

# 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](http://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!



## 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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As we light the 2nd candle on our wreath, we need to be sure that we have our hearts and minds focused on what Christmas is really all about...

the birth of Jesus Christ! All too often we can become distracted and busy with all the "secular" preparations., especially as the big day draws closer. We need to zero in on our spiritual preparations. I suggest that you continue to look often at your crèche, nativity set, at home for peace, calm and motivation to pray and read religious articles and scripture.

Come to the sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession. Every Catholic Church in New York will have Confession available on Monday, Dec. 20th.

Do not let fear keep you from Christ's forgiveness! I promise to make it as easy as possible for you.

Sacrifice for others. Give people the precious gift of your time... a kind word, a phone call... there are many ways to make this season better for others. Support your Church, your Parish family, spiritually and financially as best you can. Try your best to live the Gospel values Jesus taught us. Make these days of Advent blessed with your prayers, charity, caring and compassion!

## Immaculate Conception



Wednesday, December 8th is the feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a brief Mass, without music, at 7:00 am for those who need to get to work. We will also have Mass at 9:30am.

Fr. Chris ☕

## A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART



When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so God might dwell within.

### **CHRISTMAS/New Years Masses**

**Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24th**  
**MASS at 4:00pm** (There is NO Mid-night Mass, the 4 pm last year had a much larger attendance!)

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

Trumpeter Kevin Blancq will play 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 4:00 pm**

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

# Reconciliation Monday

The sacrament of Reconciliation/ confession will be available here on 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.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Saturday, December 4th

4:00 PM ♥ Rose & Phil Barbera- Children

### Sun. Dec. 5th Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM ♥ Joseph Barbera - Mr. & Mrs. Lorinno  
♥ Larry Gatto - Cousin, Mark Orefice  
♥ Happy Birthday Mom- Mark  
♥ Gerald Russello - The Passantino Family

### Tuesday, December 7th

9:30 AM ♥ Joseph Barbera- The Passantino Family

### Wednesday, December 8th

#### The Immaculate Conception

7:00 AM ♥ Elisa Del- Susan Cosme  
9:30 AM ♥ Josephine Gatto- Grandson, Mark Orefice

### Thursday, December 9th

9:30AM ♥ John & Prudence DiGiacomo - Grandchildren

THE BREAD AND WINE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH BARBERA REQUESTED BY PRUDY BARBERA



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH BARBERA REQUESTED BY PHYLLIS & PATRICK AVITABILE



THE ALTAR CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE GATTO & ESTELLE OREFICE REQUESTED BY MARK.



PLEASE Bring in your back envelopes.

Thank you!

# Thank you!

Big thanks go to Doris Palenque, Connie Pattison, & Philip Randazzo for all the cleaning and setting up for Advent and Christmas in our beautiful Church!

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_