



CHURCH OF ST. MARY PARISH GALA

2023

HONORING
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**FOR THEIR DEDICATION
AND PARTICIPATION
TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
DINNER STARTING AT 6 PM**

**MADELEINE'S PETIT PARIS
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\$75.00 per ticket

Reservation and payment can be made by calling the church office at 201-768-7565. All reservations and payments must be made by October 16th. Checks should be payable to Church of St. Mary. Dinner to include appetizer, entrée, dessert, coffee/tea, and unlimited beer and wine.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 – ST. HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS;
ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN

Rom. 1: 1-7; Lk. 11: 29-32

8:00 AM Presley Miranda / req. by Mona Grbic

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 –

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Rom. 1: 16-25; Lk. 11: 37-41

8:00 AM Matthew Watters / req. by Abbey Watters

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 – ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

2 Tm. 4: 10-17b; Lk. 10: 1-9

8:00 AM Mary, James and Andrew Piccione
req. by Mary & Bruno Macchiavelli and Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 – STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF
AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS,
MARTYRS

Rom. 3: 21-30; Lk. 11: 47-54

8:00 AM Vincenza Vitagliano
req. by the Grieco Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 –

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

Rom. 4: 1-8; Lk. 12: 1-7

8:00 AM Luigi LaPietra / req. by Dominick Conte

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 –

Is. 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thes. 1: 1-5b; Mt. 22: 15-21

5:00 PM Roger Austria / req. by Peggy Austria

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 –

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thes. 1: 1-5b; Mt. 22: 15-21

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Alberto and Yola Pozotrigo
req. by the Pozotrigo Family

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,

As of this writing, there are still a few places left to join us at the parish gala being held on Thursday evening, October 26th, at Petite Madeline in Northvale. Please call Grace at the rectory for reservations. The cost is \$75.00 per person and it promises to be an evening filled with great food and company. Also, we will be honoring several longtime parishioners for their dedication and many years of service to our parish and to the community. Please join us.

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.

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.



Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Maria Loretta LaPietra

George Sealy



St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

As announced last July 13th we Little Sisters of the Poor are leaving Northern New Jersey per the reasons stated in the letter sent to your Pastor. After 148 years of unfailing assistance from the communities in the area, especially from you, Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish (continuing your support as we transitioned to our Home in Totowa in 1976) we cannot fail to express our deep gratitude. Your friendship and aid have kept us afloat for these many years. Be confident that the grateful prayers of the Little Sisters will always present your needs and intentions before our Almighty God.

Signed, Sr. Cecilia & Sr. Lorraine, Collecting Little Sisters

Further info may be had on our website: www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

WOMEN'S RETREAT at Sacred Heart Church, Haworth, Saturday, October 28th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Guest Speaker, Eddie Craviola, will present "Finding Faith on the Yellowbrick Road" using clips from "The Wizard of Oz". He will develop themes of growing in faith in spite of our own struggles. Cost is \$25.00 call Sr. Joanne at 201-387-0080 or email shpahaw@aol.com for further information.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **October 21st and 22nd** the second collection is World Mission Sunday Collection.

We are Baptized and Sent! We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can... PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work. OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

World Mission Day, or Mission Sunday, was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, to remind Catholics about their commitment and support to the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifice.

Collections and Income for September 2023

Regular Sunday Collection –	
Envelopes	\$13,919.00
Parish Giving	\$2,661.00
Maintenance & Repair Collection	\$2,540.00
Archdiocesan Assessment Collection	\$964.00
Other Income –	\$16,491.00
Total September Income	\$36,575.00
Total September Expenses –	\$68,893.00
Archdiocese Special Collection	
Catholic University of America Coll.	\$160.00

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

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

Mon. – October 16th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Wed. – October 18th :

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

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

Sat. – October 21st :

12:00 PM – AA Special Mass – Church, followed by Meeting in Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Sat. / Sun. – October 21st – 22nd :

Three Squares Ministry – Food Collection at all Masses

Sun. – October 22nd :

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.

Third Saturday Mass for Recovery and Healing

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, **October 21st** at 12:00 noon. This special Mass speaks to those affected by the use and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol and for those who love them. Current religious gathering protocol will be strictly followed. Following Mass, all are welcome to a meeting and refreshments.

For information, please contact The Father Jim McKenna Memorial Fund at 201-281-6247 or visit our website at <https://fatherjimmckenna.org/>.

Three Squares Ministry – Food for Neighbors in Need

Food Collection Saturday and Sunday, **October 21st** and **22nd**. Food Drive will be donated to the Closter Food Pantry. The Pantry has shared with us their most needed items:

Pasta, pasta sauce, boxed milk, coffee

We're also starting to collect for Thanksgiving:

Stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, canned cranberry sauce



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

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.

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.

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.catholicschoolsny.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.

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

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

Last week I wrote about the historic "Synod for Synodality" that is happening right now in our Catholic Church. There is another event that is happening in our Church right now, a Eucharistic Revival. On June 19, 2022, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops began a three-year focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist that is intended to be a National Eucharistic Revival!

We can all see that our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength, the Eucharist. "Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist." - eucharisticrevival.org

During this Eucharistic Revival, Jesus will be accompanying people in our country across the United States lighting hearts on fire. There will be 4 routes, 60 days on the road, 1000 Hosts, traveling 6,500 miles with over 100,000 participants. The four routes will originate in San Francisco, CA - the St. Junipero Serra Route, Mississippi, MN - the Marian Route, New Haven, CT - the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, and then lastly Indianapolis, IN, where all these flames will ablaze together at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024.

Sounds like too much? Not prepared for a pilgrimage? Well, there is a very special 3-night encounter happening in our very own Cathedral Basilica in Newark on November 2nd – 4th; Thursday and Friday events will begin at 7:00 PM and Saturday will begin at 5:00 PM . I've included the flier below.

LOCATION:
Cathedral Basilica
of the Sacred Heart
89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ

DATES:
Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, 7:00pm
Friday, November 3rd, 2023, 7:00pm
Saturday, November 4th, 2023, 5:00pm
Mass at 6:00pm

Array of Hope offers, in collaboration with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a 3 night encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The nights include talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, music provided by AOH Music and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The "BEHOLD" nights look to be very bright lights which the Lord will use to pour out streams of grace to those who attend [and] tie in very well with the Bishops' recent document on the "Holy Eucharist: The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."

— Bishop Andrew Cozzens
(Chairman of the USCCB committee on Evangelization and Catechesis and leader of the National Eucharistic Revival)

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If you would like to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, eucharisticrevival.org is a wonderful resource. If you would like to learn more about the pilgrimages, you can go to eucharisticpilgrimage.org; a great resource as well.

Jesus is calling us deeper and things are happening in our Church. I pray everyone opens their heart to Jesus during this revival and encounters Him in a deeper way than ever before.

God bless,

Maria Matos, Faith Formation Coordinator

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