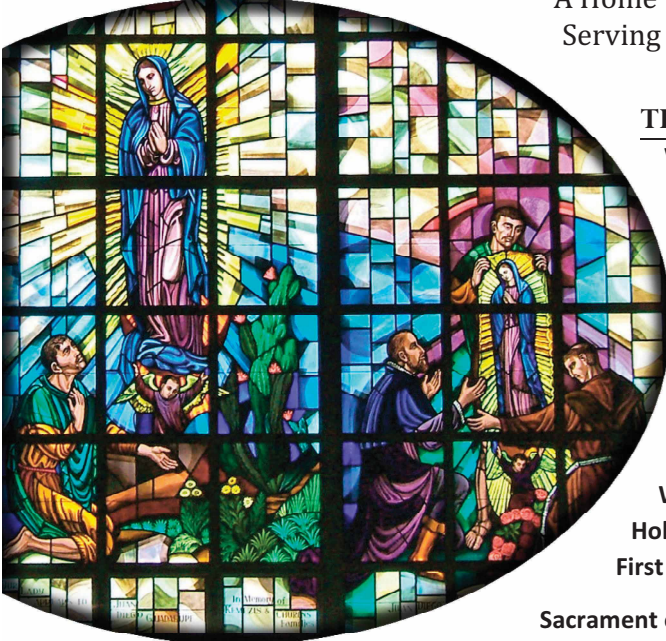


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WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

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

Sunday----- 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

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

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

First Fridays - Holy Hour: 7:00 PM; Mass with Prayers for Healing: 8:00 PM

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

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Parish Website

www.stmarycloster.org

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Center Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
and by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM or
anytime a priest is available.

First Friday: 7:15 - 7:45 PM

Spouse of the Spirit Prayer Group

7:30 PM Fridays except First Friday.

All welcome.

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday -
7:00 - 8:00 PM 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 the parish office.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT † MARCH 6, 2016

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Rev. Msgr. Edward Hajduk
req. by Linda C. Gaydos

11:30 AM Pilipina Tonel
req. by Roger and Peggy Austria

MONDAY, MARCH 7 –

STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

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

8:00 AM Oneida Hernandez
req. by John and Midas Hernandez

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 – ST. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

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

8:00 AM Presley Miranda / req. by the Grbic Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 –

ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

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

8:00 AM Earl Groesbeck
req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ex. 32: 7-14; Jn. 5: 31-47

8:00 AM Ann and Dennis Brady / req. by Dennis Brady

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

8:00 AM Happy Birthday Fran Semler
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Kingston Rhodes

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

8:00 AM Presley Miranda / req. by the Grbic Family
5:00 PM Shelia King / req. by Elizabeth Bussanich

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – 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 Knights of Columbus #3679 – Living and Deceased Members

11:30 AM Louise Verde / req. by Peggy Austria



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread: In memory of Michael and Nellie Duffy.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle: In memory of Presley Miranda, req. by Peg and John Killeen.

Sanctuary Flowers and Plants: In memory of Lisa Greco.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Candle, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Flowers and Plants are available throughout **2016**.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

As pastor of this local faith community I am called to lead and guide this faith community to deepen their friendship with Jesus. As I seek to grow in my own spiritual journey, I am called to guide all those who come to me seeking to grow in faith, hope and love. We need to let go of the burden of sin and forgive each other. We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis every Saturday and by appointment for those who want to receive Gods healing touch and be free. I seek Gods forgiveness on a regular basis in my own life, and the joy that comes with that experience, is truly wonderful. We are called to be people who live in Gods light, and use all the gifts of the Holy Spirit to empower us.

As we continue through the Lenten season, deepening our prayer lives, growing in self disciple through self denial and fasting, and as we do the works of mercy, we make a difference in the world and bring the light of Jesus into all the dark places in the world.

One of those dark areas is human trafficking, and on March 10th we will have a speaker who will address this situation in our world, the talk is on Human Trafficking to Freedom and Dignity, Sr. Georgette has arranged for Lima James to come and speak with us and I would ask that all of you come and learn about how we can work to eliminate this evil from our society.

May the light of Jesus guide all of our relationships with one another as we seek to grow in friendship with Jesus on our Lenten journey together.

Continue to have a blessed Lent.

