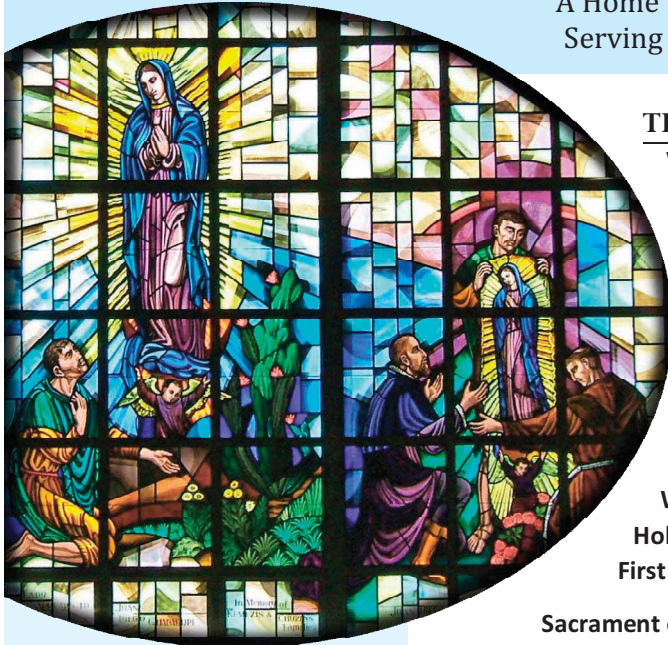


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Rectory Office Hours

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Parish Website

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THE MISSION OF ST. MARY'S

We the family of St. Mary's 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.

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

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT † NOVEMBER 29, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom. 10: 9-18; Mt. 4: 18-22

- 8:00 AM Catherine Apollo / req. by the Vecchio Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

Is. 11: 1-10; Lk. 10: 21-24

- 8:00 AM Oscar “Bud” Rauch
req. by John & Canice Cristofolletti and Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

Is. 25: 6-10a; Mt. 15: 29-37

- 8:00 AM Rosilyn Silva / req. by the Silva Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 –
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER; PRIEST

Is. 26: 1-6; Mt. 7: 21, 24-27

- 8:00 AM Ernest and Olga Hau
req. by Dick and Jane Bishop

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 – ST. JOHN DAMASCENE,
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is. 29: 17-24; Mt. 9: 27-31

- 8:00 AM Vincent Giove / req. by Thom & Grace Calabro
- 8:00 PM Susan Gasparre / req. by the Russo Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

Is. 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9: 35- 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

- 8:00 AM Giuseppe and Elizabeta Cappelluti
req. by Mr. & Mrs. E. Cappelluti
- 5:00 PM Catherine and Patrick Cosgrove
req. by Mary Rogan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 –
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar. 5: 1-9; Phil. 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk. 3: 1-6

- 7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
- 9:30 AM Joseph, Louise, Joseph W. and Maryann
Gaydos / req. by Linda Gaydos
- 11:30 AM Razil Fernandes / req. by Natasha D’Souza



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.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

MAY OUR LIVES BE CENTERED IN GOD

ADVENT SEASON . . . HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This Sunday begins the beautiful Season of Advent! This is a time of joyful anticipation of the birth of Jesus, our Savior. It is a time of prayerful reflection, and preparation for Jesus’ coming! It is a significant and spiritual time for us to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, and avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this special time we need to send greeting cards that express the true meaning of CHRISTMAS. Cards with doggies and reindeer and cute animals are degrading to our Faith. There are Christmas stamps, also, that we can purchase. In our secular world God is more and more absent, and it is us who believe in the Birth of Jesus that we keep Christmas alive by doing this, and by our joyful greeting of “Merry Christmas” wherever we shop, meet friends, to express this true meaning of Christmas in the world we touch. It is “EACH-OF-US” now during this Advent Season to be the proclaimers of the GOOD NEWS of JESUS BIRTH!

