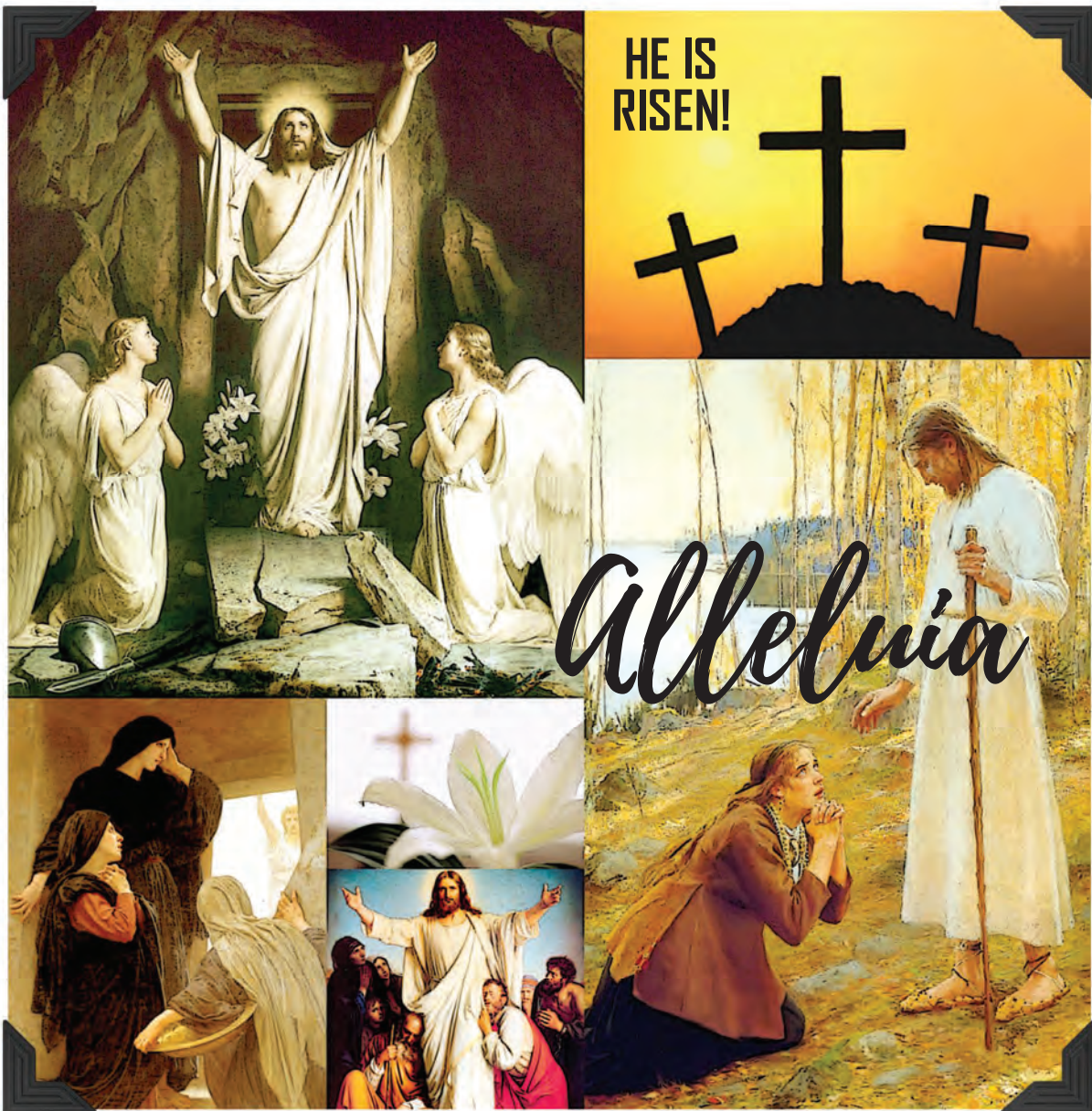


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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – HOLY SATURDAY

