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*Jesus, I Trust in You*

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 4: 23-31; Jn. 3: 1-8*

8:00 AM William Drury

req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 4: 32-37; Jn. 3: 7b-15*

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 5: 17-26; Jn. 3: 16-21*

8:00 AM Patricia McCarthy / req. by the Liddy Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 5: 27-33; Jn. 3: 31-36*

8:00 AM Matthew Watters / req. by Abbey Watters

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 –

ST. ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

*Acts 5: 34-42; Jn. 6: 1-15*

8:00 AM Carlos Imperial / req. by Julie Torres

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 –

*Acts 2: 14, 22-23; 1 Pt. 1: 17-21; Lk. 24: 13-35*

5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 2: 14, 22-23; 1 Pt. 1: 17-21; Lk. 24: 13-35*

8:30 AM Frank Marino

req. by Mary & Bruno Macchiavelli and Family

11:00 AM Jacqueline DaSilva Rhodes

req. by the Rhodes Family



### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** – In memory of  
Anna Rapisarda, req. by Peg and John Killeen.

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

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Second Sunday of Easter and Happy Sunday of Divine Mercy!

Last Sunday was a beautiful day to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. The liturgies of Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday) was celebrated with reverence, prayer, and beautiful music. Special thanks to Andrew Monticello and our cantors and choir members for all their hard work in providing wonderful music to assist us in all our prayers for Holy Week.

Thank you to our church decorators: Joan, Grace, Canice, Jesse, and Eric. Our beautiful church is even more beautiful thanks to all of you. Thanks to all our lectors, special ministers of communion, our ushers, and all those who helped in any way to make our church so welcoming during these special days.

As we now celebrate the fifty days of Easter, let us pray that our Risen Lord will be with us all to help us to spread the message of Easter joy: Christ is Risen, Alleluia, He is truly risen. Alleluia.

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,  
George Ross, 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](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.

### Collections and Income for March 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$17,365.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$3,103.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$1,675.00
Other Income	\$16,789.00
Total March Income	\$38,932.00
Total March Expenses	\$46,250.00

Thank you for your continued support of the regular collections. St. Mary's relies upon your support all year long. Please remember to support the parish even if you are away. Why not give through electronic giving. Signup at Parishgiving.org. God bless you!



**BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**

### Bergen Catholic Happenings

Bergen Catholic will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 PM. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please feel

free to contact the admissions office at [admissions@bergencatholic.org](mailto:admissions@bergencatholic.org).

**BC Lead On Program:** The Bergen Catholic LEAD ON Program is a three-week summer enrichment program designed for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. It provides a stimulating classroom experience in which students will explore and enjoy a variety of topics. Program Descriptions and Registration can be found on the BC website. For more information please email [admissions@bergencatholic.org](mailto:admissions@bergencatholic.org).

### St. Joseph Regional High School – Prospective Students Weeks

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Personal Ambassador Tours, Knight for a day experience. Register: [SJRNJ.ORG](http://SJRNJ.ORG). Open to current 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and their families. For more details visit: [www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org) or call 201-391-3300 or send an e-mail to [admissions@sjrnj.org](mailto:admissions@sjrnj.org).



### Dominican University New York

Dominican University New York is hosting an Open House for high school juniors, seniors, transfer students and their families on Saturday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. During the Open House, students can

meet faculty, current students and alumni. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss financial aid, learn about our admissions process and our generous scholarship program that offers up to \$21,000 per year. Students may also be eligible for our grant program. Campus tours will be available throughout the event. For questions about the Open House, please feel free to contact the Office of Admissions at [admissions@duny.edu](mailto:admissions@duny.edu) or call 845-848-7901.

### 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.





### Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle has been donated in memory of Barbara Rose Westervelt, Ellen Margaret Brautigan and Mary Frances Brautigan requested by Joan Westervelt.

### 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.



### 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](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.



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Stoderus. Sunday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 PM.

Please call Grace at the rectory at 201-768-7565 to register. The **deadline is April 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

#### Mon. – April 17<sup>th</sup> :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Fr. Roger Troy Hall  
3:15 PM – 5:00 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Doves – Faith Formation Building

#### Wed. – April 19<sup>th</sup> :

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church  
9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom\*

#### Sat. / Sun. – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> :

Three Squares Ministry Food Collection at all Masses this weekend

#### Sun. – April 23<sup>rd</sup> :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> 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

#### \* Scripture Study

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

### Save the Date!

Saturday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



### Three Squares Ministry – Food for Neighbors in Need Collection is Saturday and Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincere thanks from the Closter Food Pantry to the St. Mary's community for last month's collection of food to help fill needs for our Easter distribution. We very much appreciate you and your consistent support of the community we serve. The items below are our most needed items. As the Pantry is very low on space, we are currently accepting only these items, so we ask that you please shop according to this list. Thank you!

Spices -- salt, pepper, oregano, cinnamon, garlic powder, Italian seasoning  
Hot sauce

Honey

Dried fruit

Sugar – white and brown

Vinegar – red and white

New England clam chowder

Oatmeal

Cooking oils (sprays and bottles)

Canned fruit and applesauce

Black and green tea

Cleaners (e.g., multi-purpose cleaner, bleach, etc.)

Laundry detergent

Ketchup

Coffee

Rice – brown and white bags

Crackers and cookies

Sugary cereal

Peanut butter

Baby diapers sizes 5, 6, 7

Adult diapers sizes S, M

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### 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

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### Music Ministry



our music program is open to all who wish to volunteer their time as either vocalists in our choir, or instrumentalists who play at Mass – no experience or ability to read music is necessary. Our choir rehearses on Sundays at 10:00 AM, and presents an array of liturgical genres at the 11:00 AM Mass each week (except for during the summer, since everyone deserves a break!). If you are interested in joining our music ministry, please feel free to reach out to our Music Director, Andrew Monticello, by contacting the Rectory office: 201-768-7565. As St. Augustine reminds us, "To sing is to pray twice"!

Here at St. Mary's, music is an integral part of our worship and is embedded into each of the weekend Masses. Serving as a ministry,

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Thank you to those that have already made their donations.

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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](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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### Lost And Found

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

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