On the journey with you,

Sister Georgette

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Last Sunday’s collection was as follows:

Amount Collected in Sunday Envelopes.....	\$0.00
Total Collected in Loose Money.....	\$0.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment.....	\$0.00
Total Sunday Collection.....	\$0.00
Last year’s collection for same week was	\$0.00

Unavailable due to early publication deadline.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” – Luke 21: 28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread: In memory of Catherine and Frank Marino in celebration of their Granddaughter’s wedding.

Altar Wine: In memory of Mary and James and Andrew Piccione, req. by the Macchiavelli Family.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle: In memory of Bridget and James McDevitt, req. by Jean Puppelo.

Sanctuary Candle: In memory of Anna and Arturo Macchiavelli in celebration of their Granddaughter’s wedding

Sacred Heart Candle: In memory of Jean, Henry and Sonny McLean in celebration of their Grandson’s wedding.

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY PARISH**

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
7:30 PM – Advent Evening of
Reflection – Church

11/30 – MONDAY

10:00 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry –
Parish Life Room
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of
the Most Blessed Sacrament
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening
the Journey – Parish Life Room

12/1 – TUESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Moms
Group – Parish Life Room
No – Women's Cornerstone

12/2 – WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning
Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
4:00 PM – Choristers Rehearsal –
Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening
Scripture Study – Center for
Spiritual Development
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's
Cornerstone Meeting – Parish Life
Room

12/3 – THURSDAY

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy
Hour
7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal
– Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

12/4 – FRIDAY

7:00 PM – Confessions and Holy
Hour
8:00 PM – Mass with Prayers for
Healing followed by Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament until
midnight

12/5 – SATURDAY

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Eucharistic
Adoration
2:00 PM – Wedding
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

12/6 – SUNDAY

8:45 AM – Choristers Call
9:30 AM – Choristers at Mass
9:30 AM – LWC
9:30 AM – Noon – Religious
Education
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 –
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– FROM THE PASTORS DESK –

We encourage you to join us for an evening of reflection with Deacon Timothy Kennedy this Sunday evening. See elsewhere in the bulletin for more information.

Year of Mercy begins December 8th. We encourage everyone to do works of Corporal Mercy. We have a magnet to be distributed on December 6th. A number of activities are planned between December 8th, 2015 and November 20th, 2016.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Because of your generosity we were able to give the Closter Food Pantry more than 20 bags of assorted holiday specific food items and to the Office of Concern Food Pantry we sent 25 bags of food for distribution. Thank you and God bless you.

FAIR TRADE SALE

This 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.

ADVENT MISSION

This Sunday evening, **November 29th**, at 7:30 PM, the Parish of St. Mary's is pleased to welcome Deacon Timothy Kennedy for the annual Advent Mission. Deacon Kennedy will preach during a service of Sung Vespers, on the theme of joyful expectation in the Magnificat (the Song of Mary). The mission will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction. Music will be provided by the Parish Choir. Light refreshments will follow.

DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

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

MOMS' GROUP

Tuesday, **December 1st**, 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. We are presently experiencing the DVD: *Untold Blessings*, by Bishop Robert Baron.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wednesday, **December 2nd**, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. All are welcome! We are in for a treat! Today a wonderful Scripture Presentation will be given by Deacon Jim Tobin. Deacon Tobin and Elizabeth have been to the Holy Land and they have much to share!

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

It is a busy time of the year – selecting toys, a Christmas tree, and buying and wrapping gifts for so many people! Have you thought about giving a Christmas gift to God? How about giving God a gift of one hour of your time? If you cannot give HIM one hour how about 15 minutes? Those who can give one hour call Fran Semler at 201-768-6786 or e-mail francessemeler@icloud.com. A wedding is scheduled for the afternoon. There will only be Eucharistic Adoration in the morning of Saturday, **December 5th**, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM and 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CORNERSTONE SISTERS

Our next session is Tuesday, **December 15th**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Grace Calabro and Sr. Georgette will be doing a special Advent Evening.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am.

– Parker J. Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*

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