

The Parish of Immaculate Conception & Assumption of Our Lady

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Hours: Daily 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Rectory Office -- (914) 961-3643

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

(recitation of the Rosary before Mass)

Monday - Friday:

7:30 AM at Assumption

8:30 AM • 12:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 8:30 AM at Immaculate Conception

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mondays and First Fridays after the 12:00 PM Mass
at Immaculate Conception
with Benediction at 7:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday at Assumption: 4:00 PM

Saturday at Immaculate Conception: 5:00 PM

Sunday at Immaculate Conception:

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 PM • 5:00 PM

Sunday at Assumption: 9:00 AM

Spanish Mass/Misa en Español:

11:30 AM at Assumption (*todos los Domingos*)

Bilingual Italian/English Mass/Messa in Italiano:

9:00 AM at Assumption (*first Sunday of the month*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:30-4:00 PM at Assumption Church;

4:00-5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception and

anytime by calling the priest on duty: (914) 961-3643.



The Holy Family with Saint John the Baptist, by Perino del Vaga, Italian, ca. 1524-26, oil on wood; Metropolitan Museum of Art.

December 29, 2019
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph



Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule,
see page 4.

Prayers for our Parishioners

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, *Vigil, The Holy Family*

4:00 pm Joseph Jr., Anna Maria,
and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.
5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Strawbridge, Manley,
and Eilert Families Mem.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, *The Holy Family*

8:00 am Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.
9:00 am The Marinello and Bosco Families Mem.
10:00 am Rose Marie DeBenedictis Mem.
11:30 am Mary Burns Living
12:00 pm Angelo Fortunato Mem.
5:00 pm Louis D'Esposito Mem.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 am Ghislaine Paquette Mem.
8:30 am Joseph Gulia Mem.
12:00 pm Margaret Foy Mem.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 am Joseph Jr., Anna Maria,
and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.
8:30 am Deceased and Living Members of the
Rodriguez Family Mem.
12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Di Gioia and
Valerio Families Mem.

Vigil for The Solemnity of Mary

4:00 pm Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.
5:00 pm Chris Badalato Mem.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 *The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

8:00 am Armando Fruscianti Mem.
9:00 am Ramonita and Angel Chineza Mem.
10:00 am Gladys Humphries Mem.
11:30 am The Holy Souls in Purgatory Mem.
12:00 pm Victoria Argentino Mem.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

7:30 am Antonino Lamberi Mem.
8:30 am Kevin Janiscek Mem.
12:00 pm Concetta Di Gioia Mem.

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 am Mary Reutenauer Mem.
8:30 am Sean Geraghty Mem.
12:00 pm Rose DeBenedictis Mem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

8:30 am Carol and Frank McLaughlin Mem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, *Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord*

4:00 pm Eva S. Grace Mem.
5:00 pm Victoria Argentino Mem.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 am Frank Veltri Mem.
9:00 am Vincenzo Baldassarra Mem.
10:00 am Bruno Ficucello Mem.
11:30 am Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.
12:00 pm Terri Milo Mem.
5:00 pm Austin Tierney Mem.

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

A time to be Born: Baptisms ...

Tristan Javier Aguirre, James Gregory Casey, Bianca Ana Cioffi, Santino Francis Cipriano, Robert Francis Civitano, III, Cane Joseph Genesi, Thomas Angelo Martorano, Fiona O'Connor, and Alessia Marie Pinto

A time to Love: Banns of Marriage...

II: Andrew Chenault and Maria Moliterno

III: Frank Luongo and Angela Napoletano

III: Neil Davino and Alessia Sozio

A time to Die: Those who have died...

Raffaele Sozio, Patrick Francis Barry, Margaret Ruzza, Camille Castellano, and Joseph Martin

A time to Heal: Those who are ill...

Maria Rose D'Onofrio, Nicholas DiMarzo, Frances Novaro, Salvatore Naclerio, and Dr. John Tanzilli

A time for War: And a time for Peace...

For those in the military who have died in the service of our country.

Devotion of First Friday

This Friday is the first Friday of the month. Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Noon Mass at Immaculate Conception until 7:00 PM.



Memorial Offerings: Dec. 29, 2019-Jan. 4, 2020

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

at Assumption Church will burn in honor
of **A Special Intention**,
donated by Anonymous.

