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CHURCH OF  
**ST. MARY**

Closter, New Jersey

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 14 –

*Acts 14: 21-27; Rv. 21: 1-5a; Jn. 13: 31-33a, 34-35*

5:00 PM Rodolfo Kabigting  
req. by the Hipolito Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 14: 21-27; Rv. 21: 1-5a; Jn. 13: 31-33a, 34-35*

8:30 AM John Orso / req. by the Kelly Family  
11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, MAY 16 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Ac6s 14: 5-18; Jn. 14: 21-26*

8:00 AM David Watkins / req. by the Watkins Family

TUESDAY, MAY 17 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 14: 19-28; Jn. 14: 27-31a*

8:00 AM Ed Rogan / req. by John and Midas Hernandez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 – ST. JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR

*Acts 15: 1-6, Jn. 15: 1-8*

8:00 AM Gary Hemmer / req. by Bill Deegan

THURSDAY, MAY 19 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 15: 7-21; Jn. 15: 9-11*

8:00 AM Intentions of Virgilio and Remedy Cuenca  
req. by Peggy Austria

FRIDAY, MAY 20 – ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

*Acts 15: 22-31; Jn. 15: 12-17*

8:00 AM Shauna O'Brien / req. by Bill Deegan

SATURDAY, MAY 21 –

*Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14: 23-29*

5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 22 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14: 23-29*

8:30 AM Francisca and Julio Landrito  
req. by Roy and Espie Landrito  
11:00 AM Michael Conmy / req. by the Conmy Family



### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Bread** – Special intentions of Thom and Grace Calabro, req. by Dave and Sara Reeves.

### 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 [gdtzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gdtzel@stmarycloster.org).

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As was announced last weekend, we have reached and exceeded our goal of \$24,000 for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Many thanks to one and all for getting us there. As always, your goodness and generosity shines brightly. May God bless you for your kindness.

Congratulations to all the young people of our parish who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time this weekend. May you always know just how much the Lord loves you and wants you to receive him every weekend at Mass. Many thanks to Maria Matos and to Jocelyn Tingson for bringing the children to this special day.

As we are now in the middle of this wonderful month of May, the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, and as we welcome back our college students and begin celebrating graduations and planning vacations, may you always remember to stay close to Mary, our patron of our parish. Please pray through her intercession for peace in our homes, our communities, and in our world. May peace once again come upon the people of Ukraine and in all areas of the world in need of peace.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



### Pray for the Sick

Michael Andre, Glen Connolly, Thomas DeFabiis,  
Amy Hartwell, Thomas Kelly,  
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Michael Mandy,  
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 [gdtzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gdtzel@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.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** and **22<sup>nd</sup>** the second collection is for Repairs and Maintenance.

#### Why the MAINTENANCE COLLECTION?

The monthly MAINTENANCE COLLECTION funds the regular upkeep of St. Mary's physical plant: school, former convent, rectory, church and grounds. Our buildings are certainly not "new" and we have a responsibility to maintain these resources entrusted to us. Donations to this collection are "restricted" and are not subject to the 14% assessment by the Archdiocese. Thank you for being good caretakers of our spiritual home, St. Mary's.

### 2022 Annual Appeal

Proclaiming the Gospel

Passing on the Faith

Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable

Forming Future Priest and Supporting Retired Clergy

St. Mary's Goal is \$24,000.00. We've reached 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](https://rcan.org/sharing).

Thank you to those that have already made their donation.



### 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](https://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.



### Easter Candle

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

### 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](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.



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You can use your existing Amazon account or, if you're a new user, easily create one.

### Mass Intentions

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



### Three Squares Ministry – Food for Neighbors in Need

Food collected from the May Food Drive on **May 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be donated to the Closter Food Pantry. The Pantry has shared with us their most needed items. To ensure a variety of non-perishable items, we ask you to shop according to your last name.

