

HONORING ALL who served

But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

1 Cor 15:57

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 –
 1 Kgs. 17: 10-16; Heb. 9: 24-28; Mk. 12: 38-44 or 12: 41-44
 5:00 PM Pat Caldwell / req. by J. Caldwell

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 –
 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 1 Kgs. 17: 10-16; Heb. 9: 24-28; Mk. 12: 38-44 or 12: 41-44
 7:30 AM Mary B. Tobia / req. by Rita Tobia
 9:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
 12:00 PM All Veterans – Living and Deceased

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 –
 ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR
 Ti. 1: 1-9; Lk. 17: 1-9
 8:00 AM Lee Hofmann

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 –
 ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN
 Ti. 2: 1-8, 11-14; Lk. 17: 7-10
 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 req. by the Menezes Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – WEEKDAY
 Ti. 3: 1-4; Lk. 17: 11-19
 8:00 AM Josephine Caltabiano
 req. by the Grieco Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – ST. ALBERT THE GREAT,
 BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 Phlm. 7-20; Lk. 17: 20-25
 8:00 AM Joyce Canger
 req. by John and Canice Cristofolletti

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – ST. MARGARET OF
 SCOTLAND; ST. GERTRUDE, VIRGIN
 2 Jn. 4-9; Lk. 17: 26-37
 8:00 AM Ethel Calabro / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 –
 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS
 3 Jn. 5-8; Lk. 18: 1-8
 8:00 AM Adam Tobia / req. by the Tobia Family
 5:00 PM Thomas McCabe
 req. by John and Canice Cristofolletti

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 –
 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Dn. 12: 1-3; Heb. 10: 11-14, 18; Mk. 13: 24-32
 7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
 9:30 AM Catherine Conetta / req. by Camille Cantarella
 12:00 PM Petro and Theresa DePlacio
 req. by Pat and Angela Conte

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – Special Intentions.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Intentions of Families of Michael Berrian, Patricia Mueller and Thomas Berrian.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available the remainder of 2018.

From the Director of Religious Education

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday, October 30th, our Jr. High Program met for their regular classes. With All Saint's Day so close the classes took time to talk about the special people in the history of our church that we refer to as saints. They learned that these special people are "called" by God to share their gifts and talents for the good of our faith and in service to others. It was discussed that while these people were called to their special lives, they also had a choice to accept that call and to live out their lives sometimes to tragic ends. An explanation of how some "gifts" are associated with particular Saints and how this has prompted us to pray for their intercession in these areas helped students understand the relationship we have with the Saints.

We are all called to live holy lives by virtue of our baptism. Like the Saints we are called to share the gifts God has given to us to help others. We should strive to answer the call of God when it comes to us and to make good choices in using the talents God has given us. The class followed with an activity where they wrote their name and the name of their Saint on a paper flame, one symbol for the Holy Spirit. They created a mobile by attaching these "flames" to a white dove as a symbol of the way God calls us through the Spirit to be closer to Him.

In the picture (see the next page) of our Tuesday Sixth Grade they are holding their flames and the mobile as they finish the art work.

Gail

We Pray for the Sick

Irene Abad, Paula Bertelloni, Christian Brueck, Fran Caldwell, Dolores Collier, Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Desiderio Fernandes, Frank Forte, Ed Koch, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Jim Walsh, Samantha



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Czop

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **November 17th and 18th** the second collection is the Human Development Collection.

What is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection?

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U. S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4: 18)

Collections and Income for October 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$26,620.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$3,671.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$3,281.00
Other Income	\$13,175.00
	(primarily from school rental)
Religious Ed	\$1,925.00
October Total Income	\$48,672.00
October Expenses	\$51,038.00
Total Outstanding Debt	
..... Year to Date	\$120,880.00
World Mission Sun. Coll.	\$1,350.00

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 traveling. Why not give through electronic giving. Signup at Parishgiving.org. God bless you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Nov. 11:
 No – LWC
 11:15 AM – Parish Choir Call
 12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass
 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Third Order Lay Carmelite Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Nov. 12:
 Scrip Orders being placed
 No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

Nov. 13:
 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 6 – 7
 7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Women's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

Nov. 14:
 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
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Conference Room
 7:00 PM – Wine Tasting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

Nov. 15:
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Group Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
 7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour

Nov. 17:
 12:00 PM – AA Special Mass and Meeting – Church and Fr. Roger Troy Hall
 4:15 – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

Nov. 18:
 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
 11:15 AM – Flash Mob meet
 12:00 PM – Flash Mob at Mass

Holiday Bazaar at The Community Church in Harrington Park

Saturday, **November 17th**, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Holiday shopping, homemade foods and desserts. Lunch at the Café Express. All proceeds go to local and world missions. Visit www.cchpchurch.org or call 201-768-2457; e-mail cchp@verizon.net.



Place Your Order TODAY: A Win for St. Mary's!

We will be placing an order for Scrip Gift Cards Monday morning, **November 12th**. Scrip cards are prepaid cards, used like cash at 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. **GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!** This is the last order before Thanksgiving and we will probably only place one more order before Christmas.

Closter Fall Wine Tasting



Let's get a little "Closter" over a glass of wine!

Sample a brilliant array of wines
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Fine wines for auction

Sponsored by St. Mary's Church

Portion of proceeds benefits the Closter Fire Department

Wednesday, **November 14th**, 2018, 7:00 PM

At St Mary's Church

Tickets \$10 per person

Reservations:

Tickets can be purchased right online at parishgiving.org (current users just log in or sign-up as a new user)

Or reservations at gditzel@stmarycloster.org or call 201-768-7565

Checks payable/mail to St. Mary's Church, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ 07624.

If your restaurant or business would like to donate a platter of appetizers or an auction item, we would be appreciative!

Contact Lou at ministry@stmarycloster.org to learn more about donating.

Special Noon Mass

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, on Saturday, **November 17th** at 12:00 noon.

Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman 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. At our mass on December 15th we will be blessed to have Cardinal Tobin celebrating.

Tuesday 6th Grade Religious Class – from Gail’s Column



INVITING ALL WOMEN – Come away for awhile . . . to an oasis of peace and healing

Spiritual weekend retreat, **January 11th – 13th, 2019**. Come for a wonderful weekend after the hustle and bustle of the Holidays. St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. “The Journey is

Made Holy by Walking”. Price \$175.00 per person single, \$165.00 per person doubles. \$80.00 deposit (payable to St. Francis Center for Renewal) balance paid at retreat center. Leave from St. Mary 2:00 PM Friday, January 11th and return after lunch on January 13th. For information call Victoria Maiorino at 201-767-1698.

Madonna Cemetery and Mausoleum News

Madonna Cemetery has an addition to our existing Mausoleum, the first community mausoleum built in the Archdiocese of Newark, has served the needs of our local community for over forty years. The construction of an addition was necessary if we hoped to continue in this mission.

The new expansion is called the “All Saints” section and there are several liturgical features of saints that represent the ethnic diversity of our community. There are also private and semi-private areas in the mausoleum addition and there are options for both single and double interment.

Because we believe that pre-planning is an important family responsibility, we are offering cemetery counseling and information about the mausoleum. If you wish to have more information, please fill out the enclosed form in our brochure that are in the vestibules of the Church. You may also contact Madonna Cemetery by calling 1-866-392-1951. Of course there is no obligation.

The Meaning and Use of Holy Water

We bless ourselves with holy water for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil and as a reminder of our Baptism. In making the sign of the cross with holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, his works and his empty promises, and to profess our Catholic faith.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Many who hunger for God’s consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated & divorced, single parents & same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, please go to: www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0 and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

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.

Follow and Like St. Mary's



Follow and like St. Mary's on FaceBook. Why? Because the latest news and announcements are posted there and by "liking," St. Mary's we reach more circles of people. www.facebook.com/stmarycloster.

Let's Get Ready to Celebrate with the Songs of Christmas at St. Mary's Students in High School to Grade 3

Rehearsals

Saturdays Dec 8,15,22: 1—2 pm in Church

Wednesday, 12/19: 3:30—4:30 pm Church with a healthy snack served.

Christmas Eve, arrive 4:15 for 5 pm Mass.

Send a message to Mr. Scarpa at ministry@stmarycloster.org to get started

Thank You, St Mary's Stewards

There are MANY folks at St. Mary's who respond in generosity with their time, talent and treasure to enable the parish to minister and serve. So many serving behind the scenes! Not everyone has the same gifts (and that's by God's design!) but we all have the same call to serve in with the gifts God has entrusted to us. No one is perfect nor can they perfectly serve. Do what you are able, but do something to be the hands of Christ. Get involved in an activity or ministry, volunteer occasionally or regularly. Approach Father, a staff member or a parishioner involved in a ministry to learn more. *THANK YOU to all make St. Mary's move forward in faith!*

Religious Education Partnership

Like any important ministry, St. Mary's religious education is vital to the religious and spiritual formation of our young people. The parish invests a tremendous portion of its human and temporal resources in this ministry. The *religious education fee* covers a *fraction* of the expenses, and therefore your parish relies on this fee *and* your support in the Sunday offertory. The fee represents a commitment on behalf of families to their child's faith formation and a partnership with the parish community to shoulder this ministry. St. Mary's religious education is a fine program and we are proud of staff, volunteers and parents who make it so!

Go Electronic!

Make your stewardship gift or pay the religious education fee right online. Go to www.parishgiving.org to get started. Thank you!

Saints are People Who Kept Trying!

St. Mary's Parish Registry Scrub

All non-profits must maintain a current database. Email and letters will be going out to all those on the parish registry who have not participated in parish life through time, talent, treasure or who have just simply not been praying with this community. St. Mary's needs to know demographics to minister effectively and to steward the financial resources used to print/mail offertory envelopes and other communications. Father cannot provide letters of recommendation or sponsorship letters for godparents or confirmation sponsors to non-parishioners. ***A parishioner is called by baptismal promises to pray together at Mass every week, become involved in a ministry/activity and support the parish financially so that her mission to serve may continue***

Closter Fall Wine Tasting Update

Taste a great array of wines and place your holiday order for the wines that you and yours will enjoy. Special thanks to Rudy's Pizzeria and Restaurant, Gary's Wine and Marketplace, Ma Mei Eatery, Isabella's Fine Food and Catering and some special St. Mary's parishioners who will prepare a nice dessert.

Tickets available, but please give the parish office a ring with your reservation. It will be a nice, friendly, non-stuffy time!

This will be a nice, local night

Let's get a little "Closter" over a glass of wine

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