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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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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, 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – WEEKDAY

Ezr. 1: 1-6; Lk. 8: 16-18

8:00 AM Ed Rogan / req. by the Olsen Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 –

STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Ezr. 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk. 8: 19-21

8:00 AM Ed Rogan / req. by the Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 –

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

Ezr. 9: 5-9; Lk. 9: 1-6

8:00 AM Roger Austria / req. by Peggy Austria

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 –

ST. WENCESLAUS, MARTYR; ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ
AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Hg. 1: 1-8; Lk. 9: 7-9

8:00 AM Samuel Capriola
req. by Lucia Priore and Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL
AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Dn. 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Rv. 12: 7-12a; Jn. 1: 47-51

8:00 AM Leonarda Vecchio / req. by the Grieco Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 –

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

5:00 PM Jose D. Marin / req. by the Pozotrigio Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 –

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez. 18: 25-28; Phil 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5; Mt. 21: 28-32

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM John Cantarella
req. by Camille Cantarella



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Edward Rogan,
req. by the Olsen Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special intentions of
Tina Bhojwani, req. by the Kleine-Micheletto Families

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we announced the honorees for our Parish Gala being held on October 26th at Madeleine's Petit Paris in Northvale. Reservations and payment can be made after all Masses on the next two weekends, October 1st and 8th or by calling the rectory during office hours. Cost is \$75.00 per person and checks should be made out to Church of St. Mary. Seating is limited so please register early. Additional information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Please plan on attending and help to celebrate these special people who contribute so much to our parish and our community.

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.

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.

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.

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

Last Sunday was Catechetical Sunday and if you were at the 11:00 Mass you witnessed the blessing of some very special people. These people are the catechists and assistants of our Faith Formation Program.

As a catechist for many years myself, I understand what it means to accompany our families on their faith journey. It is beautifully rewarding but tireless work. We are always striving to make our faith more comprehensive to our young people. The learning has to come first, then the understanding, then the internalizing, and lastly, the encounter with Jesus Christ. And, we have to do this in a way that keeps everyone interested; not easy!

That being said I would like to thank the following people for their love of Christ and the willingness to share their faith with the young people of this parish.

Gloria Byrne
Jocelyn Tingson
Danielle Tingson
Bruna Spoto
Rachel Arcilla-Cagiao
Matthew Cagiao
Kiara Paduano
Jay LePree
Erika Bettinardi

May God bless our catechists and assistants as they journey along with all the families of our program. Please always keep them in your prayers.

Maria Matos

Faith Formation Coordinator



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. / Sun. – September 23rd and 24th :

Three Squares Ministry Food Collection at all Masses this weekend

Mon. – September 25th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – September 27th :

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Sun. – October 1st :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – FIRE and Evangelist Groups – Fr. Roger Troy Hall and Faith Formation Building

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sprouts, Lambs and Doves Group – Faith Formation Building

* 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.**

Save the Date –

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Wednesday, **October 4th** at 4:00 PM in the St. Francis Prayer Garden.

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"!

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.

Catholic High School Open Houses and Information

Paramus Catholic – Sunday, **September 24th** – 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM and Wednesday, **October 18th** – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Don Bosco Prep – Thursday, **September 28th** – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM and Sunday, **October 22nd** – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM preceded at 12:00 by Mass. Register at www.donboscoprep.org.

Bergen Catholic – Tuesday, **October 3rd** at 6:30 PM and Sunday, **November 5th** at 1:00 PM. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact the admissions office at admissions@bergencatholic.org.

High School Placement Test (HSPT) – Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10th, 2023. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicchoolsnj.org. Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, **September 26th** at Academy of St. Paul, 187 Wycoff Avenue, Ramsey; Wednesday, **September 27th** at St. Peter's Preparatory School, 144 Grand Street, Jersey City; Thursday, **September 28th** at St. John the Apostle School, 541 Valley Road, Clark For directions and more information, visit www.catholicchoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

Bergen Catholic – will be hosting an HSPT prep course for interested students applying to local catholic high schools in November. Course dates and registration information can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa '08, VP of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

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

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GRACE AND THOM CALABRO

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JAY LEPREE

JOCELYN TINGSON

JOAN WESTERVELT

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