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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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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

Saturday, 4:00 PM

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, JANUARY 27 –

Dt. 18: 15-20; 1 Cor. 7: 32-35; Mk. 1: 21-28

5:00 PM Brandon Canizares
req. by the Pozotrigo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 –

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt. 18: 15-20; 1 Cor. 7: 32-35; Mk. 1: 21-28

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Dominick Conte
req. by Pat and Angelina Conte and Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 – WEEKDAY

2 Sm. 15: 13-14, 30, 16: 5-13; Mk. 5: 1-20

8:00 AM Rose Conetta
req. by Camille Cantarella and Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 – WEEKDAY

2 Sm. 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk. 5: 21-43

8:00 AM Intentions of Thom and Grace Calabro
req. by Peggy Austria

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 –

ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

2 Sm. 24: 2, 9-17; Mk. 6: 1-6

8:00 AM Alphonso Torres / req. by Donna Kelly

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – WEEKDAY

1 Kgs. 2: 1-4, 10-12; Mt. 6: 7-13

8:00 AM Aaron Kerschen

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 –

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mai. 3: 1-4; Heb. 2: 14-18; Lk. 2: 22-40

8:00 AM Thomas DeFabiis / req. by Ann Malone

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 –

Jb. 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1: 29-39

5:00 PM Thomas Kelly / req. by the Kelly Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 –

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb. 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1: 29-39

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM Edward Tallia / req. by Dorothy Tallia



ANNOUNCED SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2024.

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 gdtzel@stmarycloster.org.

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

As we bring the month of January to a close, let us prepare ourselves for the coming of Lent in a few weeks. February 14th (yes, Valentine's Day) marks once again the season of conversion and penance. But till then, we are gearing up for the Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our stretch goal of \$29,957. is based on the fact that it is 10% of our offertory of the year 2022. Many of you have already received an invitation to participate in the appeal and may have already made a contribution. Thank you.

In a few weeks, everyone in our parish community will be able to participate in the appeal by making a pledge or a one time gift. I know we can meet the goal and even go over once again because of your kindness and generosity. More to come in the coming weeks.

This coming Saturday, February 3rd, is the feast day of St. Blaise. As is the custom on his feast day, we will have the blessing of throats at a special mass to be celebrated on Saturday morning, February 3rd, at 9:00 AM. Please join us at this mass in honor of St. Blaise and the blessing which will take place during the mass.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe



Pray for the Sick

Maria Bender, Manny Bernardez, Brian C., Craig Connolly, Glen P. Connolly, Joseph Culhane, Orlee Fromm, Amy Hartwell, Midas Hernandez, Baby Kian, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Kim McWilliams, John Montalbano, Anthony Muccio, Jacqueline Mundy, Michael Mundy, Brianna Neusch, Michele Neusch, Michael O'Shea, 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 gdtzel@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.

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.



St. Blaise – Blessing of the Throats

We will have a special Mass on Saturday, **February 3rd**, the Feast of St. Blaise at 9:00 AM and will bless throats.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **February 3rd** and 4th the second collection is for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

Why the ASSESSMENT COLLECTION?

Each parish of the Archdiocese of Newark (RCAN), to which St. Mary's belongs, is assessed a percentage of regular donations and rental income. Donations to St. Mary, such as the Sunday collection, are assessed at 14%. RCAN uses these assessed funds to operate the chancery and help subsidize charitable works. The ASSESSMENT COLLECTION helps St. Mary's cover some of the monies due to RCAN. Thank you again for supporting St. Mary's and helping RCAN provide assistance beyond our doors.

Year End Contribution / Donation Statement

This year we e-mailed the 2023 Year End Contribution / Donation Statements.

All statements were e-mailed on January 22nd. If you didn't receive yours, please check your spam folder or contact our Parish Secretary, Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org to make sure we have an e-mail for you. We will gladly update our files and send you your copy. Anyone who doesn't have e-mail and called the office requesting it to be mailed by regular mail those were also mailed out on January 22nd. If you are still in need of receiving your copy please call 201-768-7565 and we will send it to you.

From the Faith Formation Coordinator

Good day parishioners,

This weekend I would like to ask that you keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers. We will be going to the John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny on Saturday for a full day retreat. Please ask God to bless this retreat and all of the attendees that they may be open to the Holy Spirit, moved by the experience, and have a true encounter with Jesus Christ.

