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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 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.

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 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:
20 Legion Place, Closter, New Jersey 07624
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CENTER HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *and by appointment*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 –

Acts 5: 12-16; Rv. 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn. 20: 19-31

5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Acts 5: 12-16; Rv. 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn. 20: 19-31

7:30 AM Patrick Corrigan

req. by John and Midas Hernandez

9:30 AM Olga Hau / req. by Dick and Jane Bishop

12:00 PM Anna Bernard / req. by the Beattie Family

MONDAY, APRIL 29 – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

8:00 AM Carol Gordon / req. by Susan Pappalardo,
Angela Pappalardo and Dan Hargrave

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 – ST. PIUS V, POPE

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

8:00 AM Carol Gordon / req. by Tim and Nancy Dunn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 – ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

8:00 AM Wing Chu / req. by Gloria and Robert Chu

THURSDAY, MAY 2 – ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

8:00 AM Catherine Marino

req. by Mary and Bruno Macchiavelli & Family

FRIDAY, MAY 3 – STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

1 Cor. 15: 1-8; Jn. 14: 6-14

8:00 AM Bernard Kelly / req. by the Olsen Family

8:00 PM Charles Hutnik / req. by Marian Rosary Group

SATURDAY, MAY 4 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 6: 1-7; Jn. 6: 16-21

8:00 AM Pasquale Castiello

req. by the Connolly Family

5:00 PM Theodore W. Clark

req. by Mercy Gonzales and Family

SUNDAY, MAY 5 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Rv. 5: 11-14; Jn. 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Katie Genco / req. by Sue Brueck

12:00 PM Mauro E. Tobes / req. by the Alker Family



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special Intention.

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,

This is the Day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Last week was truly a time for all of us here at St. Mary Parish to experience the true joy of Easter. A special word of thanks to all those who have made our experience of prayer during Holy Week and Easter a time of joy and hope. First, to our parish choir, who, under the direction of Lou Scarpa, have shown us once again that through song our voices and prayers can reach the heavens. Their dedication to our parish, not only on Easter Sunday, but also throughout Holy Week, is a testament of the goodness in their hearts to serving our Lord in song. Many thanks Lou and each and every member of our choir. Also, to our servers, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and to our assisting priests, Fr. Chris, Fr. Anthony SMA, Fr. Julien SMA, and Fr. Patrick SMA, our heartfelt thanks to all of you. (Fr. Anbu is in India, assisting his father who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for all.)

As we now fully enter into the Easter season, we will soon be celebrating our parish first communions and confirmations. Please pray for all our young people as they prepare to receive these beautiful sacraments.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may our Lord bless you and your loved ones and may His mercy be upon us all.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Roger Austria,
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.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother

If anyone would like to donate flowers to be placed on Mary's altar in memory of a loved one, during the month of May please call the rectory. What a beautiful way to honor and remember a loved one by also honoring our Blessed Mother.

From the Director of Religious Education

Lost Opportunity

Following Jesus' death and the disappearance of His body from the tomb, His Apostles and other followers were trying to make sense of what had happened. Stories of Jesus being seen and the idea of resurrection were being circulated. It occurs to me that Thomas, having missed out on one such opportunity to see the Risen Christ, must have felt greatly disappointed. His denial of belief may not have stemmed only from doubt of what he heard but also from regret that he had not been present with the others.

It is not unusual for us to have regret over a missed opportunity. We blame ourselves for a bad choice or for not being prepared to accept advancement. Sometimes we pass on an opportunity from fear. Our faith can help us with these decisions. We can learn from the past, then we need to forgive ourselves and move forward.

We are now in the Easter Season. Christ is Risen! Jesus' resurrection is life changing. Time has shifted from the penance of lent to a time of celebration.

I read a statement recently, "Don't settle for less than God has for you." There are things we aspire to and there are things God calls us to. Do not miss your next opportunity. Be ready and prepared through prayer. Do not be afraid through faith. Be accepting with an open heart for what God brings into your life. Easter is a season of God's grace, take advantage.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Psalm 118: 24

Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes end for the school year today, Sunday, **April 28th**. Tuesday classes ended this past week but we are doing a makeup session for students with an excessive number of absences. Students needing makeup will be notified by email and/or phone. Any questions may be referred to the RE Office at 201-767-8247.

We are in the process of taking registration for the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, children wishing to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade in the Spring of 2021 would need to register for first grade this year. There is a two-year requirement to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. If you are new to the program or did not receive a registration form via email, please either email Maria Matos at reled@stmarycloster.org or call the office at 201-767-8247.

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.



Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle has been donated in memory of Presley Miranda and Anna Rapisarda.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

April 28 – Sunday:

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 – Parish Choir Meet
12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass

April 29 – Monday:

No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

April 30 – Tuesday:

7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal

May 1 – 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
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Conference Room
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

May 2 – Thursday:

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – First Communion Rehearsal – Church
7:30 PM – Marian Eucharistic / Holy Hour

May 3 – Friday:

7:00 PM – Rosary and Holy Hour
8:00 PM – Healing Mass

May 4 – Saturday:

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

May 5 – Sunday:

No – LWC
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Photography for First Communion – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
11:15 AM – Parish Choir Meet
12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass
12:00 PM – First Holy Communion at Mass

First Friday Healing Mass

Please join us on this Friday, **May 3rd** for Rosary and Holy Hour at 7:00 PM and Healing Mass at 8:00 PM. Healing Service immediately following Mass. Celebrant is Fr. Bill Habling. All are welcome.

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 29THth.

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!!

Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

Every couple in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five and twenty-five years of Christian marriage during 2019 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Five years and twenty-five years on Sunday, **June 2nd** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** is Monday, **May 20th**.

Haworth Boy Scout Troop 73 invites you

to mangia at its Annual Pasta Dinner and Make Your Own Sundae Event on Saturday, **May 4th** from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 102 Park Street in Haworth. Enjoy a gourmet selection of Pastas, Sauces and Meatballs, along with Salad, Italian Bread, Soft Drinks and Ice Cream! Only \$12 in Advance, \$15 at Door, and \$5 for Kids 5 & Under. Order Tickets from Scouts in Haworth or call 201 725 9534 or email haworthscoutmaster@gmail.com. For a service project that night, the Scouts also ask you to bring non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Troop 73 thanks you for your support!

Assumption Emerson ECC Tricky Tray

Saturday, **May 4th**. No children allowed at event. For information please call Miss Jurevich or Mrs. LaGratta at 201-262-0300.

St. Andrew's Church in Westwood

The Catholic Women of Zion Ministry (CWOZ) will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, **May 18th** at St. Andrew's Parish, 120 Washington Avenue, Westwood. The Retreat will start with a Mass at 9:00 AM in the Church. After Mass, the Retreat will continue in the Parish Center and will conclude by 1:00 PM.

The Theme of the Retreat is: "Joy in the Journey"

Colleen Kelly-Rayner – Colleen has been participating in ministry for the last twenty years. Colleen provides workshops, retreats, conferences, and talks that everyone can relate to. She is a dynamic speaker that engages her audience and gets them involved in the retreat. She strives to create an experience that allows Jesus to touch the hearts of each person in the room. Colleen has a gift to open up the faith and share it with you in such a real way that you leave retreats on fire for God.

Admission: \$20 per person (payable at the door) – includes lunch. Reservations are necessary. Please call 201-666-5697 no later than Tuesday, May 14th. Leave your phone number and please spell your last name.

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.

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

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, witness, discussion, fellowship and Mass. Please register ASAP at <https://www.emfqp.org/registration/> as space is limited. For information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

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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Every parent wants to raise children who share and give generously. When our children someday meet God face to face we want to know that they will hear Jesus say to them the same words the master said to those who used their talents wisely, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."* (Matt 25:21)

However, raising a generous child is a challenge in a society that constantly teaches children to want more and more things for themselves. One of the key factors in teaching children to be generous is to let them see you giving. After all, children mimic what they **see**, *not* what they **hear**.

Today many donations to the parish Offertory may be made electronically, monthly, quarterly, or via mail. Thus, children may never actually see their parents give. A child who never sees a parent place an envelope in the Offertory could grow up thinking, *"My parents never gave any support to the Church. Why should I?"*

Therefore, it is important that parents talk with children about the charitable gifts the family makes. If you would like to increase your giving you might even ask your kids about ways the family budget could be adjusted so that there is more to share with God. Their suggestions might surprise you!

Using an Allowance To Help Teach Stewardship

We all know that money can't buy happiness. Wealthy people can be just as unhappy as poorer people. Rather, happiness comes from being content with what we have and feeling like we are making a difference in the world. We can put our children on the path to a happy and successful life by teaching them how to use and manage money so that it brings them contentment, fills their needs and allows them to help others.

Financial experts suggest that children should be taught to divide their allowance into three or four sections - to spend, to save, to invest and to donate. **Spending** covers basic needs and wants. **Saving** teaches patience and planning. **Investing** looks to the future. For children this might mean future educational needs. **Donating** gives kids satisfaction by allowing them to be a part of something important, like the Offertory.

Our Lord calls each of us to share what we have. He tells us, *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and even more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."* (Luke 12:48) Children who learn to give away a portion of their financial blessings not only are following the Lord's command but they also begin to discover that sharing part of their money can be very satisfying!

Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper around the house? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website (www.stmarycloster.org) and follow the link for our egiving platform, Parishgiving. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.

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