

# 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

**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Scarangella, K.H.S  
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**Weekend Assistants:**  
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**Parish Trustees:** Pamela Derfus & John Hernandez  
*Assisted by the Pastoral Advisory Board and Financial Council*

## WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

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

**Sunday**-----8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Call for an appointment*

## DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday, 8:30 - 9:00 AM and as scheduled.

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday, 8:30 AM

**Recitation of the Rosary:** Monday through Friday - 7:30 AM

*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](https://www.stmarycloster.org)

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
*Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM*

**Center for Spiritual Development and Religious Education:** 201-767-8247 • [reled@stmarycloster.org](mailto:reled@stmarycloster.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 – Dt. 18: 15-20; 1 Cor. 7: 32-35; Mk. 1: 21-28 5:00 PM Ed Archer req. by Ed and Carolyn Rogan and Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt. 18: 15-20; 1 Cor. 7: 32-35; Mk. 1: 21-28 8:30 AM Gloria Tropiano / req. by the Farley Family 11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – WEEKDAY Heb. 11: 32-40; Mk. 5: 1-20 8:00 AM Jamie Quantmeyer req. by Geraldine Simone
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Mal. 3: 14; Heb. 2: 14-18; Lk. 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32 8:00 AM Robert Medlock / req. by Alice O’Sullivan
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR; ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP Heb. 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mk. 6: 1-6 8:00 AM Juliette Dworzak req. by Esther and Joe DeRosa
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – WEEKDAY Heb. 12: 18-19, 21-24; Mk. 6: 7-13 8:00 AM Baby Joseph Vataj req. by Ernest Kalaba and Family
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR Heb. 13: 1-8; Mk. 6: 14-29 8:00 AM Sam Vecchio / req. by the Vecchio Family
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – Jb. 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1: 29-39 5:00 PM Charles Pepe / req. by the Family
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jb. 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1: 29-39 8:30 AM Jose and Elva Marin req. by the Kalaba Family 11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners, This coming Tuesday, February 2nd, is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, traditionally called Candlemas Day, the 40th day after Christmas. It is customary to bless candles which are to be used during the year for Mass and to bless the candles that will be used for the blessing of throats for following day, February 3rd, St. Blaise Day. Throats will be blessed following the 8:00 AM Mass.

As we celebrate these feast days we are reminded of the beautiful traditions of our church. The rich traditions of our faith are celebrated in so many feast days during the calendar year. Please join us at Mass these and other days as we celebrate our faith as Catholic Christians.

Last week we showed the 2021 Annual Appeal video at all our weekend Masses. Our goal of \$29,000. is not impossible to reach. Your goodness and generosity to our parish is overwhelming. My prayer is that your goodness and generosity to the appeal will be the same. The 2021 Appeal will benefit future and retired priests, care for the poor, passing on the faith, and to proclaim the Gospel. Please go to RCAN.ORG for more information on how your gift will assist those most in need. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a gift to this most important cause.

Sincerely in the Lord, Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Fran Semler, Marianne Tracey

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to or have a name removed from our prayer list please e-mail gditzel@stmarycloster.org or call the rectory at 201-768-7565. To add a name you must have the permission of the person or their family.



ANNOUNCED SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2021.

This can be arranged either by calling Grace at the rectory at 201-768-7565 and leaving a message or sending an e-mail to gditzel@stmarycloster.org.



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Lisa Deegan

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **February 6<sup>th</sup>** and **7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### Year End Contribution / Donation Statements

We e-mailed the 2020 Year End Contribution/Donation Statements to everyone that we have an e-mail for. Anyone that requested one that we don't have an e-mail for were mailed via USPS.



### Blessing of the Throats

Wednesday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed after the 8:00 AM Mass.



### Scrip Orders

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 and order forms can be found on our website or you can setup an account online at [www.ShopwithScrip.com](http://www.ShopwithScrip.com) (registration # is D84E6EB522L51) pay either by PrestoPay or check made out to Church of St. Mary. If you don't see a certain card on the list feel free to call, it may be available. Contact Grace Ditzel at [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) or 201-768-7565 for further information.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a Mass during 2021 please contact Grace Ditzel at [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) or 201-768-7565 for further information.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation – by Appointment

Please contact Fr. Joe at the Rectory at 201-768-7565.

### Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms

Please contact the parish office at 201-768-7565.

### Why Register at St. Mary's?

*First, because we need each other on this journey of life and faith!*

Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. Beside the active support and involvement that the registration enables, parish registration is also a mandatory condition for many sacraments including Baptism and Matrimony and being a sponsor or godparent. It is therefore important to register at St. Mary's as soon as you start worshipping with us regularly.

- You may receive verification letters to sponsor individuals for sacraments, receive sacraments yourself or your child (i.e. marriage, baptism).
- You will receive end of the year tax contribution statements.
- You will be personally invited to gatherings to meet the staff and other parishioners.
- The parish will know the demographics and respond to needs. Further, the Archdiocese will know that our parish has a healthy base of registered, supportive parishioners.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM!](#)

### When it comes to Mass, here are eight things to remember

1. Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation *remains in effect for all Catholics of the Archdiocese*
2. Diocesan Liturgical Directives *remain in effect*
3. Wear a mask *properly*
4. Wash your hands *often*
5. Keep social distance
6. Stay home *if not well or at risk*
7. Observe church capacity limits
8. Love and respect each other by keeping safe!



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If you do not have a student at SJR, the prize will be applied to the tuition of any elementary, high school, college or university of your choice for the 2021-2022 school year.

**You also have the opportunity to donate winnings to the SJR fund to support students in need.**

VISIT [SJRRAFFLE.COM](http://SJRRAFFLE.COM) TO ENTER OR CALL 201-391-3300 ext. 234 FOR MORE INFORMATION (PROOF OF TICKET ENTRY WILL BE MAILED TO ADDRESS PROVIDED).

Prize will be transferred directly by SJR to the designated school. Prize is not redeemable for cash. The winning ticket will be drawn after school on Friday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Winner need not be present to win. If fewer than a minimum of 250 tickets are sold, the raffle will be canceled and ticket holders will receive a full refund.

### A Spiritual Journey Toward Easter in Song A Lenten Reflection

Please join Immaculate Conception Church,  
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Thursday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM

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and phone number

or call Immaculate Conception at 201-768-1600

### Sacrament Certificate Requests

For various reasons there are times when one needs to obtain a new current Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage Certificate. When doing so please allow the office **at least two weeks time**. Thank you.



### Stabilizing the Sunday Collection

St. Mary's, like your household, must count on a steady and predictable income to pay the bills. Our Sunday collections fluctuate greatly due to vacations, inclement weather, etc. It is difficult to the budget and provide for ministry under these circumstances. And we sometimes simply forget to make-up our offering because, well, life gets busy. Please consider making your offering to St. Mary's through egiving or bank transfer. A number of parishioners are using St. Mary's Parishgiving platform. It's secure and convenient and costs the donor nothing. Just go online, sign-up and indicate your offering. You may even get "points" on your rewards credit card for doing so! You can also have your transfer the funds directly. Simply visit [stmarycloster.org](http://stmarycloster.org) and follow the link to Parishgiving. Thank you to our dedicated and generous parishioners who make ministry possible at St. Mary's.

### 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.

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