

CHURCH OF ST. MARY



SERVING CLOSTER AND ALPINE + ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.
fatherjoe@stmarycloster.org

Weekend Assistants:
S.M.A. Fathers, Rev. Chris Ciccarino & Rev. Charlie Pinyan

Director of Music: Andrew Monticello
music@stmarycloster.org

Faith Formation Coordinator: Maria Matos
reled@stmarycloster.org

Parish Secretary: Grace Ditzel
gditzel@stmarycloster.org

Business Admin./Parish Bookkeeper/Local Safe Environment Coordinator: Canice Cristofolletti
ccristofolletti@stmarycloster.org

Parish Trustees: Pamela Derfus & John Hernandez
Assisted by the Pastoral Advisory Board and Financial Council

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, FEBRUARY 11 –

Sir. 15: 15-20; 1 Cor. 2: 6-10; Mt. 5: 17-37 or 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

5:00 PM Tony Lupardi / req. by Carolyn Rogan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 –

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir. 15: 15-20; 1 Cor. 2: 6-10; Mt. 5: 17-37 or 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

8:30 AM Violet Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family

11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – WEEKDAY

Gn. 4: 1-15, 25; Mk. 8: 11-13

8:00 AM George Gripenburg
req. by the Kelly Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 –

STS. CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BBISHOP

Gn. 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10; Mk. 8:14-21

8:00 AM Paul and Marie Vecchio
req. by the Vecchio Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – WEEKDAY

Gn. 8: 6-13, 20-22; Mk. 8: 22-26

8:00 AM Clara Siebert / req. by Angela Caserta

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – WEEKDAY

Gn. 9: 1-13; Mk. 8: 27-33

8:00 AM Karl Selle / req. by Michael and Rita Droste

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – THE SEVEN HOLY
FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

Gn. 11: 1-9; Mk. 8: 34 – 9: 1

8:00 AM Filemon Quiroz / req. by Julie Torres

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 –

Lv. 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor. 3: 16-23; Mt. 5: 38-48

5:00 PM Anthony Lupardi, Sr.
req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 –

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv. 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor. 3: 16-23; Mt. 5: 38-48

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Teresa Davis / req. by Sue Brueck

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2023.

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 Super Bowl Sunday!

Please save the date for our annual St. Patrick celebration. It will take place on Saturday evening, March 11th, in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. It promises to be a fun evening with great food and company. Please join us.

Last week we began the Annual Appeal. Our goal is \$29,000. and I know that through your goodness and generosity, we will once again surpass that goal. Please take home an envelope and make that pledge or one time gift. It can make all the difference in the world.

Soon we will once again enter into the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on February 22nd, it is a time to reflect on our relationship with God and one another and to see where we can improve on both. It's not only a time to give up something, but to do something that will make a difference in our lives. Giving to the Annual Appeal can do just that. Please consider making a "sacrificial" gift to the appeal.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



Pray for the Sick

Catherine Arnao, Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly,
Joseph Culhane, Thomas DeFabiis, Orlee Fromm,
Amy Hartwell, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell,
Kim McWilliams, Jacqueline Mundy, Michael Mundy,
Anthony Neusch, Brianna Neusch, Michele Neusch,
John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joanne Surterenonet,
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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **February 18th** and **19th** the second collection is for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Kelly

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 five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The 5th and 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus.

Fifty years on Sunday, **April 16th** at 3:00 PM

Five years and twenty-five years on Sunday, **May 7th** at 3:00 PM

Please call Grace at the rectory at 201-768-7565 to register. The **deadline** for April 16th is **April 5th** and the deadline for May 7th is **April 27th**.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of these 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.

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, and many families are still playing 'catch-up' with their celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years may still join us as well. Please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in **2020, 2021** (or even if they missed in **2022**), the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

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.

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!](#)

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.



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.



Third Saturday Mass for Recovery and Healing

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, **February 18th** at 12:00 noon. This special Mass speaks to those affected by the use and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol and for those who love them. Current religious gathering protocol will be strictly followed. Following Mass, all are welcome to a meeting and refreshments in the community hall.

For information, please contact The Father Jim McKenna Memorial Fund at 201-281-6247 or visit our website at <https://fatherjimckenna.org/>.

A Day of Remembrance, Hope and Healing – Monday, February 13th

The **Respect Life Ministry of St. Paul, Ramsey**, invites all members of St. Mary's Parish to join us at St. Paul RC Church, Ramsey, for **Adoration and Prayer** on Monday, **February 13th**, to remember the 63 Million babies' lives lost in the US since 1973, their parents and families, and to pray for the end of abortion.

12 Noon	Mass
12:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Confessions (English and Spanish)
5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
7:00 PM	Rosary and Litany for Life
8:00 PM – 8:45 PM	Confessions (English) 8:00 PM – 8:45 PM
8:45 PM – 9:00 PM	Benediction

For more information visit www.stpaulrcchurch.org/respectlifeministry.

2023 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 \$29,000.00
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 donations.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sun. – February 12th :

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. – February 13th :

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

Wed. – February 15th :

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church
9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom *
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Thur. – February 16th :

6:30 PM – St. Patrick's Committee Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Sat. – February 18th :

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

* Scripture Study

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



Save the Date

Save the date and join the fun at St. Mary's Annual St. Patrick's Day party -- Saturday, **March 11th**. More information to come.

