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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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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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 –
Acts 5: 27-32 40b-41; Rv. 5: 11-14; Jn. 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14
5:00 PM Lorraine Lupardi
req. by Mike and Cathy Thornhill

SUNDAY, MAY 1 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 5: 27-32 40b-41; Rv. 5: 11-14; Jn. 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14
8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Joan Peragine / req. by Elizabeth Bussanich

MONDAY, MAY 2 – ST. ANTHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Acts 6: 8-15; Jn. 6: 22-29
8:00 AM Edward Rogan / req. by Silva Rrjolli

TUESDAY, MAY 3 – STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
1 Cor. 15: 1-8; Jn. 14: 6-14
8:00 AM Tom Menezes / req. by the Menezes Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 – EASTER WEEKDAY
Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn. 6: 35-40
8:00 AM Diane Delfadero / req. by Bill Deegan

THURSDAY, MAY 5 – EASTER WEEKDAY
Acts 8: 26-40; Jn. 6: 44-51
8:00 AM Helmuth Hockenmaier
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

FRIDAY, MAY 6 – EASTER WEEKDAY
Acts 9: 1-20; Jn. 6: 52-59
8:00 AM Alfonso Betonio
req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

SATURDAY, MAY 7 –
Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv. 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn. 10: 27-30
5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 8 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv. 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn. 10: 27-30
8:30 AM All Mother's – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM All Mother's – Living and Deceased

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2022.

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Third Sunday of Easter and welcome to the month of May.

We continue celebrating the joy of Easter for 50 days, ending with the solemnity of Pentecost on June 5. Until then, let us pray that the joy of the Risen Lord will continue to be with us as we enter into the month dedicated to our mothers and especially to our Blessed Mother, Mary.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have contributed in making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special this year. To all our lectors, our servers, ushers, and ministers of Holy Communion, a sincere thank you for all you do, not only at Easter, but throughout the whole year. To Andrew Monticello and to our cantors Joe and Sarah, and to the entire choir: Thank You one and all. Sharing your talents during these holy days made them all the more special. To Canice Cristofoletti, to Grace Ditzel, and Joan Westervelt, who helped in making our beautiful church even more beautiful for Easter: Thank You.

And to all of you, the parish family of St. Mary, thank you for your generosity and may God bless you for making St. Mary's such a warm and friendly place to worship our Lord.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

Michael Andre, Glen Connolly, Amy Hartwell, Thomas Kelly, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Baby Luke Totaro

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.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Davis

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelope

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. 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.

Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **May 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.

2022 Annual Appeal

Proclaiming the Gospel
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Forming Future Priest and Supporting Retired Clergy

St. Mary's Goal is $24,000.00. Please help us reach it!

If you didn't see the video from Archbishop Cardinal Tobin you can view it at https://www.rcan.org/video.

You may make your donation at Mass, on Parish Giving or at rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you to those that have already made their donation.

Easter Candle

The Easter Candle burns in memory of all those that have died in the Ukraine.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a Mass during 2023 please contact Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565 for further information.

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.

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.

Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022!

Every couple in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating fifty years of Christian marriage during 2022 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

Fifty years on Sunday, **May 15th** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** is **May 2nd**.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

The Archdiocese will acknowledge the reservation directly to the celebrating couple and provide them with directions to the Cathedral Basilica (after we submit your information to them).

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Gold Anniversary in those years **can also join us**. Please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in **2020**, **2021** or **2022**, the certificates will still say Gold, not 51, 52, etc.

Parish Giving
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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 with your cell phone. Thank you to our dedicated and generous parishioners who make ministry possible at St. Mary's.

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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.

Moving? Change of Address? New Phone Number? E-Mail Address

If you are registered in the parish and moved or are moving, please let us know. Also, if you have changed your phone number or your e-mail address or if we don't have one on file for you please let Grace Ditzel know at gditzel@stmarycloster.org, so we can keep our records current. We send out an e-mail blast approximately once a week to keep you updated with the parish. 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.

Lost and Found

We have a lost and found basket in the north vestibule of Church.

Open House and Summer Program

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, **May 17th** 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.

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. Program Descriptions and Registration can be found on the BC website. For questions, contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Needs of Older Adults in Bergen County

Public Hearing on the Needs of Older Adults in Bergen County, Thursday, May 12th, 9:00 AM, (registration at 8:30 AM) County Administration Building, 5th Floor – Commissioner Public Meeting Room, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack. Open to all Bergen County residents 60+, caregivers and agencies serving older adults in Bergen County.

Written and verbal testimony is acceptable and limited to 5 minutes. If you want to testify or need additional information, call Senior Services at 201-336-7446. If you have special needs, call 201-336-7446 at least one week in advance to arrange appropriate accommodations. Assistive Listening Devices and CART Services are available. Language interpreters available upon request. For further information, call 201-336-7446 or email – Lsthelaire@co.bergen.nj.us.

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: https://www.rcan.org/general-bereavement-support-groups or https://www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries and select the group type from the menu.

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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sun. – May 1st:
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sacramental Program – Sprouts, Lambs and FIRE Program

Mon. – May 2nd :
8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church
Scrip Orders being placed

Wed. – May 4th:
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Church
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Scripture Study – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Sun. – May 8th :
Mother's Day

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