

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 –

Nm. 11: 25-29; Jas. 5: 1-6; Mk. 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

5:00 PM Leonarda Vecchio
req. by the Grieco Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 –

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nm. 11: 25-29; Jas. 5: 1-6; Mk. 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Jack Caldwell
req. by the Family of Orlando Tobia

12:00 PM Richard Flammer
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 – ST. TERESE OF THE CHILD
JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Jb. 1: 6-22; Lk. 9: 46-50

8:00 AM Mary Cully / req. by the Torre Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 –

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Jb. 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt. 18: 1-5, 10

8:00 AM Julia and Thomas Verdylione
req. by Gloria Tropiano

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 – WEEKDAY

Jb. 9: 1-12, 14-16; Lk. 9: 57-62

8:00 AM Francisca and Tito Piezas
req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 – ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Jb. 19: 21-27; Lk. 10: 1-12

8:00 AM Otto and Nellie Bertelloni
req. by the Bertelloni Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 –

BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Jb. 38: 1, 12: 21, 40: 3-5; Lk. 10: 13-16

8:00 AM Ralph DeNicola, Sr.
req. by the DeNicola Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 – ST. BRUNO, PRIEST;

BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN

Jb. 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk. 10: 17-24

8:00 AM Rosalinda and Nicolo DiMarco
req. by the DiMarco Family

5:00 PM Frances and Hugh Caldwell
req. by J. Caldwell Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 –

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn. 2: 18-24; Heb. 2: 9-11; Mk. 10: 2-16 or 10: 2-12

7:30 AM Orlando "Toby" Tobia
req. by the Rogan Family

9:30 AM Neil DeLucia / req. by Marie & Arthur Battaglia

12:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Intentions of Ellen Crowe.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As you can see, work has begun on the removal of some pews for the relocation of the baptismal font at the main entrance of the church. Hopefully it will be completed soon. As previously stated, the proper location of the baptismal font is at the main doors of the church building so that upon entrance into the church, be it for a baptism or the entrance rites for a funeral Mass, the proper rites can take place for that particular ceremony.

This coming Thursday, **October 4th**, is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is known for many things, especially his love for creation and all God's creatures. As become the custom in many parishes, we will celebrate the blessing of pets and animals here at St. Mary at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM at the St. Francis Prayer Garden. Please join us once again, with your pet or even if you don't presently have one, on this special day.

Hope to see you all at the October Fest this afternoon.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

We Pray for the Sick

Irene Abad, Paula Bertelloni, Christian Brueck, Fran Caldwell, Dolores Collier, Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Desiderio Fernandes, Frank Forte, Ed Koch, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Jim Walsh

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout **2018**.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **October 6th** and **7th** 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.

Deanery Religious Education

As agreed at our last Deanery meeting in the Spring we have scheduled Dennis Corcoran to offer an introductory workshop on the proven benefits of Family Based Religious Education to our Deanery on Monday, **October 1st** beginning at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall.

We thank the parish of St. Mary, for being our host site for this Deanery presentation which will enlighten all on this most valuable tool to evangelize the entire family. How appropriate it is that we gather on the Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who sought to do great things with great love.

As our love empowers each of us, in our unique capabilities, to share, nurture and celebrate with our future generation may we seek the intercession of St. Thérèse as we embark upon this Deanery initiative and come to recognize in our children and their families faith born anew.

Animal Blessing and Pet Food Drive October 4th

Join us at our **Annual Blessing of the Animals & Pet Food Drive** on **Thursday, October 4th**, at **3:30 PM and 7:00 PM**. We will gather in the St. Francis Prayer Garden, and the blessing will be held rain or shine. Animals must be on leashes or in carriers. We are sponsoring a pet food drive to benefit the Closter Animal Welfare Society. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations of wet or dry cat/kitten and dog/puppy food.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat 2018

