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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.



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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:
20 Legion Place, Closter, New Jersey 07624
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CENTER HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *and by appointment*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 –

Jos. 5: 9a, 10-12; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Lk. 15: 1-3, 11-32

5:00 PM Patrick Corrigan / req. by the Rogan Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jos. 5: 9a, 10-12; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Lk. 15: 1-3, 11-32

7:30 AM Anna Bernard / req. by John and Grace Ditzel

9:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

12:00 PM Charles Smith / req. by Jane and Jon Lawson

MONDAY, APRIL 1 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is. 65: 17-21; Jn. 4: 43-54

8:00 AM Alejandro and Francesca Rios
req. by Mona Grbic

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 – ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

Ez. 47: 1-9, 12; Jn. 5: 1-16

8:00 AM Sue Collier / req. by Dennis Brady

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is. 49: 8-15; Jn. 5: 17-30

8:00 AM Pasquale and Rosa Conte
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 – ST. ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ex. 38:7-14; Jn. 5: 31-47

8:00 AM Mara and Joso Grbic / req. by Mona Grbic

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 – ST. VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST

Wis. 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn. 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 AM Catherine and Frank Marino
req. by Mary and Bruno Macchiavelli & Family

7:30 PM Ralph Sr. and Jean DeNicola
req. by Ralph and Regina DeNicola

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jer. 11: 18-20; Jn. 7: 40-53

8:00 AM Carol Gordon
req. by Karen Forster and Alexis Baird

5:00 PM Jean Gardeski
req. by Joseph Wagner and Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is. 43: 16-21; Phil. 3: 8-14; Jn. 8: 1-11

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Patrick Corrigan / req. by Fran Semler

12:00 PM Sr. Marie Glodava, OSF
req. by Morning Scripture Group



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – Intentions of Lisa and Bill Deegan,
req. by the Adult Choir.

Altar Wine – Intentions of Lisa and Bill Deegan,
req. by the Adult Choir.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special Intention.

Sanctuary Candle – Special intentions of Joan Westervelt,
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro.

From the Director of Stewardship

Gifted, Grateful and Giving

As parishioners, we strive to embrace stewardship as a way of life. The parish founders (look at all they entrusted to us!) and those who sustain her [today](#), recognize that what we have and do are gifts from God. This reminds us to keep God first in our work, family, finance and relationships with others. The Catholic Christian sees themselves as a caretaker (stewards) of what God entrusts to us. Recall in Genesis that God placed man as *steward*, not as owner, over all of *His* beloved creation. He trusts us with these marvelous gifts.

Three Steps to Living as a Good Steward

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." Revelations. 3, 20

Pray. When we spend time with God in prayer we become spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others. In prayer we come to grow in our love for Christ and in our desire to reflect his love in the world. Pray at home and with God's family each Sunday at the Holy Mass.

Give. In gratitude for the many gifts God has given, the good steward sees their financial resources as a mean of serving God and others. Gifting back in thanksgiving the first hour's wage of our workweek to the Lord is one model of financial stewardship. Many who adopt this model find it to be a manageable way to make the connection between work (which sometimes may seem unfulfilling), spirituality and care for others.

"In giving of ourselves, we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

Act. Developing the gifts given by God into skills is an exciting life-long pursuit. The good steward uses these gifts to serve others. Consider ministries & activities at St. Mary's or consider creating a ministry that helps St. Mary's fulfill her mission.

"A person whose hands are full of parcels cannot receive a gift." C.S. Lewis

How fortunate we are that God permits us and gives us all that we need to participate in His divine plan.

Louis Scarpa

Stewardship Ministry

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Roger Austria,
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



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Ana Clemencia Padilla Real

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2019.

Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **April 1st**. Scrip cards which are prepaid cards that are used like cash are available for 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Lent at St. Mary



The Jr. High Religious Education students attended a special presentation on this past Tuesday given by Ed Craviolo. The "Journey to Easter" talk included information about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. In a discussion about being teased or being made fun of, almost everyone present agreed that it had happened to them at some time. In an exercise that encouraged choosing kindness, the teens all made a craft sticks with their initials and something hurtful that they wanted to let go. The sticks were then assembled into form of a cross by two of the eighth graders present. A picture is shown to the left of the finished project. Everyone present, teens and adults, came together and we closed with prayer.

First Friday Healing Mass

April 5th at 7:00 PM at Church of St. Mary. Please join us on this First Friday. All are welcome! 7:00 PM – Rosary; 7:30 PM – Mass (please note Mass time change from 8:00 PM); Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Healing Service immediately following Mass; Celebrant: Fr. Dermot S. Roache, SMA.

