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THE MISSION OF ST. MARYS

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

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ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dn. 7: 13-14; Rv. 1: 5-8; Jn. 18: 33b-37

- 7:30 AM All Parishioners - Living and Deceased
9:30 AM Angela Organo / req. by the Organo Family
11:30 AM Luigi Russo / req. by the Russo Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - ST. CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR; ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Dn. 1: 1-6, 8-20; Lk. 21: 1-4

- 8:00 AM Domenica Florinda Conte req. by Pat and Angela Conte

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS; MARTYRS

Dn. 2: 31-45; Lk. 21: 5-11

- 8:00 AM Sharon Mundy / req. by Gloria Tropiano

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Dn. 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk. 21: 12-19

- 8:00 AM Mary Neusch / req. by Tony Neusch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Dn. 6: 12-28; Lk. 21: 20-28

- 9:00 AM Louiza D'Mello / req. by the Menezes Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - WEEKDAY

Dn. 7: 2-14; Lk. 21: 29-33

- 8:00 AM Robert Gillespie req. by Beverly, Travis and Schuyler Watkins

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - WEEKDAY

Dn. 7: 15-27; Lk. 21: 34-36

- 8:00 AM Maria Germinario req. by Maryann and Frank Pisano
5:00 PM Paul and Marie Vecchio req. by the Bertelloni Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer. 33: 14-16; 1 Thes. 3: 12 - 4: 2; Lk. 21: 25-28, 34-36

- 7:30 AM Zoila D'Ribeaux / req. by Eugene D'Ribeaux
9:30 AM All Parishioners - Living and Deceased
11:30 AM Florinda and Domenico Conte req. by the Russo Family



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- Altar Bread: In memory of the deceased members of the Duffy Family.
Altar Wine: In memory of Jack McTigue, req. by Connie McTigue.
Blessed Virgin Mary Candle: In memory of Lee and George Hofmann, req. by Family.
Sanctuary Candle: In memory of Jack McTigue, req. by Jack, Diane, JP, Kaitlyn and Erin McTigue.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

In reflecting on today's celebration of Christ The King, I come to a funny story in my mind. Being the youngest of six children in a devout Catholic family, there is always a memory to share, a story to be told, or a lesson worth repeating. My brother Christopher Joseph (talk about a strong name), now hopefully part of the Communion of Saints, was someone I looked up to. He was six years older than me, had a quick wit, a compassionate heart, a kindness that was contagious and a spark in his eye that could light up a room. What I remember most was the peace that surrounded him and his humble manner. He was a firm believer that if you do something, do it right, give it your all.... 'hit it downtown or put the bat down.' Yet, he had a way about him that was not competitive. He gave it his best, got the job done with the greatest of humility and grace always. He was a great role model. He also knew to celebrate accomplishments. In doing so, with complete humor, he would offer a very dry and subtle one liner if he got something right: "It's great to be King." Often times, when I celebrate an accomplishment, I think of my brother and can hear that same whisper as I giggle.

Today we celebrate Jesus, a king like no other. This day is the culmination of our entire liturgical year which is summed up in the Passion of Jesus where we hear Jesus say in the gospel, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." These words echo in my heart. When we come to know Jesus and He dwells deep in our hearts we realize that life has great meaning. When He takes up shelter in our hearts we can't help but focus on His kingdom which is not of this world. Focusing on His kingdom gives us the peace this world can never give us. In doing so, we can hold onto the last words we heard in today's gospel, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

As we know, the truth sets us free.... When we stand in our truth and we are free, we have the ability to hear His voice with clarity. The truth removes all distractions. The truth is the way to knowing Jesus. May we all know the truth or work towards the truth. May we all discover our truth and stand firm in it. For when we know our truth, we can put the bat down because we have hit it down town... in doing so maybe we can all say.... IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THE KING!