Also this weekend, I will be presenting the Archdiocese's Empowering God's Children Lessons to our Sprouts and Lambs Groups on Sunday. The responsibility of children's safety falls on adults but this program teaches the children things they can do to help themselves and others when in an unsafe situation. Please pray for the children in the program and all the children around the world that the adults in their lives do not harm them and keep them safe from harm.

God bless and have a wonderful week.

Maria Matos

Faith Formation and Safe Environment 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 –
Saturdays at 4:00 PM.

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.



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.



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

Mass Intentions

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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.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Saturday, February 3rd, 5:00 PM Mass

Lector – Bill Deegan

Eucharistic Ministers – Joann Hildenbrand and Bill Deegan

Sunday, February 4th, 8:30 AM Mass

Lector – Jay LePree

Eucharistic Ministers – Jay LePree and Peggy Austria

Sunday, February 4th, 11:00 AM Mass

Lector – Lucy Chua

Eucharistic Ministers – Lucy Chua, Espie Landrito and Roy Landrito

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sat. – January 27th :

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Sacrament of First Reconciliation – Church

Sat. / Sun. – January 27th – 28th :

Three Squares Ministry – Food Collection at all Masses

Sun. – January 28th :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sprouts, Lambs and Doves Group – Classrooms

Mon. – January 29th :

8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church

Tues. – January 30th :

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Party Committee Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Wed. – January 31st :

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

9:15 AM – Scripture Study – via Zoom*

Sat. – February 3rd :

9:00 AM – Mass – Blessing of the Throats

Sun. – February 4th :

9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – 6th and Doves Group – Empowering God's Children – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

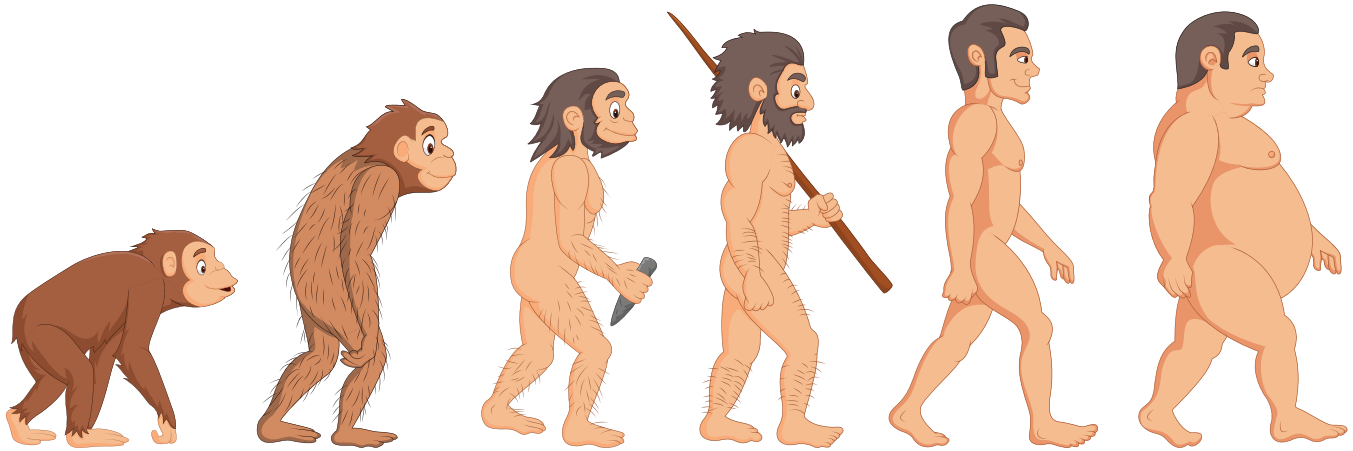
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sprouts and Lambs – Classrooms

* Scripture Study

Meets every Wednesday at 9:15 AM via Zoom. For more information contact Dave Reeves at 551-206-5284.

Lost And Found

We have a lost and found basket in the North Vestibule of Church, on the side by the Faith Formation building.



How can we lower or reverse our: BMI (weight), Insulin Resistance, Total Cholesterol, Triglycerides, Blood Pressure, Inflammation, Aging, Artherosclerosis, Sleep Apnea?

How can we reduce our risk of: Strokes, Heart Attacks, Parkinson's Disease, Dementia, Cataracts, Cancer, Age-Related Macular Degeneration?

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