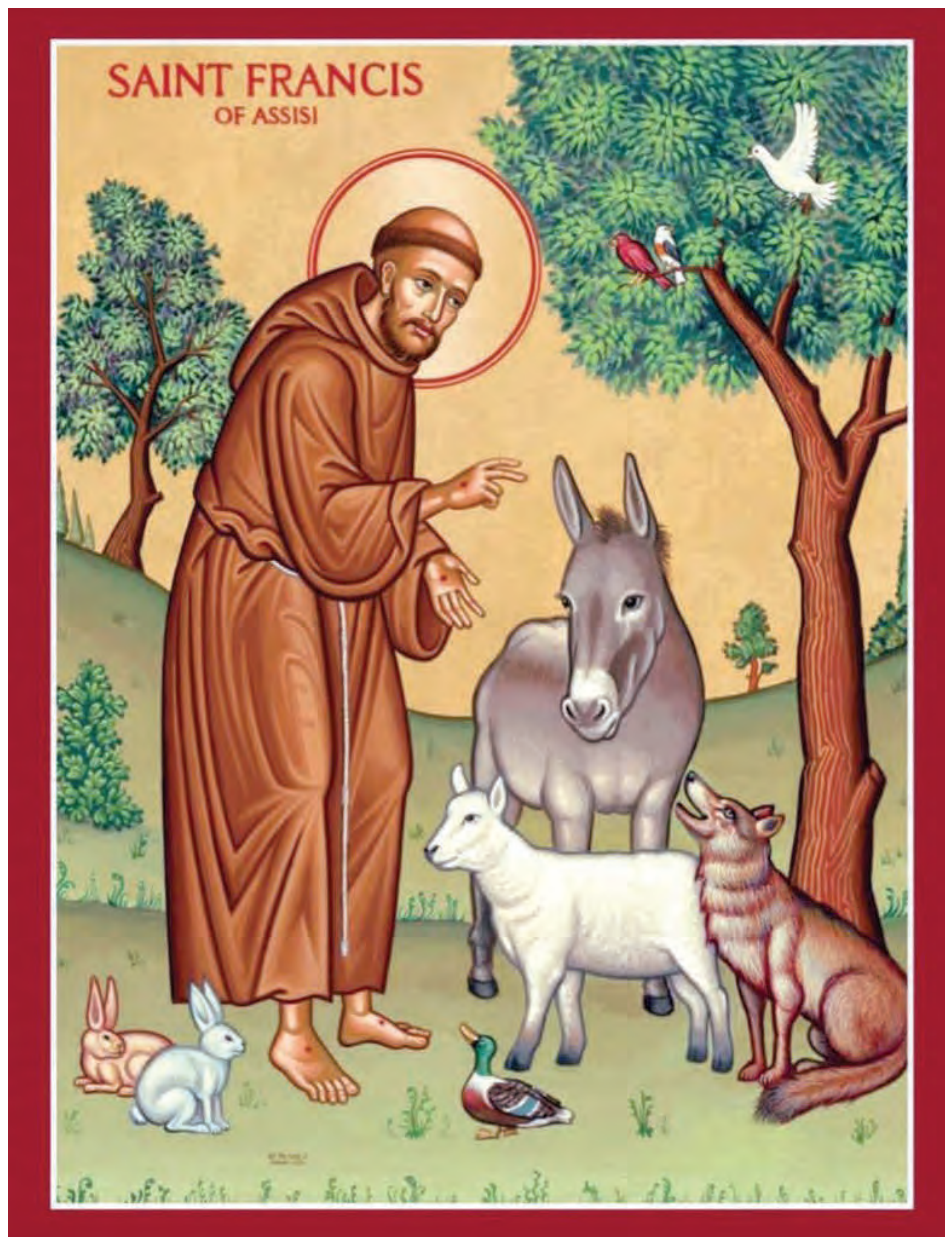


BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 - 4:00 PM



Church of St. Mary ~ Closter, New Jersey

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 –

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 –

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Zec. 8: 1-8; Mt. 18: 1-5, 10

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 – WEEKDAY

Zec. 8: 20-23; Lk. 9: 51-56

8:00 AM Luigi LaPietra
req. by Pat and Angelina Conte

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Neh. 2: 1-8; Lk. 9: 57-62

8:00 AM Frank Torre / req. by Mona Grbic

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 –

ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN;

BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Neh. 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk. 10: 1-12

8:00 AM Catherine C. Arnau
req. by the Pozotriggo Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 – ST. BRUNO, PRIEST;

BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN

Bar. 1: 15-22; Lk. 10: 13-16

8:00 AM Alan DeFabbio
req. by Ron and Teresa Moreno

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 –

Is. 5: 1-7; Phil. 4: 6-9; Mt. 21: 33-43

5:00 PM Veo Cuenca / req. by Peggy Austria

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 –

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 5: 1-7; Phil. 4: 6-9; Mt. 21: 33-43

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Domenico and Florinda Conte
req. by Pat and Angela Conte



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to October!

Now that summer is officially over and the coolness of the air is being felt all around us, it's time to enter into the fullness of the season and realize that Christmas is not far off! But, there are many things happening between now and Christmas.

The Parish Gala is just a few weeks away. Hopefully many of you will be able to join us as we gather to celebrate our parish and honor those who have given so much in making St. Mary Parish the wonderful community it is.

As you may know by now, we will be honoring for their years of service to St. Mary's the following: Grace and Thom Calabro, John Hernandez, Jay LePree, Joceyln Tingson, and Joan Westervelt. All have given of their time and talents to our parish in many different ways. It's now our turn to say Thank You to them. Please join us. Tickets will be sold this weekend and next. Space is limited, so please make your reservations early.

This Wednesday is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The traditional blessing of pets and animals will take place in the prayer garden next to the church at 4:00 PM. Please join us in the beautiful tradition as we celebrate the poor one of Assisi.

Sincerely in the Lord,

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **October 7th** and **8th** the second collection is for Repairs and Maintenance.

Why the MAINTENANCE COLLECTION?

The monthly MAINTENANCE COLLECTION funds the regular upkeep of St. Mary's physical plant: school, former convent, rectory, church and grounds. Our buildings are certainly not "new" and we have a responsibility to maintain these resources entrusted to us. Donations to this collection are "restricted" and are not subject to the 14% assessment by the Archdiocese. Thank you for being good caretakers of our spiritual home, St. Mary's.

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.



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. – 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

Mon. – October 2nd :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – October 4th :

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

4:00 PM – Blessing of the Animals – St. Francis Prayer Garden

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – 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.

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.**



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.

Parish of St. Joseph

The Parish Annual Bazaar will be held on Sunday, **October 1st** from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the church parking lot located at 573 Piermont Rd. Demarest. Please join us for a wonderful day of food, fun and games.

Catholic High School Open Houses and Information

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.

Paramus Catholic – Wednesday, **October 18th** – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Don Bosco Prep – Sunday, **October 22nd** – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM preceded at 12:00 by Mass. Register at www.donboscoprep.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.

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.

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 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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