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

## WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

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

**Sunday** -----8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*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](http://stmarycloster.org)

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
*Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM*

**Center for Spiritual Development and Religious Education:** 201-767-8247 • [reled@stmarycloster.org](mailto:reled@stmarycloster.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 –

*Is. 55: 6-9; Phil. 1: 20c-24, 27a; Mt. 20: 1-16a*

5:00 PM Mary Higgins Clark  
req. by Glynis Burke Dolan and Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 –

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Is. 55: 6-9; Phil. 1: 20c-24, 27a; Mt. 20: 1-16a*

8:30 AM Dr. Thomas J. Kilgannon  
req. by Chris and Lee Tunison

11:00 AM Charles Brueck / req. by Sue Brueck

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 –

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

*Eph. 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mt. 9: 9-13*

8:00 AM Intentions of Alicia Parent  
req. by Roger and Peggy Austria

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WEEKDAY

*Prv. 21: 1-6, 10-13; Lk. 8: 19-21*

8:00 AM Jean Marie Wajdowicz  
req. by Ita and Mary Kelly

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 –

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA, PRIEST

*Prv. 20: 5-9; Lk. 9: 1-6*

8:00 AM Patricia Fullam  
req. by St. Mary Homebound Ministry

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – WEEKDAY

*Eccl. 1: 2-11; Lk. 9: 7-9*

8:00 AM Joe DiBlasio  
req. by Florence and George Mertz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – WEEKDAY

*Eccl. 3: 1-11; Lk. 9: 18-22*

8:00 AM Desiderio Fernandes  
req. by Esther and Joe DeRosa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 –

*Ez. 18: 25-28; Phil. 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5; Mt. 21: 28-32*

5:00 PM Peter Laudenback  
req. by Diane and Mike Bruno

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 –

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Ez. 18: 25-28; Phil. 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5; Mt. 21: 28-32*

8:30 AM Roger Austria / req. by Sue Brueck

11:00 AM Ann Sasso / req. by Marie & Arthur Battaglia

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** – In memory of  
Pauline Wagner, req. by 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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org).

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, the day we commission our catechists who will teach our young people about our faith and sacraments. Catechetical leaders and catechists are very special people who give of their time and talent to be examples to our children in the ways of our faith. We thank them for giving so much so that our young people will come to know the love of our Lord through them.

### What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

God's blessings,

Fr. Joe

### Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Joseph Louis Abad,  
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

### 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](mailto: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.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **September 26<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup>** the second collection is for Repairs and Maintenance.

### Why the MAINTENANCE COLLECTION?

The monthly MAINTENANCE COLLECTION funds the regular upkeep of St. Mary's physical plant: school, former convent, rectory, church and grounds. Our buildings are certainly not "new" and we have a responsibility to maintain these resources entrusted to us. Donations to this collection are "restricted" and are not subject to the 14% assessment by the Archdiocese. Thank you for being good caretakers of our spiritual home, St. Mary's.



### 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.

### 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/stmarycloster](https://www.facebook.com/stmarycloster)

### 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.

### Thank you . . .

Thank you to all who made a casserole for neighbors in need. Over 35 casseroles were sent to Saint Mary's Church to be distributed to the Missionaries of Charity kitchen and shelter, Newark. This will be a meal for over 125 people! We are grateful to our brothers and sisters in need for welcoming us to prepare a dinner.



Here's one of our confirmation candidates, Alexa, shopping and preparing a great meal. Looks delicious and made with love!



### 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.



### St. Mary's Benefits from Amazon Smile

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) to be kept in the loop.

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](https://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.

### Make the Mission Possible . . .

by sending your offering via [parishgiving.org](https://www.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.

### Save The Date!!!

Join the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, **September 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** as they celebrate and host their 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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### Bergen Catholic Happenings

#### Let BC Come to You

Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Tuesday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

#### Attention Prospective 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

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### 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 27<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 AM. Reserve your spot [SJR.NJ.ORG](http://SJR.NJ.ORG), 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale.

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### 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.

### IHA Open Houses – October 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Will you be a member of IHA's Class of 2025?

Immaculate Heart Academy's Fall Open Houses are Sunday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Thursday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. If you are a young woman searching for a school known for its academic excellence, athletic competition, and creative expression grounded in traditional Catholic values, Immaculate Heart Academy is the place for you. The sisterhood formed at IHA is incomparable, and the memories made at IHA last a lifetime – just ask the 10,529 graduates who have graced our halls. Decide if you belong @theheart by attending our 2020 Fall Open Houses; online registration is requested at [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com). Please check the website and social media pages for any potential changes in our Open Houses due to ongoing COVID-19 circumstances. For more information, contact Ms. Alexis Fatigati'07, director of admissions, at 201.445.6800, ext. 112 or [afatigati@ihanj.com](mailto:afatigati@ihanj.com). IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Avenue, Township of Washington, NJ.

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### Alumni In Recovery Day

#### Hope + Awareness + Recovery

Sunday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM at Tallman Pool and Beach Club, 2 Tallman Mountain Road, Sparkill, NY. Complimentary food and beverage, Treatment resources will be available, Enjoy lots of great speakers, awesome music, raffle and more, Together we can raise awareness, help others, and end the stigma of addiction. Sponsored by North Jersey Recover Center and ProCida Funding. Rain date is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.



### Addiction Awareness: Faces in the Pews

will be hosted by St. Mary's on Tuesday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:ministry@stmarycloster.org).

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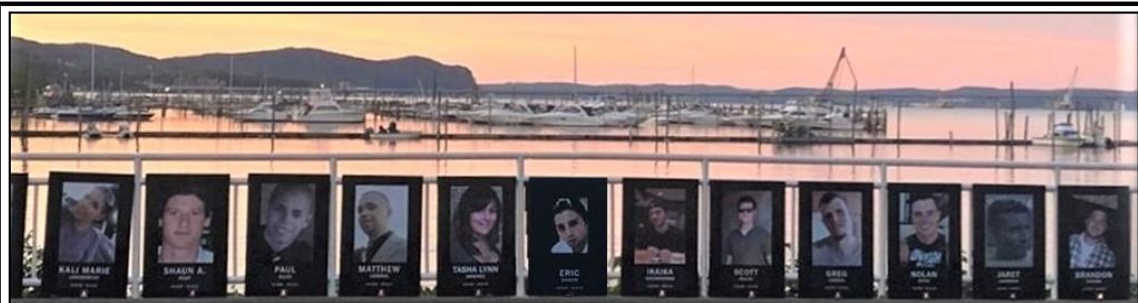
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