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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.



## PARISH STAFF AND CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Scarangella, K.H.S.  
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**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.*



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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 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, JULY 8 –

*Zec. 9: 9-10; Rom. 8:9, 11-13; Mt. 11: 25-30*

5:00 PM Frances Jarnagin / req. by the Watkins Family

SUNDAY, JULY 9 –

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Zec. 9: 9-10; Rom. 8:9, 11-13; Mt. 11: 25-30*

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Edward Tallia and Clorinda Zai  
req. by Dorothy Tallia

MONDAY, JULY 10 – WEEKDAY

*Gn. 28: 10-22a; Mt. 9: 18-26*

8:00 AM Thomas Kelly / req. by John and Grace Ditzel

TUESDAY, JULY 11 – ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT

*Gn. 32: 23-33; Mt. 9: 32-38*

8:00 AM Francis Torre  
req. by Michael and Rita Droste

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 – WEEKDAY

*Gn. 41: 55-57, 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Mt. 10: 1-7*

8:00 AM Samuel Capriola / req. by Beatrice Dragotta

THURSDAY, JULY 13 – ST. HENRY

*Gn. 44: 18-21, 23b-29, 45: 1-5; Mt. 10: 7-15*

8:00 AM Martin Jennings / req. by Mary and Ita Kelly

FRIDAY, JULY 14 – ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

*Gn. 46: 1-7, 28-30; Mt. 10: 16-23*

8:00 AM Mark Connolly  
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

SATURDAY, JULY 15 –

*Is. 55: 10-11; Rom 8: 18-23; Mt. 13: 1-23 or Mt. 13: 1-9*

5:00 PM Josephine Brana / req. by Marina Lopez

SUNDAY, JULY 16 –

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Is. 55: 10-11; Rom 8: 18-23; Mt. 13: 1-23 or Mt. 13: 1-9*

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM George Gripenburg  
req. by Tim and Nancy Rayder

## THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sanctuary Candle** – In memory of  
Brandon Canizares, req. by the Pozotrigo Family

## 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 [gdtzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gdtzel@stmarycloster.org).



## Pray for the Sick

Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly, Joseph Culhane,  
Thomas DeFabiis, Orlee Fromm, Steven Haramis,  
Amy Hartwell, Midas Hernandez,  
Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Kim McWilliams,  
John Montalbano, 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 [gdtzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gdtzel@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.

## Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a Mass during 2024 please contact Grace Ditzel at [gdtzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gdtzel@stmarycloster.org) or 201-768-7565 for further information.

## 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.



### Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) or 201-768-7565 for further information.

### 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, **July 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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



### 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.



### 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

#### Mon. – July 10<sup>th</sup> :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church  
Placing Scrip Orders – need by 10:00 AM

#### Wed. – July 12<sup>th</sup> :

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom\*  
Men's Cornerstone – 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

#### Thurs. – July 13<sup>th</sup> :

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

#### Sat. – July 15<sup>th</sup> :

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 –

### 2023 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine



Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Washington, DC | Saturday,  
**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## Music Ministry



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, 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"!



### Queen of Peace Council 3679

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. Queen of Peace Council 3679 chartered here at St. Mary in 1953 and serving Northern Valley parishes, meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Rev. Fr. Roger Troy Hall and a dinner meeting on the fourth Thursday at a nearby restaurant. For information on membership please contact Grand Knight John Hernandez at 201-768-8871 or email jah21344@aol.com.



### Moving? Change of Address? New Phone Number? E-Mail Address

If you are registered in the parish and moved or are moving, please let us know. Also, if you have changed your phone number or your e-mail address or if we don't have one on file for you please let Grace Ditzel know at

[gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org), so we can keep our records current. We send out an e-mail blast approximately once a week to keep you updated with the parish. Thank you for your help.

## 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!](#)

### 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.



# Let the children come to me.

MATTHEW 19:14

The Directory for Catechesis describes parents as their child's first catechist. Our Faith Formation Programs at St. Mary's are designed to help parents build disciples of Christ so that those disciples may carry on His mission.

If you have a child entering **First Grade**, this is the perfect time for them to begin the first year of preparation towards receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If you have a child between **Third and Sixth Grades**, your family can become part of our FIRE Program (Families in Religious Encounter).

And if you have a child entering **Seventh Grade**, they can begin the first year of preparation towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You have a child that has missed some of their preparation years, call me and we will work together to devise a plan for your child's faith formation.

For more information on our faith formation at St. Mary's, please call Maria Matos at 201-767-8247 and leave a message or email [reled@stmarycloster.org](mailto:reled@stmarycloster.org).



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