

# FIRST SUNDAY *of Advent*



*Church of St. Mary*  
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

*Is. 4: 2-6; Mt. 8: 5-11*

8:00 AM Intentions of Gregorio Bautista  
req. by Peggy Austria

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

*Is. 11: 1-10; Lk. 10: 21-24*

8:00 AM Pasquale and Rosa Conte  
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 –

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

*Rom. 10: 9-18; Mt. 4: 18-22*

8:00 AM Jose and Elva Marin  
req. by the Pozotrigio Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

*Is. 26: 1-6; Mt. 7: 21, 24-27*

8:00 AM Oscar "Bud" Rauch  
req. by John and Canice Cristofolletti

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

*Is. 29: 17-24; Mt. 9: 27-31*

8:00 AM Travis Watkins  
req. by Mom, Cody and Skylar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 –

*Is. 11: 1-10; Rom. 15: 4-9; Mt. 3: 1-12*

5:00 PM Edward Rogan  
req. by John and Ellen Gloistein

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 –

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Is. 11: 1-10; Rom. 15: 4-9; Mt. 3: 1-12*

8:30 AM Mary, James and Andrew Piccione  
req. by the Macchiavelli Family  
11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased



## 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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org).

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Advent !!!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and enjoyed being with friends and family as we enter into the holiday season.

Seems hard to believe that in just a few weeks we will be celebrating Christmas. But, until then, we begin this weekend celebrating the first week of Advent. This year Advent will be celebrated for a full four weeks since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. With the beginning of Advent, we enter into a new liturgical year. We will read mostly from the gospel of St. Matthew since we are now in the cycle of year A readings.

As we enter into the Advent season, our own Fr. Chris Ciccarino will present an Advent morning of reflection on Wednesday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with Mass at 8:00 AM. Please join us as we take a few hours out of our busy schedules to enter into the spirit of the season.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



## 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](mailto: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.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** the second collection is for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

#### Why the ASSESSMENT COLLECTION?

Each parish of the Archdiocese of Newark (RCAN), to which St. Mary's belongs, is assessed a percentage of regular donations and rental income. Donations to St. Mary, such as the Sunday collection, are assessed at 14%. RCAN uses these assessed funds to operate the chancery and help subsidize charitable works. The ASSESSMENT COLLECTION helps St. Mary's cover some of the monies due to RCAN. Thank you again for supporting St. Mary's and helping RCAN provide assistance beyond our doors.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.



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### Immaculate Conception Norwood Gala and Recognition Night

A Black-Tie Fundraising Event on Wednesday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the Florentine Gardens, River Vale. This event includes cocktails, dinner, ballroom dancing, raffles and recognition of individuals and families who have provided outstanding service to our church and community. To purchase your tickets (\$150 each) or sponsor an honoree ticket please go to [iccnorwood.org](http://iccnorwood.org), call 201-768-1600 or contact Mary Ritchey at 201-274-9164, [ritche788@aol.com](mailto:ritche788@aol.com).



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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) to be kept in the loop.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

#### Mon. – November 28<sup>th</sup> :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

#### Wed. – November 30<sup>th</sup> :

8:00 AM – Mass and Advent morning of reflection – Church

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom \*

#### Sun. – December 4<sup>th</sup> :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Doves – Faith Formation Building

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Confirmation Program – Faith Formation Building

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sacramental Program – Sprouts and Lambs – Faith Formation Building

#### \* Scripture Study

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

### Advent Morning of Reflection

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 8:00 AM.

### 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.

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