For information on how to memorialize the
Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Candle and Flower Arrange-
ment, please call the parish office: (914) 961-3643.



From the Desk of Deacon Anthony Viola

The Perfect Family -- Our Challenge

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But we most especially honor the day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day-in and day-out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home, presumably, would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

Would the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph been, in numerous ways, just like any other home? They would have talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered the things that make up daily life. Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly "just man." Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from the daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones. Tradition tells us that St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus' public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found



with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances, for sure. They would have had to do daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends, and the like. They would have lived a normal

family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this way and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of family obedience toward them.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux said, "*God, to whom angels submit themselves and principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [...]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent.*"

Let us reflect upon our own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, while some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, while some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into our family lives -- just as it is right now. Let that be our challenge.

Dichiarazione d'intenti della Parrocchia

La Parrocchia Cattolica Romana dell'Immacolata Concezione e Assunzione e' una comunita' dell'Eucaristia la quale glorifica il Padre nell'unione con il Figlio e guidata dallo Spirito Santo e protetta dalla Madonna. Il nostro richiamo e' alla preghiera, all'istruzione e alla servitu' del popolo di Dio in questa vita, e nella speranza della vita eterna.



Sacraments and Liturgy

Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1 *A Holy Day of Obligation*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, VIGIL

4:00 PM at Assumption

5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

11:00 PM Holy Hour to bring in the
New Year at Immaculate Conception

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1,
SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

8:00 AM at Immaculate Conception

9:00 AM at Assumption

10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception

11:30 AM at Assumption Spanish)

12:00 PM at Immaculate Conception



Prayer for the Family *By the Sisters of Life*

Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our family.

Open our hearts to receive Your love.

May our home be another Nazareth
so that our family may be a place
where Your peace and love abides.

Open our eyes to recognize the gift
and beauty of life, so that we may find joy
in Your presence among us.

Grant us pure hearts seeking holiness,
generous hearts full of Your love,
merciful hearts ready to forgive
and tender hearts full of kindness.

May our family be a sanctuary of life and love,
a beacon of hope, drawing others to your Son,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us.*



Next Weekend's Celebrants

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Vigil, Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00 pm: Fr. Silva

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 am: Fr. Collins

10:00 am: Fr. Novio

12:00 pm: Fr. Silva

5:00 pm: Fr. Tierney

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY CHURCH

Vigil, Saturday, January 4, 2020

4:00 pm: Fr. André

Sunday, January 5, 2020

9:00 am: Fr. Tiso (Italian)

11:30 am: Fr. Ulloa (Spanish)

Next Weekend's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Isaiah's prophecies here are about a new and glorious Zion restored. Foreign kings will serve her, and she will be a light to other nations. St. Matthew weaves all this into his Infancy narrative.

Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

St. Paul interprets the revealed Mystery and makes it clear that the Gentiles also are members of Christ's Body and, thus, true sharers in the gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

For Matthew, the visit of the wise men happens amid wider political and social events. These men were often seen first as interpreters of dreams as well as astrologers and even magicians. Later Christian tradition made them kings and even gave them names and a number as three based on the number of gifts. They were understood as representatives of the Gentile world.

Your Stewardship

The 5th BONANZA LOTTERY NEXT \$2,000 DRAWING IS FEB. 22

Great cash prizes are available to win by those purchasing tickets in our Bonanza Lottery. Each week for 32 weeks, two tickets will be drawn for two \$200 prizes.

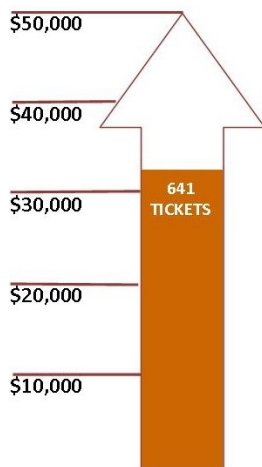
Winning tickets will be reentered for all subsequent drawings! Also, we have two big drawings of \$2,000 each left on Feb. 22 and May 31. There will be **64 winners** in total and **over \$18,000 in prizes** awarded. **Tickets are \$50 each** and available in the Parish Office, Sacristies, and the ICS and PREP offices.

