



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, *King of the Universe*

Church of St. Mary
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 –

2 Sm. 5: 1-3; Col. 1: 12-20; Lk. 23: 35-43

5:00 PM Paul and Marie Vecchio
req. by the Bertelloni Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 –

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2 Sm. 5: 1-3; Col. 1: 12-20; Lk. 23: 35-43

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Fran Semler
req. by Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – THE PRESENTATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv. 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Lk. 21:1-4

8:00 AM Ed Rogan and Intentions of His Family
req. by Joan Westervelt

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 –

ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Rv. 14: 14-19; Lk. 21: 5-11

8:00 AM Mary Neusch / req. by Tony Neusch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – ST. CLEMENT I, POPE
AND MARTYR; ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED
MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Rv. 15: 1-4; Lk. 21: 12-19

8:00 AM Ed Rogan / req. by the Ditzel Family

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24 – ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC,
PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
THANKSGIVING DAY

Rv. 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a; Lk. 21: 20-28 or for
Thanksgiving, any readings from the Mass "in thanksgiving to
God"

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – ST. CATHERINE OF
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Rv. 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2; Lk. 21: 29-33

8:00 AM Pietro and Teresa DiPlacido
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 –

Is. 2: 1-6; Rom. 13: 11-14; Mt. 24: 37-44

5:00 PM Edward Rogan
req. by Ken and Fina Chamberlain

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 –

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 2: 1-5; Rom. 13: 11-14; Mt. 24: 37-44

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Richard Flammer / req. by Mary Flammer

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Intentions of
Christopher Bottini, req. by the Macchiavelli Family,
Sanctuary Candle – Intentions of James DiPersia,
req. by the Macchiavelli Family.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. With the celebrate of this feast day, we bring the season of Ordinary Time to its conclusion. Next weekend, we will enter into the season of Advent, the joyful season in which we anticipate the second coming of Jesus and look back to the time of the birth of Jesus two-thousand years ago.

This coming Thursday, November 24th, is Thanksgiving Day, a day set aside by all people of the United States to give thanks to all mighty God for all the blessings we have received. Here in the USA, Thanksgiving Day has been an annual tradition by presidential proclamation since 1863. But, it has been celebrated for many more years before then when the first settlers came to our shores and gave thanks to God for the bountiful harvest in 1619. Many new traditions have grown since the pilgrims first gave thanks to God, but always the main focus is to be thankful to God for all the blessings we have received. We will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Mary on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM. Please join us on this special day to celebrate the Eucharist together as a family of faith to give thanks to God. On behalf of the entire staff here at St. Mary Parish, we wish you and all your loved ones a blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

A Thanksgiving Prayer to share with your loved ones as you gather for you thanksgiving meal.

God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and forever. Amen.

Pray for the Sick

Catherine Arnao, Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly,
Joseph Culhane, Thomas DeFabiis, Orlee Fromm,
Amy Hartwell, Thomas Kelly, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell,
Kim McWilliams, Jacqueline Mundy, Michael Mundy,
Brianna Neusch, 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 or call the rectory at 201-768-7565. To add a name you must have the permission of the person or their family.

Thanksgiving Office Hours

All Parish Offices will close at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, **November 23rd** and reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, **November 28th**.

QUEEN OF PEACE COUNCIL #3679



On Wednesday, October 12th the Bergen Federation of the Knights of Columbus hosted its annual Pride in our Priests (PIP) Dinner at The Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ. Queen of Peace Council was pleased to host our Pastor Fr. Joseph Scarangella, our Weekend Assistant Fr. Charlie Pinyan, Fr. Doroteo Layosa (Dheo) our Council Chaplain and Pastor of Immaculate Conception in Norwood, and Fr. Jack Cryan, Weekend Assistant at St. Joseph, Demarest. Also joining us was our Financial Secretary Kenneth Walker. Almost 500 guests attended the event which included over 150 priests, Auxiliary Bishops, Deacons and Seminarians. Archdiocese of Newark Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was the main speaker. The Annual PIP Dinner is open to all. It is our hope that in 2023 all the priests from St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes join us as our guests. Queen of Peace Council celebrates our clergy not only annually at the PIP but every day for their service and attention to our spiritual needs. For further information on the PIP or the Knights of Columbus please contact Eight Years Grand Knight John Hernandez at jah21344@aol.com or (201) 768-8871. Vivat Jesus!!

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 the remainder of 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.



Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Angelo Gaspari

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!](#)

Lost And Found

We have a lost and found basket in the North Vestibule of Church, on the side by the former Convent building.



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 giving 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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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.

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.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday mornings, 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM in the Church

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.

Keeping our Records Updated

If you have recently moved or changed your contact information, please let us know so we can update our files. Contact Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sat. / Sun. – November 19th – 20th :
Three Squares Ministry – Food Collection at all Masses this weekend
Blessing of Prayer Shawls at all Masses this weekend

Sun. – November 20th :
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – 7th Grade Doves – Faith Formation Building
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – FIRE Program – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sacramental Program – Sprouts and Lambs – Faith Formation Building

Mon. – November 21st :
8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church
3:15 PM – 5:00 PM – 7th Grade Doves – Faith Formation Building

Wed. – November 23rd :
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament - Church
9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom *
11:30 AM – All Parish Offices close early
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Thur. – November 24th :
All Parish Offices are closed
9:00 AM – Mass

* Scripture Study

Meets every Wednesday at 9:15 AM via Zoom. For more information contact Dave Reeves at 551-206-5284.

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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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.

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/office-s-and-ministries> and select the group type from the menu.



Closter Food Pantry

Please drop frozen turkeys or turkey breasts at the Closter Senior Center, 4 Lewis Street on Sunday, **November 20th** from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM..

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