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MEMORIAL DAY

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 25 –

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14: 23-29

5:00 PM Kenneth Olsen
req. by Ron and Kathleen Olsen and Family

SUNDAY, MAY 26 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14: 23-29

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Cora Castillo / req. by Thom & Grace Calabro
12:00 PM Marie Vecchio / req. by the Bertelloni Family

MONDAY, MAY 27 –

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Acts 16: 11-15; Jn. 15: 26- 16: 4a

8:00 AM For All Veterans – Living and Deceased

TUESDAY, MAY 28 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 16: 22-34; Jn. 16: 5-11

8:00 AM Mary Quin / req. by Celeste and Craig Kmiecik

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 17: 15, 22- 18: 1; Jn. 16: 12-15

8:00 AM Bernard Kelly / req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

THURSDAY, MAY 30 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1: 1-11; Eph. 1: 17-23 or Eph. 4: 1-13 or 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mk. 16: 15-20

8:00 AM Violet Drobinko / req. by the Ditzel Family
7:30 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, MAY 31 – THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Zep. 3: 14-18a or Rom. 12: 9-16; or Lk. 1: 39-56

8:00 AM Catherine Scarpa
req. by Theresa Meierdierks

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 – ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR

Acts 18: 23-28; Jn. 16: 23b-28

8:00 AM Anthony DiPaola
req. by Lorraine and John Harvey
5:00 PM Jean Gardeski / req. by Josephine Petcoff

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7: 55-60; Rv. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn. 17: 20-26

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Catherine Scarpa
req. by Joe and Mary-Anne Colucci
12:00 PM Pietro and Teresa DiPlacido
req. by Pat and Angela Conte

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special intentions.

Sanctuary Candle – Special intention.

Flowers For Mary – In memory of Susan DeRosa,
req. by Esther and Joe DeRosa.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy and blessed Memorial Day Weekend to you all. Welcome to the unofficial beginning of the summer season. Please remember to pray for all those men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we may all enjoy the freedoms we have today. Monday is a national holiday and our parish office will be closed for the day.

On Saturday, May 25th, Cardinal Tobin ordained 6 men to the priesthood at the cathedral basilica in Newark. Please pray for them as they begin their priestly ministry here in the Archdiocese of Newark. Also, Bishop Manny Cruz was here to confer the sacrament of confirmation upon twenty-seven young men and women of our parish. Congratulations to them and please keep them in your prayers also.

Please keep in mind that this coming Thursday, **May 30th**, is the Solemnity of the Ascension. It is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics are obligated to participate at Mass this day.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, 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

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, please call the rectory office and let us know.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **June 1st** and **2nd** 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS – Confirmation

On Thursday evening, May 23rd, we celebrated Mass with the Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. The Bishop has a notably gentle and reverent style. He takes a moment to address each candidate and his or her sponsor as they are paused to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, adding a warm and personal touch to the event.

The Religious Education Department prepared 28 teens to receive the sacrament over the two years (grades 7 and 8) required by the Archdiocese. I wish to thank their Catechists Pam Derfus, Maria Matos, and Rachel Caglio for their time and efforts.

Congratulation to our Confirmandi on completing a difficult but rewarding journey. You are blessed in the Spirit.

Confirmation Preparation:

Students entering seventh and eighth grades are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are in St. Mary's Religious Education Program already, please, return your registration as soon as possible.

Catholic school students are required by the diocese to return to their home parish to be prepared for the sacrament. If you are eligible to receive the sacrament, please, contact us immediately at 201-767-8247 or by emailing us at reled@stmarycloster.org so we can reserve a place for you in our classes.

Hackensack Walk-in Dinner on Wednesday, May 29th, 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, **May 29th**. We anticipate feeding about 130 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 May 29th**.

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!!

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, **May 30th** is the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

The Church of St. Mary will be blessing prayer shawls on the weekend of **June 1st** and **2nd**. If you know of anyone suffering from sickness and in need of special blessing please direct them to take one. Donations are welcome. Thank you. Cathy Thornhill 201-768-0722.

