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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.



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WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

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

Sunday ----- 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 12:00 PM
Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend-----8:30 & 11:00 AM

Weekdays (*Monday through Friday*)----- 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.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, 8:30 AM

Recitation of the Rosary: Monday through Friday - 7:30 AM

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:** 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

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 –

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

5:00 PM Joseph and Jean Gardeski
req. by Mary Berrian

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – 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

8:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM In Thanksgiving / req. by the Menezes Family
12:00 PM Mary Elizabeth Martin
req. by St. Mary's Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 16 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

2 Kgs. 5: 1-15b; Lk. 4: 24-30

8:00 AM Thomas Menezes / req. by the Cancro Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 – ST. PATRICK, BISHOP

Dn. 3: 25, 34-43; Mt. 18: 21-35

8:00 AM Liddy / Keavin Families
req. by the Liddy Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 – ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

8:00 AM Dolores Collier
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 –

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, 22; Mt. 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk. 2: 41-51a

8:00 AM Roger Austria / req. by Ann Malone

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

8:00 AM Joseph and Josephine Hofmann

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 –

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

5:00 PM Rose Mastromonica / req. by Diane Nobile

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 – 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

8:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Bernard Kelly / req. by Ita and Mary Kelly
12:00 PM Teresa Finnucane / req. by Mary Flammer



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special intentions.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2020.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As of this writing, the archdiocese of Newark has not changed the requirements to be enforced during this coronavirus outbreak. Besides the following, we have removed all the holy water from the fonts at the entrances of the church. We have decided to cancel our St. Patrick celebration planned for Sunday afternoon as well as our Religious Education classes this weekend and this coming Tuesday as we take into consideration the health and welfare of all our parishioners here at St. Mary. Please, if not feeling well, see your doctor immediately. Let us all pray for our country and our world as we face this challenge and continue on this Lenten journey.

- The Archdiocese has always advised the faithful that sickness is a valid reason not to attend Mass or other Church gatherings. As such, any individual who is sick or has flu-like symptoms is urged to stay home. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is broadcast on several television channels and the sick can make a "spiritual communion" until they return to good health.
- The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice to parishioners is to be suspended. Furthermore, no member of the faithful is obliged to receive the Body of Christ on the tongue.

Through the intercession of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, may God keep us safe and help us as we walk this journey of faith together. Thank you for your attention in this serious matter.

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Joseph Louis Abad,
Christian Brueck, Fran Caldwell, Derly Cuervo,
Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Frank Forte,
Hebert Gutierrez, Ed Koch,
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Joseph Miele,
Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon, John Pagano, Alicia Parent,
Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Maureen Rifkind,
Fran Semler, Georgene Smith, Sasha

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES CLOSED

To help our parish community with social distancing we are canceling Religious Education classes for the coming week. We are staying in touch with the local school system and will keep families updated.

Classes will be closed for grades K – 6 and Confirmation preparation on Sunday, March 15th. Classes will also be closed for grades 6 and 7 on Tuesday, March 17th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SECOND GRADE NEWS

First Communion

Children preparing to receive First Holy Communion this spring came together for 9:30 Mass this past Sunday. Following Mass the children were joined by parents and some grandparents who assisted with the making of Bench Banners that will be used for their First Communion Mass on Sunday May 3rd, 2020.

The classroom gathering was nice to observe, as adults and children helped each other to complete their projects. They shared snacks, provided by some of the families, and craft materials from St. Mary Parish. After completing their personal banners, the children each received a large poster for the "Our Father" prayer which they filled in with the missing words and colored the accompanying pictures. The families were assisted by the children's teacher Jocelyn Tingson and her seventh grade son Jacob.

Sharing of the Green: Saint Mary's Raffle

Take a chance to "share in the green" this Saint Patrick's Day with Saint Mary's cash raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and are available after masses this weekend. The drawing will be held Sunday afternoon. The proceeds of this raffle benefit the Saint Mary's Repairs and Maintenance Fund. Good luck!

People Who Participate in a Choir are Happier

We invite you to sing with the Choir of Saint Mary. This is a ministry, since music is an integral part of the Mass and the Mass is the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians. Singing is good for the mind and body, the group is welcoming and has a good time doing what they do. This is a spiritual opportunity. All levels of singing ability are welcome. You don't need prior experience or know how to read music. It is not difficult. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:30 PM and they sing Sunday noon Mass approximately 2x a month. Give it a try. Say hello to Mr. Louis Scarpa after mass.

Please Check Your Spam Folder

One of the ways the parish communicates the latest news, including happenings and spiritually enriching articles and videos is through email. Please sign-up for the weekly email blast or update your info with Saint Mary. Also, if the parish does have your email, please check your spam folder to be sure that you are seeing parish emails. There's so much valuable info and GOOD NEWS that awaits you. Send an e to gdtizel@stmarycloster.org to sign-up or update.

