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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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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, SEPTEMBER 16 –

Sir. 27: 30-28: 7; Rom 14: 7-9; Mt. 18: 21-35

5:00 PM Catherine and Anthony Conetta
req. by Camille Cantarella

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 –

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir. 27: 30-28: 7; Rom 14: 7-9; Mt. 18: 21-35

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Sean Kearney
req. by Midge Haramis and Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – WEEKDAY

1 Tm. 2: 1-8; Lk. 7: 1-10

8:00 AM Paul Hennessey / req. by the Cervone Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 –

ST. JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

1 Tm. 3: 1-13; Lk. 7: 11-17

8:00 AM Ida Campesi / req. by Bill Deegan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 –

STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST AND PAUL
CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1 Tm. 3: 14-16; Lk. 7: 31-35

8:00 AM Josephine Brana / req. by Marina Lopez

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 –

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Eph. 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mt. 9: 9-13

8:00 AM Lillian Conmy / req. by the Conmy Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WEEKDAY

1 Tm. 6: 2c-12; Lk. 8: 1-3

8:00 AM Frank and Angela D'Agnese
req. by Friends from Haring Street

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 –

Is. 55: 6-9; Phil. 1: 20c-24, 27a; Mt. 20: 1-16a

5:00 PM Lisa Deegan / req. by Bill Deegan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 –

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 55: 6-9; Phil. 1: 20c-24, 27a; Mt. 20: 1-16a

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

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Charles Brueck,
req. by Sue Brueck

Altar Wine – In memory of Thomas Kelly,
req. by Felicia and Bill and Families

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle –
In memory of Thomas Kelly,
req. by Felicia and Bill and Families

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to announce that the Parish Gala honorees are: Grace and Thom Calabro, John Hernandez, Jay LePree, Jocelyn Tingson, and Joan Westervelt. Each in his or her own way has contributed to the life of our parish and community with their time and talents. The gala promises to be an evening filled with great food and friends as we celebrate our parish and celebrate a few of the people who make St. Mary Parish the wonderful parish it is. The event is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 26th. Please plan on attending and help to celebrate these special people who contribute so much to our parish and our community. Please see more info in the bulletin.

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and we thank each and every one of our catechists and their aids for all their assistance in forming our young people in the ways of our faith. Their dedication and service to our young people here at St. Mary is a testament to their own faith and we cannot thank them enough. Special thanks to Maria Matos for all her support and dedicated work in the lives of our young people here at our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

Giulia Belfert, Glen Connolly, Joseph Culhane,
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.

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.

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 Our Recently Deceased

Clara Rothenberg

Collections and Income for August 2023

Regular Sunday Collection –	
Envelopes	\$13,140.00
Parish Giving	\$3,305.00
Maintenance & Repair Collection	\$4,365.00
Archdiocesan Assessment Collection	\$1,100.00
Holy Day –	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$383.00
Other Income –	\$36,581.00
Total August Income	\$58,874.00
Total August Expenses –	\$63,110.00
Archdiocese Special Collection	
Pastoral Solidarity Fund Church in Africa	\$215.00
Pontifical Mission Societies Collection	\$964.00

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!



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

Sun. – September 17th :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sprouts, Lambs and Doves Group – Faith Formation Building
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Confirmation Commitment Service – Faith Formation Building
11:00 AM – Confirmation Commitment Mass – Church

Mon. – September 18th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – September 20th :

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

Sat. / Sun. – September 23rd and 24th :

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.

Parish Gala – Reservations

Reservations and payment can be made after all Masses on the weekends of **October 1st and 8th** or by calling the rectory office at 201-768-7565. Checks should be made payable to Church of St. Mary for \$75.00 per person. Payment is due when making your reservation. **All reservations and payments must be made by October 12th. Seating is limited.**

Three Squares Ministry – Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Collection – Saturday and Sunday, September 23rd and 24th

Here is a list of the Closter Food Pantry's current most-needed items. Thank you so much for your continued support of the pantry!
Flour, sugar, cake mix, mayo, peanut butter, white rice, canned chicken, spam, vegetable / canola oil, dish soap, body wash, shampoo

From the Faith Formation Coordinator



Good day parishioners,

I am so humbled and thankful to God for last Sunday's event. The families in our Faith Formation Program gathered in Fr. Roger Troy Hall for a Fall Festival. The turnout was a blessing with almost every family in our program attending. There was prayer and Gospel reflection, fellowship, refreshments, crafts, and games. From what I could see, just a general, chaotic, fun time was had by all who attended. Thank you to our families for attending and making it such a great event.

I would like to also thank some of our young people from our Evangelist Group for their service at the event. Thank you Emma Gutierrez, Liam Walsh, Francesco Paduano, Paige Lanzano, Amelia Dahms, Nina Kenny, Sofia and Naomi LaDew, and Anthony Randesi. Thank you to the parents that came back to the hall to help with the cleanup and the Lanzano family for delivering our donations to Closter Food Pantry.

To our catechists and assistants, I am so grateful for all of you and for your attendance at this event. Your loving effort towards the children in our program and their faith formation is a blessing.

After the event, all of the families participated in the 11:00 Mass and the children received a backpack blessing. Thank you Fr. Chris for such a beautiful blessing for the children as they begin a new school year.

May God bless us all with a beautiful week.

Maria Matos

Faith Formation Coordinator

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 for an appointment.

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



CHURCH OF ST. MARY PARISH GALA

2023

HONORING

GRACE AND THOM CALABRO

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JAY LEPREE

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Reservation and payment can be made after Mass on the weekends of October 1st and 8th or by calling the church office at 201-768-7565. All reservations and payments must be made by October 12th. Checks should be payable to Church of St. Mary. Dinner to include appetizer, entrée, dessert, coffee/tea, and unlimited beer and wine.

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