Love, Fr. Paul

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Last Sunday's collection was as follows:

Amount Collected in 148 Sunday Envelopes.....	\$5,753.00
Total Collected in Loose Money	\$777.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment.....	\$300.00
Collected in 10 Heat Envelopes.....	\$146.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$6,976.00
Last year's collection for same week was	\$8,048.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." – Joshua 5: 12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon, as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ally Aagard, Alana Bronze, Diego Bronze, Lillian Cahill, Michael Conmy, Lee Ann Davito, Lillian Guyt, Chip Hartwell, Ed Koch, Donna Oettinger, John Pagano, Betty Scala, Jim Walsh

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY PARISH**

3/6 – SUNDAY

8:45 AM – Choristers Call
9:30 AM – Choristers at Mass
9:30 AM – LWC
9:30 AM – Noon – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5
10:45 AM – Parish Choir Call
11:30 AM – Parish Choir at Mass
Coffee Connections after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses – Sponsored by Women's Cornerstone

3/7 – MONDAY

Scrip Orders being Placed
10:00 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Presentation by Moritz Funeral Home – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Presentation by Pizzi Funeral Home – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

3/8 – TUESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Moms' Group – Parish Life Room
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Junior High Youth Ministry – Grades 6 – 7
No – Cornerstone Sisters

3/9 – WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Power Hour of Prayer – Chapel – Center for Spiritual Development
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
4:00 PM – Choristers Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
7:00 – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Center for Spiritual Development
7:30 PM – Catch the Spirit – Rm. 7
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Parish Life Room

3/10 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – K of C Meeting- Fr. Roger Troy Hall
7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
7:30 PM – Human Trafficking Speaker – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

3/11 – FRIDAY

7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross - Church

3/12 – SATURDAY

9:00 AM – Noon – Church Cleaning
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

3/13 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – K of C at Mass followed by Communion Breakfast at Madeleine's
9:30 AM – LWC
9:30 AM – Noon – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5
10:45 AM – Parish Choir Call
11:30 AM – Parish Choir at Mass
12:30 PM – Third Order Lay Carmelites – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Confirmation Session – Church and Fr. Roger Troy Hall

SCRIP ORDERS

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **March 7th**. 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.

INFORMATIONAL TALK ON BURIALS AND FUNERALS

Monday, **March 7th**, in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. Moritz Funeral Home 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM; Pizzi Funeral Home 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. An informational talk on Burials and Funerals regarding expenses, cemetery plots, crypts, cremation and anything else involved in the burial process. Fr. Paul will also be in attendance to answer all questions regarding the Church's participation in the process.

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **March 7th**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Center for Spiritual Development. Bishop Robert Barron: PRIEST – PROPHET – KING. How well do you KNOW Jesus Christ, not "head-knowledge," but personally?

MOM'S GROUP

Tuesday, **March 8th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Welcome to all Moms! There is free baby-sitting! Come and meet other Moms to share and be spiritually enriched! We have begun a new series titled: "Spirituality in Parenting." It is excellent and what a great input, not only for you as Moms, but for anyone who wants to be the "best version of yourself!"

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesday, **March 9th**, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Join us when you can. You are always welcome. Each week is a new topic.

FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO FREEDOM AND DIGNITY

Speaker: Lima James, MSW, Educational consultant and Grant writer for Safe Houses (for trafficked women), Lifeway Network, NY. Thursday, **March 10th**, 7:30 PM in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. Topic: 30 million people in the US and around the world are trafficked. Who benefits from this cruelty? What are the physical and emotional needs of trafficked women? What can we do?

CHURCH CLEANING MARCH 12TH

Looking for a volunteer opportunity during Lent? Our next cleaning date is Saturday, **March 12th**, 9:00 AM to 12 noon (backup time is 12 noon to 3:00 PM). Please join us as we prepare our sanctuary for Easter by cleaning the pews, dusting, etc. If you can help with any amount of time, please call Chris Hofmann at 201-768-6535. Light breakfast will be served. Thank you.

LENTEN TALKS AT SACRED HEART, HAWORTH

Monday, **March 7th**, 7:30 PM, Sr. Joanne – Healing of Memories. Monday, **March 14th**, 7:30 PM talk by Fr. Stephen followed by confessions. Call 201-387-0080 for more info.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

Every couple who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage during 2016 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Five and twenty-five years on Sunday, **April 24th** at 3:00 PM and fifty years on Sunday, **May 1st** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register, the **deadline** for April 24th is Monday, **April 4th** and the deadline for May 1st is Monday, **April 11th**.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS RAFFLE TICKETS

If you like to take chances, the Sisters have a ticket for the entire month of May, 62 chances to win according to the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery. For those who want to purchase one, they are \$5.00 each, and you may contact Sister Georgette at 201-767-8247 or sgdublino@gmail.com. Thank you and God love you.

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