The Pantry also expresses sincere thanks to St. Mary parishioners for their tremendous and consistent support which helps the Pantry to stock its shelves and to serve the community.

If your last name begins with:

#### **A – G**

Cereal (no Cheerios please)

Flour

Nuts

Fruit juice

#### **H – L**

Oil

Breadcrumbs

Crackers

Laundry detergent

#### **M – R**

Coffee

Mayo

Pasta sauce

Canned fruit

#### **S – Z**

Sugar

Dried fruit

Shelf-stable milk – dry or canned evaporated, condensed, boxes, almond, coconut

Barbecue sauce

### Special Noon Mass

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 12:00 noon. For those unable to attend in person, we will be videotaping the Mass for later viewing on our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FrJimMcKenna>) and/or website

(<https://fatherjimmckenna.org/>). We hope to again offer virtual participation through Zoom.

This monthly Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of those afflicted or affected by a substance use disorder. For information please contact The Father Jim McKenna Memorial Fund at [201-281-6247](tel:201-281-6247) or visit our website at <https://fatherjimmckenna.org/>.

### Job Opportunity at Church of St. Andrew in Westwood

The Church of Saint Andrew in Westwood, New Jersey is seeking a part-time Youth Ministry Assistant. The Assistant for Youth Ministry will be responsible for assisting with a youth ministry that promotes: spiritual formation, catechesis, community life, evangelization, service opportunities, & leadership development. This position will collaborate with the Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry, staff, parents, youth, & volunteers. As a member of the staff, this individual will oversee some aspects of youth ministry communications including, but not limited to email & social media. Additionally, they will be present at Youth Ministry events & gatherings. Further, the position will organize various aspects of sacramental preparations. Responsible for working some nights and occasional weekends.

The applicant must be an active Catholic, fully formed in the teachings of the Catholic Church, and has a visible commitment to living life according to those teachings. This individual should also be organized with a good sense of time management & possess computer & social media literacy. Ability to speak Spanish preferred.

Interested applicants can send a resume to [jessica.giglio@standrewcc.com](mailto:jessica.giglio@standrewcc.com)

### Open Houses and School Programs



A Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

This event will provide an opportunity to learn about our programs and to meet our faculty and admissions counselors. Information about financial aid, grants and scholarships, will also be available.

Register at [ADULT.DC.EDU](http://ADULT.DC.EDU) to receive your virtual Info Session login information for Zoom.



BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

BC Lead On Program: The Bergen Catholic LEAD ON Program is a three-week summer enrichment program designed for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).



### Faith Formation News

Congratulations to you, the communicants, on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. At your Baptism, you were forgiven the sins you were born with, received God's Grace, and entered into the Church. Now, with the receipt of this Sacrament, you are able to receive the Eucharist and be filled with the love and strength of Jesus Christ at every mass. May you always remember the importance of

receiving Him to help you live the faithful Catholic life God has asked of you.

Fr. Joe Scarangella and I wish to thank:

- Our Catechist, Jocelyn Tingson for sharing her faith and for her dedication in preparing the children to receive their sacraments.
- All those who assisted with the liturgy, especially our Music Director, Andrew Monticello, our Cantor Joe Fritz, and our lovely choir.
- The parents of our communicants, for the support shown throughout the year to the children and the Faith Formation Program and for helping to make the year memorable for all involved.

*Maria Matos, Faith Formation Coordinator*



### 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.

### 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.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sacramental Program – Sprouts, Lambs and Evangelists

#### Mon. – May 16<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

#### Wed. – May 18<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Church

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Scripture Study – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

#### Sat. – May 21<sup>st</sup>:

12:00 PM – AA Special Mass – Church followed by meeting in Fr. Roger Troy Hall

#### Sat. – Sun. – May 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Three Squares Ministry Food Collection at all Masses

#### Sun. – May 22<sup>nd</sup> :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sacramental Program – Sprouts, Lambs and Fire Program

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