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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.



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, JULY 29 –

1 Kgs. 3: 5, 7-12; Rom. 8: 28-30; Mt. 13: 44-52 or 13: 44-46

5:00 PM Christine Gavin
req. by Denise and Tom McVey

SUNDAY, JULY 30 –

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs. 3: 5, 7-12; Rom. 8: 28-30; Mt. 13: 44-52 or 13: 44-46

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Robert Chen / req. by Sue Brueck

MONDAY, JULY 31 –

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Ex. 32: 15-24, 30-34; Mt. 13: 31-35

8:00 AM Rose Klenck
req. by Kelly and Rich Parseghian

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 – ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ex. 33: 7-11, 34: 5b-9, 28; Mt. 13: 36-43

8:00 AM Elva Marin / req. by the Pozotriggo Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 –

ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP;
ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

Ex. 34: 29-35; Mt. 13: 44-46

8:00 AM Justino Cabrera / req. by Peggy Austria

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 – WEEKDAY

Ex. Ex. 40: 16-21, 34-38; Mt. 13: 47-53

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 – ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Lv. 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt. 13: 54-58

8:00 AM Thomas Kelly
req. by Diane and John Ferraro

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 –

Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1: 16-19; Mt. 17: 1-9

5:00 PM Thomas McVey
req. by Denise and Tom McVey

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1: 16-19; Mt. 17: 1-9

8:30 AM George Gripenburg
req. by Beverly Watkins and Family
11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

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.



Pray for the Sick

Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly, Joseph Culhane,
Thomas DeFabiis, Orlee Fromm, 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 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 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 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, **August 5th** and **6th** the second collection is for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

Why the ASSESSMENT COLLECTION?

Each parish of the Archdiocese of Newark (RCAN), to which St. Mary's belongs, is assessed a percentage of regular donations and rental income. Donations to St. Mary, such as the Sunday collection, are assessed at 14%. RCAN uses these assessed funds to operate the chancery and help subsidize charitable works. The ASSESSMENT COLLECTION helps St. Mary's cover some of the monies due to RCAN. Thank you again for supporting St. Mary's and helping RCAN provide assistance beyond our doors.

Archdiocese of Newark Launches New Website

Archdiocese of Newark launches new website to enhance engagement, spiritual connections

Archdiocese of Newark July 14, 2023

The Archdiocese of Newark announced today the launch of its new website, www.rcan.org, which serves as a digital hub for parishioners, archdiocesan ministries, and individuals seeking faith guidance and community engagement within the local Catholic Church.

"With the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing need for digital connectivity, the Archdiocese embraced the opportunity to update our online platform to reflect our vibrant and diverse community and to foster a deeper connection with Catholics in the four counties we serve and beyond," said Maria Margiotta, Director of the Office of Communications, which spearheaded the six-month project.

The user-friendly, revamped site offers a wealth of information, resources, and interactive tools with the aim of fostering improved communications and community engagement, supporting spiritual growth, and enhancing accessibility to archdiocesan ministries. Visitors can explore the following key features:

1. Parish Locator, 2. Announcements, 3. Calendar and Events, 4. Spiritual Resources, 5. Online Donations and Support, 6. Outreach and Social Justice, 7. Contact and Support (all are explained in the full article).

To continue reading this article go to <https://jerseycatholic.org/archdiocese-of-newark-launches-new-website-to-enhance-engagement-spiritual-connections>.

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill – 2023 Mission Cooperation Appeal

It is wonderful to be able to sponsor the Diocesan Mission Cooperation Appeal in our parish again this year. On **August 12th** and **13th**, we will be honored to have Sister Vivien Linkhauer, SC with us to share the good news of the mission works of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in China, Korea and Ecuador.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill first missioned four sisters from Pennsylvania to Korea in 1960. At that time it took a month for the sisters to travel by freighter ship to Korea, now it takes only hours by airplane! As our world grows smaller, our hearts grow larger and we reach out to others.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to learn about the missions and to help with our prayers and donations. As the sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to the people they serve, they need our help – they cannot do it alone! Wherever we may live we are all missionaries and can help in different ways!

Please give from the heart on **August 12th – 13th** to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing!

God Bless You for Your Generosity!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Mon. – July 31st :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – August 2nd :

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

* 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!

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 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, 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.

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