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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, APRIL 17 –

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn. 2:1-5a; Lk. 24: 35-48

5:00 PM Matthew Watters / req. by Abbey Watters

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn. 2:1-5a; Lk. 24: 35-48

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Roger Austria / req. by Joan Westervelt

MONDAY, APRIL 19 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 6: 8-15; Jn. 6: 22-29

8:00 AM Auline Ello / req. by Louis Scarpa

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 7: 51 – 8: 1a; Jn. 6: 30-35

8:00 AM Fran Caldwell

req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 –

ST. ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn. 6: 35-40

8:00 AM Mark Connolly / req. by The Music Makers

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 8: 26-40; Jn. 6: 44-51

8:00 AM Michele Nydegger

req. by Fr. Joe Scarangella and the
Parishioners of St. Mary

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 – ST. GEORGE, MARTYR;

ST. ADALBERT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Acts 9: 1-20; Jn. 6: 52-59

8:00 AM Jacqueline Rhodes DaSilva

req. by Pat and Kingston Rhodes

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 –

Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn. 3: 1-2; Jn. 10: 11-18

5:00 PM Martha Anderes / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn. 3: 1-2; Jn. 10: 11-18

8:30 AM Rose Supple / req. by Susan, Chris, Paul,

Maryann and All Your Nephews and Nieces

11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of Roger Austria and the Austria Family, req. by Peggy Austria and Family.

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 gdtzel@stmarycloster.org.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, in the catholic newspaper for the Archdiocese of New York, the archbishop of New York, Cardinal Timothy Dolan wrote an article entitled "It's time to get back to Mass!"

In the article, I quote: "Yes, for the last year, we have prudently been able to decide that the emergency health crisis can allow us to excuse ourselves from that God-given obligation. Our elderly, or people with compromising conditions that weaken them can still excuse themselves, as has always been the case. But for the majority of us — are we going to restaurants? To the kids' soccer and little league games? To the store? To the beauty parlor? To gatherings with family and friends? Well, then, it's time to get back to Mass."

Two weeks ago we celebrated the most holy of days, Easter, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the tomb. How wonderful it was to see so many in our church that day. And yes, if you are not feeling well, have symptoms of Covid, then of course, please stay home. But, if we are going to malls, supermarkets, the beauty parlors, the movies, and many other places filled with people, then why not church?

Of course we must wear masks, stay social distant, avoid contact, get vaccinated, don't shake hands, we all know the rules. Think about it, pray about it, stay safe, but as the Cardinal said "We need medicine! We need food for the soul! We need vaccination from sin, Satan and eternal death! We need herd immunity as sheep under Christ our Good Shepherd."

Hope to see you at Mass,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad,

Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, John Pagano,

Alicia Parent, Baby Luke Totaro, 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 gdtzel@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

Fran Semler



Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle has been donated in memory of Detlef and Juergen Kleine by Marianne Kleine and Brigitte Kleine-Micheletto.

Next Weekend – April 24th – 25th

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How You Can Help:

- **Donate non-perishable items**
- **Organize food or help with delivery**
- **Spread the word to friends, neighbors or groups**

A Ministry of the Church of Saint Mary
20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ
201-768-7565 * www.stmarycloster.org

**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!

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!](#)

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.



Mother's Day Remembrance Envelope

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. Included in your envelope packet is a special envelope to remember your mother (living or deceased). Please send in your Mother's Day remembrance envelope before Mother's Day so we can include them in our prayers that day.



Flowers for the Blessed Mother

If anyone would like to donate flowers to be placed on Mary's altar in memory of a loved one, during the month of May please call the rectory. What a beautiful way to honor and remember a loved one by also honoring our Blessed Mother.

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.

2022 Mass Intention Book

On a fixed date each year, we "open" the Intention Book for Masses which will be said here in St. Mary Church during the next year. On **Thursday, April 22nd**, we will formally begin taking mass intentions for **2022**. We recommend that parishioners write their request and mail them along with the \$10.00 stipend to the attention of **Grace Ditzel** by the **22nd**. This would forestall a "run" on the rectory. These requests will be honored by when they are received in the mail. Masses booked after the **22nd** will be honored according to availability of dates.

Please Note: In fairness to everyone we are limiting the amount of Mass requests for 2022 to a maximum of SIX (6) masses per family and not all requests can be for Sunday Masses. Any questions call Grace at 201-768-7565.

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.



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Food Security Task Force

Over the past year, Bergen County has seen staggering rates of food insecurity, affecting residents in every municipality, many of whom never thought they would find themselves needing assistance from a food pantry. The enduring economic impact of the pandemic has dramatically increased the rate of food insecurity, and has proven the necessity of connecting our residents to services that not only help them put food on the table but assist them in solving the underlying issues causing them to be food insecure.

There are many programs and organizations in Bergen County charged with helping those in need, whether it be for food, job training, mental health counseling, domestic violence, childcare, or housing assistance. These services are available to all Bergen County residents. However, one major obstacle in accessing those services is that many of those most in need do not know that help exists.

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Guideline for *Words of Remembrance* at a Funeral Liturgy

- Only one person may deliver the *Words of Remembrance* at the funeral liturgy.
- The celebrant will call you forward by name after the prayer after communion.
- At no time is it acceptable to use crude language or engage in actions that are disrespectful of the sacred place, the ceremony or the deceased.
- The spoken *Words of Remembrance* cannot exceed three of four minutes in length – the basic equivalent of a single typed page. Please rehearse and time yourself prior to the funeral.
- It is advisable to review what you plan to say with another person, even the priest or pastoral minister who is assisting in the funeral preparation.



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 bank 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.

Virtual Open House at Bergen Catholic High School

On Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 PM, Bergen Catholic will be hosting a Virtual Open House for prospective students. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about Bergen Catholic as we begin to review the admissions calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration can be found on www.bergencatholic.org. For questions, contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Keep Up on Parish and 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.

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.

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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