



PENTECOST SUNDAY

*All were filled with
the Holy Spirit.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 30 –

Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor. 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20: 19-23

5:00 PM Intentions of Mary Parsons
req. by Peggy and Roger Austria

SUNDAY, MAY 31 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor. 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20: 19-23

8:30 AM Violet Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family
11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, JUNE 1 – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Gn. 3: 9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14; Jn. 19: 25-34

8:00 AM Sgt. First Class Michael Goble
req. by Fr. Joe and the Staff of St. Mary

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 – STS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER,
MARTYRS

2 Pt. 3: 12-15a, 17-18; Mk. 12: 13-17

8:00 AM Ofelia and Parfirio Bondaon
req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 – ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

2 Tm. 1: 1-3, 6-12; Mk. 12: 18-27

8:00 AM Pietro and Florinda DiPlacido
req. by Pasquale and Angela Conte

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 – WEEKDAY

2 Tm. 3: 8-15; Mk. 12: 28-34

8:00 AM Pauline Wagner
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 –

ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

2 Tm. 3: 10-17; Mk. 12: 35-37

8:00 AM Vincenzo and Maria Petrillo
req. by Ralph and Regina DeNicola

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 –

Ex. 34: 4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor. 13: 11-13; Jn. 3: 16-18

5:00 PM Irene Bodrato
req. by Peggy and Roger Austria

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex. 34: 4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor. 13: 11-13; Jn. 3: 16-18

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Pietro and Teresa DiPlacido
req. by Pasquale and Angela Conte

Thank you for thinking of St. Mary's as we all struggle with finances. Please consider one of the following:

1. Mail an offering to the parish (Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ 07624)
2. Better yet, use St. Mary's electronic giving platform at www.parishgiving.org.
3. We also set up a GoFundMe page at <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/saint-mary-church> (in order for this link to work properly you may need to copy and paste into your browser).

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Pentecost Sunday. With today's feast day, we bring the Easter season to its conclusion. And what an Easter season it was! As the weather gets warmer and schools are finishing up (was going to say "closing"), we are getting into the Summer Time spirit. But, as it seems, summer of 2020 looks to be a bit different from what we are used to. In any case, the most important thing is we all stay safe and healthy.

As you know, we are in Phase I of the reopening of our churches here in the Archdiocese of Newark. Phase II may hopefully begin soon, we are waiting for word from the Cardinal. Please know that we will follow every precaution set forth from the archdiocese.

As we celebrate Pentecost today, let us all pray for a renewal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon our parish and our local church of Newark. May we all be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who sent the Holy Spirit upon us all so that we may live as brothers and sisters of Jesus and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Wishing you the peace and joy of the risen Lord

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Joseph Louis Abad, Christian Brueck, 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



Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle has been donated in memory of Roger Austria by Peggy Austria and Family.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of Yolanda DeRosa, req. by the Family.

Cancellations

No masses are to be said publicly, all churches are closed and locked indefinitely. – **For update see page 3 for Phase 1 of opening our church for private prayer.**

All parish offices are closed and will remain closed indefinitely. For emergencies only call 201-768-7565.

All events at St. Mary's are cancelled until further notice.

Gradual Opening of St. Mary's – Please read in entirety and share with friends and neighbors.

Dear Parishioners,

I want to share with you some good news as we have received direction from the Archdiocese on the **GRADUAL** opening of our parishes. After considering the directives and discussing the implementation at the parish with the staff of Saint Mary's, the following are excerpts from the Archdiocesan directives and the specifics for Saint Mary's.

One of the most difficult sacrifices for Catholics during this time of pandemic has been the suspension of most sacramental celebrations, especially the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. While we are eager to return to our churches, the PROCESS must be executed in a safe and prudent way.

As elsewhere, there needs to be a **GRADUAL** re-opening of our liturgical life and thus the directives propose three phases. In issuing these directives, it is understood that not every parish may be able to offer public Mass due to particular circumstances, such as a heightened risk to the priest, the inability of the parish to provide the personnel called for by these directives, or to sanitize adequately the worship space between uses, as well as other circumstances. These guidelines apply to all churches and places of public worship.

The following pertains to **PHASE 1 OPENING at SAINT MARY, Closter**. Note: these hours and procedures are subject to change based on directives from the Archdiocese and civil authorities and the experience at Saint Mary's.

1. The church building will be open for PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY (no group prayers, devotions, or Mass) beginning Sunday, May 17th and *only* these days and times:

Sundays: 10:30 AM until Noon

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM.

2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days, i.e. when they have completed quarantine.

3. Individuals and families of different households must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.

4. Sections of the church and even specific pews will be marked specifically for sitting. Other sections will be roped off. The door by the convent/ramp will be open. All others locked.

5. All entering the church are required to wear a mask and sanitize hands at the doors of the church. We will do our best to keep sanitizer handy. Doors will be propped open to cut down on people touching surfaces.

6. Visitors are asked to sit or stand only in designated areas. Please do not touch surfaces if you can avoid such, i.e. statues, altar rail, window handles, a pew that you may not be sitting in, etc. Please do not leave anything behind: tissues, prayer books, prayer cards, etc.

7. Bathroom will be closed.

8. The church will be wiped down and disinfected after each opening and closing.

9. There will be a staff member in the church during these times. Thank you for offering them complete and cheerful cooperation.

10. When you arrive, there will be other procedures posted on signs.

11. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered by appointment only by calling me, Father Joe, at the parish office. Further details beyond the following will be discussed:

- a. Confessionals are not to be used.
- b. Social distancing must be maintained by those waiting for the sacrament and attention be given to maintaining the seal of confession.
- c. Masks must be worn by confessor and penitent.

12. The Parish office remains closed. Grace, our secretary, and staff are checking email and phone messages.

13. The obligation to participate in Sunday Mass remains lifted.

14. The Parish will continue to live stream Holy Mass on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Please do not come to the church at this time. Watch on St Mary's FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/stmarycloster.

15. The specific date for the commencement of Phase Two will be announced. Consideration will be given to the policies of state and local authorities.

Thank you for your love and support of Saint Mary's. I pray that we remain united in faith, united as citizens, hopeful as God's people and faithful to personal and family prayer.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe