

THE SIMPLE ABC MESSAGE.. ASK FOR HIS MERCY, BE MERCIFUL, COMPLETELY TRUST IN JESUS

*Church of St. Mary*  
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY



*Jesus, I Trust in You*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 –

*Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn. 5: 1-6; Jn. 20: 19-31*

5:00 PM Deborah Huber  
req. by Tim and Nancy Rayder

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER –  
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

*Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn. 5: 1-6; Jn. 20: 19-31*

8:30 AM Dennis Kenney  
req. by the Liddy and Johnson Families  
11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, APRIL 12 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 4: 23-31; Jn. 3: 1-8*

8:00 AM Doug DiPaola  
req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

TUESDAY, APRIL 13 – ST. MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR

*Acts 4: 32-37; Jn. 3: 7b-15*

8:00 AM Patricia Scullivan / req. by Brian Callahan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 5: 17-26; Jn. 3: 16-21*

8:00 AM Anna Rapisarda / req. by Mona Grbic

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 5: 27-33; Jn. 3: 31-36*

8:00 AM Peter Muzzi / req. by Lucy Chua

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 – EASTER WEEKDAY

*Acts 5: 34-42; Jn. 6: 1-15*

8:00 AM Mary Moliterno / req. by the Vecchio Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 –

*Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn. 2:1-5a; Lk. 24: 35-48*

5:00 PM Matthew Watters / req. by Abbey Watters

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn. 2:1-5a; Lk. 24: 35-48*

8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased  
11:00 AM Roger Austria / req. by Joan Westervelt



**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

**Altar Bread** – In memory of Anna Rapisarda,  
req. by Peg and John Killeen.

**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](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org).

**From the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter and Happy feast of Divine Mercy.

Twenty-one years ago, on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II, canonized Sr. Faustina, a Polish nun, because of the divine mercy revelations she received from our Lord. Each year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, we now celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a beautiful feast because it helps us to realize all the mercy which flows from the heart of Jesus to each and every one of us. May this feast day today help us to come closer to our Risen Lord and know each day the mercy he has for each and every one of us.

A special word of thanks to all those who helped and participated in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Let us all pray to our Risen Lord that soon we will all return to our normal way of life and that this pandemic will be part of history. Please continue to pray for all who are ill and for those who care for them.

May the 50 days of Easter which we are now celebrating be days of peace and good health for all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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](mailto: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.



**Paschal Candle**

The Paschal Candle has been donated in memory of Detlef and Juergen Kleine by Marianne Kleine and Brigitte Kleine-Micheletto.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend, **April 17<sup>th</sup>** and **18<sup>th</sup>** the second collection is for Repairs and Maintenance.

**Why the MAINTENANCE COLLECTION?**

The monthly MAINTENANCE COLLECTION funds the regular upkeep of St. Mary's physical plant: school, former convent, rectory, church and grounds. Our buildings are certainly not "new" and we have a responsibility to maintain these resources entrusted to us. Donations to this collection are "restricted" and are not subject to the 14% assessment by the Archdiocese. Thank you for being good caretakers of our spiritual home, St. Mary's.

**Collections and Income for March 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$19,188.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$3,663.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$2,371.00
Other Income	\$10,912.00
Total March Income	\$36,134.00
Total March Expenses	\$34,592.00
Total Outstanding Debt to Archdiocese	\$84,277.00
<b>Archdiocese Special Collection</b>	
Black and Indian / Catholic Relief	\$256.00

Thank you for your continued support of the regular collections. St. Mary's relies upon your support all year long. Please remember to support the parish even if you are away. Why not give through electronic giving. Signup at Parishgiving.org. God bless you!



**Scrip Orders**

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **April 12<sup>th</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.

**Special Noon Mass**

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 12:00 PM. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only those individuals directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.

**Virtual Open House at Bergen Catholic High School**

On Wednesday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM, Bergen Catholic will be hosting a Virtual Open House for prospective students. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about Bergen Catholic as we begin to review the admissions calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration can be found on [www.bergencatholic.org](http://www.bergencatholic.org). For questions, contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

**Communion Dresses / Suits Needed**

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, shirts, head pieces or shoes. Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale on **April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, or call Kathy at 201-666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Unlike previous years, this collection will be held on One Day Only. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank You!

**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.

**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!

## 2021 Annual Appeal

### Catholic Stewardship in Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins and forming future priests and supporting retired clergy.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

### Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?

#### The Archdiocese of Newark is here to help with bereavement and more

“Someone who has had an impact in our life stays with us a lot longer than we think.” The Family Life Office places the Catholic family at the center of the Church’s mission and ministries. More than 60 support groups in the Archdiocese offer resources and assistance such as bereavement support. Learn more at <https://www.rcan.org/offices.../family-life/loss-transition>. Did you know your gift to the Annual Appeal supports programs and ministries like these? Please consider making a gift today.



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## Food Security Task Force

Over the past year, Bergen County has seen staggering rates of food insecurity, affecting residents in every municipality, many of whom never thought they would find themselves needing assistance from a food pantry. The enduring economic impact of the pandemic has dramatically increased the rate of food insecurity, and has proven the necessity of connecting our residents to services that not only help them put food on the table but assist them in solving the underlying issues causing them to be food insecure.

There are many programs and organizations in Bergen County charged with helping those in need, whether it be for food, job training, mental health counseling, domestic violence, childcare, or housing assistance. These services are available to all Bergen County residents. However, one major obstacle in accessing those services is that many of those most in need do not know that help exists.

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## 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.

## 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 (covid regulations permitting), please call the rectory office and let us know.

## 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.

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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  
*fatherjoe@stmarycloster.org*

**Weekend Assistants:**  
S.M.A. Fathers, Rev. Chris Ciccarino & Rev. Charlie Pinyan

**Director of Music:** Andrew Monticello  
*music@stmarycloster.org*

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Maria Matos  
*reled@stmarycloster.org*

**Religious Education Assistant:** Joseph Greey  
*jgreey@stmarycloster.org*

**Parish Secretary:** Grace Ditzel  
*gditzel@stmarycloster.org*

**Business Admin./Parish Bookkeeper/Local Safe Environment Coordinator:** Canice Cristofolletti  
*cristofolletti@stmarycloster.org*

**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

**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

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