Calling all women to experience a 26 hour Cornerstone Retreat, Friday and Saturday, **October 26th and 27th**, here at St. Mary's. The retreat begins Friday, 7:00 PM. Please be here between 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM in Fr. Roger Troy Hall. It concludes Saturday around 9:00 PM preceded by a Mass at 7:00 PM. (Families and friends are invited to that Mass. Refreshments to follow after Mass). Delicious meals will be provided, and dress is casual. Sleeping at St. Mary's is a memorable part of the experience, but can be optional. Dress is casual. The retreat fee is \$35. Details and the Registration Form can be found in the vestibules of the church. **RSVP by October 15th**. If you need further information, please contact Paula Bertelloni at 862-377-0874 or Nancy Torre at 201-768-3893.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sept. 30:
 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6
 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Confirmation Class
 11:15 AM – Parish Choir Call
 12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass
 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Family Fun Day/ Oktoberfest

Oct. 1:
 Scrip Orders being placed
 No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 PM – Dennis Corcoran introductory workshop on the proven benefits of Family Based Religious Education – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

Oct. 2:
 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 6 – 7
 7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Women's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

Oct. 3:
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Sturdy – Parish Life Room
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Conference Room
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

Oct. 4:
 3:30 PM – Blessing of the Animals – St. Francis Prayer Garden
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 7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

Oct. 6:
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Lector and Eucharistic Minister Breakfast and Practicalities – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room and Church
 4:15 – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

Oct. 7:
 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6

Food Pantry

We no longer have the ongoing Food Pantry. **Please do not leave bags in the vestibules.** You are welcome to bring them down to the Closter food pantry. We will have food drives at certain times of the years and will announce them in the bulletin.

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911



Place Your Order TODAY: A Win for St. Mary's!

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **October 1st**. Scrip cards are prepaid cards, used like cash at many different stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, etc. The Church of St. Mary receives a certain percentage of each card purchased (2% to 15% or more depending on the card) and doesn't cost you anything extra. Please have your orders to us no later than 10:00 AM Monday. Info can be found in the vestibules or contact John Hernandez at jah21344@aol.com or 201-768-8871 or Grace Ditzel at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or 201-768-7565 for further information. GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

Save the Date: Lector and Eucharistic Minister Breakfast and Practicalities

We're happy to be gathering ALL (weekday and weekend) lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for social time, a light breakfast, time to reflect on our important ministries and discuss practicalities. We will re-energize with prayer and inspiration from the Church's profound writings on the Mass. This is an important time to connect and re-charge our batteries as those who minister in God's temple. Saturday, **October 6th**, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM. We will start in the Fr. Kevin Cahill Room and then the Church.

Thanks to all who serve in a ministry in helping the parish worship the Lord in reference, dignity and love. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives! Please contact Louis Scarpa to RSVP at ministry@stmarycloster.org.

A Time of Renewal and Fellowship

Join us at Immaculate Conception Church, 211 Summit Street, Norwood, on **October 5th** at 7:00 PM as **Anna Petrillo, Catholic Christian Recording Artist will lead us in an evening of Praise and Worship!** Bring the family and neighbors for an uplifting night of fellowship for the Body of Christ in the Northern Valley.

A suggested good will offering of \$15 will be taken to benefit Several Sources Shelters – a shelter that, through God's Grace, saves babies' lives and offers shelter to young mothers while providing education and ongoing compassionate support services. Several Sources also educates young people to make healthy life choices, and provides shelter to women who are homeless, sick and elderly as they are helped to restore their dignity. For more information contact Immaculate Conception at 201-768-1600.

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.

St. Mary's Religious Education News

Our Sunday and Tuesday classes met for the first time this past week. With the addition of the new Kindergarten and a Sunday 6th Grade, we fill all of the classrooms on the second floor of the school. The Confirmation, with its 28 candidates, will continue to meet in Fr. Roger Troy Hall.

Opening day on Sunday filled the school with excited children and parents and got us off to a great start for the year. Tuesday had a bit of a different start as our sixth and seventh graders walked from across the street in the downpour of the day. Even the catechists came in rain soaked. After gathering in Fr. Troy Hall the classes moved upstairs and were able to focus on their lessons while it continued to pour outside.

In the last few weeks we have had a number of new families registering for the program. We are still accepting registration for our classes. Help pass the word.