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

I had the pleasure of working with Habitat for Humanity with some of our Confirmation candidates this past Saturday. It was the coldest day of the year so far but inside was filled with the warmth and love of Jesus; and a heater of course. Our project manager, Nick, and one of the other workers, Alfonzo, were so patient and kind in helping us learn about the work that needed to be completed.

A big thank you to one of our candidates parent's, John Galluccio, for organizing the volunteer opportunity for us and his participation. Thanks go also to our candidates: Gigi, Marleyana, Maxima, William, Landon, and his friend JJ for their hard work in helping get a house in West Orange ready for a new family. They all did a great job!

I personally look forward to the next time I can help Habitat for Humanity. I pray that this volunteer opportunity inspires the kids to go beyond their own communities to participate in helping others again in a way that they may not have thought they could handle.

Another person I would like to thank is our Sprouts Group catechist, Gloria Byrne, for helping with the Sunday Doves Group this past weekend. Unfortunately, their catechist could not attend the session so Mrs. Byrne took the seventh graders to work with her first graders. This was a perfect example of what it means to be a faith community. She said it was a wonderful collaboration and that the seventh graders said they would like to come back to work with the young children again.

This weekend was such a wonderful Christ filled weekend. I pray you all experience the love of Christ in each other and have a joyous week.

Prayers and smiles,

Maria Matos



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.

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.

Lost And Found

We have a lost and found basket in the North Vestibule of Church, on the side by the Faith Formation 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 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.

MORITZ FUNERAL HOME

348 Closter Dock Road
Closter, N.J. 07624

~ Family Owned Funeral Home By The Dankiewicz Family ~

98 Route 303 South
Tappan, N.Y. 10983

(201) 768-4200

Mark Dankiewicz, Manager, NJ Lic. No. 4733

Peter Dankiewicz, Director, NJ Lic. No. 4762 · Walter Dankiewicz, NJ Lic. No. 3245

(845) 359-0890

NEW HIGH END VANS, SUVs and SEDANS

Airports · NYC · Personal Family Occasions

Tim & Peter O'Reilly 201-664-3326

Chauffeurs Needed • Work With Us

EAST-WEST ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

19 TYSON PLACE
201-384-0125 EW

A FULL SERVICE COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1977 · LICENSE #4978

ALL CALLS PERSONALLY ANSWERED
EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE

Residential · Commercial

Permanent · GENERATORS · Portable

CHRISTIE'S
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

Miriam Lambert

Broker Associate

C: 917-428-1259 | O: 201-899-7100

Miriam@MiriamLambert.com

www.MiriamLambert.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Queen of Peace Council #3679

is looking for a few good Catholic men to join our fraternal order

John A. Hernandez - Grand Knight

jah21344@aol.com or call 201-768-8871

PIZZI FUNERAL HOME LLC

Michael Pizzi, Mgr., NJ Lic. No. 4176 ~ Family Owned & Operated ~ Joyce M. Pizzi, NJ Lic. No. 3962
Anthony R. Pizzi, NJ Lic. No. 3130 Robert T. Pizzi, NJ Lic. No. 5020

120 PARIS AVENUE · NORTHVALE, NJ 07647 pizzifuneralhome.com Tel: 201-767-3050 · Fax: 201-768-6680

Authentic & Modern
Italian Cuisine

12 Tappan Road
Harrington Park

201.767.4245

DonatellaItalian.restaurant



BECKER FUNERAL HOME

Martin O. Seitz
Manager N.J. Lic. No. 3889

Thomas G. Polito
Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4268

Jennifer Tapia
Advanced Planning Director
N.J. Lic. No. 4821



201-664-0292

219 Kinderkamack Road
Westwood, NJ 07675

ADVERTISE

YOUR BUSINESS IN THIS SPACE

Join the thousands of professionals and businesses
in our network and begin growing sales, driving
new client visits and building client retention
and name recognition.

800-883-4343



WHEN ACCIDENTS
CAUSE PAIN
CALL SHANE



JAELEE LAW
DISTINCTIVE LEGAL PRACTICE

Personal
Injury Specialist



201-547-0026

Callahan Jewelers

768-6136

220 Closter Dock Road
Closter

Whalen & Ives, Inc.

Heating & Air Conditioning Contractors

Air Filtration · Humidification
Professional Services · Quality Installation
24 Hour Emergency Service

13VH00297000 201-784-3330

ACQUA

CATERING AND EVENTS

115 River Road · Edgewater NJ 07020

(Located On The 3rd Floor Above Pier 115 Bar & Grill)



An extraordinary
sky-high event
space inspired
by unparalleled
views of the
NYC skyline.

201-840-7000
acquacatering.com



JAMES V. CRIMMINS & SONS

Landscaping Contractors
(201) 768-4343
Closter, N.J. 07624

Family Owned & Operated Since 1914

TUCEK

Roofing · Siding · Windows

201-307-9272

FREE Estimates · Fully Licensed & Insured

Weichert

All Under One Roof

Real Estate
Mortgage
Insurance
Closing Services



HILDA SOLARI
Realtor®/Sales Associate
Local Resident

Scan here!

201-637-0225 cell

201-569-7888 office

hsolari@weichert.com

www.hilda-solari.weichert.com

13 West Railroad Avenue · Tenafly NJ 07670



CATERING AVAILABLE

SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET



FEATURING
LIVE MUSIC WITH
PAUL BACCASH

12PM-3PM

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED



PRIVATE ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS



SCAN TO SEE THE MENU & MORE!

SAYOLA.COM
FOLLOW US! @f