In Christ's Peace,

Mary Jo Armen, Pastoral Associate for Catechetics

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 129 Sunday Envelopes (\$4,305.00), Total Collected in Loose Money (\$654.00), Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment (\$935.00), Total Sunday Collection (\$5,894.00), and Last year's collection for same week was (\$5,101.00).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Collected in 39 Campaign for Human Dev. Env.....\$607.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world' - John 18: 36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

11/22 - SUNDAY

8:45 AM – Choristers Call
9:30 AM – Choristers at Mass
9:30 AM – Family Mass
No – LWC
10:45 AM – Parish Choir Call
11:30 AM – Parish Choir at Mass
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Confirmation
Session Church and Fr. Roger Troy
Hall
7:00 PM – Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Service at Temple Beth El

11/23 - MONDAY

No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of
the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the
Journey – Parish Life Room

11/24 - TUESDAY

No – Moms Group
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Support Group
for Caregivers of Frail Elderly – Fr.
Kevin Cahill Room
No – Women's Cornerstone
7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal –
Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

11/25 - WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM – All Parish Offices Close
Early
No – Pray Fit
No – Morning Scripture Study
No – Choristers Rehearsal
No – Evening Scripture Study

11/26 - THURSDAY

All Parish Offices Closed
7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy
Hour
No – Parish Choir Rehearsal

11/27 - FRIDAY

All Parish Offices Closed
No – Pray Fit
7:30 PM – Spouse of the Spirit Prayer
Group – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

11/28 - SATURDAY

No – Pray Fit
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation
Fair Trade Sale Following 5:00 PM
Mass – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

11/29 - SUNDAY

Fair Trade Sale after all Masses – Fr.
Roger Troy Hall
9:30 AM – LWC
10:45 AM – Parish Choir Call
11:30 AM – Parish Choir at Mass
7:00 PM – Advent Evening of
Reflection – Church

- FROM THE PASTORS DESK -

Thanks to all who helped give our house for the church, a good overall cleaning on Saturday, November 14th.

A blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners and friends, come and join us at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day as we celebrate Eucharist, our thanksgiving meal together. We invite you to bring some canned non-perishable food for our food pantry.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th, a new church calendar year, and our four week preparation for the celebration of the Nativity.

We recently have had new LED lights put in our parking lot, they are much brighter than the ones that were there before and just like in the church where we also put in LED lights, we hope to eventually reap some energy savings in the long run from doing this.

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **November 23rd**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Come and be spiritually-refreshed as we experience a new DVD series by Fr. Albert Haase, "Keeping the Fire Alive". All are welcome!

FAIR TRADE SALE

Saturday and Sunday, **November 28th and 29th** after all the masses there will be a Fair Trade Sale in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. This sale benefits the work of Catholic Relief Services and poor artisans all over the world. Come for a bagel and see the beautiful hand-crafted items. Some of the items for sale include: Religious Advent Calendars with chocolate, organic, fair trade coffee; "Divine" chocolate, jewelry, scarves, Christmas decor, hand woven baskets from Uganda and beautiful hand decorated cards from Sri Lanka.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 28TH AND 29TH

ALTAR SERVERS

9:30 AM – C. Kramer, S. Kramer, M. McCloskey

11:30 AM – P. Lee, T. Lee

READERS

5:00 PM – E. DeRosa

7:30 AM – J. Ditzel

9:30 AM – J. LePree

11:30 AM – E. Landrito

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM – D. Oettinger, C. Cristofolletti, E. Rogan, N. Torre

7:30 AM – S. Foley, M. Foley, L. Corletta, T. Lupardi

9:30 AM – T. Neusch, T. Linn, E. Linn, L. Chua, C. Rapisarda

11:30 AM – R. Landrito, I. Mauksch, A. Mauksch, S. Brueck

HELP HOMELESS MEN'S SHELTER

Now that the colder weather is coming there is a need for warm shirts, sweaters, pants, winter coats, boots, hats and gloves. Leave bags in the front vestibule of the church.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a Lost and Found basket in the north vestibule (on the Center for Spiritual Development side). Several items have been found and are in the basket.

SAVE THE DATE

November 29th

Advent Evening of Reflection

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.

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