This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and your generosity helps defray expenses for the parish. **Thank you for your support!**

DECEMBER 16 DRAWING WINNERS:

Jeanne Altenau; Anthony Mancuso

**AT PRESS TIME, 641 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD
TOTALING \$32,050 IN REVENUE.**



Stewardship: Weekend of Dec. 15, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Church: \$15,608.00

WeShare: \$3,168.00

TOTAL: \$18,776.00

GOLD ENVELOPE DONATIONS for gym debt and extraordinary maintenance:

Church: \$569.00

WeShare: \$156.00

TOTAL: \$725.00

SECOND COLLECTION for the Archdiocese of New York, Retired Religious:.....

\$4,684

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, December 9

\$4,384

CHRISTMAS MUSIC to date \$2,195

Mass Cards for the Living and Deceased

Visit the parish office Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM–8:00 PM, Saturday from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, or Sunday from 9:00 AM–1:30 PM to obtain Mass cards or schedule an intention.

Our Sister Parish Sends Thanks

As our parishioners may know, each year a portion of our Thanksgiving Collection goes to Fr. Aurelian O'Dowd, a Bronx native, who has been a priest in the Missions of Old Managua, Nicaragua, for 25 years. Our sister parish and school, Cristo Agonizante del Rosario, receive our coins after Lent, our unannounced Mass intentions, and a part of this collection. Here is a little note Fr. O'Dowd sent to you:

Good friends of Immaculate Conception and Assumption,

What a joy for me to be able to thank all of you for your very generous Thanksgiving collection, of which your sister parish here in Managua has received \$1,500. In the name of the many children and poor families who will benefit from this sacrifice you made at your Thanksgiving table, I offer you our most heartfelt gratitude and prayers that your Christmas will be even more blessed this year. Please continue to pray for us, as we pray for you.

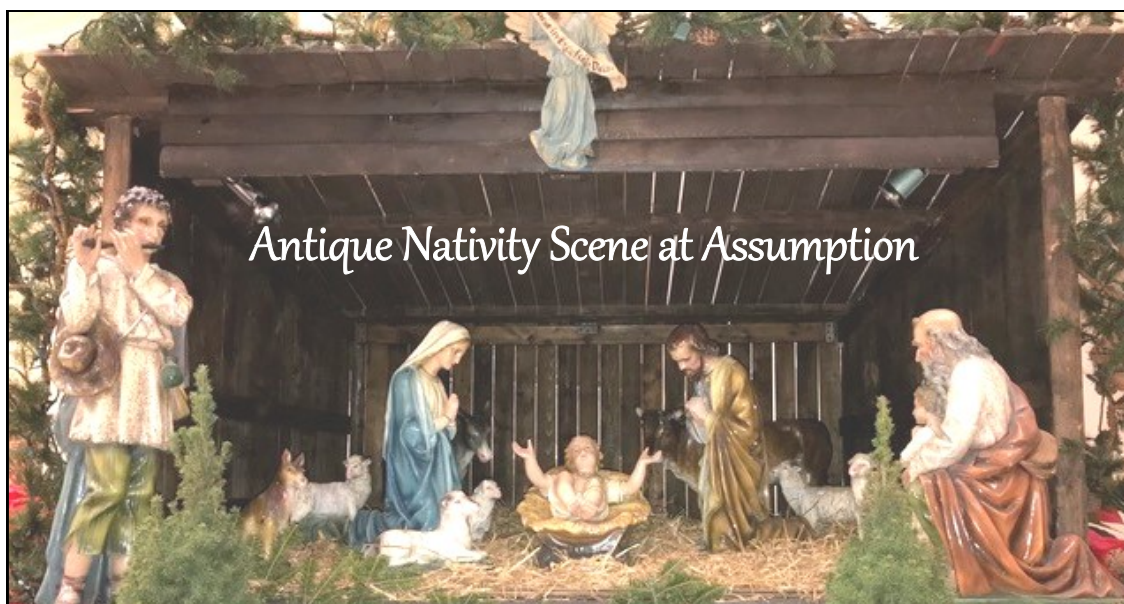
Father Aurelian O'Dowd

Pastor and Principal

Cristo Agonizante del Rosario Parish and School



Your Stewardship



Antique Nativity Scene at Assumption

Left: A view of the Holy Family, angel, animals and two shepherds.

