St. Mary's Choir



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special intentions.

Sanctuary Candle – Special intention.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2019.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I would ask all of us to pray for Father Anbu at this time. His father recently passed away in India. We offer our prayers and condolences to the entire family. Also, we pray for Father Anbu as he has been elected as the Provincial Superior of the American Province of the Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers.) Father has responded in generosity to this weighty yet joyful mission. Again, we pray for Father Anbu as he experiences these major life events.

I would also like to thank, on behalf of the entire parish, Mr. Dick Bishop and Mr. Joseph Colucci who have served for many years on the Parish Finance Council. Joe and Dick indicated to me some time ago that they have served many years and that it is good for the parish to bring on other parishioners to offer their professional skills and advice. Both men care deeply about the parish and have offered their continued advice and support going forward. Thank you, Joe and Dick, for all that you have done and all that you continue to do for beloved St. Mary's!

Three additional parishioners have responded to serve on the Finance Council in the past year, Mr. Thomas Calabro, Ms. Diana Marcellino and Mr. Tony Linn. I am grateful to them for all that they do in advising me, serving you and helping St. Mary's achieve her mission of ministry. Please keep them and all who serve St. Mary's in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad,

Christian Brueck, Fran Caldwell, Derly Cuervo,

Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Desiderio Fernandes,

Frank Forte, Ed Koch, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell,

Joseph Miele, Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon,

John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto,

Richard Pinto, Samantha

Hospital Privacy

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want Father to visit you or a loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.

Collections and Income for June 2019

Regular Sunday Collection	\$19,557.00
Ascension Thursday Collection	\$769.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$2,100.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$3,356.00
Other Monthly Income (primarily from school rental)	\$13,604.00
June Total Income	\$39,386.00
June Expenses	\$46,390.00
Total Outstanding Debt to Archdiocese	\$123,713.00
Franciscan Mission Collection	\$700.00

Thank you for your continued support of the regular collections. St. Mary's relies upon your support all year long. Please remember to support the parish even if you are traveling. Why not give through electronic giving. Signup at Parishgiving.org. God bless you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are in the process of taking registration for the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, children wishing to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade in the Spring of 2021 would need to register for first grade this year. There is a two-year diocesan requirement to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. If you are new to the program please either email Maria Matos at reled@stmarycloster.org or call the office at 201-767-8247 to obtain a registration form. We offer a Kindergarten class for children entering school in September.

Kindergarten And First Grade Registration Now Being Accepted

Register now to be sure of a spot in our classes. Grade one is required to receive First Holy Communion in second grade, the most typical age for children to receive the sacrament. However, we will prepare children at any age to receive their sacraments. If your child has not received age appropriate sacraments, including Baptism and Confirmation contact the Religious Education Office and ask for Gail.

Confirmation Preparation:

Students entering seventh and eighth grades are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are in St. Mary's Religious Education Program already, please, return your registration as soon as possible.

Catholic school students are required by the diocese to return to their home parish to be prepared for the sacrament. If you are eligible to receive the sacrament, please, contact us immediately at 201-767-8247 or by emailing us at reled@stmarycloster.org so we can reserve a place for you in our classes.

Support Groups

Many who hunger for God's consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated & divorced, single parents & same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, please go to: www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0 and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY PARISH**

July 24 – Wednesday:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

July 27 – Saturday:

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation



Summer Office Hours

Please note that through **August 30th** the Parish

Rectory Office is closed on Fridays. We will be opened Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, closed for lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. If stopping by feel free to call ahead to make sure someone is here.

The Religious Education Office will also be closed Fridays, please call them for appointments.

Ministries Contact information:

Liturgical Ministries – (Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, Choir) – Louis Scarpa – ministry@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565

Homebound Ministry – call the rectory

LWC – call the rectory

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Cathy Thornhill – 201-768-0722

Deepening the Journey – Connie McTigue – mcelvis224@aol.com

Men's Cornerstone – Dave Reeves – reeves_costas@msn.com or 551-206-5284

Women's Cornerstone – call the rectory

Morning Scripture Study – Dave Reeves – reeves_costas@msn.com or 551-206-5284

Evening Scripture Study – call the rectory

Knights of Columbus – John Hernandez – 201-768-8871 or jah21344@aol.com

From the Desk of the Director of Religious Education, Gail

Gifts of the Spirit

Do you know the Prayer to the Holy Spirit? If you do know it, do you use it? It is printed here for your use. If you do not know it, this is an opportunity to make it part of your prayer time.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray.*

*Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we are blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Knowing these gifts, it is common for people to pray to the Holy Spirit for knowledge before taking a test. This is only one example of how people might pray to the Spirit. While the Holy Spirit is available to us through prayer at any time, for any reason, this is not the more encompassing reason for these gifts. The purpose of these gifts is to give us a willingness and the ability to do what God asks of us. They are to support us in living out our faith.

