

Father Steven Ditzel

Ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ

May 26, 2023



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

June 17, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 –

Ex. 19: 2-6a; Rom. 5: 6-11; Mt. 9: 36-10: 8

5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 –

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex. 19: 2-6a; Rom. 5: 6-11; Mt. 9: 36-10: 8

8:30 AM All Father's – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM All Father's – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, JUNE 19 – ST. ROMUALD, ABBOT

2 Cor. 6: 1-10; Mt. 5: 38-42

8:00 AM Patricia Rauch

req. by John and Canice Cristofolletti

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 – WEEKDAY

2 Cor. 8: 1-9; Mt. 5: 43-48

8:00 AM Desiderio Fernandes

req. by Catarina Fernandes

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 –

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

2 Cor. 9: 6-11; Mt. 6: 1-6; 16-18

8:00 AM Bobby Fantine / req. by George Yako

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA,

BISHOP; STS. JOHN FISHER, BISHOP AND

THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

2 Cor. 11: 1-11; Mt. 6: 7-15

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 – WEEKDAY

2 Cor. 11: 18, 21-30; Mt. 6: 19-23

8:00 AM Arthur Bova / req. by the Olson Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 –

Jer. 20: 10-13; Rom. 5: 12-15; Mt. 10: 26-33

5:00 PM Frank Torre

req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 –

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer. 20: 10-13; Rom. 5: 12-15; Mt. 10: 26-33

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Lina Siongco

req. by Peggy Austria and Sons

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – In memory of
Robert O'Donovan, req. by Esther and Joe DeRosa

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Father Steven Ditzel to our parish. Fr. Steven was ordained on May 26th by Bishop David Konderla for service to the Diocese of Tulsa. Fr. Steven is the son of Grace and John Ditzel and grew up here in Closter and received all his sacraments here at St. Mary. The parish community congratulates Fr. Steven and wishes him many years of health and happiness in serving the people of God as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Last weekend we welcomed Bishop John Flesey here to St. Mary to confer the sacrament of confirmation upon thirteen of our young members of our parish family. It was a truly beautiful Mass and was so uplifting to see our church filled with so many families and friends of the newly confirmed as they participated at the mass. Congratulations to all the newly confirmed and may the gifts you received be used for the good of all.

Last weekend we also celebrated the beautiful feast day of Corpus Christi. A wonderful feast which the whole church celebrates annually throughout the world. It was great to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on this feast day in which we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ is truly present in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Sadly, on this feast day, not everyone who comes to church believes in the Eucharist. It is a sad reminder of this when, in cleaning up after mass that a consecrated host, the Eucharist, is found on the floor of the church. There are many reasons for this. A lack of faith, lack of catechetical education, non-Catholic who does not know the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion. All these and many other reasons can contribute to this. These issues will be addressed in the coming weeks and months, especially at funerals and weddings when many are present who do not attend mass regularly and are not aware of the guidelines for the proper reception of the sacrament. Let us all pray for a renewed love and appreciation for the presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of his body and blood.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly, Joseph Culhane,
Thomas DeFabiis, Orlee Fromm, Amy Hartwell,
Midas Hernandez, 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.



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Connolly

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **June 24th** and **25th** the second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection.

What is the PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION?

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

Collections and Income for May 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$17,480.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$1,673.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$1,191.00
Other Income	\$11,747.00
Total May Income	\$32,091.00
Total May Expenses	\$40,087.00

Archdiocese Special Collection

Catholic Home Mission	\$300.00
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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!

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

Happy day last Sunday as our Evangelist Group received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Most Rev. Bishop Flesey said a wonderful homily about time and memories. I pray that these newly confirmed young gentlemen and ladies go out into the world and spread the Good News.

May you all have a blessed week.

Your Faith Formation Coordinator,

Maria Matos



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.

Three Squares Ministry – Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Next weekend, **June 24th** and **25th** we will be collecting food for the Closter Food Pantry. These are the items most needed: Pasta sauce (jars), Jelly, Ketchup, Oil, Honey, Spaghetti, Cookies, Crackers, Cleaning products, Spam, Oatmeal, Popcorn, Canned fruit, Boxed milk, Juice

Congratulations to Rev. Steven Ditzel on his ordination to priesthood

Fr. Steven was ordained May 26th. Please keep Fr. Steven in your prayers.



Fr. Steven is pictured above during his ordination and afterwards with Bishop David Konderla, his parents Grace and John and his sister Christine Ditzel.



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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sat. – June 17th :

5:00 PM – Mass of Thanksgiving

Mon. – June 19th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – June 21st :

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

Sat./Sun. – June 24th / 25th :

Three Squares Ministry Food Collection at all Masses this weekend

* Scripture Study

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

Save the Date –

2023 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine



Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, DC | Saturday,

September 16th, 2023

Under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Included at the Shrine: Concert of Sacred Music, Confessions (in multiple languages), The Holy Rosary, Procession of Parish Banners, Holy Mass in the Great Upper Church.

More information to come!

FATHER



Thank you, friend Jesus, for my father who loves me, for my grandfather who cares for me and for God, my eternal father, who made me and is always with me. How blessed I am! Amen

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