Below: The Three Kings, camel and camel driver.

Bottom: A close-up of the Holy Family and angel.

Restoration to Begin

Assumption Church's beautiful, large Nativity, called a *presepio* or *crèche*, needs serious repair and repainting. These photos show the chipping and peeling paint and some broken features.

Artists have been asked to restore this precious treasure and propose to do the following:

- fix the missing, broken or chipped shapes by resculpting the statues to perfection
- restore smooth surfaces
- refresh the colors
- add gold accents
- recreate facial expressions
- varnish each figure to protect it

There are 10 human and angelic figures, six small animals and two large animals in the collection. If you wish to memorialize or honor someone by restoring a figure, please call Maria at the rectory, (914) 961-3643, Monday-Friday: 8:30–4:30 PM.



PROPOSED

Restoration/Memorial Pricing:

Baby Jesus.....	\$500
Mary	TAKEN
Joseph	\$500
Angel	TAKEN
Balthazar	\$500
Melchior	\$500
Gasper	\$500
Shepherd (3)	\$500 each
Large animal (2)	\$500 each
Small Animal (6)	\$250 each

Parish News and Events

Christmas Flowers That Grace Our Church

The beautiful flowers that decorate our churches now through Christmas are in honor of many people and special occasions. Thank you to all who contributed to the display.

The **Altar Flowers** honor the marriage of
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory and Stefanie Costello;
Also, **In Appreciation of Our Many Blessings,**
donated by Diane and Stephen D'Alessio.

The remaining flowers honor
the names of **Loved Ones** submitted by our Parishioners.

A LOOK AHEAD

■ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Hispanic Choir Practice 10 AM Fr. Fata Hall, Lower

■ MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Exposition & Benediction 12:30-7 PM Immaculate Conception

■ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary See Mass Schedule on page 4.

■ FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Exposition & Benediction 12:30-7 PM Immaculate Conception

■ SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Devotion to Our Lady 9 AM Immaculate Conception

■ SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Hospitality After Mass 9 AM-1 PM Fr. Fata Hall

Italian Mass 9 AM Assumption Church

Hispanic Choir Practice 10 AM Fr. Fata Hall, Lower

Fiesta De Los Reyes 11:30 AM-3 PM Assumption

■ MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Exposition & Benediction 12:30-7 PM Immaculate Conception

RCIA 7-8:30 PM Rectory Conf. Room

Legion of Mary 7:30-9 PM Lower Rectory

■ TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

PREP 4:15-5:30 PM IC School

Choir 7:30-8:30 PM Immaculate Conception

■ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Epiphany Mass (School) 9:30-10:30 AM IC School

PREP 4:15-5:30 PM IC School

Cenacles of Life 6-7 PM Immaculate Conception

PREP 6:45-8 PM IC School

Hispanic Choir 7-9 PM Fr. Fata Hall, Lower

Bible Study 7:30-8:30 PM Lower Rectory

If you have a question about any aspect of our Catholic Church and faith, contact us and we will answer to the best of our ability.



222. "What is the meaning of the word 'Noel'?"

The word "Noel" was originally a cry of joy during the eight days preceding Christmas. In English-speaking countries, a common Christmas carol is "The First Noel." It is sung in many churches and is played frequently during this time of year. The word has a rich history and dates back hundreds of years.

The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* explains, "It can be traced further back to the Latin word *natalis*, which can mean 'birthday' as a noun or 'of or relating to birth' as an adjective. (The English adjective *natal* has the same meaning and is also an offspring of *natalis*.)"

In this way, "noel" is connected to the birth of Jesus, which is why in French the traditional Christmas greeting is "Joyeux Noel!" At the same time, the word was also used liturgically in the days leading up to Christmas to signal the upcoming feast, according to a 1907 article in *The American Ecclesiastical Review*.

