

CHURCH OF ST. MARY



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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 -----8:30 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.



Please like us on Facebook: facebook.com/stmarycloster

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
Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM

Center for Spiritual Development and Religious Education: 201-767-8247 • reled@stmarycloster.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 –

2 Chr. 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph. 2: 4-10; Jn. 3: 14-21

5:00 PM Juliette Dworzak
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr. 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph. 2: 4-10; Jn. 3: 14-21

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM The Watters Family / req. by Abbey Watters

MONDAY, MARCH 15 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is. 65: 17-21; Jn. 4: 43-54

8:00 AM Giovanna Brusco / req. by the Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ez. 47: 1-9, 12; Jn. 5: 1-16

8:00 AM Intentions of Fran Semler
req. by Pat and Kingston Rhodes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 – ST. PATRICK, BISHOP

Is. 49: 8-15; Jn. 5: 17-30

8:00 AM Liddy / Keavin Families
req. by the Liddy Family
7:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

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

Ex. 32: 7-14; Jn. 5: 31-47

8:00 AM Gino Formoso
req. by Joseph Wagner and Family
7:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 –

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Sm. 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22

8:00 AM Anne Morris
req. by Mary and Ita Kelly
7:00 PM In Honor of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 –

Jer. 31: 31-34; Heb. 5: 1-9; Jn. 12: 20-23

5:00 PM Robert Medlock
req. by the Cornerstone Sisters

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer. 31: 31-34; Heb. 5: 1-9; Jn. 12: 20-23

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Bernard Kelly / req. by Ita Kelly



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – For the intentions of
Teri Meierdieks, req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It was just about this time one year ago when the unspeakable happened. Our churches were closed and the sacraments could not be celebrated. A Eucharistic fast took place which lasted about three months. Never did we think we would ever experience something like this. But not only our houses of worship. In a matter of a few days, our schools were shut, as were restaurants and businesses. Seemed like a horrible nightmare were happening in our world.

Now, we are slowly reopening our schools and restaurants, our churches are open, and we are living a new normal. Sadly, so many of our loved ones have taken ill and many have died. Yes, everything changed in a matter of days. But not our faith. If anything, our faith continues to grow as we realized our dependency on God and our need to worship. As we slowly get back to normal and prepare ourselves to celebrate the great feast of Easter, may we never have to experience again the Easter we celebrated in 2020. May the coming feasts of our redemption this year be filled with every joy and peace that comes from our loving God.

This coming week we celebrate two saints whose intercession in our lives are so important to us. On Wednesday we celebrate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and Friday we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the husband of our Blessed Mother and the patron saint of the universal church. Beginning Wednesday, March 17th, we will celebrate an additional mass at 7:00 PM in honor of St. Joseph who we honor this year. Please join us each evening, March 17th, 18th, and 19th to celebrate St. Joseph.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Cathy Dal Pizzol,
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, John Pagano,
Alicia Parent, Fran Semler, Marianne Tracey

Prayer List

If you would like to 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.



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Eileen Dapuzzo

John LePree

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **March 20th** and **21st** the second collection is for the Black and Indian Missions / Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Collections and Income for February 2021

Regular Sunday Collection	\$18,472.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$4,186.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$1,379.00
Other Income	\$14,616.00
Total February Income	\$38,653.00
Total February Expenses	\$38,364.00
Total Outstanding Debt to Archdiocese	\$89,342.00
Archdiocese Special Collection	
Churches in Central and Eastern Europe	\$240.00

Thank you for your continued support of the regular collections. St. Mary's relies upon your support all year long. Please remember to support the parish even if you are away. Why not give through electronic giving. Signup at Parishgiving.org. God bless you!

2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship in Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins and forming future priests and supporting retired clergy.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?

The Archdiocese of Newark is here to help with bereavement and more

"Someone who has had an impact in our life stays with us a lot longer than we think." The Family Life Office places the Catholic family at the center of the Church's mission and ministries. More than 60 support groups in the Archdiocese offer resources and assistance such as bereavement support. Learn more at <https://www.rcan.org/offices.../family-life/loss-transition>. Did you know your gift to the Annual Appeal supports programs and ministries like these? Please consider making a gift today.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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

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.

Music News

The choir is back singing every Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass. Want to become a member? See Andrew our Music Director before or after mass or call the rectory at 201-768-7565.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a Mass during 2021 please contact Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565 for further information.

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.

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 (covid regulations permitting), please call the rectory office and let us know.

Special Noon Mass – 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 20th** at 12:00 noon. March is traditionally our annual Anointing of the Sick. In these unprecedented times, the traditional anointing format will not, for safety reasons, be offered at March's Mass. Religious gathering protocol will be strictly followed. For those unable to attend in person, we do offer virtual participation through Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83481399346>

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This special monthly Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of those afflicted or affected by a substance use disorder. For information please contact The Father Jim McKenna Memorial Fund at [201-281-6247](tel:201-281-6247) or visit our website at <https://fatherjimckenna.org/>.

Communion Dresses / Suits Needed

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, shirts, head pieces or shoes.

Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale on **April 17th** from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, or call Kathy at 201-666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Unlike previous years, this collection will be held on One Day Only. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. 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 to gditzel@stmarycloster.org to be kept in the loop.

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.

Why Register at St. Mary's?

First, because we need each other on this journey of life and faith!

Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. Beside the active support and involvement that the registration enables, parish registration is also a mandatory condition for many sacraments including Baptism and Matrimony and being a sponsor or godparent. It is therefore important to register at St. Mary's as soon as you start worshipping with us regularly.

- You may receive verification letters to sponsor individuals for sacraments, receive sacraments yourself or your child (i.e. marriage, baptism).
- You will receive end of the year tax contribution statements.
- You will be personally invited to gatherings to meet the staff and other parishioners.
- The parish will know the demographics and respond to needs. Further, the Archdiocese will know that our parish has a healthy base of registered, supportive parishioners.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM!](#)

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
8. Love and respect each other by keeping safe!

Food Collection

St. Mary's will accept donations of food through Sunday, **March 14th** to provide fixings for Easter Dinner to neighbors in need. To ensure a variety of non-perishable items, we ask you to shop according to your last name. We cannot accept donations of perishable items and please ensure donated items have not expired. Please bring the items to the church vestibules Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM and Sundays 8:00 AM – 12 Noon. Thank You!

If your name begins with:

A – G

Crackers and non-perishable spreads
Boxed scalloped potatoes/boxed mashed potatoes
Juice
Canned asparagus
Olives

H – L

Oil (vegetable, olive, canola)
Easter candy
Packets of Hollandaise sauce
Canned peas

M – R

Coffee
Cake mix and icing
Canned pineapple
Canned carrots
Toothpicks

S – Z

Easter paper goods (plates, napkins)
Dinner roll/biscuit mix
Canned green beans
Gherkin or sliced bread-and-butter pickles
Aluminum roasting pans



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.

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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