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Drawing June 3rd, 2019, 7:00 PM

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*Visit rtnorthjersey.org for details and restrictions.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

May 27 – Monday:

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

May 29 – 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
 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Drop off Food for Hackensack Walk-in Dinner – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Conference Room
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

May 30 – Thursday:

Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM
 NO – Marian Eucharistic / Holy Hour

June 1 – Saturday:

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation
 Blessing of Prayer Shawls at Mass

June 2 – Sunday:

Blessing of Prayer Shawls at all Masses.

Summer Break

After this Sunday Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) will break for the summer and will resume again in September.

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: www.rcan.org/moms-and-dads-save-date.

Closter Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Leroy S. Mead Post 111 American Legion

In honor of and with respect for the 18 Closter residents who gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War I, World War II and Vietnam, as well as those residents who are currently serving our Country, the Leroy S. Mead Post 111 American Legion, the Closter Elks Lodge 2304 and the Borough of Closter are hosting the Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, **May 27th**.

Schedule of Events – Monday, May 27th –

8:30 AM – American Legion, Leroy S. Mead Post 111 Memorial Service –Veterans Monument Park, Herbert Avenue & Closter Dock Road

9:00 AM – **Closter Fire Department Service** – 100 Ruckman Road

10:00 AM – **Memorial Day Parade** – Participants assemble at 9:30 AM in the St. Mary's Church parking area. The parade steps off at 10:00 AM.

The Memorial Day Service is held on the north side of Veteran's Memorial Park and begins immediately following the conclusion of the parade. **This event is rain or shine.** In the event of an extreme weather condition, i.e. lightning, the Memorial Day Service will be moved indoors to the Closter Elks Lodge on Railroad Avenue. Updates will be posted on the Borough's website.

USA Patriots Event

Closter is honored to host the USA Patriots in the first USA Patriots/WWAST Softball Game. Saturday's events are being held at Veterans Memorial Park located on Harrington Avenue.

Friday, **May 31st** – PBA Officer of the Year/Comedy Night/Beefsteak Dinner at the Closter Elks Lodge (Limited to the first 130 people).

Saturday, **June 1st** –

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Challenger Baseball Game (USA Patriots practice w/Challenger All Stars)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Fun Activities for Kids / Food

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Al Baffa Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony (Playground)

6:20 PM – Willies Band

7:00 PM – USA Patriots/Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team Introduction

7:30 PM – USA Patriots / WWAST Game (USA Patriots vs Bergen County All Stars)

Sunday, **June 2nd** –

7:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Closter Elks Breakfast at the Closter Elks Lodge on Railroad Avenue

To purchase tickets for the game and other fundraising events, sponsor ads, and learn how you can be involved, visit closterrec.com or email closterrecjim@aol.com.

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age, by any means and at any time to attend *'Emmaus Ministry: A One Day Retreat for Grieving Parents'* on Saturday, **June 8th** at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ. This full-day retreat affords bereaved parents the opportunity to join together in a caring, spiritual setting for prayer, witnesses, discussion, fellowship and Mass. Please register ASAP at <https://www.emfgp.org/registration/> as space is limited. For information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

Open House

Bergen Catholic will host an open house for prospective students on Tuesday, **May 28th** from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Church of the Assumption – Emerson

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Sunday, **June 2nd**, 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM.

Join us for an afternoon of joyful worship and discovery. Continuing the ministry of Jesus, our hope is that all will be empowered and equipped to participate in the Ministry of the Spirit and live a New Life in Christ.

Speakers: Rev. Paul Cannariato, Pastor of Church of the Assumption, Rev. John Gordon, Director-Office of Evangelization, and Mary Ann Collett, Co-Founder of Catholic Women of Zion.

Register: by Wednesday, **May 28th**. (\$15, payable at the door.)

Telephone: 201-666-5697 – Please leave your name and telephone number.

Email: vlifrieri@aol.com – Please indicate on subject line: "Fully Equipped – June 2" and leave your name and telephone number.

Northvale Golden Age Club's Trip to Myrtle Beach

The Golden Age Club has planned a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for **September 22nd – 28th**. The tour package includes:

6 Nights lodging, including overnights,

6 Breakfasts and 4 Dinners, Featuring 2 fabulous shows – Carolina Opry & Alabama Theater,

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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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*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.

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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