"The word 'Noël' was anciently a cry of joy, and was sung at Angers [France], during the eight days preceding Christmas, fifteen times at the conclusion of Lauds, and thus it came to be used at other seasons of rejoicing. It is said to be a corruption of Emmanuel." Noel, then, is both a prayer and a greeting during Advent and Christmas. It reminds us of Christmas joy and heralds the upcoming celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Parish News and Events

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Rediscover the Saints Begins January 21, 2020

We are distributing this small book by Matthew Kelly and asking you to sign up for **one** of two sessions of teaching moments and discussions with Fr. Anthony Sorgie or Sr. Roberta Smith.

This is not just another book about the saints. Both personal and practical, this book proves the saints are not long gone, but alive and well--and ready to join you on your journey! Discover how inviting the saints into your everyday life will open your eyes to the amazing possibilities God has in store for you. It's only 15 minutes a day of reading and reflecting on "25 Saints & 25 Questions" that will change your life.

We are capable of so much more than we think. You have no idea what you are capable of. None of us do. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that He has enfolded in our being. The saints continue this work, encouraging us to explore all our God-given potential, not with speeches, but with the example of their lives.

Sign up in church or call the rectory. If you cannot come to the classes, enjoy the book and share it with others.

FR. SORGIE'S SESSION:

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 PM

In the New Parish Center

January 21 and 28, February 4, 11, and 18

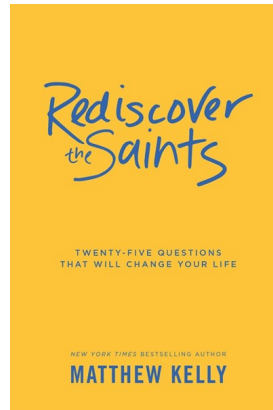
SR. ROBERTA'S SESSION:

Friday mornings, 10:30 AM

In the New Parish Center

January 24 and 31, February 7, 14, and 21

**For information or to get the book,
call: (914) 961-3643**



Making a Good Confession

As we begin a new year and make resolutions to better our lives, consider attending confession regularly. Here's how:

Examine Your Conscience

Ask yourself: What have I done or failed to do? Admit to yourself the sins you committed. Make a list of them in your mind.

After entering the confessional...

1. Make the Sign of the Cross, saying: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."
2. Tell Father your sins. Remember he takes the place of Jesus. If you're not sure if something is a sin, just ask him.
3. Father will give you a penance. It might be prayers or something to do. Before leaving the Church, do it if you can.
4. Pray the Act of Contrition to express your sorrow for your sins.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry
for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins because of Thy
just punishments but most of all because they
offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and
deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion
of sin. Amen.

5. Receive Absolution, the Forgiveness of Sin. Father will give you Absolution by extending his hands over you and praying the Prayer of Absolution.

Thinking About Joining Our Parish?

Please register online:
www.icaparish.org/parish-registration

La Comunidad Hispana



A la izquierda, se ve la Sagrada Familia, un ángel, animales y dos pastores.

Abajo, los tres Reyes magos, un camello y un camellero.

Más abajo, una vista más cercana de la Sagrada Familia.

Comienza la Restauración

El nacimiento en la Iglesia de La Asuncion es de gran tamaño y requiere retoque y serias reparaciones. Las fotografías enseñan los desportillados, las peladuras de la pintura y la rotura de algunas partes de las facciones.

El artista quien restauró el interior de la Iglesia propuso lo siguiente:

- Arreglar lo que se encuentre roto o astillado, reestructurando las estatuas a la perfección.
- Restaurar las superficies lisas.
- Refrescar el color de la pintura.
- Añadir Pan de oro.
- Recrear las expresiones faciales.
- Barnizar las imágenes para protegerlas.



Hay 10 figuras humanas y angelicales, seis pequeños y dos animales grandes en la colección. Si usted desea restaurar una figura para honrar la memoria de algún ser querido, por favor llame a María en el rectorado de la parroquia al teléfono (914) 961-3643 de lunes a viernes de 8:30 am a 4:00 pm.



PROPUESTO Restauracion y Precios Conmemorativos:

El Niño Jesús.....	\$500
María	RECLAMADA
José	\$500
Ángel	RECLAMADA
Balthazar	\$500
Melchior	\$500
Kasper	\$500
Shepherd (3)	\$500 c/u
Large animal (3)	\$500 c/u
Pequeños animales (6)..	\$250 c/u