

# CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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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**Parish Trustees:** Pamela Derfus and John Hernandez  
*and assisted by the Pastoral Advisory Board  
and Financial Council*

### WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass)**-----5:00 PM

**Sunday**-----7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 12:00 PM

First Sunday of July through Labor Day Weekend ----- 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Weekdays (Monday through Saturday)**-----8:00 AM

**Holy Days & Civic Holidays**----- As announced the Sunday before

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday**-----4:15 - 4:45 PM  
or call for an appointment

### DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday - 8:30 - 9:30 AM 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 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 through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
*(Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM)*

**CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**  
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 –

Is. 62: 1-5; 1 Cor. 12: 4-11; Jn. 2: 1-11

5:00 PM Louis Buonomo / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 –

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 62: 1-5; 1 Cor. 12: 4-11; Jn. 2: 1-11

7:30 AM Gregory Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family

9:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

12:00 PM Dominico & Florinda Conte  
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

MONDAY, JANUARY 21 –

ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Heb. 5: 1-10; Mk. 2: 18-22

8:00 AM Edward H. Rogan / req. by Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE  
LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Heb. 6: 10-20; Mk. 2: 23-28

8:00 AM Bernard Kelly / req. by Thom & Grace Calabro

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 – ST. VINCENT, DEACON  
AND MARTYR; ST. MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

Heb. 7: 1-3, 15-17; Mk. 3: 1-6

8:00 AM Emerenciana Rada  
req. by Gloria and Robert Chu

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Heb. 7: 25- 8: 6; Mk. 3: 7-12

8:00 AM Jean DeNicola  
req. by Ralph and Regina DeNicola

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 –

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

Acts 22: 3-16 or 9: 1-22; Mk. 16: 15-18

8:00 AM PGK August Zarski, SK  
req. by John and Midas Hernandez

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 –

ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS, BISHOPS

2 Tm. 1: 1-8 or Ti. 1: 1-5; Mk. 3: 20-21

8:00 AM Intentions of Maria Moscoso  
req. by Jimmy Petrinic

5:00 PM Anne and Walter Brady / req. by Dennis Brady

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 –

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh. 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12: 12-30; Lk. 1: 1-4, 14-21

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Mrs. Joan Lalli / req. by Krys and Lee Tunison

12:00 PM Christopher Cully / req. by the Torre Family



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Bread** – Special Intentions of Gloria Tropiano,  
req. by Gloria.

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** – Special intention.

**Sanctuary Candle** – In memory of Phyllis DelCorso, req. by  
the Postman Family.

From the Director of Religious Education



12-century carving by Gislebertus, known as “An Angel  
Appears to the Three Kings in a Dream” –  
in the Cathedral of Saint Lazare, Autun, France

*The Magi after Gislebertus by Katherine Venn*

*Sardine-packed in bed together, wearing crowns,  
they sleep under a blanket like a granny's  
crocheted tablecloth. The angel, boyish,  
soup-bowl-haloed, touches one of them awake  
with an inquiring finger, gentle, as though a child  
exploring texture – is this the only time an angel's  
touched a person's skin? – and points him to the  
cut-out star that blooms above their heads.*

*I, too, wait to be nudged awake. What  
uncomfortable incongruity be turned to sweetness,  
what multiplicity of planes to give a different view,  
what holy match dragged down the limestone of my  
heart might flare and light the way to something  
asking nothing of me, that simply wishes I be there  
to see?*

I received the above offering on Epiphany Sunday too late to share in the bulletin. I thought the artwork unusual and the poem interesting and felt it might still be enjoyed by some of you.

The idea of being “nudged awake” to the presence of our Lord Jesus is always an appropriate reflection. Let us pray that others might be surprised by the Holy Infant in a way that allows them to witness His love for us.

Today's second reading refers to the gifts of the Spirit. Let us be “nudged awake” so that we might recognize the gifts we are given by the Spirit. Let us recognize Christ, the one who calls us to use those gifts to the benefit of the Church and those it serves. I hope you enjoy the poem.

Gail

**We Pray for the Sick**

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

## Year End Contribution / Donation Statements

If you would like to receive a 2018 Year End Contribution/Donation Statement and did not receive one last year please contact our Parish Secretary, Grace Ditzel at [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) or 201-768-7565 by **January 28<sup>th</sup>** and we will add you the list. If you received one last year you will automatically receive one this year.

Year end statements to all who donated to St. Mary's via Parish Giving will be e-mailed directly from PG. This is just a record of online contributions made through PG. This statement does not account for contributions made by check or envelope to St. Mary's.

## March for Life

On January 18<sup>th</sup> thousands of people – young and old – came together in a peaceful manner to affirm the sanctity of life and protest the 1973 Roe-v-Wade Supreme Court decision that allowed abortion to be legal in all 50 states.

Each year many parishes and school groups from our Archdiocese participate in the March. Their willingness to charter buses and make the trip to Washington has been a critical factor in the ability of people of faith to raise their voices strongly and clearly against this injustice. We thank them for their participation, and we are grateful to the local Knights of Columbus Councils and others who helped to support this trip financially.

## Hackensack Walk-In Dinner On Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Volunteers Needed To Prepare Food

Once again, our Parish will be serving dinner to the homeless and working poor at the Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack on **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**. We anticipate feeding about 120 people. We are in need of volunteers to prepare various food dishes in their homes and to bring the hot food to the Fr. Roger Troy Hall between 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM on FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>.