If you are in our sixth, seventh, or eighth grade classes at St. Mary Parish, you are on track to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a prayer you may want to learn. It is a prayer useful to any Catholic adult when they find themselves in need of support in the practice of their faith.

Remember St. Mary's While You are Away

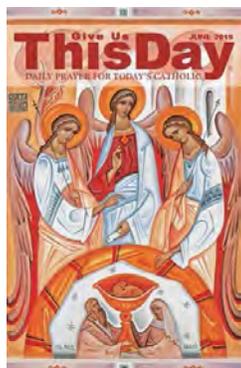
The bills still come in despite the "Gone Fishing" sign on the mailbox! St. Mary's summer collections take a significant dip and often those collections are not "made up", leaving your parish in the red. Please consider direct deposit from your bank or use our egiving platform, Parishgiving. Visit the parish website to sign-up for Parishgiving or reach out to your bank today! Will you please take 5 minutes and do this today? God bless you for your care of St. Mary's.

Give Us This Day and Living with Christ booklets are available to order

These booklets strengthen daily prayer

Each month, *Living with Christ* gives you everything you need to prepare for Mass, to participate in Mass, and to reflect on the experience.

Give Us This Day supports your desire to pray. Whether you have only a few minutes or a half hour.



Anyone needing information please call the rectory.

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 gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565, so we can keep our records current. Thank you for your help

How To Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Free Ministry To Traveling Catholics

To find nationwide Mass times and locations while traveling or on vacation there is a free ministry. Visit www.Masstimes.org or call 1-858-207-6277 enter the zip code desired location and receive a computer-generated response that gives Church locations and Mass times.

Getting the Message?

A friend was upset as his adult son stopped going to church because the priest's homily "didn't have a message for him." I thought about this, as someone who participates in many masses (we organists are at Mass a lot!) At times, I've felt the same way.

The instruction to the priest is this: the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture ... and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [63].

Often, I do hear a message in the homily on some aspect of the scripture or I find my needs addressed by the homilist.

What to do when we *think* we're not getting the message? Here's my take on it. In charity, I try to understand that today's message may be being given by the *Holy Spirit* to the person next to me whose needs may be greater than mine. Maybe they just lost their spouse or are preparing for the birth of a child (I have experienced none of these things) and the message is speaking to them.

Perhaps the message *is* "meant for me", but like a seed planted, I may not get the message until some later time.

I also *look/listen* (actively) to *other aspects* of the Mass. The texts of the hymns, the prayers and the Scripture readings as I hear them all have messages. Messages are in the moments of silence as well.

I *see* messages when I study the stained glass windows. Who are those people? What's the action?

There are messages in genuflecting, making the sign of the Cross, blessing myself, standing, kneeling.

There are messages in the priest's gestures when he prays with hands extended (praying to God on our behalf), as he kisses the altar, in the vestments/colors (white is a reminder of Christ's purity and our baptism).

I get messages from others. When we say "hello" (or not!), when I hear others praying/singing or see a parent teaching a child the prayers, those attending mass despite illness.

Work is required on my part. To read a message I must first learn how to read. I have to educate myself so that I understand the whys of what we are doing. If I don't, it's all a bunch of ancient rituals and words that fall flat.

There are learning resources available online or through the parish. St. Mary's hosts scripture groups and a group called *Deepening the Journey*, adults who learn about Catholicism. Join one! If you have a question about the Mass, why not ask the priest afterward? Google Bishop Barron who creates very helpful videos on the Mass.

Messages are everywhere. Share this message with others.

Louis Scarpa

St. Mary's Communicates

Your parish makes great efforts to keep you informed of happenings, spiritual offerings, community announcements, finances, news for young families and wonderful Catholic resources.

Please join our email list. We send only one email a week.

If you are a registered parishioner, just send your Email address and we will add you.

Contact gditzel@stmarycloster.org

If you are not a registered parishioner, please register and join the parish officially. Registration form online at stmarycloster.org. Welcome!

Follow our FaceBook

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