



ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 –

Ez. 33: 7-9; Rom. 13: 8-10; Mt. 18: 15-20

5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 –

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez. 33: 7-9; Rom. 13: 8-10; Mt. 18: 15-20

8:30 AM Jackson DiDonna / req. by Christine Ditzel

11:00 AM Peter Laudenback
req. by Christine and Danny Bruno

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – WEEKDAY

1 Cor. 5: 1-8; Lk. 6: 6-11

8:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 –

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mi. 5: 1-4a or Rom. 8: 28-30; Mt. 1: 1-16, 18-23 or 1: 18-23

8:00 AM Edward Tallia
req. by James and Gloria Byrne

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 –

ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

1 Cor. 7: 25-31; Lk. 6: 20-26

8:00 AM Hugh Hudnall
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – WEEKDAY

1 Cor. 8: 1b-7, 11-13; Lk. 6: 27-38

8:00 AM Sr. Ruth Zacharis, OSF
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – WEEKDAY

1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22b-27; Lk. 6: 39-42

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 –

Sir. 27: 30 – 28: 7; Rom. 14: 7-9; Mt. 18: 21-35

5:00 PM Peter Moliterno / req. by the Grieco Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 –

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir. 27: 30 – 28: 7; Rom. 14: 7-9; Mt. 18: 21-35

8:30 AM Joseph and Jean Gardeski
req. by Nancy and Larry Bucciarelli

11:00 AM Margaret Chua
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – The intentions of Grace and Thom Calabro.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

This can be arranged either by calling Grace at the rectory at 201-768-7565 and leaving a message or sending an e-mail to gditzel@stmarycloster.org.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Labor Day weekend!

Well, it's here, the unofficial end of summer, and what a summer it has been. Back in March, many of us hoped and thought we would be over the Covid19 pandemic before the summer began. Now, we are at the end of summer, and we are still in the midst of it. Thanks be to God, that all the numbers seem to be going in the right direction. Indoor dining is beginning once again, although limited. Gyms are beginning to open, although limited. Schools, well, that seems to be an issue in many communities. The main concern for all of us is safety. Whether we are at a restaurant, in the gym, in school, or in church, we must all follow the directives set for us for our own wellbeing and the health and safety of others. And, let's pray for those doctors, scientists, nurses, first responders, and all those who protect and serve us in any way, that they may be kept safe from all harm.

Enjoy the last unofficial weekend of summer. Please pray for all those who labor and are paid unfair wages and pray for all those who are now unemployed or facing unemployment. May the patron St. Joseph the Worker (feast day May 1st) guard and protect us always.

God's blessings,

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, Sasha

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **September 12th** and **September 13th** the second collection is the Catholic University of America Collection.

Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Through its 12 schools and 23 research centers located in the nation's capital the University provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to more than 7,000 students, including some of our own Diocesan seminarians and priests. Thank you for your generosity. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.

All Parish Offices Closed

In observance of Labor Day all Parish Offices are closed on Monday, **September 7th**.



Casserole Roll Call!

Will you please make a casserole for our brothers and sisters at St. Augustine's Kitchen and Women's Shelter, Newark, run by the Missionaries of Charity?

Prepare in aluminum pan * **Label contents** * **Prefer frozen**. Bring to Mass at St. Mary, weekend of

September 13th. THANK YOU from St Mary's Three Squares Ministry

Congratulations

Renee Katherine on your baptism. You are baptized into the Body of Christ, the Christian community welcomes you!



First Holy Communion Preparation

Children usually receive Eucharist for the first time around age seven. In the Archdiocese of Newark it is a two year process. If you have a child in need of the sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion he/she should be registered as soon as possible. Go to St. Mary's website to register online or call 201-767-8247 to leave a message and we will return your call.

Arrangements for older children in need of these sacraments can be made by calling the Religious Education Office at the number already provided.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – by Appointment

Please contact Fr. Joe at the Rectory at 201-768-7565.

Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms

Please contact the parish office at 201-768-7565.

Prayer List

If you would like to either add a name to or have a name removed from our prayer list please e-mail gditzel@stmarycloster.org or call the rectory at 201-768-7565. To add a name you must have the permission of the person or their family.

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.

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.

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by sending your offering via parishgiving.org or mailing in. The fixed expenses for St. Mary's remain despite the suspension of some ministries. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **September 14th**. Scrip cards which are prepaid cards that are used like cash are available for

many different stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, etc. 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. Info and order forms can be found in the vestibules and on our website or you can setup an account online at www.ShopwithScrip.com (registration # is D84E6EB522L51) pay either by PrestoPay or check made out to Church of St. Mary. If you don't see a certain card on the list feel free to call, it may be available. Contact Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565 for further information.



