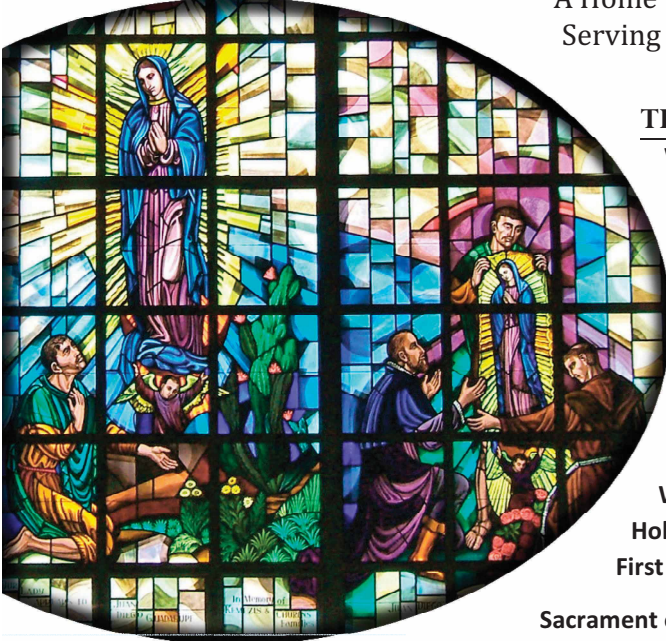


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## THE MISSION OF ST. MARY'S

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**

## 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  
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*Parish cell phone number for emergencies only: 201-956-0218*

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Closed for lunch between  
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### Parish Website

[www.stmarycloster.org](http://www.stmarycloster.org)

### Center for Spiritual Development and Religious Education

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### Center Hours

Monday - Friday:  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
*and by appointment*

### 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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER † APRIL 10, 2016**

**EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10 – 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** Zonnia Sellano  
req. by the Hildenbrand and Sapper Families
- 11:30 AM** Agnes Kelly / req. by Cathy and Bill Ryan

**MONDAY, APRIL 11 –  
ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

*Acts 6: 8-15; Jn. 6: 22-29*

- 8:00 AM** William Dahle, Jr.  
req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 7: 51- 8: 1a; Jn. 6: 30-35*

- 8:00 AM** Adam Tobia / req. by Nancy Torre-Spagnuolo

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 –  
ST. MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR**

*Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn. 6: 35-40*

- 8:00 AM** Agnes Estacio  
req. by Beverly Watkins and Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 8: 26-40; Jn. 6: 44-51*

- 8:00 AM** Anna Rapisarda / req. by Carl Rapisarda

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 9: 1-20; Jn. 6: 52-59*

- 8:00 AM** Ben Ong / req. by Karina Cruz

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 9: 31-42; Jn. 6: 60-69*

- 8:00 AM** Mary Moliterno / req. by the Vecchio Family
- 5:00 PM** Dennis Charles Burchins  
req. by Debra and Andrew Petrinic

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv. 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn. 10: 27-30*

- 7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
- 9:30 AM** Zonnia Ingraham / req. by Alicia Parent
- 11:30 AM** Deceased Members of the O'Driscoll and  
Peruffo Families  
req. by Frank and Irene O'Driscoll



**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

**Sanctuary candle:** in memory of Anna Rapisarda, req. by Peg and John Killeen.

**ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Weekly offerings of:** Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Candle, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Flowers and Plants are available throughout **2016**.

**PASTORAL REFLECTIONS**

As we enter into Easter time, as we go through the great 50 days of Easter we continue to celebrate with paschal joy the Resurrection. The gospels of Easter invite us to be witnesses to the resurrection. Only when we have encountered Jesus ourselves personally and had an experience of the risen Jesus, will we be able to speak to others about the change that has happened in our lives, brought about by encountering Jesus. This is essential. Most are too busy with their human lives to encounter Jesus and they miss the encounter and the time of their visitation. Most see going to mass as something to get over as soon as possible, the quicker the mass the better. Few see it as what it is meant to be, an encounter with Jesus, and therefore they do not get even half of what God actually wants to give. The apostles spoke to what they saw and heard, so must we. But first we must encounter Jesus. Our parish strives to create a culture of encounter that changes you so that you are never the same once you meet Jesus, in all the programs we offer. Then we must go out to be the missionary disciples Pope Francis challenges us to be. In the Easter Season may we encounter Jesus and having encountered Jesus, may we give witness to what we have seen and heard.

A most blessed Easter Season.