Third Saturday Mass for Recovery and Healing

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, **March 21st** at 12:00 noon. The annual Anointing of the Sick will be offered at March's Mass. This special monthly Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of those directly afflicted with a substance use disorder, as well as those affected by the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs. An open support group, Meeting of Hope, will follow the Mass. Refreshments will be served. For information please call 201-768-7565.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

March 15 – Sunday:

CANCELLED – Religious Ed – Grades K – 6

11:15 AM – Parish Choir meet

12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass

CANCELLED – St. Patrick's Party

March 16 – Monday:

8:30 AM – Miraculous Medal Novena – Church

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Prayer

Shawl Ministry – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

N0 – Deepening the Journey

March 17 – Tuesday:

CANCELLED – Religious Ed – Grades 6 – 7

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal – Church

March 18 – Wednesday:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Fr Roger Troy Hall

March 21 – Saturday:

12:00 PM – AA Special mass and Meeting – Church and Fr. Roger Troy Hall

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation
Three Squares Ministry – Food Collection at all Masses – Food for Neighbors in Need

March 22 – Sunday:

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TENTATIVE – 9:30 AM - LWC

TENTATIVE – 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Ed – Grades K – 6

TENTATIVE – 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM – 3rd Grade Class Project
No – Parish Choir

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held every Wednesday during Lent at 4:00 PM in the Church.

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- Bring non-perishable food items to Mass
- Organize food or help with delivery

A Ministry of the Church of Saint Mary, Closter, NJ
Contact ministry@stmarycloster.org * 201-768-7565

This month our Three Squares Ministry collection will be a Cereal Drive for the Office of Concern Food Pantry. Please bring boxes of cereal.

Knights of Columbus, Queen of Peace Council #3679 Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast

Sunday, **March 22nd**, Mass at 9:30 AM at Church of St. Mary followed by buffet breakfast at 10:45 AM at Madeleine's Petit Paris, 416 Tappan Road, Northvale. \$20.00 per adult/ \$15.00 per child (4-14). No charge for widows of our deceased knights and a companion. Checks should be made payable to Queen of Peace Council #3679. Advance paid reservations are required by March 15th as spacing is limited. Table reservations are available for seating of 8, 10 or 12 persons. For reservations and tickets contact Ken Chamberlain at 201-768-7839 or John Hernandez at 201-768-8871 or e-mail jah21344@aol.com.

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Student Scholarship Applications – 2020

For the 13th consecutive year, student scholarships are available 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 (secondary consideration) 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 April 10th with decisions due on or about May 1st.

Family Promise is selling raffle tickets for its Super 50/50 Cash Raffle

This is a great way to show your support for the homeless working families and their children that we house during the year.

A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. The Grand Prize is 25% of proceeds up to \$25,000. Second Prize up to \$10,000 and 15 third prizes up to \$1,000 each!

Drawing: 11:00 AM, April 29th. Winner need not be present.

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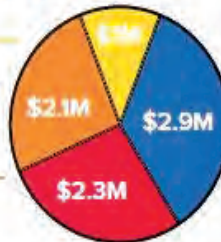
Making a Difference Beyond Our Doors

Saint Mary's is a parish of the RC Archdiocese of Newark, therefore we are connected to all the ministries of RCAN. The Annual Appeal funds ministries that have a positive impact on lives in our area EVERY DAY. The Church is largest provider of social services, even apart from the extensive spiritual ministries, in the State of NJ. What we have and do comes from God, how blessed we are to be able to return to God a portion of those blessings. Please consider a gift to the appeal, no matter how great or small.



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL AREAS OF SUPPORT

Proclaiming the Gospel.....	\$1 Million
Passing on the Faith.....	\$2.9 Million
Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable.....	\$2.3 Million
Forming Future Priests and Supporting Retired Clergy.....	\$2.1 Million
TOTAL 2020 AA GOAL	\$8.3 MILLION



Your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

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- Continuing Education and Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

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The Triduum Presentation

The March 27th presentation is on hold now re corona. Will reschedule

Fridays During Lent

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

Every couple in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage during 2020 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Five years and twenty-five years on Sunday, **April 19th** at 3:00 PM and fifty years on Sunday, **May 3rd** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** for April 19th is **April 1st** and the deadline for May 3rd is **April 15th**.

Ministries Contact information:

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

Religious Education – Gail Ferraiolo – 201-767-8247

Homebound Ministry – call the rectory

LWC – call the rectory

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

Deepening the Journey – Emily and Lars Kirkegard – emlars@optonline.net

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

Three Squares Ministry – Louis Scarpa – ministry@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565

Family Promise Working Homeless Sheltering Program – St. Mary's Coordinator Erne Linn – call the rectory

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