PREPARE A CASSEROLE
NEIGHBORS ARE IN NEED

DROP-OFF FROZEN CASSEROLE
WE'LL DELIVER TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

SEPT 13, 2020 Aluminum Pan
8 AM - NOON Label Contents
CHURCH DOORS

Sponsored by St. Mary's
THREE SQUARES MINISTRY Church of St. Mary
20 Legion Place
Closter, NJ
ministry@stmarycloster.org

Bergen Catholic Happenings

Let BC Come to You

Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Tuesday, **September 22nd**. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Attention Prospective 8th Grade Families

Bergen Catholic will be holding personal one on one tours for interested families Monday – Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a maximum of 10 families will be permitted per day. For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Open House at St. Joseph Regional High School

Visit the SJR campus, meet faculty, staff and coaches, speak with teachers and students, and learn about our academic and athletic programs, scholarships and financial aid. Discover what makes St. Joseph Regional High School a unique high school experience! Sunday, **September 27th**, 11:00 AM. Reserve your spot SJR.NJ.ORG, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale.

STAR-FEST XI

On Sunday, **September 20th** at 3:30 PM, Star-Fest XI will be held.

The concert will benefit **One to One Learning**, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, that provides free instruction in English to Immigrants.

This year, our event will be streamed **virtually** on One to One Learning's FACEBOOK page.

Information on virtual connection will be provided for those that sign up. A raffle for restaurant gift cards will be open to all those who purchase tickets and will be drawn virtually.

Tickets: \$30.00. For further information: 845-512-8176; clpangel59@gmail.com. Send check to 640 North Midland Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960 or use Pay-Pal at www.one2one-learning.org.

Save The Date!!!

Join the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, September 21st – 30th as they celebrate and host their 23rd Annual Golf Tournament at the New York Country Club in New Hempstead, NY.

Please check our website, <http://bit.ly/sparkillgolf2020> for further details, event registration, directions, etc. or contact Golf Committee Chair and Mission Advancement Associate; Bernadette Donohue, at 845-359-4172.



Addiction Awareness: Faces in the Pews

will be hosted by St. Mary's on Tuesday, **October 6th**, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the church.

Photos of over 150 of our young neighbors who died of drug overdose will be on display in the church to raise awareness, reflect and remove the stigma of this disease. All are welcome, free will offering to support the Faces in the Pew Project, sponsored by Alumni in Recovery.

For more information contact Louis, ministry@stmarycloster.org.



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You can use your existing Amazon account or, if you're a new user, easily create one.

Mass Schedule

Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM and Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM. Masks and social distancing is required.

(8:30 AM Sunday Mass will also be live streamed) at www.facebook.com/stmary.closter

Moving? Change of Address? New Phone Number? E-Mail Address

If you are registered in the parish and moved or are moving please let us know. Also, if you have changed your phone number or your e-mail address or if we don't have one on file for you please let Grace Ditzel know at gditzel@stmarycloster.org, so we can keep our records current. We send out an e-mail blast approximately once a week to keep you updated with the parish. Thank you for your help.

Keep Up on Parish & Community Announcements

The parish sends an informative weekly email blast with pertinent spiritual, social and community announcements. Send St. Mary's your email address today and be added to the blast. You can opt out at any time. Send an e to gditzel@stmarycloster.org to be kept in the loop.

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.

As per the State of New Jersey's regulations and by law of Cardinal Tobin to the Pastors:

*** Attendance at all of the above communal services are limited to 100 persons or 25% capacity of the building, whichever is lower. St. Mary's capacity of 25% is greater than 100 persons. Therefore, 100 persons will be permitted in the church at one time.**

All must wear a mask at all times while in the church. The mask may be drawn down temporarily for the reception of the Body of Christ.

The Precious Blood will not yet be offered.

Only the priest will distribute the Body of Christ.

Communion in the hand, for now, will be the only form used.

Families and individuals will distance from other individuals or families at a space of 6 feet.

Pews and sections for seating are marked in the church.

No missalettes, bulletins, holy water, electric candles available so as to limit sharing/touching.

Sunday offertory will be placed in baskets at the doors of the church, not "taken up" by the ushers.

In between Sunday Mass, the pews, doors, etc. will be wiped down with disinfectant.