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We the family of St. Marys 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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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 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM

Civic Holidays 8:00 AM

First Fridays: Holy Hour 7:00 PM

Mass with Prayers for Healing: 8:00 PM (Year Round)

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.

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 Phone: 201-768-7565

Parish Cell Phone # for emergencies only: 201-956-0218

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM)

Center for Spiritual Development Religious Education: 201-767-8247

Center Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & by appt.

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 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 All Parishioners - Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Christine Gavin / req. by the McVey Family
11:30 AM All Soul's Novena

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Ez. 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor. 3: 9c-11, 16-17; Jn. 2: 13-22

- 8:00 AM All Soul's Novena

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Wis. 2: 23 - 3: 9; Lk. 17: 7-10

- 8:00 AM All Soul's Novena

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP
Wis. 6: 1-11; Lk. 17: 11-19

- 8:00 AM In Memory of All Living and Deceased Veterans req. by John and Midas Hernandez

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR
Wis. 7: 22b- 8: 1; Lk. 17: 20-25

- 8:00 AM Pat Caldwell / req. by Husband, Jack

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN
Wis. 13: 1-9; Lk. 17: 26-37

- 8:00 AM Josephine Caltabiano / req. by the Grieco Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY
Wis. 18: 14-16, 19: 6-9; Lk. 18: 1-8

- 8:00 AM Lee Hofmann / req. by Chris Hofmann
5:00 PM Laura D'Souza / req. by Natasha D'Souza

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 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 Frank and Mary Rapisarda req. by Carl Rapisarda
11:30 AM All Soul's in Purgatory req. by the Menezes Family



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- Altar Bread: In memory of Anthony Giamas, req. by Sue Brueck.
Blessed Virgin Mary Candle: In memory of Lee Hofmann.
Sanctuary Flowers and Plants: In memory of Lee and George Hofmann.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners:

Two weeks ago, in his second homily on "Signs, Words, and Gestures," Fr. Paul briefly touched upon a very important phrase from the Second Vatican Council: "full, active and conscious participation." Yet, Vatican II set no criteria for what constitutes "full, active and conscious participation" in the liturgy. Many often took the phrase to mean only outward participation, that is, the relationship between soul and body in prayer—speaking or singing the words, making the gestures, etc. Little care, however, was given to internal participation, that is, the proper disposition of the soul. Without the proper internal disposition, we cannot effectively participate in the rites of the Church and we deprive ourselves of the grace that accompanies them.

What, then, is the proper disposition of the soul and how do we obtain it? It is not a simple process but one that takes internal conversion, a never-ending process of sanctification. First, we must realize that while the liturgy is for us, it is not for us. It is the prayer of the Church. We don't come to Mass to be entertained. We come to unite ourselves in faith and charity (which is the love of God) with the priest who is offering the sacrifice of the Mass on our behalf. Sharing in the common priesthood of believers, we assist him and the gathered assembly with our prayers.

Once we realize that, we must ask ourselves, are we in a state of grace where we can receive the most by our participation in the Sacrament? According to the Catechism, grace is "the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life." Through sin, we forfeit that grace and destroy our relationship with God. If we knowingly receive the Body of Christ while in a state of mortal sin, thus lacking the sanctifying grace we received in baptism, we prevent the Sacrament's being efficacious within us, and commit the further sin of sacrilege. We cannot again be in a state of grace until we receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance.

When these conditions are met, we can begin to understand what active outward participation in the liturgy really means. We can give true meaning to the words we speak and the gestures we make, as our external actions then merely reflect what our soul already believes.

Sincerely, Allen Blehl, Pastoral Associate for Worship & Liturgy

ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's collection was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Amount Collected in 145 Sunday Envelopes (\$5,762.00), Total Collected in Loose Money (\$816.00), Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment (\$2,374.00), Total Sunday Collection (\$8,952.00), and Last year's collection for same week was (\$8,807.00).

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." - Mark 12: 43-44

Jesus gets right to the point - we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits", or from what is "left over"?

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

11/8 - SUNDAY

9:30 AM - LWC
10:45 AM - Parish Choir Call
11:30 AM Parish Choir at Mass

11/9 - MONDAY

No - Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 PM - Golden Agers Meeting - Fr. Roger Troy Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Deepening the Journey - Parish Life Room

11/10 - TUESDAY

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Moms Group - Parish Life Room
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Support Group for Caregivers of Frail Elderly - Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
No - Women's Cornerstone

11/11 - WEDNESDAY

No - Pray Fit
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Morning Scripture Study - Parish Life Room
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Choristers Rehearsal - Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Evening Scripture Study - Center for Spiritual Development

11/12 - THURSDAY

7:30 PM - K of C Business Meeting - Fr. Roger Troy Hall - Knights only
7:30 PM - Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:30 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal - Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

11/13 - FRIDAY

No - Pray Fit
7:30 PM - Spouse of the Spirit Prayer Group - Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

11/14 - SATURDAY

No - Pray Fit
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Church Cleaning
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM - Reconciliation
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Pasta with the Pastor

11/15 - SUNDAY

9:30 AM - LWC
9:30 AM - Noon - Religious Ed - Grades 1 - 5
10:45 AM - Parish Choir Call
11:30 AM Parish Choir at Mass
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Third Order Lay Carmelites - Fr. Roger Troy Hall

- FROM THE PASTORS DESK -

Our first Friendship Retreat was a great success and our next one will be on February 13th. Anybody actively seeking a closer friendship with Jesus is invited to attend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Collected in 3 Add'l. Propagation of the Faith Env....\$95.00

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **November 9th**, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Come and be spiritually-refreshed as we experience a new DVD series by Fr. Albert Haase, "Catching Fire, Becoming Flame". All are welcome!

MOMS' GROUP

Tuesday, **November 10th**, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Welcome to all Moms! There is free baby-sitting! Come and meet other Moms to share and enjoy a delightful morning!

CHURCH CLEANING NOVEMBER 14TH

Looking to volunteer and get more involved with the parish? Our next cleaning date is Saturday, **November 14th**; **9:00 AM to 12 noon** (backup time is 12 noon to 3:00 PM). Please help us prepare our sanctuary for Advent by cleaning the pews, dusting, cleaning vestibule doors, etc. If you can help with any amount of time, please RSVP to Chris Hofmann at 201-768-6535. Light breakfast will be served. Thanks!

ST. MARY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting donations of **non-perishable holiday food items** to benefit the Closter Food Pantry and Office of Concern Food Pantry in Englewood. Please see the posters in the church vestibules for more information. Any questions, please call Maureen Logerfo at 201-784-3891. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE - Details will follow closer to event

November 28th and 29th

Fair Trade Sale

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Every vocation to consecrated life is born in contemplation, from moments of intense communion and from a deep relationship of friendship with Christ, from the beauty and light which was seen shining on his face.

- Starting Afresh from Christ: A Renewed Commitment to Consecrated Life in the Third Millennium, no. 9

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ally Aagard, Alana Bronze, Diego Bronze, Lillian Cahill, Lillian Guyt, Chip Hartwell, Ed Koch, Donna Oettinger, Jim Walsh

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.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Candle and Blessed Virgin Mary Candle are available the remainder of 2015. **Please note:** Donations for **Sanctuary Flowers and Plants** are now available as part of our weekly offerings of special intentions.

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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