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Acts 2:4



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 –

Ez. 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor. 15: 20-26, 28; Mt. 25: 31-46

5:00 PM Intentions of Fran Semler
req. by Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 –

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ez. 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor. 15: 20-26, 28; Mt. 25: 31-46

8:30 AM Joe DiBlasio / req. by Ed and Bea Cappelluti
11:00 AM Seung Han Yoon / req by Evening Scripture

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – ST. CLEMENT I, POPE AND
MARTYR; ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED MIGUEL
AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Rv. 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Lk. 21: 1-4

8:00 AM Peter Grieco / req. by Sue Brueck

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC,
PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Rv. 14: 14-19; Lk. 21: 5-11

8:00 AM John Zappa / req. by Women's Cornerstone

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – ST. CATHERINE OF
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Rv. 15: 1-4, Lk. 21: 12-19

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY

Rv. 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9a; Lk. 21: 20-28

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – WEEKDAY

Rv. 20: 1-4, 11 – 21: 2; Lk. 21: 29-33

8:00 AM Sabina Menezes
req. by the Menezes Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 –

Is. 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; 1 Cor. 1: 3-9; Mk. 13: 33-37

5:00 PM Paul and Marie Vecchio
req. by the Bertelloni Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; 1 Cor. 1: 3-9; Mk. 13: 33-37

8:30 AM Joseph DiBlasio / req. by Veronica Ross
11:00 AM Richard Flammer / req. by Mary Flammer

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Giovanna Brusco, req. by the Family.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of Giovanna Brusco, req. by the Family.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available the remainder of the **2020** and throughout **2021**.

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,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What a wonderful way to end the liturgical year as we prepare to enter the season of Advent next Sunday. This feast serves as a reminder to all of us that Jesus, the Son of God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, the Lord of Lords, is now in Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes for us, His brothers and sisters. May Christ the King, watch over us and keep us safe always.

As we all know, this coming Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. I hope we will all listen to government officials and heed the warnings of keeping our gatherings small and not to travel far from home. Although this Thanksgiving will be saddened by the loss of life and sickness so many have experienced because of the virus, we still pause to give thanks to God for all the many blessings we have received. Please stay safe during the holiday and on behalf of the entire staff here at St. Mary, we wish you all a blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe and staff

Prayer for the Thanksgiving

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Joseph Louis Abad, DerlyCuervo, Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Frank Forte, Hebert Gutierrez, Amy Hartwell, 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 or call the rectory at 201-768-7565. To add a name you must have the permission of the person or their family.



Please join me in congratulating the following students that received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 21st. These candidates have endured a tough year and we pray that each and every day they feel the Holy Spirit strengthening and supporting them.

Attiana Badolati

Jie Chang

Christian Drescher

Adrianna Fenu

Sienna Fenu

Adriana Grieco

Michael Liamero

Ryan McHale

Nicholas Nucera

Elvin Parra

William Rinckhoff

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Stabilizing the Sunday Collection

St. Mary's, like your household, must count on a steady and predictable income to pay the bills. Our Sunday collections fluctuate greatly due to vacations, inclement weather, etc. It is difficult to the budget and provide for ministry under these circumstances. And we sometimes simply forget to make-up our offering because, well, life gets busy. Please consider making your offering to St. Mary's through egiving or bank transfer. A number of parishioners are using St. Mary's Parishgiving platform. It's secure and convenient and costs the donor nothing. Just go online, sign-up and indicate your offering. You may even get "points" on your rewards credit card for doing so! You can also have your transfer the funds directly. Simply visit stmarycloster.org and follow the link to Parishgiving. Thank you to our dedicated and generous parishioners who make ministry possible at St. Mary's.

Preparing for Advent – Advent Begins Next Sunday

Advent Books

Copies of the Little Blue Advent Books are available in Church in the small baskets on the tables this weekend.

Special Advent E-Mail Series

Observe the 26 days of Advent 2020 with Advent A to Z. This special e-mail series will explore seasonal themes following the alphabet for inspiration. Featured authors include Jane Knuth, Christopher de Vinck, and Vinita Hampton Wright.

Sign up to receive the daily messages from the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th, through Christmas. The messages will come from the Year in Our Church from Loyola Press.

To sign up click on the link.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/sacred-advent-a-to-z-series/>

When it comes to Mass, here are eight things to remember

1. Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation *remains in effect for all Catholics of the Archdiocese*
2. Diocesan Liturgical Directives *remain in effect*
3. Wear a mask *properly*
4. Wash your hands *often*
5. Keep social distance
6. Stay home *if not well or at risk*
7. Observe church capacity limits
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Plan Ahead - Get Your Christmas Gift Order Ready: A Win for St. Mary's!

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **December 7th**. Scrip cards are prepaid cards, used like cash at 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, December 7th. Info and order forms can be found 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. GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS! We will be placing this order so you will have your cards in plenty of time for gift giving. We will contact you when your order is available for pickup at the Rectory, usually Wednesday afternoon on.

Thank You from the Office of Concern . . .

Dear Father Joe:

On behalf of the volunteers at the Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia, thank you for donating 68 bags of groceries to us from July to September 2020. There are not enough words to express our appreciation for your parish donations.

Each week, we see first-hand the stress that continues to impact our clients including the working poor, retired seniors and those struggling to feed babies and small children, and we give to all regardless of religion, race or culture. Your generosity and continuing support makes it possible for us to provide food and other basic necessities to over 1,000 families registered to receive food each week.

Please express our gratitude to your parishioners. Together, we are making a difference in many lives.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Wuertz, Director

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.

Remote Religious Education

Religious Education learning will be conducted remotely until January, 2021 as per the Archdiocese of Newark. Saint Mary's is well-prepared to do so thanks to Maria Matos, Joseph Greey and our catechists.

The Religious Education program is responsible for teaching and the enrichment of the children and youth of the parish family, which includes preparing them to receive the sacraments.

Objectives

1. To foster a potential encounter with Jesus Christ through teaching.
2. To teach the Doctrine of the Catholic Church by using a variety of teaching modules.
3. To encourage children and youth to live a Catholic Christian way of life, inspiring them to live a life of ministry and service.

Religious Education is a life long learning process. However, each child who is registered is expected to complete the full 8 year process to be formed as a disciple of Jesus.



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.

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.

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.

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-mail to gditzel@stmarycloster.org to be kept in the loop.

Make the Mission Possible . . .

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.

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.

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