Gn. 1: 1-2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a; Gn. 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex. 14: 15-15: 1; Is. 54: 5-14; Is. 55: 1-11; Bar. 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4; Ez. 36: 16-17a 18-28; Rom. 6: 3-11; Mt. 28: 1-10

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5: 6b-8; Jn. 20: 1-9 or Mt. 28: 1-10

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, APRIL 10 –

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt. 28: 8-15

8:00 AM John Branda

req. by Ron and Teresa Moreno

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 –

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2: 36-41; Jn. 20: 11-18

8:00 AM Clara Siebert

req. by Mike and Cathy Thornhill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 –

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3: 1-10; Lk. 24: 13-35

8:00 AM Lisa Deegan / req. by the Deegan Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 –

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3: 11-26; Lk. 24: 25-48

8:00 AM Edgar Gutierrez / req. by Julie Torres

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 –

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 4: 1-12; Jn. 21: 1-14

8:00 AM Anna Rapisarda / req. by Mona Grbic

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 –

Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Pt. 1: 3-9; Jn. 20: 19-31

5:00 PM Celia Magat / req. by Peggy Austria

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Pt. 1: 3-9; Jn. 20: 19-31

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Mary Moliterno / req. by the Vecchio Family



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – Intentions of

Joan Westervelt, req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

Altar Wine – Intentions of

Joan Westervelt, req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Intentions of

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia and Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Truly this is the Day the Lord has made. May it be a day for ALL people to rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord.

On behalf of the entire staff here at St. Mary Parish, we wish you all a blessed and Happy Easter.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



Pray for the Sick

Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly,

Mary 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, Canice Connolly Prince, 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.

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.



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Angelo LaPietra

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 Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

A Blessed and Happy Easter to you and your families. May the light of Jesus fill your hearts today and always.

This past Sunday both adults and children gathered after the 11:00 Palm Sunday mass to learn how to make crosses out of their palms. Unfortunately it did not go smoothly but I always enjoy gathering with our parishioners, both big and small, and learning something new. Thank you to Sue Brueck for her assistance; nice to see people who used to be involved with the children returning to volunteer.

Children are off for their Spring Break so there will not be any sessions for the next two weeks. I pray that whether you are going away or staying close to St. Mary's, you and your families have a wonderful Easter Season.

Your Faith Formation Coordinator,

Maria Matos

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, **April 15th** 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/>.

Fridays of the Year

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26th, 2023** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4th, 2023.**

****Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.***

2023 Annual Appeal

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St. Mary's Goal is \$29,000.00
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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.

Lost And Found

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

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!](#)



Paschal Candle

If anyone is interested in donating the Paschal Candle in memory of someone, please contact the rectory for more 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.



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.



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 and twenty-five 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. The 5th and 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Stoderus. Sunday, **May 7th** at 3:00 PM.

Please call Grace at the rectory at 201-768-7565 to register. The **deadline 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 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, not 26, etc.

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sat. – April 8th – Holy Saturday :
8:00 AM – Morning Prayer – Church
8:00 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter and First Mass of Easter – Church

Sun. – April 9th – Easter Sunday :
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Mass

Mon. – April 10th :
All parish offices are closed
8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – April 12th :
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. – April 13th :
6:30 PM – Knights of Columbus Refreshments followed by Meeting at 7:00 PM – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Sat. – April 15th :
12:00 PM – AA Special Noon 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.

Parish Offices Easter Hours

All parish offices are closed at on Monday, **April 10th**

Save the Date!

Saturday, **June 17th**, the 5:00 PM Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Rev. Steven Ditzel followed by a reception in Fr. Roger Troy Hall. More details to come. Deacon Steven is being ordained a Priest this May in the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma.

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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.
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Faith Formation Coordinator: Maria Matos
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Parish Secretary: Grace Ditzel
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**Business Admin./Parish Bookkeeper/Local Safe
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ccristofolletti@stmarycloster.org

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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.*



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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

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