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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.



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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 and Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Closed for lunch 12 Noon - 1:00 PM

Center for Spiritual Development and Faith Formation: 201-767-8247 • reled@stmarycloster.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 –

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Pt. 2: 20b-25; Jn. 10: 1-10

5:00 PM Clara Siebert / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Pt. 2: 20b-25; Jn. 10: 1-10

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Michael Angelo Conte
req. by Pasquale & Angelina Conte & Family

MONDAY, MAY 1 – ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Acts 11: 1-18; Jn. 10: 11-18

8:00 AM Richard Weirer
req. by TJ and Vanessa delos Reyes

TUESDAY, MAY 2 – ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 11: 19-26; Jn. 10: 22-30

8:00 AM Catherine Marino
req. by Mary and Bruno Macchiavelli & Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 –

STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

1 Cor. 15: 1-8; Jn. 14: 6-14

8:00 AM Ida Campesi / req. by Marina Lopez

THURSDAY, MAY 4 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 13: 13-25; Jn. 13: 16-20

8:00 AM Thomas Menezes
req. by the Menezes Family

FRIDAY, MAY 5 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 13: 26-33; Jn. 14: 1-6

8:00 AM Robert Galasso
req. by Joe and Esther DeRosa

SATURDAY, MAY 6 –

Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Pt. 2: 4-9; Jn. 14: 1-12

5:00 PM Ed Rogan / req. by Michael and Rita Droste

SUNDAY, MAY 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Pt. 2: 4-9; Jn. 14: 1-12

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Theresa Weber / req. by Peggy Austria

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of
Anthony Lupardi, Sr.,
req. by the Correa Family and Pack 20

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Each year the Fourth Sunday of Easter is unofficially known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Why? Because each year on this Sunday, the gospel reading is always about the Good Shepherd, the one who will lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus, of course, is that Good Shepherd, and we are his sheep, the ones who he has laid down his life for, so that we can have life and have it to the full.

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the “World Day of Prayer for Vocations”. Yes, all of us must pray to the Good Shepherd that he will call, and those he calls will respond with joyful hearts to serve as priests in his church.

This year we are especially honored to know Deacon Steven Ditzel, son of Grace and John Ditzel, who has responded to that call and will be ordained to the priesthood in a few weeks. May God bless him for his “yes” to the Lord’s call and grant him many happy years serving the people of God as a priest of Jesus Christ. (Please see the bulletin for more information regarding our parish celebration).

As we continue to celebrate with joy the fifty days of Easter, let us pray that the Lord will call more men to serve his people as priests and more men and women to serve in the many ministries of the church.

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 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.

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

Registration is open!

Our Faith Formation Program is almost at its end for this school year. I have experienced many wonderful moments with the children and parents and am so thankful for all the support this parish has given me. My plan next year is to experience even more of God's blessings for this program.

To that, registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Below is a brief description of our program. Any interested parties can go on to our website stmarycloster.org to receive program calendars and registration forms. I can also be reached by calling 201-767-8247 Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please spread the word of this program to others.

Our program has three parts. The first consist of children in their first and second year of faith formation preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion; typically children ages 6 – 8. Our catechists are so wonderful at sharing their faith with the little ones in fun and creative ways that help them develop a love for their faith and Church community.

The second part of our program is an intergenerational family program. Families of children ages 9 – 12 gather together to journey with their children towards a true encounter with Jesus Christ. This journeying happens through discussions and activities that help explain and support our Catholic beliefs. Parents are their children's first catechist and in this program I provide plenty of time and guidance for catechism between parent and child to happen.

Our third part of the program consists of children ages 13 – 15 that are ready to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This confirmation journey takes two years to reach. During this time, our catechists help the children realize the importance of our Catholic faith and their direct role in it.

No parent should be discouraged if they feel their child does not "fit" into an appropriate category based on age or lack of previous formation. Together, we will find the perfect group for your child so that they may develop the foundation of their faith and receive their sacraments.

God bless you all and please continue to pray for our families in this program, especially for First Communicants and Confirmandi.

Have a lovely week.

Your Faith Formation Coordinator,

Maria Matos



Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **May 1st**. Scrip cards which are prepaid cards that are used like cash are available for many different stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, etc. The Church of St. Mary receives a certain percentage of each card purchased (2% to 15% or more depending on the card) and doesn't cost you anything extra. Please have your orders to us no later than 10:00 AM Monday. Info and order forms can be found on our website or you can setup an account online at www.ShopwithScrip.com (registration # is D84E6EB522L51) pay either by PrestoPay or check made out to Church of St. Mary. If you don't see a certain card on the list feel free to call, it may be available. Contact Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565 for further information.

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **May 6th** and **7th** the second collection is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

What is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal?

The bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelope



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th. Included in your envelope packet is a special envelope to remember your mother (living or deceased). Please send in your Mother's Day remembrance envelope before Mother's Day so we can include them in our prayers that day.



Flowers for the Blessed Mother

If anyone would like to donate flowers to be placed on Mary's altar in memory of a loved one, during the month of May please call the rectory. What a beautiful way to honor and remember a loved one by also honoring our Blessed Mother.



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.



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. We have reached it and now working towards our stretch goal which would give us a cut in our assessment and also receive a refund.

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. – April 30th :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – 7th 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

Mon. – May 1st :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church
Scrip Orders being placed – need by 10:00 AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Wed. – May 3rd :

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

Thur. – May 4th :

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – First Communion Rehearsal – Church

Sun. – May 7th :

11:00 AM – First Communion

* 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.

Lost And Found

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



*With Praise and Thanksgiving
to God Our Father for the
Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood
of
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