Information and sign-up sheets are located on easels in the outer vestibules of the church.

For further information, please call Jane Bishop at 201-739-5622. Thank you for your generous support!!

## World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer to celebrate women and men in consecrated life. Since then the universal Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests, and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of a community. Single lay people may choose to be consecrated virgins and make private vows to the local bishop. Secular institutes are another form of living the consecrated life. We thank God for their saying "yes" to their vocation.

Please join with our Cardinal, Joseph W. Tobin CSsR and the Church of Newark at an 11:00 AM Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, to celebrate those in consecrated life and in particular those Sisters, Brothers and Priests who are celebrating their anniversaries this year. This invitation is extended in a special way to the members of every parish as a means of supporting and thanking the consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese for their selfless gift of service to our local Church. We hope you can be with us.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

### Jan. 20:

No - LWC  
11:15 AM – Flash Mob meet  
12:00 PM – Flash Mob at Mass

### Jan. 21:

All Parish Offices Closed  
No – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
No – Deepening the Journey

### Jan. 22:

7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal - Church

### Jan. 23

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

### Jan. 24:

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

### Jan. 26:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM – First Communion Parent Meeting – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room  
4:15 – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

### Jan. 27:

9:30 AM – LWC  
10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6  
10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Confirmation Class

## Second Collection

Next weekend, **January 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** the second collection is for Communicating God's Word.

## Upcoming St. Mary's Social Happenings: Join the Team

The Parish is planning a volunteer party, a St. Patrick's Day party and a Fish Fry! Details will follow. Would you like to be on a team to help with these parties: planning, communication, environment, worker bee? Do you have a knack for hospitality and want to enhance community at St. Mary's? Then be in touch with Lou Scarpa at [ministry@stmarycloster.org](mailto:ministry@stmarycloster.org).



### Lovingly Made at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry creates beautiful shawls made by parishioners as a gift of love to the recipient. The shawl is meant to symbolize the love and embrace of God. Each shawl has been lovingly made and prayed over and those who receive the shawls continue to be held in prayer. To participate and learn more, leave a message for Cathy at the parish office!

### Parish Registry

Like all non-profits, St. Mary's must keep her database updated. We will be reaching out to those on the parish registry who are currently receiving offering envelopes but do not use them or who do not support the parish via giving or bank draft. The letter will be an opportunity to reach out to folks and invite them to worship with us, to become engaged in the parish's life, ask if they have moved on, etc. Regular stewardship support of St Mary's is one of the main ways the administration can determine if a person is engaged in the parish's life, a parishioner. St. Mary's is mailing hundreds of offertory envelopes to non-users, this is not a best practice and use of YOUR offerings. Donations of cash cannot be tracked. *Even if one cannot afford to place anything into the envelope, we ask that the envelope, even if empty, be placed in the offertory.* We also must know the demographics to better minister and administer. May God prosper St. Mary's mission in 2019!



**The whole Christian community throughout the world** is invited annually to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one." (John 17:21) The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first observed in 1908 and continues to be celebrated annually from **January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### New! 2-Day Spiritual Conference

Today, many Catholics are fearful, angry or shaken by recent events and the state of the church. "God's Victory Through Mary", A 2-day Spiritual Conference, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Church of the Assumption, 29 Jefferson Ave. Emerson, will combine noted National Catholic Speakers and Personal Testimonies, with Music, Worship and Community-time **to help Catholics refocus on God's presence and discover the Victory over our Challenging Times as foretold through Mary more than 400 years ago!** Seating is limited. Tickets are on sale now. Cost: \$50 online pre-registrations \$60 at door. To order tickets call 1-800-313-6933 or buy them online at [www.johnleaps.com](http://www.johnleaps.com).



Catholic Schools Week is being recognized nation-wide from Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Academy of St. Therese, located at 220 Jefferson Avenue in Cresskill, offers an outstanding academic curriculum in a Catholic setting for children in preschool through eighth grade. The week begins with an Open House on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and again on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM

to 11:00 AM. Private tours are available, by appointment, on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. At the Academy of St. Therese our motto is: Learning **Today** to Lead **Tomorrow!** Please contact the Academy at 201-568-4296 to arrange for a visit or gather further information.

### 2019 Women's Day of Reflection / Catholic Men's Conference

The dates for the 2019 Women's Day of Reflection is on Saturday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>** and the Catholic Men's Conference is on Saturday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Both events will be held at Seton Hall University, have English and Spanish tracks and include Breakfast and Lunch. Registration fee is \$25.00. Time of events is 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Some of the advantages of attending these events are:

- Listen to speakers who inspire us to learn, love and live our faith better
  - Times of prayer and worship
    - Holy Mass
    - Holy Hour
    - Adoration Chapel
  - Availability of confession
  - Meet and fellowship with like-minded Catholics
  - Help others to experience the faith
  - Learn about ministries of the Archdiocese
  - Catholic gifts and books for sale
- More information can be found soon at [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) or [www.NJCatholicMen.org](http://www.NJCatholicMen.org).

### Support Groups

Many who hunger for God's consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated & divorced, single parents & same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, please go to: [www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0](http://www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0) and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org).



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