

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!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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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Today we gather in the warmth of Christmas to celebrate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.... The Holy Family.

I wish to thank all the members of our Parish family who made this Christmas special. It's difficult to thank everyone who helped make our celebrations wonderful because this bulletin was submitted very early.

I thank our Lectors who have served us so faithful throughout the pandemic. I thank our organist Ms. Deirdre Donovan, for planning and playing at the liturgies.

I thank Doris Palenque, and Connie Pattison using their time and talents to help prepare for Christmas with their cleaning and decorating. Add in our Philip Randazzo; they all do amazing work!

A very special thank you to Mrs. Debbie Russo, who is always busy this time of year doing bulletins and paying bills on top of everything else. Debbie calms the chaos and keeps everything under control and focused.

Thank you to all who supported St. Mary Star of the Sea this year... communally, spiritually, & financially!

We are many families....

yet we are one Family!

Thank you to ALL!

Fr. Chris ☕

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.



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.

I hesitate to ask because so many of you are so generous, but please help us if you are able. I ask those who donate \$5 or less to try to increase their offerings. There are envelopes for Christmas Mass Intentions, Christmas Flower offerings, My Christmas gift to my Church, & Catholic Charities in the back of Church. **Thank you!**

LESS

TALKING
PLANNING
SODA
JUNK FOOD
COMPLAINING
WORRYING
DOUBTING
LAZING AROUND
FROWNING
INSECURITY
WEAKNESS
IGNORANCE
HATE
UNGRATEFULNESS

MORE

LISTENING
DOING
TEA
SALADS
ENCOURAGING
HOPING
BELIEVING
WORKING OUT
SMILING
TRUST
CONFIDENCE
UNDERSTANDING
LOVE
GRATITUDE

I pray that all of our Parish Family experience 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!



REGISTER TODAY!

Catholics who are new to our Parish are asked to please introduce themselves to Fr. Chris after Mass. Registration may be done by dropping the form below in the collection basket or poor box.

“Active” parishioners are those who are registered, join us regularly for the celebration of the Mass and use the weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can we issue documents attesting to Parish Membership and Catholic practice.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration/Envelopes _____

Change of Address/ Name correction _____

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, Dec. 25th *Christmas*

10:00 AM ♥ Christmas Mass Intentions
There is NO 4:00pm Mass

Sun. Dec. 26th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 10:00 AM ♥ Gloria Ramos Rodriguez & John Ramos Maldonado- Jennie Cintron
- ♥ Betty Santana Correa – Enrique & Jennie Cintron
- ♥ Juan Palenque– Daughter, Doris
- ♥ Angelo DiGuseppi- Daughters

Tuesday, December 28th

9:30 AM ♥ Anne, Mikey & Chubbie Scotto- Susan

Wednesday, December 29th

9:30 AM ♥ Nellie Fernandez– Mary Ballero

Thursday, December 30th

930 AM ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Carmelo Napoli
Son & Daughter

Friday, December 31st

NO MASS



THE BREAD AND WINE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH BARBERA REQUESTED BY TERRY SCOTTO SPINELLI



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF SALVATORE BIANCO REQUESTED BY WIFE, JENNIE & DAUGHTER, JOANNE.



THE ALTAR CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN DONOFRIO REQUESTED BY HER NIECES.

