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We the family of St. Marys 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.



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WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

Saturday (Anticipated Mass)..... 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Weekdays (Monday through Saturday)..... 8:00 AM

Holy Days 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM

Civic Holidays 8:00 AM

First Fridays: Holy Hour 7:00 PM

Mass with Prayers for Healing: 8:00 PM (Year Round)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM or anytime a priest is available.

First Friday: 7:15 - 7:45 PM

SPOUSE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

7:30 PM Fridays except First Friday. All welcome.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday - 7:00 - 8:00 PM and as scheduled. **Holy Hour:** Thursday, 7:30 PM - Church.

Marian Devotions: Miraculous Medal Novena and Recitation of the Rosary: Saturdays after 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 the parish office.

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 Phone: 201-768-7565

Parish Cell Phone # for emergencies only: 201-956-0218

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM)

Center for Spiritual Development Religious Education: 201-767-8247

Center Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & by appt.

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer. 31: 7-9; Heb. 5: 1-6; Mk. 10: 46-52

- 7:30 AM Donato Magsakay Soriano req. by John and Mary Teopengco & Fe Soriano
9:30 AM Anne Wells / req. by Thom and Grace Calabro
11:30 AM Roberta Scioscio / req. by Pat and Angela Conte

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 - WEEKDAY

Rom. 8: 12-17; Lk. 13: 10-17

- 8:00 AM Charlotte Goetschius req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 - WEEKDAY

Rom. 8: 18-25; Lk. 13: 18-21

- 8:00 AM Gregory Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 - STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Eph. 2: 19-22; Lk. 6: 12-16

- 8:00 AM Maria Germinario req. by Marcella and Domenic Cafarella

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 - WEEKDAY

Rom. 8: 31b-39; Lk. 13: 31-35

- 8:00 AM Emidio DeFabiis req. by Barbara Demarest and Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 - WEEKDAY

Rom. 9: 1-5; Lk. 14: 1-6

- 8:00 AM Evelyn Caulfield / req. by the Mom's Group

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - WEEKDAY

Rom. 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk. 14: 1, 7-11

- 8:00 AM Maria Germinario req. by Teresa and Vincent Russo
5:00 PM All Parishioners - Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS

Rv. 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn. 3: 1-3; Mt. 5: 1-12a

- 7:30 AM Hugh Caldwell / req. by the Caldwell Family
9:30 AM Roberta Scioscio / req. by Alice O'Sullivan
11:30 AM Joseph DeCarlo / req. by Cathy DeCarlo



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Wine: In memory of Lee and George Hofmann, req. by the Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ally Aagard, Alana Bronze, Diego Bronze, Lillian Cahill, Marge Fauci, Lillian Guyt, Chip Hartwell, Ed Koch, Donna Oettinger, Jim Walsh

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

In today's gospel we hear, "Your faith has saved you." It made me reflect on the faith of two women.

About two weeks ago I had to attend two funerals in one week for two very faith filled women. Since death is a part of life we all have been to many funerals. But do any stand out? These two funerals were as profound as my dad's that I attended at age eight. My father was a Math professor at St. Peter's College and left this world in his 40's. As an eight year old girl I remember counting the priests on the altar, there were 18. I will never forget the packed church and being surrounded by such love. My dad, along with my mom, instilled a faith in my family of six children. What a blessing. And at eight years old, with 18 priests on the altar, I understood that my dad's faith saved him.

Attending these two funerals for two very faith filled women, I couldn't help but feel the love in two different churches, on two different days, at two different times. Each priest spoke from his heart in the most eloquent manner. The common denominator was faith. In speaking about Theresa, the priest spoke about how she lived out each sacrament. When he came to Holy Orders, the statement he made was one I will never forget. Profound. "Theresa did not receive Holy Orders, nor did she have a desire to be a priest, but she was priestly." He went on to speak about her selfless nature, offering up her suffering and leading a priestly life. He spoke this with love and conviction. At the end of this funeral, I whispered to my husband, "Today we buried a saint."

Both women lived the call to be saints through their Baptism. Both women left behind legacies of faith and love. Ultimately, their faith saved them.

In my life, my faith has saved me time and time again. In my life I think about how a saint is a sinner that just keeps trying. In my life I get it wrong more than I get it right but I certainly keep trying. I certainly hope that my faith will save me. I certainly hope that one day someone will whisper, "Today we buried a saint." It is a hope. Shouldn't we all have that hope? Aren't we all sinners that just keep trying?

It is my hope that your faith will save you. It is my hope that one day someone will have the same whisper for you.

Mary Jo Armen, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics

ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's collection was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include: Amount Collected in 124 Sunday Envelopes (\$5,108.00), Total Collected in Loose Money (\$334.00), Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment (\$40.00), Total Sunday Collection (\$5,482.00), Last year's collection for same week was (\$5,067.00).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Total Collected for Propagation of the Faith Collection \$1,202.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." - Mark 10: 52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common.

