

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



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**CHURCH OF ST. MARY
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 29 –

Dt. 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8: 14-17; Mt. 28: 16-20

5:00 PM Martha Anderes / req. by Midge Haramis

SUNDAY, MAY 30 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Dt. 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8: 14-17; Mt. 28: 16-20

8:30 AM Violet Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family

11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, MAY 31 –

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Zep. 3: 14-18a or Rom. 12: 9-16; Lk. 1: 39-56

8:00 AM Lisa A. Deegan

req. by Bing and Lily Fabricante

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 – ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR

Tb. 2: 9-14; Mk. 12: 13-17

8:00 AM Msgr. Joseph C. Manz / req. by Louis Scarpa

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 –

STS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

Tb. 3: 1-11a, 16-17a; Mk. 12: 18-27

8:00 AM Mark Connolly / req. by Ann Malone

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 –

ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Tb. 6: 10-11, 7: 1bcde, 9-17, 8: 4-9a; Mk. 12: 28-34

8:00 AM Lisa Deegan / req. by Louis Scarpa

FRIDAY, JUNE 4 – WEEKDAY

Tb. 11: 5-17; Mk. 12: 35-37

8:00 AM Joseph Pageliuca / req. by Fr. Joe Scarangella

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 –

Ex. 24: 3-8; Heb. 9: 11-15; Mk. 14: 12-16, 22-26

5:00 PM Martha Anderes / req. by Bob and Mary Kosco

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Ex. 24: 3-8; Heb. 9: 11-15; Mk. 14: 12-16, 22-26

8:30 AM Frances O'Dea / req. by Abbey Watters

11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Fr. Chris Ciccarino, who this past Wednesday, celebrated his 25th anniversary to the priesthood. Ad multos annos, Fr. Chris. Also this weekend, the church of Newark, welcomes five new priests as they were ordained to the priesthood on May 29th at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. May God bless them in their new ministry as priests of the holy catholic church.

This coming Monday is Memorial Day, the unofficial beginning of Summer and a special day set aside each year to honor those who gave their lives so all of us can live in freedom. May the souls of all who gave their lives for our country rest in peace. Although it may be modified a bit, please join our community in honoring those brave men and women by attending the Memorial Day Parade. This year, the Grand Marshall of the parade is our very own John Hernandez. Congratulations John.

Although we are officially back in the season of Ordinary Time, this Sunday we celebrate Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. These two great feasts remind us all of the most basic truths of our faith. That there are three persons in the One True God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A divine mystery that can never fully be understood, but it is the divine love of all three that is all shared with us. As Catholics, we believe in the divine presence of Jesus Christ is there in the Eucharist. It is that small white host that the body, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ is truly present. May these two great feasts inspire us always to be faithful and holy disciples of our Lord.

Also, on the weekend of June 5th and 6th, the dispensation of being excused from participation at mass has been lifted. Please read the letter of the bishops of New Jersey in today's bulletin.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Matt Bogan,
Amy Hartwell, 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 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.



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Patrick Joseph Biondo, req. by Linda Schechter.

Altar Wine – In memory of Patrick Joseph Biondo, req. by Linda Schechter.

Flowers For Mary – Donated by the Family of Lisa Deegan.



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Marian Scherer

All Parish Offices Closed

All Parish Offices are closed on Monday, **May 31st** in observance of Memorial Day.

Easter Duty

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21st, 2021** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30th, 2021**.

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Fridays Outside of Lent

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

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.

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.

Update –

66 families have donated and or pledged to the 2021 Appeal. We have reached **63%** (\$18,872.91) of our goal of **\$29,957**. The Appeal will benefit future and retired priests, care for the poor, passing on the faith, and to proclaim the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a gift to this most important cause.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **June 5th** and **6th** the second collection is for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

Why the ASSESSMENT COLLECTION?

Each parish of the Archdiocese of Newark (RCAN), to which St. Mary’s belongs, is assessed a percentage of regular donations and rental income. Donations to St. Mary, such as the Sunday collection, are assessed at 14%. RCAN uses these assessed funds to operate the chancery and help subsidize charitable works. The **ASSESSMENT COLLECTION** helps St. Mary’s cover some of the monies due to RCAN. Thank you again for supporting St. Mary’s and helping RCAN provide assistance beyond our doors.

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!](#)



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 or you can scan the QR code below with your cell phone. Thank you to our dedicated and generous parishioners who make ministry possible at St. Mary's.



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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.

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.

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.

Bergen Catholic High School –

BC Lead On Program: The Bergen Catholic LEAD ON Program is a three-week summer enrichment program designed for students entering 7th and 8th grades. It provides a stimulating classroom experience in which students will explore and enjoy a variety of topics. Additionally, the LEAD ON program provides a chance for social growth, maturity enhancement, and for making new friends in a small classroom environment. Registration is underway. For questions, contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

When it comes to Mass, please remember

1. Wear a mask *properly*
2. Wash your hands *often*
3. Keep social distance
4. Stay home *if not well or at risk*
5. Observe church capacity limits

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.

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.



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STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS
Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives (communion in the hand, communion under one species, etc.) in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

Given on May 20, 2021, the memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette
Bishop, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan
Bishop, Diocese of Camden

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