Love, Fr. Paul

**ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH  
THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP**

*Last Sunday's collection was as follows:*

Amount Collected in 137 Sunday Envelopes .....	\$4,818.00
Total Collected in Loose Money .....	\$1,190.00
Total Collected for Diocesan Assessment .....	\$2,780.00
Collected in 5 Heat Envelopes .....	\$105.00
Total Sunday Collection .....	\$8,893.00
Last year's collection for same week was .....	\$17,110.00

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

*"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love Me?' and he said to Him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love You.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed My sheep.'" – John 21: 17*

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His Sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

**Special Collections**

Collected in 19 Additional Easter Envelopes .....	\$1,785.00
Collected in 8 Additional Easter Flower Envelopes..	\$202.00

**Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> collection was as follows:**

Amount Collected in 230 Easter Envelopes .....	\$15,102.00
Total Collected in Loose Money .....	\$1,644.00
Total Easter Sunday Collection .....	\$16,746.00
Total Collected in 89 Easter Flower Envelopes ....	\$1,708.00

## ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

#### **4/10 – SUNDAY**

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

#### **4/11 – 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

#### **4/12 – 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  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Cornerstone  
Sisters – Parish Life Room

#### **4/13 – WEDNESDAY**

No – Morning Scripture Study  
4:00 PM – Choristers Rehearsal –  
Fr. Kevin Cahill Room  
No – Evening Scripture Study

#### **4/14 – THURSDAY**

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy  
Hour  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – K of C  
Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall  
7:30 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal  
– Fr. Kevin Cahill Room

#### **4/15 – FRIDAY**

7:30 PM – Spouse of the Spirit  
Prayer Group – Fr. Kevin Cahill  
Room

#### **4/16 – SATURDAY**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Friendship  
Retreat – Center for Spiritual  
Development  
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation  
7:00 PM – Fr. Jim McKenna  
Beefsteak Dinner – Fr. Roger Troy  
Hall

#### **4/17 – 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 Church

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ally Aagard, Paula Bertelloni, Alana  
Bronze, Diego Bronze, Lillian Cahill,  
Michael Conmy, Lee Ann Davito,  
Lillian Guyt, Chip Hartwell, Ed  
Koch, Donna Oettinger, John  
Pagano, Betty Scala, Jim Walsh

### – FROM THE PASTORS DESK –

*Perhaps you've noticed that last summer we refreshed our outdoor areas. The parking lot was re-stripped, the walkways, directional signs and raised beds re-painted, the stairs were painted for safety, the fence was power washed, the front trees were dead wood pruned and one dead tree removed, new shrubs were planted around the spot lights, and the meditation garden outside the rectory enhanced with perennials.*

*All of the labor and supplies were donated by generous parishioners. I am grateful for their loving care of our Church property. Please join me in thanking the following businesses – Alpine Gardens, DeCarlo Landscape Design, Ken's Tree Care, Lupardi's Nursery, Matera's Nursery, and individuals – Bill Angresano, Roger Austria, Joe Colucci, Chris Hofmann, Jane Lawson, Robyn Matera, and Joan Westervelt.*

*This spring we will plant new shrubs by the front plaza. We'll re-purpose most of our Easter plants and bulbs by planting them around the property, plus some annuals. If you would like to help with our gardening work, please contact the rectory. We also need volunteers to refurbish the outdoor crèche, and help put it up in December, as well as the exterior tree lights. Please consider sharing your time and talents with the parish.*

*Fr. Paul's cousin who is a dentist in Jersey City is seeking to employ a capable, reliable front desk person for his practice. Contact Fr. Paul if interested.*

### DEEPENING THE JOURNEY

Monday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. In our democratic world, the thought of a King to rule us is ancient history, but in the time of the Jewish Nation, they begged God for a King! Bishop Robert Barron will share God our King! All are welcome.

### MOMS' GROUP

Tuesday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Welcome to all Moms! There is free baby-sitting! "Spirituality in Parenting," a series of presentations by Fr. Doug Lorig is excellent! Come and enjoy!

### CORNERSTONE SISTERS

Tuesday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Sisters meet this evening.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

There are no Scripture sessions this week. Scripture will continue on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### FRIENDSHIP RETREAT

Our next Friendship Retreat is Saturday, **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the Center for Spiritual Development. If you are looking for a better, deeper friendship with Jesus, this retreat is designed to give you some things to think about to broaden and deepen your relationship with Jesus. To sign-up go to our website [www.stmarycloster.org](http://www.stmarycloster.org), click on the picture for Friendship Retreat and follow the instructions with SignUp Genius. Space is limited to 12 attendees. For more information contact Fr. Paul.

### INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER

Please join us for the St. Mary's International Potluck Dinner on Saturday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM following the 5:00 PM Mass in the Fr. Roger Troy Hall. For any questions please call Mona Grbic at 201-767-3807.

### STEPHANIE CYWINSKI-OBRIEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For the ninth consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending a Catholic grammar school, as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office. Applications are due **April 10<sup>th</sup>** with decisions to be made by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications available at the Rectory.

### COLLEGE AND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Queen of Peace Council of the Knights of Columbus, Closter, is accepting applications for the Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarships, from students in the Parishes of the Northern Valley. Two scholarships will be awarded, for the 2016-17 academic year: College – \$1000, Catholic High School – \$1000. Applications are due by **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Applications are available in the Parish Office or by e-mailing [KofC3679@verizon.net](mailto:KofC3679@verizon.net).



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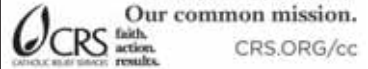
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