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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

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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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 – ST. DENIS, BISHOP, AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS;
ST. JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST

Jon 1: 1-2: 2, 11; Lk. 10: 25-37

8:00 AM Luigi LaPietra

req. by Teresa and Vinny Russo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – WEEKDAY

Jon 3: 1-10; Lk. 10: 38-42

8:00 AM Tony and Lorraine Lupardi

req. by Mike and Cathy Thornhill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 – ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE

Jon. 4: 1-11; Lk. 11: 1-4

8:00 AM George Pabst, Sr.

req. by K of C Queen of Peace Council #3679

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 – WEEKDAY

Mal 3: 13-20b; Lk. 11: 5-13

8:00 AM Juana West / req. by Peggy Austria

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – WEEKDAY

Jl. 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2; Lk. 11: 15-26

8:00 AM August Joseph Falco

req. by Joe and Esther DeRosa

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 –

Is. 25: 6-10a; Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20; Mt. 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-10

5:00 PM Ida Campesi / req. by Bill Deegan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 –

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 25: 6-10a; Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20; Mt. 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-10

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Patrick Montgomery

req. by Denise and Tom McVey

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 Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Soon the parish gala will be upon us. If you have not made your reservations yet, please do so. Space is limited and we hope everyone will be able to join us. The gala promises to be an evening of great food and friends, as well as a time to enjoy one another's company. As you know, at the gala we will also be honoring a few members of our parish for their invaluable time and talents they have given to our parish and community in the past and still continue to do so. The honorees are: Thom and Grace Calabro, John Hernandez, Jay LePree, Jocelyn Tingson, and Joan Westervelt. Please join us on October 26th as we gather to celebrate our parish and honor these fine people for their love and dedication to St. Mary Parish. Hope to see you there.

As many of you already know, the Synod on Synodality is taking place in Rome this month. To help follow along with the proceeding, the archdiocese of Newark is holding several sessions and giving reflections from Cardinal Tobin (who is attending and participating in the Synod) so that we can be part of and follow along with the discussions at the Synod. Please go to www.rcan.org for more information.

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.

All Parish Offices Closed

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

There is something major happening in our Catholic Church right now that you may not be aware of.

Last year, every parishioner had the opportunity to participate in a survey for the "Synod for Synodality", a "journeying together" for the Catholic Church. You would have answered questions about our individual church and also questions about the Catholic Church as a whole. Those questions boiled down to how does this "journeying together" take place today on different levels and what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church. The "Synod for Synodality" is only the 16th synod ever in the Catholic Church and the first one to include lay people so if you participated, you made history.

Maybe you thought nothing was ever going to be done about that survey. Well, Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, will be sharing weekly messages via video from Rome during the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops during the month of October. This synod will not only include bishops but also members of Religious Orders, priests and deacons, and as I mentioned, lay people. It represents a "fundamental stage" in the synodal journey initiated by Pope Francis in October 2021.

"In a recent video message to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark, Cardinal Tobin explains that Synodality means "journeying together." The Church has gathered in synods since its very beginning for the purpose of effectively carrying out its mission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and peoples. As Pope Francis reminds us frequently, our journeying together is what manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God, he said."

Jaimie Julia Winters – Jersey Catholic

If you are interested, you can view Cardinal Tobin's weekly messages by going to www.rcan.org and stay on top of everything going on in Rome during this synodal period. If not, then please at least pray for this synod. This prayer, an adaptation of a prayer that has historically been used at Councils, Synods, and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, may be used which was taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Have a blessed week.

Maria Matos

Faith Formation Coordinator

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Mon. – October 9th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

All Parish Offices – Closed

Wed. – October 11th :

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

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

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

Thurs. – October 12th :

6:30 PM – Knights of Columbus Refreshments followed by Meeting at 7:00 PM – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Sun. – October 15th :

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.

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.

Parish Gala – Reservations

Reservations and payment can be made after all Masses this weekend 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.**



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.

Catholic High School Open Houses and Information

Bergen Catholic – 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.

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.

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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