

# 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.



## PARISH STAFF AND CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Scarangella, K.H.S.  
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Environment Coordinator:** Canice Cristofolletti  
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**Parish Trustees:** Pamela Derfus & John Hernandez  
*Assisted by the Pastoral Advisory Board  
and Financial Council*

## 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.

**Immaculate Medal Novena:** Monday, 8:30 AM.

**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.*



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## 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 Faith Formation:** 201-767-8247 • reled@stmarycloster.org

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 –

*Is. 53: 10-11; Heb. 4: 14-16; Mk. 10: 35-45 or 10: 42-45*

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 –

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Is. 53: 10-11; Heb. 4: 14-16; Mk. 10: 35-45 or 10: 42-45*

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM John Cantarella / req. by Camille Cantarella

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 – ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

*2 Tm. 4: 10-17b; Lk. 10: 1-9*

8:00 AM Ron Olsen / req. by Ed and Bea Cappelluti

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 –

STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES,  
PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

*Rom. 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk. 12: 35-38*

8:00 AM Vincenza Vitagilano / req. by the Grieco Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 –

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

*Rom. 6: 12-18; Lk. 12: 39-48*

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving / req. by the Menezes Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 – WEEKDAY

*Rom 6: 19-23; Lk. 12: 49-53*

8:00 AM Roger Austria / req. by Peggy Austria

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 – ST. JOHN PAUL II, POPE

*Rom. 7: 18-25a; Lk. 12: 54-59*

8:00 AM Vladimir Byrne  
req. by Eoin and Clare Kennedy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 –

*Jer. 31: 7-9; Heb. 5: 1-6; Mk. 10: 46-52*

5:00 PM Ron Olsen and Mary Rogan  
req. by Marilyn Morgan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 –

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jer. 31: 7-9; Heb. 5: 1-6; Mk. 10: 46-52*

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Michael Scarpa  
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Bread** – Healing Intention.

**Altar Wine** – Healing Intention.

### 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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org).

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, on behalf of the parish of St. Mary, I would like to thank all those in making our annual Oktoberfest a huge success. Thanks to John Hernandez, Marianne Kleine, Joan Westervelt, Anne Malone, Lucy Chua, Ginny Fjermestad, and a special thank you to Midge Haramis. To many others who assisted them, especially Nancy Torre, Ken Walker, Ita Kelly, Ken & Fina Chamberlain, Erne & Tony Linn, Canice Cristofolletti, Grace Ditzel, Maria Matos, Grace Calabro, and Jim Seiler. Also, thanks to all our confirmation candidates and high school who helped with the decorations, especially Alexis Lanzano and Kaitlyn Watters. To all who attended, thank you for supporting our parish and we look forward to our next event celebrating God's goodness to us all.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



### Pray for the Sick

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](mailto: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.



### Giving Tree

Every year we do our giving tree during Advent to give to those in need. Last year we donated gift cards to Family Promise. We are looking for someone to take over this ministry. Please call the rectory for information at 201-768-7565.



### Stabilizing the Sunday Collection

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](http://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.



### Immaculate Medal Novena and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Here at St. Mary, we celebrate the Immaculate Medal Novena following the 8:00 AM Mass on Monday mornings. Also, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please join us as we celebrate these wonderful traditions of our catholic faith.

### 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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) to be kept in the loop.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!](#)

### 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.



## Some Pictures from our Octoberfest –

A good time was had by all!



## Bergen Catholic High School

### 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](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

### 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.

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Some Pictures from our Octoberfest and Blessing of the Animals – more can be viewed on our website





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