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CHURCH OF ST. MARY
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 2 –

Is. 66: 10-14c; Gal. 6: 14-18; Lk. 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10: 1-9

5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, JULY 3 –

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Is. 66: 10-14c; Gal. 6: 14-18; Lk. 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10: 1-9*8:30 AM Travis Watkins
req. by Mom, Cody and Schuyler

11:00 AM Gwen Phillips / req. by Her Family

MONDAY, JULY 4 – WEEKDAY

Hos 2: 16, 17C-18, 21-22; Mt. 9: 18-26

8:00 AM Lourdes Caoile / req. by Peggy Austria

TUESDAY, JULY 5 – ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST;
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL*Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13; Mt. 9: 32-28*

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 –

ST. MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

*Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt. 10: 1-7*8:00 AM Tom Menezes
req. by the Menezes Family

THURSDAY, JULY 7 – WEEKDAY

Hos 11: 1-4, 8e-9; Mt. 10: 7-15

8:00 AM Ofelia Silverio / req. by Julie Torres

FRIDAY, JULY 8 – WEEKDAY

*Hos 14: 2-10; Mt. 10: 16-23*8:00 AM Catherine and Frank Marino
req. by the Macchiavelli Family

SATURDAY, JULY 9 –

*Dt. 30: 10-14; Col. 1: 15-20; Lk. 10: 25-37*5:00 PM Edward Rogan
req. by Midge Haramis and Family

SUNDAY, JULY 10 –

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt. 30: 10-14; Col. 1: 15-20; Lk. 10: 25-37

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Edward Tallia and Clorinda Zai
req. by Dorothy Tallia

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Wine – In memory of Gwen Phillips,
req. by her family.**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** – In memory of
Travis Watkins, req. by Mom, Cody and Schuyler

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Monday, July 4th, our nation celebrates once again the anniversary of our independence. It was on that date, 246 years ago, when the final draft of the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the delegates of the 13 colonies. It wasn't until July 8th, 1776, when the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence took place at the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia. The official signing of the Declaration by John Hancock, the president of congress, did not take place until August 2nd. He was the first of 56 signers of the Declaration. Once all of the delegates signed the Declaration, it was only then, on August 4th, 1776, that the Declaration of Independence was made official.

Regardless of how long it took to sign the declaration, we as a nation, celebrate with great joy this day. Our nation may be divided in many ways at this time, but, what holds us together is that declaration made 246 years ago. May our nation continue to be that beacon of hope and light for all the world to see. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



Pray for the Sick

Michael Andre, Catherine Arnao, Glen Connolly,
Thomas DeFabiis, Amy Hartwell, Thomas Kelly,
Eoin Kennedy, Anthony Lupardi,
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell,
Michael Mundy, 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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **July 9th** and **10th** the second collection is the Archdiocesan Retired Priest Collection.

All Parish Offices Closed

In observance of the Fourth of July all parish offices will be closed on Monday, **July 4th**.



Faith Formation News

Good day parishioners,

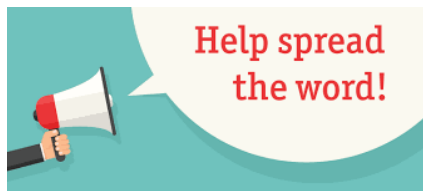
I would like to congratulate one of the children from our Lambs Group on receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, July 3rd.

May all our parishioners remember Jesus' invitation to receive Him and do so often so that they may be fed by the Body of Jesus Christ.

Have a wonderful week.

Maria Matos
Faith Formation Coordinator

Faith Formation News



Good day parishioners,

We are accepting registrations for our faith formation program for children in first through eighth grades.

Our Sprouts and Lambs groups, first and second graders, meet every possible

week based on the public school vacation calendar. Third through sixth graders will be part of the FIRE Program, Families in Religious Encounter, which meet once or twice a month on designated Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:50 AM. At least one parent or guardian must be present with their child at each FIRE session. Our Doves group, seventh grade meets every possible week based on the public school vacation calendar on either Sundays or Mondays. Lastly, our Evangelists group, eighth grade, meets once or twice a month on designated Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:50 AM.

Since we are in a more positive situation with Covid and there is medicine to help with the pandemic, at-home programs will not be offered.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please have them contact me, Maria Matos, at the Faith Formation Office by email at reled@stmarycloster.org or by phone at 201-767-8247. Also for more information, you can go to our website stmarycloster.org.

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.

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.



Dominican College located in Orangeburg, NY is now Dominican University New York.

Learn about admission requirements and meet the faculty.

A Virtual information Session has been scheduled for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Thursday, July 14th 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 to receive your virtual Info Session login information for Zoom.

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!](#)



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 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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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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Mon. – July 4th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

All Parish Offices – Closed

Wed. – July 6th :

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

Statement of Cardinal Joseph Tobin on the United States Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson

Matter

June 24, 2022



The United States Supreme Court's ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization to overturn the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide recognizes that even the most helpless and dependent human beings have a right to life and possess inherent dignity and worth.

The Catholic Church teaches that all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. We must oppose the many threats to human life and dignity evident in contemporary society, including abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and capital punishment.

Abortion represents a failure to recognize the sanctity of human life and promotes a culture in which human life in its most vulnerable moment is perceived as disposable. It is telling that in the public debate, the unborn child frequently disappears from the moral calculus.

Furthermore, abortion is not healthcare. It is a disastrous attempt to create a false equivalency between the taking of innocent human life and the "reproductive health" of women in our society. It results in inhuman and lethal consequences.

We join with Pope Francis in noting that "it is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child" (Pope Francis, address to the United Nations, Sept. 25, 2020). Our Holy Father has repeatedly said that abortion is not a religious issue; it's a human rights issue.

We recognize that a woman's decision to have an abortion is often tragic and painful. A woman who takes this desperate action is often under great duress and is encouraged by social structures that are patently sinful. As people who care deeply for all women struggling with unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, we must ensure that life-giving options are available and our support does not end simply with the birth of a child.

We recognize that a significant number of our fellow citizens are angered by this decision of our nation's highest Court. We hope that all Americans can discuss respectfully how best to support women who face crucial decisions while recognizing the dignity of the most vulnerable among us.

We agree with the analysis of Pope Francis, who has made it clear that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter.

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