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SPECIAL INSERT: STEWARDSHIP

We are All Co-responsible for the Financial Health of the Parish

Only you can decide what is an appropriate response as a grateful steward of the financial resources God entrusts to you. *Godentrusts St. Mary's to you as well.* Your financial gifts enable St. Mary's to continue her mission of ministry. You become the hands of Christ by supporting the parish outreach.

How Much Should I Give Back to God: Two Models

The Biblical directive is for a tithe, offering 5% of our income to the parish mission and 5% to other charities. Another model is the "one hour's wage." Thoughtful parishioners use this mode of *consecrating* the first hour of the work week to God and offer that hour's wage to St. Mary's. It imbues our work with a sense of sacredness and gratitude. Many find this model a tangible, concrete and meaningful place to start.

For example, if your aggregated annual income is \$75,000, then your weekly gift is \$36

Annual Income	Hourly Wage
\$25,000	\$12
\$50,000	\$24
\$75,000	\$36
\$100,00	\$48
\$150,00	\$72
\$200,000	\$96

How Can I Give?

Join fellow parishioners who have made the switch from envelopes and cash to "eGiving" through Parishgiving.org, our processor for contributions.

Egiving via Parishgiving.org

When you register for the parish, you'll be asked if you prefer to contribute via offertory envelopes or egiving. St. Mary's encourages egiving for many reasons. An even more convenient way to support *Enrolling is quick and secure at www.parishgiving.org*. There is NO cost to you. Plus, you'll have on-line access to your statements for tax purposes. This method saves the parish the expense of mailing, printing and processing envelopes.

You can designate the specific amount to be gifted on a monthly or weekly basis.

Why Do Thriving Parishes & Non-profits Promote Egiving?

Because egiving guarantees an increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs and a more dependable scenario of a positive flow of donations for operating needs. Egiving enables the parish to count on a reliable amount of donations arriving every Sunday, despite vacations, inclement weather or simple forgetfulness. No person can budget their rent or utilities without knowing their income and the same is true for the parish. Egiving helps St. Mary's *stabilize* the collections and have a reliable income stream.

Just To Review - Reasons to Use Parishgiving.org:

- No more checks to write or envelopes to find
- Predictable income for St. Mary's
- Greater security than cash or checks
- No cost for you to participate
- Online control and record-keeping of your financial giving
- Less time spent by parish staff to manually post contributions
- Reduction of envelope, printing and postage expenses

Thank you for your care for our beloved parish of Saint Mary's.

Sign-up today at

www.parishgiving.org



Other Ways to Bring Your Offering

Envelopes

When you register with the parish, you can choose to give through envelopes or egiving, in the mail. Envelopes are sensible for parishioners who are in the pews every week or who remember to make up their gift if they travel or miss mass due to ill health, etc.

There is a cost to St. Mary's for the printing, mailing and processing of envelopes.

Electronic Debit

Many banks offer their customers free electronic debit. Please check with your financial institution. This is also a great option for parishioners and St. Mary's

Donations of Cash

The parish is unable to track donations of "loose cash" in the Sunday collection without an envelope. The parish cannot issue an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes or understand if a parishioner is active and supporting the parish in a meaningful way with this type of giving. Your choosing Parishgiving.org or the envelope system is preferred.

All That We Have is a Gift from God

There are few issues that have more emotional energy around them than the issue of money. We like to think that my money is my own and I am the sole decider of where and with whom I will share it. And there is certainly some truth in that. We tend to share our money with and for the things that benefit us in some way. And again, there is some truth in this as well. But in a larger sense, all that we have is really a gift from God and we believe God shares it with us not just for our benefit, but for the good of others.

Being a member of a parish is sharing in our common responsibility of providing the money needed to do the work of our parish. We do that through our weekly collections, and supporting the various special collections we have for the needs of people in the United States and throughout the world.

Contact Louis Scarpa
Director of Stewardship for information regarding any of the above.
201-768-7565 or ministry@stmarycloster.org

God bless you in all that you do!

