

St. Mary Star of The Sea R.C. Church



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**Serving the faithful of South
Brooklyn Since 1851**



ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAY WITH US!

Parish Staff

Father Chris Cashman - Pastor
Mrs. Debra Russo - Rectory Office Manager
Ms. Deirdre Donovan - Organist/Cantor
Mr. Philip Randazzo - Maintenance/Sacristan

Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: ■ 9:30 AM
Saturday: ■ 4:00 PM
Sunday: ■ 10:00 AM
Holy Days: ■ 7AM & 9:30 AM - No evening Mass

Baptism

Parents should call the Rectory for an appointment and to learn the date of the next Baptism. A copy of the birth certificate and attendance at Baptism Preparation class are required. Baptism is celebrated several Sundays a year at 11:00 AM.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays after 4:00 pm Mass, by request after weekday Mass, and other times that are mutually convenient for you and Fr. Chris.

Marriage

Couples wishing to marry must contact Fr. Chris at least six months prior to the date they desire. Log on to www.pre-cana.org for info.

The Rectory Office

Hours are:

Monday - Thursday ■ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
■ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

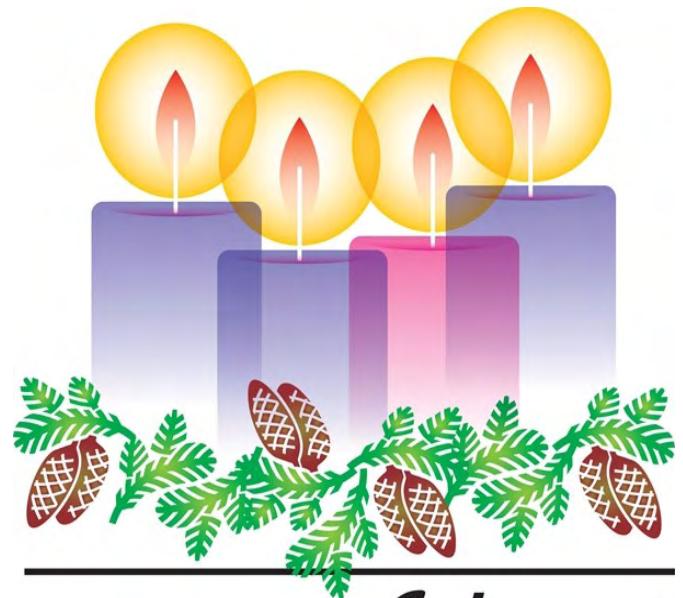
Evenings & Saturdays ■ By Appointment Only

Fridays, Sundays & Holidays ■ Office Is Closed

*Please always call for an appointment during
Rectory Office Hours. Thank you!*



Everyone who regularly worships here should be properly registered. We ask everyone to use our weekly envelope system. We depend upon your communal, spiritual, and financial support. Thank you!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Our Mission:

We, the faithful of St. Mary Star of the Sea, joyfully continue the mission begun in 1851. We share in Christ's ministry by proclaiming the Gospel in our thoughts, words, and deeds... seeking to spread the Good News of salvation under the loving care of our Blessed Mother. We live in challenging times of new possibilities; we as stewards pledge to strive to provide for the spiritual and temporal needs of our people. As the stars guide the ships at sea, we seek to be a welcoming beacon of prayer and community to all who come ... that they find a home for their hearts and comfort for their souls.



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Reconciliation Monday

The sacrament of Reconciliation/confession will be available here THIS Monday, December 20th.

The hours are different than in past years so please note them:
11:30 am to 12:30 pm then again from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. More details on bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS/New Years Masses

Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24th
MASS at 4:00 pm. There is NO Midnight Mass, the 4 pm last year had a bigger attendance than we ever got at Midnight.

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25th
MASS at 10:00am. There is NO 4 pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Trumpeter Kevin Blancq will play for us Christmas Eve & Day

Sunday, Dec. 26th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
MASS at 10:00am

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God is **NOT** a Holy day of obligation this year.

Friday, Dec. 31st - No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 1st - Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of Our Lord at 4 pm

Sunday, Jan. 2nd - 10:00 am Mass

You should be happy & proud!

I hope that all of you who donated during Advent to help our neighbors being cared for by the C*H*i*P*S organization will feel an extra burst of joy Christmas morning. Your generosity, and love will Christmas (and long beyond) special for so many in need! Thank you and God Bless you,

Fr. Chris 



AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

Masks Required



We are still dealing with COVID19 and it's variants Delta and Omicron. We are all sick and tired of all the precautions, but we **MUST** continue to safeguard our health and the health of all who come to Mass here. This bulletin had to be submitted on December 6; the guidance, rulings, on masks may change.

PLEASE read the notices on the inner Church doors and on the Bulletin board for the latest updates on masks. Continue to avoid conversations in Church. **GET VACCINATED!** If all cooperate, we will get through this. Thank you!



May Our Lord Jesus be born anew into the heart and soul of every believer! Jesus comes to love us, save us, and guide us to redemption. I pray that all of our Parish Family experi-

ence a Christmas Season overflowing with the peace and love of Our Lord! If you have recently returned to the Church....

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you continue to come each week and be a part of our Parish Family. Please remember that you are always welcome and you will always have a home here at St. Mary Star of the Sea!

May all of us experience the joy of being with our families and friends to celebrate the birth of Our Savior. On behalf, of Debbie, Deirdre, & Philip...

May you and all those you love enjoy a Blessed & Merry Christmas!



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration/Envelopes _____

Change of Address/ Name correction _____



Saturday, December 18th

4:00 PM ♥ Barbara Ann Natoli- Josephine Monico

Sun. Dec. 19th 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM ♥ Veronica Diomede- Sylvia ScottoDiClemente
♥ All the faithful of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish

Tuesday, December 21st

9:30 AM ♥ Joseph Barbera- Dina & Diana Haines

Wednesday, December 22nd

9:30 AM ♥ Marie, Joseph & Angelo Barbera- The Family

Thursday, December 23rd

9:30AM ♥ Ellie & Mike Lombardo- Susan & Grandchildren

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 pm ♥ Christmas Mass Intentions

THE BREAD AND WINE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH BARBERA REQUESTED BY CONNIE & ROSEANNE



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF RICHARD WALLINGER REQUESTED BY MR. & MRS. ANGELO RUSSO & FAMILY.



THE ALTAR CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH BARBERA REQUESTED BY CONNIE & ROSEANNE



Envelopes for Christmas Mass Intentions, Flowers, & Catholic Charities, My Christmas gift to my Church/Parish

This Advent/Christmas season finds us in need of your assistance to make up for lower weekly collection totals this year.

Please help us if you are able.

Thank you!