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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, 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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 – WEEKDAY

Rom. 8: 12-17; Lk. 13: 10-17

8:00 AM Barbara Westervelt
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 – WEEKDAY

Rom. 8: 18-25; Lk. 13: 18-21

8:00 AM Louis Buonomo / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 – WEEKDAY

Rom. 8: 26-30; Lk. 13: 22-30

8:00 AM Gregory Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 –

STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Eph. 2: 19-22; Lk. 6: 12-16

8:00 AM For the Healing of Alicia Parent
req. by Peggy Austria and Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 – WEEKDAY

Rom. 9: 1-5; Lk. 14: 1-6

8:00 AM Irene Rossi / req. by Peggy Austria and Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 –

Dt. 6: 2-6; Heb. 7: 23-28; Mk. 12: 28b-34

5:00 PM Lorraine Lupardi / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 –

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt. 6: 2-6; Heb. 7: 23-28; Mk. 12: 28b-34

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Ron Olsen and Mary Rogan
req. by Marian Cosgrove



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Barbara Westervelt,
req. by Joan Westervelt

Altar Wine – In memory of Mary Brautigan,
req. by Joan Westervelt.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of
Barbara Westervelt, req. by Joan Westervelt.

Sanctuary Candle – In memory of Ellen Brautigan,
req. by Joan Westervelt.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes it is not so easy when thanking people for their time and talent that one or two people can unintentionally be left off the list of people who should be thanked. And that can happen here too at St. Mary's. In last weeks bulletin, I thanked so many people for their time and talent in the planning of our annual Oktoberfest. From those who planned, worked, cooked, cleaned, and everything in between, a most sincere thank you. One person who was unintentionally omitted was our own Peggy Austria. Although omitted from the list, her contribution to the event is truly appreciated and we are thankful for her contribution, not only for the Oktoberfest for many other times she has given of her time and talent.

On many occasions, the office will receive a request for a "letter of good standing" for someone who has been asked to be a godparent at a baptism or a sponsor for confirmation. What that "letter of good standing" means is that the person asked to be a godparent or sponsor fulfills the following requirements:

- The person is a fully initiated in the church, meaning that the person is baptized and has received the eucharist and confirmation, and if married, must be in a valid marriage (one that is recognized by the church).
- The person is registered with the parish, attends Mass on a regular basis, supports the parish through the consistent giving of time, talent, and financial resources in support of the parish, and receives regular mailing and communications from the parish.

If a person does not fulfill these basic requirements, then no letter can be provided for that person to act as a godparent or sponsor. The person must be registered in our parish for at least 3 months before any letter will be given. Sometimes, the office is put into a difficult situation when a person has received his or her sacraments here at St. Mary but cannot fulfill these requirements because they have become non-registered and no longer practice the faith. Please understand that we cannot issue such a letter for anyone who is not registered and no longer practices the catholic faith.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



Pray for the Sick

Amy Hartwell, Thomas Kelly,
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell,
John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Ed Rogan,
Baby Luke Totaro, Marianne Tracey

Faith Formation News

Good day parishioners,

We have been making some changes to our faith formation program. One of the biggest changes is our new family program. After observing the program for several years and trying to see where improvements could be made, I am excited to say that we have begun a family program here at St. Mary's called FIRE (Families in Religious Encounter). I realized that the separation between the children's experiences and the parents' knowledge of what the children were learning was getting wider and wider. This program is for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, Fishers, Flames, and Fruits, and is broken down into adult sessions and community sessions that meet once or twice a month on designated Sundays. During our adult sessions the children are led by Mrs. Christine Casbar, Mr. Danny Bhagat, and Mrs. Rachel Arcilla-Cagaio, as they engage them in discussions about the Sunday liturgy, the Saints, and the liturgical calendar. There are also responsibilities and opportunities at home for the parents to be fully involved in their child's faith journey. The goal of this program is to support parents in being their child's first catechist.

This past session was a community session where families received a brief history about our Catholic creeds, participated in a discussion and craft about God's Creation, and played Creation Bingo. I am really excited to have the parents as part of this program and look forward to sharing all of the wonderful ways our families are experiencing their faith.

Our Sacramental Program children meet almost every week. First graders, Sprouts, catechized by Mrs. Gloria Byrne, are spending time learning about God's infinite love for his children through videos and activities and they are truly starting to sprout. Our second graders, Lambs, catechized by Mrs. Jocelyn Tingson, are beginning their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This past Sunday, they learned about how God loves us even when we sin and began discussing The Ten Commandments.

Seventh graders, Doves, are being led by Mrs. Angie Girardin, and our eighth graders, Evangelist, are being led by Mr. Brian Kenny, and are in their first or second year towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please keep all of our faith formation families in your prayers as they journey this year.

A special thanks to all of the above catechists for your support of this year and all the years that you have participated in this ministry. Your contributions to this program are a God send.

Thank You from CLAWS



Dear Fr. Joe and Parishioners of St. Mary,
On behalf of CLAWS and all the animals in our care, I want to thank you for the food and monetary donations that were donated to CLAWS on the day of the Blessing of the Animals.

We appreciate your kindness and please know it will be put to good use.

Sincerely,

Val Buchtmann, President, CLAWS

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.

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.



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.

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.



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 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.



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.

Closter Seniors Club is Active and Inviting People to Attend – Check it out

The Closter Seniors Club is now accepting new members (age 60 +). Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Senior Center, 4 Lewis Street (located behind Closter's Borough Hall.) If planning to attend, please call 201-768-5818.

Job Openings at St. Joseph School in Oradell

Part-Time Maintenance Position: This is a year-round position, 5 days per week/4 hours per day. The successful candidate will have Protecting God's Children training (the school can assist with that), a positive attitude, and take pride in his/her work. Black Seal license is a plus! This position includes cleaning and routine school maintenance tasks.

Part-Time Pre-Kindergarten 3 Teacher Assistant, 4 hours per day five days per week. The successful candidate will enjoy working with our little ones and bring a joyful helping hand to the classroom. This position requires Protecting God's Children training, Saint Joseph School can help with arranging enrollment in a training class.

Interested candidates may call Principal, Dr. Paula Valenti for an appointment at 201-261-2388, x40. sjsusa.org.

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How To Report Abuse

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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.

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.

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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Support Groups

Many who hunger for God's consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated & divorced, single parents & same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, please go to: www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0 and select the group type from the menu on the right.

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.



Moving? Change of Address? E-Mail Address

If you are registered in the parish and are moving please let us know. Also, if you have changed your e-mail address or if we don't have one on file for you please let Grace Ditzel know at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565, so we can keep our records current. Thank you for your help.

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.

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.

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