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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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**Weekend Assistants:**  
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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 15 –

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

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

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

MONDAY, JULY 17 – WEEKDAY

*Ex. 1: 8, 14, 22; Mt. 10: 34- 11: 1*

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

TUESDAY, JULY 18 – ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

*Ex. 2: 1-15a; Mt. 11: 20-24*

8:00 AM Desiderio Fernandes  
req. by Catarina Fernandes and Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 – WEEKDAY

*Ex. 3: 1-6, 9-12; Mt. 11: 25-27*

8:00 AM John Joseph O'Hanlon  
req. by Michael and Rita Droste

THURSDAY, JULY 20 –

ST. APOLLINARIS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

*Ex. 3: 13-20; Mt. 11: 28-30*

8:00 AM John Grossano  
req. by John and Canice Cristofolletti

FRIDAY, JULY 21 – ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI,  
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; BLESSED  
FRANCIS JORDAN, PRIEST AND RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

*Ex. 11: 10- 12: 14; Mt. 12: 1-8*

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22 –

*Wis. 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27; Mt. 13: 24-43 or 13: 24-30*

5:00 PM Mary Moliterno / req. by the Bertelloni Family

SUNDAY, JULY 23 –

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Wis. 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27; Mt. 13: 24-43 or 13: 24-30*

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Frank Torre / req. by Mary Flammer



## 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).



## 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, Anthony Muccio, 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.

## Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a Mass during 2024 please contact Grace Ditzel at [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@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.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>** the second collection is the Archdiocesan Retired Priest Collection.

### Three Squares Ministry – Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Next weekend, **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>** we will be collecting food for the Closter Food Pantry. These are the items most needed: Crackers, Cookies, Vienna sausage, Pasta, Canned fruit, Boxed milk, Oil, Popcorn, Cereal, Paper towels, Toothpaste, Cleaning supplies

### From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

Every Tuesday I receive an email from Chris Sefanik from "Real Life Catholic"; it's his "Two-Minute Tuesday" post. This past Tuesday I received this email and thought that it was important to show you what he wrote because we all have moments of despair or despondency.

*Dear Friend in Christ,*

*There's a story of a priest who was going through a long season of despair and desolation. After years of serving in his vocation, his once fiery passion and enthusiasm for things that mattered most had grown cold. In fact, he had come to nearly resent it. He felt lost and disillusioned, uninspired to invest another day in what felt only like monotony.*

*On one cold winter morning, he decided to go for a walk. He lived near a military base and as he continued to walk, lost in frustrated prayer and his own thoughts, the older priest lost track of where he was going and inadvertently wandered onto an undisclosed area of the military base. It was then that it happened.*

*"Hey! Who are you? And what are you doing here?"*

*Arrested in spirit and awakened from his despondency, the priest was jolted by the bark of a United States Marine Corps Military Policeman. "What?" stammered the now surprised priest. "I said, who are you and what are you doing here?!" the MP retorted sharply. And as if in a moment of crystal clarity, in a calm voice the priest asked, "How much do they pay you, sir?" "What does that have to do with you?" the MP asked. "Because I will pay you the equal sum if you will just ask me those same two questions every morning. Who are you? And what are you doing here?"*

*This story captures the universal human experience of us all. We all get down, we all lose our way, we all forget who we are, we all experience seasons of desolation and despair. To regain our focus and vision for God's call on our lives, we need the daily reminder of who we really are (God's beloved sons and daughters) and why we're here (to share in his own blessed life).*

*Wherever this finds you this evening, I pray that you will re-discover your first love who calls you by name. That you would see yourself through God's eyes and realize (in head and heart) that you are worth the death of the only Son of God. I know it's a lot to take in and hard to believe, but with God's grace, we can receive his love and step into the future he is calling us to walk in...*

God bless you,



Chris Stefanick  
Founder and President  
Real Life Catholic

May this post fill you with hope if you are in despair and make you realize who is always there for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Have a blessed week.

Your Faith Formation Coordinator

Maria Matos

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

#### Mon. – July 17<sup>th</sup> :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena  
– Church

#### Wed. – July 19<sup>th</sup> :

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via  
Zoom\*

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

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 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!

### Lost And Found

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





### 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.



### 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!"

### 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.



### 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.

### 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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