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY PARISH**

10/25 - SUNDAY

8:45 AM - Choristers Call
 9:30 AM - Choristers at Mass
 9:30 AM - Family Mass
 No - LWC
 10:45 AM - Parish Choir Call
 11:30 AM Parish Choir at Mass
 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Third Order
 Lay Carmelites - Fr. Roger Troy Hall

10/26 - MONDAY

No - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Exposition of
 the Most Blessed Sacrament
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Deepening the
 Journey - Parish Life Room

10/27 - TUESDAY

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Moms Group -
 Parish Life Room
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Support Group
 for Caregivers of Frail Elderly - Fr.
 Kevin Cahill Room
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Women's
 Cornerstone - Parish Life Room

10/28 - WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - Pray Fit
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Morning
 Scripture Study - Parish Life Room
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Choristers
 Rehearsal - Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Evening
 Scripture Study - Parish Life Room
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Altar Server
 Training - Church

10/29 - THURSDAY

7:30 PM - Marian / Eucharistic Holy
 Hour
 7:30 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal -
 Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

10/30 - FRIDAY

9:00 AM - Pray Fit
 7:30 PM - Spouse of the Spirit Prayer
 Group - Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

10/31 - SATURDAY

7:00 AM - Pray Fit - NVD Track
 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM - Reconciliation

11/1 - SUNDAY

8:45 AM - Choristers Call
 9:30 AM - Choristers at Mass
 9:30 AM - LWC
 9:30 AM - Noon - Religious Ed
 Coffee Connections - After the 9:30
 AM Mass - Sponsored by Scripture
 Study
 10:45 AM - Parish Choir Call
 11:30 AM Parish Choir at Mass
 Coffee Connections - After the 11:30
 AM Mass - Sponsored by Scripture
 Study

- FROM THE PASTORS DESK -

Thank you to all who came for the Animal Blessing on the first Sunday of this month, it was a wonderful way to celebrate St. Francis, it was nice weather and a good turnout. We also received a very nice thank you note from the Closter Animal Welfare Society for our participation in their raffle and collection of pet food. \$240.00 was collected from the raffle tickets, thanks for your generosity to C.L.A.W.S.

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **October 26th**, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Parish Life Room. Come and be spiritually-refreshed as we experience a new DVD series by Fr. Albert Haase, **"Catching Fire, Becoming Flame"**. All are welcome!

MOMS' GROUP

Tuesday, **October 27th**, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Welcome to all Moms! There is free baby-sitting! Come and meet other Moms to share and enjoy a delightful morning!

CORNERSTONE SISTERS

Tuesday, **October 27th**. Cornerstone Sisters will come together to pray the Rosary this evening.

ALL SOULS' DAY

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, known as All Souls' Day, is on Monday, **November 2nd**. In accordance with the Church's long-held custom of saying three Masses on that day, there will be three Masses at St. Mary's: 8:00 AM, 12 noon, and 7:30 PM (with music). We especially invite all those who have lost a family member, relative, or friend to attend the 7:30 PM Mass, where the names of those departed within the last year will be commemorated.

PLEASE HELP

Wednesday, **November 4th** - Human Trafficking Presentation, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. Special presentation and movie **"Not My Life"**. Come join us... all are welcome! Facilitated by Mary Ann Cassidy and Sr. Georgette. There will be no Scripture Study that day.

ONE HOUR TO SPARE?

Think of all the time you spend with your family and friends. Can you spend one hour of quiet time with God! It will not be wasted time or an agonizing moment. You will be refreshed - everyone around you will change - and so will you!

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, **November 7th** starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Call Fran Semler at 20-767-6787.

K OF C QUEEN OF PEACE COUNCIL NO. 3679 PASTA DINNER

The third annual Pasta Dinner will be held on Saturday, **November 7th**, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. Good food, prizes, music, BYOB. Adults - \$13.00, Children (4 - 12) - \$6.00. For tickets call George Semler at 201-768-6787 or John Hernandez at 201-768-8871.

PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES/BEQUESTS

Planning for death is as natural as planning for life. Having a Will is good stewardship by taking care of your family and your parish. Remember our parish in your Will and benefit our parish forever. For more information, contact the parish office of Theresa Lynch in the Archdiocese of Newark's Planned Giving Office at 973-497-4042.

SAVE THE DATE - Details will follow closer to event	
November 4th	Human Trafficking Presentation
November 7th	Eucharistic Adoration
November 7th	K of C Pasta Dinner
November 28th and 29th	Fair Trade Sale

Collection for October 11^h was as follows:

Amount Collected in 122 Sunday Envelopes..... \$4,286.00
 Total Collected in Loose Money..... \$650.00
 Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment..... \$1,271.00
 Collected in 1 Preventive Maintenance Envelopes..... \$100.00
 Total Sunday Collection..... \$6,307.00
 Last year's collection for same week was \$4,919.00

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