Share Breakfast with the Needy

Special collection of breakfast cereals to help feed the needy. Please leave cereal in the vestibules by **April 7th**. Cash donations may also be made to Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia, 55 W. Demarest Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 or call 201-568-1465.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **April 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Mar. 31 – Sunday:

9:30 AM – LWC
 9:30 AM – Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6

April 1 – Monday:

Scrip Orders being placed
 No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

April 2 – Tuesday:

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

April 3 – Wednesday:

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – Church
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
 4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – Church
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Conference Room
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

April 4 – Thursday:

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

April 5 – Friday:

7:00 PM – Rosary
 7:30 PM – Healing Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Healing Service.

April 6 – Saturday:

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM – Children Choir Rehearsal – Church
 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

April 7 – Sunday:

9:30 AM – LWC
 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6
 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Confirmation Class – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Third Order Lay Carmelites – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held every Wednesday during Lent at 4:00 PM in the Church.

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME



HIGH SCHOOL - GRADE 4

REHEARSE APRIL 6 & 13

3 - 4:15 PM CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21 &

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28

ARRIVE 8:45 AM FOR 9:30 MASS

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Thank You to Bill Deegan

Thank you Bill for your presentation last Monday evening on Theology and Biology, The Physiology and Theology of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Keep Up on Parish and Community Announcements

The parish sends an informative weekly email blast with pertinent spiritual, social and community announcements. Send St. Mary's your email address [today](#) and be added to the blast. You can opt out at any time. Send an e to gditzel@stmarycloster.org to be kept in the loop. Cheers!

2020 Mass Intention Book

On a fixed date each year, we "open" the Intention Book for Masses which will be said here in St. Mary Church during the next year. On **Thursday, April 11th**, we will formally begin taking mass intentions for **2020**. We recommend that parishioners write their request and mail them along with the \$10.00 stipend to the attention of **Grace Ditzel** by the **11th**. This would forestall a "run" on the rectory. These requests will be honored by when they are received in the mail. Masses booked in person after the **11th** will be honored according to availability of dates.

No phone requests will be taken. **Please Note: In fairness to everyone we are limiting the amount of Mass requests for 2020 to a maximum of SIX (6) masses per family and not all requests can be for Sunday Masses.**

Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

Every couple in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage during 2019 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Fifty years on Sunday, **April 28th** at 3:00 PM and five years and twenty-five years on Sunday, **June 2nd** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** for April 28th is Monday, **April 15th** and the deadline for June 2nd is Monday, **May 20th**.

Tired Of Winter? Ready To Get Outside? Save The Date!!

The Closter Environmental Commission is hosting CLEAN UP CLOSTER, an event to clean up our roadsides, parks, and other public areas.

On Saturday, **April 6th**, starting at 10:00 AM, meet at the historic Lustron House (421 Durie Ave.) or the Closter Nature Center (154 Ruckman Rd.). Refreshments and supplies will be provided – all you need to bring is yourself. Students, don't forget to count these hours toward community service (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult). As the weather warms, take this opportunity to spend a beautiful day outside helping your neighbors keep Closter the clean, green borough we all enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Hope, Inc. – "New Hope - Hands Of Hope" – Save The Date!

Wednesday, **April 11th**, 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM. Seasons, 664 Pascack Road, Washington Township, \$90 per person. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, Silent Auction, Tricky Tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies so please celebrate with us! To make a reservation, contact Kathy Turlick at 201-573-8697 or kturlick@gmail.com.

Sharing God's Blessings

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, such as our evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and many other ministries. Your participation in this campaign is vitally important. If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal, there is still time. Just complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your generous gift.

Holy Hour for Healing

Saturday's **April 6th**, **May 18th** and **June 15th** at 8:00 PM at SMA Fathers, 23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly.

Spring Craft Show/Sale

Sunday, **April 7th**, St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale will be hosting its annual Spring Craft Show/Sale from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists including many new crafters. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. No strollers permitted, www.sjrmj.org.

Save the Date

Sunday, **June 2nd**, 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, celebrating 10 years of Moms Supporting Moms! (following the 1:30 PM inclusive Family Mass at St. John Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Bergenfield.

A Gathering for Moms and Dads of Individuals with Disabilities. Single parents welcome! Group art activities for sons and daughters. Bilingual: English/Spanish.

Fellowship, Renewal, Celebration

Speakers: Karen Jackson, Founder Faith Inclusion Network and Robert Naseef, Ph.D., Lead Consultant for Arc of Philadelphia and SAP'S "Autism at Work" Program.

More information to come: www.rcan.org/moms-and-dads-save-date.

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Student Scholarship Applications

For the 12th consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school (primary consideration), as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school (secondary consideration) and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office. Applications are due **March 31st** with decisions to be made by April 21st.

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.

Queen Of Peace Council 3679



Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. Queen of Peace Council 3679 chartered here at St. Mary in 1953 and serving Northern Valley parishes, meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Rev. Fr. Roger Troy Hall and a dinner meeting on the fourth Thursday usually at *A Taste of Spain Restaurant* in Northvale. For information on membership please contact Grand Knight John Hernandez at 201-768-8871 or email jah21344@aol.com.



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