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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
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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, September to June and as scheduled.

Recitation of the Rosary: Monday through Friday - following the 8:00 AM Mass

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, JULY 31 –

Ex. 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph. 4: 17, 20-24; Jn. 6: 24-35

5:00 PM Lisa Deegan
req. by George and Florence Mertz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 –

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex. 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph. 4: 17, 20-24; Jn. 6: 24-35

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Elva Marian / req. by the Pozotrigio Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 – ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI,
BISHOP; ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD, BISHOP

Nm. 11: 4b-15; Mt. 14: 13-21

8:00 AM Americo Amato / req. by Louis Scarpa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 – WEEKDAY

Nm. 12: 1-13; Mt 14: 22-36 or Mt. 15: 1-2, 10-14

8:00 AM Kathleen Cristofolletti
req. by John and Canice Cristofolletti

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 – ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Nm. 13: 1-2, 25 – 14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt. 15: 21-28

8:00 AM Bruno Lodes / req. by Mrs. Lodes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 – THE DEDICATION OF THE
BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

Nm. 20: 1-13; Mt. 16: 13-23

8:00 AM Pietro and Teresa DiPlacido
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1: 16-19; Mk. 9: 2-10

8:00 AM Lisa Deegan / req. by the Austria Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 –

1 Kgs. 19: 4-8; Eph. 4: 30- 5: 2; Jn. 6: 41-51

5:00 PM Lorraine Lupardi / req. by Sue Brueck

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 –

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs. 19: 4-8; Eph. 4: 30- 5: 2; Jn. 6: 41-51

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Saverio Esposito / req. by Maria DeSantis



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.



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The school year is over and it's time to relax! However, before you do, don't forget to call me, Maria Matos, in our Faith Formation Office if you have a child entering 1st grade or are new to the parish. My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and my office number is 201-767-8247. If you reach my voicemail, please leave a message and on my next business day, I will return your call. Enjoy the relaxing schedule of summer and God Bless!

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Amy Hartwell,
Thomas Kelly,
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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **August 7th** and **8th** the second collection is the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa Collection.

More about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources as well as pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The fund supports pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers, strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.



Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **August 2nd**. Scrip cards which are prepaid cards that are used like cash are available for 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. 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.



Assistant for the Faith Formation Program

The job will require 3 – 6 hours a week, which will include most Sundays from approximately 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Other weekday hours will be in the morning on Mondays. Includes data entry and assisting with the Family Faith Formation Program. 18 years old and above encouraged to apply.

Please call 201-767-8247 or email reled@stmarycloster.org if interested in finding out more about the position.



We have penciled on our calendar the Oktoberfest for October 3rd, 2021. We have a few parishioners that have volunteered to run it. If you would like to join them there's still time to volunteer. The more volunteers the easier the work.

Please call the rectory office about volunteering 201-768-7565.

The Senior Residence at St. Peter The Apostle

The Senior Residence at St. Peter the Apostle is an independent community whose mission is to help seniors live as independent as possible for as long as possible with the help and care of our loving staff. Located in River Edge in a quiet residential neighborhood and adjacent to our beautiful Van Saun County Park. Our amenities include meals, housekeeping, 24/7 onsite staff, and medication management and oversight. We provide an active and engaging environment and the peace of mind that a family is seeking. Rooms with private bathrooms start at \$3,300.00 per month and rooms with a shared bathroom start at \$3,000.00 per month.

If you would like to learn more about our community or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Gina Principato at 201-225-0707 or at gprincipato@stpetersresidence.org. Also, please visit our website at www.stpetersresidence.org.

Senior Van Transportation Service Available

The Borough of Closter offers a joint service for Senior Van Transportation to Closter residents who are non-driving seniors in need of transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, senior activities and more within a ten mile radius of Closter. Together with Haworth and Harrington Park, the shared service program is helping to meet the needs of our residents. Medical appointments take preference during scheduling of transportation, and patience is asked as you may need to arrive early to an appointment or wait for the van to return to pick you up. The service consists of trained and caring individuals who work to meet the needs of the participants. To participate in this programs, persons must be seniors who are non-drivers (or temporarily unable to drive), independent to walk to the vehicle and depart the vehicle unassisted and who are flexible in the pick-up, drop-off times for medical appointments. The Senior Van service operates Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance. If you, or a neighbor or family member, are interested in learning more about the program, or would like to sign up, please contact the Borough of Closter – Administrator's office, Leslie Weatherly at 201-784-0600 x 304.

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.



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 stmarylcluster.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.



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 –

Thank you to those that have donated and or pledged to the 2021 Appeal. We have reached 95% 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.

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Hope for the World, a 5-part teaching from the Fatima message by Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM

The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ, invites you to join us Saturday, August 7th, for Part 1 of a 5-part teaching on the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary from the Fatima message, presented by Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. The virtual presentation, *Why Our Lady came to Fatima*, will be shown at 11:00 AM online at www.bluearmy.com/yearofstjoseph and at the shrine, followed by First Saturday devotions and Holy Mass. The video series, developed by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, is accompanied by written resources available for download. The 4 remaining talks will be presented on First Saturdays from September – December. For more information, call 908-689-1700, Ext. 210 www.BlueArmy.com



**BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, **September 15th** and Wednesday **October 13th** at 6:30 PM. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Mr. Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

Attention ALL 8th grade students

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an HSPT prep course for interested students applying to local catholic high schools in November. Course dates and registration information can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

The Closter Food Pantry Is Need of Volunteers

The Closter Food Pantry is in need of volunteers for the positions noted below. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at closterfab@gmail.com.

Chairperson – to oversee all operations of the pantry. We are quite organized, set up well, and happy to assist the new Chairperson as they acclimate to the role.

Treasurer/Finance person – to log our monthly donations, balance our money coming in and out, and keep track of our gift cards.

Volunteer coordinator – to coordinate volunteers to put away weekly and food drive donations, respond to people offering to volunteer, and update the volunteer list.

We look forward to hearing from you! As always, we thank you for your support.

Are You in Need of Help?

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.

With a database of over 10,000 programs and services, we are your connection to help. Dial 211 or 877-652-1148, Text your zip code to 898-211, E-mail info@nj211.org or Online www.nj211.org. Live. Free. Confidential. Multilingual. Always Open.

If facing a housing crisis, or worried about being evicted **contact Family Promise** for help at 201-833-8009 or bergenfamilypromise.org.

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 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 gdtzel@stmarycloster.org to be kept in the loop.

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.

The Transfiguration of the Lord



The Transfiguration of the Lord, Friday, August 6th.

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!](#)

Free Ministry to Traveling Catholics

To find nationwide Mass times and locations while traveling or on vacation there is a free ministry. Visit www.Masstimes.org or call 1-858-207-6277 enter the zip code desired location and receive a computer-generated response that gives Church locations and Mass times.

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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