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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: M-F 9:00-4:00
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CHRISTMAS 2021

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2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24

No Daily Mass

3:00 PM

Church (livestreamed), Spina Hall,
Carnevale Center & Lenox School

5:00 PM Church; Carnevale Center

8:00 PM

Church (Spanish; livestreamed)
Carnevale Center (English)

10:00 PM Church (English)

12:00 AM

Midnight Mass in Church (Livestreamed)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (livestreamed) & 12:00
All Masses in the Church; no Children's Liturgy

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

No Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 26

7:30 AM, 8:45 AM (Spanish),
9:00 AM (Carnevale Center),
10:30 AM in Church and Carnevale Center
& 12:00 Noon

Monday, December 27

Daily Mass at 9:00 AM

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Because this Solemnity falls on a Saturday in 2022, it
is not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 31

7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday, January 1 9:00 AM (livestreamed)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1
5:00 PM & 7:00PM

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM, 8:45 AM (Spanish) 9:00 AM (Carnevale
Center), 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

Christmas Parking

Please observe all
parking directives.



- * ENTER from Pompton Avenue Youth Center driveway ONLY.
- * EXIT onto Lenox Avenue.
- * FOLLOW directions of parking attendants for Christmas Masses.
- * DO NOT PARK where there are cones, "No Parking" signs or solid yellow lines. (These are FIRE ZONES and must be kept open for emergency vehicles.)
- * Additional parking available behind Lenox School.

Parish Office Holiday Hours:

Monday 12/27	closed
Tuesday 12/28	open 9:00am—4:00pm
Wednesday 12/29	open 9:00am—4:00pm
Thursday 12/30	half day, close at 12:30pm
Friday, 12/31	closed



PASTOR'S DESK

My dear friends, Merry Christmas. May the peace, joy and love of this season be with you and your loved ones.

Each day we are blessed by our "Yes" in our lives. We look around at our families, our friends and we see the ones we have said yes to, and I hope and pray we are grateful for the gift of now. We have been raised since birth to set our goals high, work hard, and achieve our dreams. Clearly there is merit to this work ethic, but it has limits, and the greatest one is that it seduces us into thinking that we are the creators of our own destinies. Many, in preparing for Christmas, have been running everywhere to achieve the perfect experience for those on our wish list. With the supply chain in chaos this year, our experience has been frustrating to say the least. Even when we try our best to find the perfect gift, we are faced with failure because the one being gifted did not appreciate the time and effort within the gift giving.

Following last year's Christmas where most of us were within our own "Bethlehem" experience with close family members, this year has taken on a much broader significance. We will all try our best to make this Christmas better than the one last year and we will knock ourselves out with all the trimmings that entails. Please remember it is the "presence" and not the "presents" that make the gift. Many people I have connected with have said the one thing they missed during the pandemic was the physical presence and the support of family and friends. To be able to share time with them, to embrace them and hold them close.

If we listen to the Christmas story, the one proclaimed each year, God is the one giving the gift each year. I am unsure if we realize the significance of this gift. That is why children understand the gift of Christmas better than anyone. No child talks about the stress of the holidays. They are not worried about where they go as family, the parties or the amount on the credit cards. (It is the adults who stress about the new X-Box, I phone or newest "it" toy" for this year. We are in competition with other family members, the neighbor or co-worker.) The only stress of Christmas children have is how can we possibly wait for it to arrive! Their anticipation of the event should encourage us adults to be more in tune with how we are to celebrate this day. It is not about the gifting but the gift that we are to each other.

Take time this season to be grateful and thankful in our "yes" to all that God has gifted us in the person of

Jesus. He is the reason for the season. In our yes, show how we can live that yes through our actions and in our words. There are twelve days of Christmas but there are twelve months of the year that deserve our attention in living out what we celebrate this season.

This season and always, may we imitate the compassion and faith of Joseph, may we have the courage and strength of Mary, may we inherit the wonder and awe of the shepherds, the joyfulness of the angels and the patience and wisdom of the wise men. May we seek understanding and acceptance within our families even at the cost of our own expectations and hopes. May we seek to always be sources of affirmation and support and show the hospitality of the Holy Family in welcoming others to our table, our communities, and our church. May we embrace the hope of this season throughout the year as we continue to be ministers of God's love, mercy, compassion as prophets of promise. May we follow the star that guides us to a better day, a brighter year where unity and peace rule our lives and our hearts. Merry Christmas from all the friars and the staff here. May the New year bring much hope and promise. Thank you for blessing us with your lives.

We warmly welcome all who have come today to
celebrate this splendid feast.

We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest!
We welcome our students home from college for a
good winter's rest!

We welcome parishioners who moved far away
but join us today as old friends and guests!
We welcome all who have not been active of late in
their Catholic faith;
and hope they will find new hope and inspiration
this Christmas to come back again and again!

We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true;
may the Lord bless you for all you do!
Welcome to all!

May our gathering this day gladden our hearts
and deepen our bonds.
We are after all one People of God - redeemed by the
Light.

May we walk by the Light and live by the Light -
together in love.
Christmas Blessings!

FRANCISCAN FRIARS SERVING YOU:

Fr. Frank Critch, OFM, x708 (fcritch@stmarys-pompton.org)
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Lynda Rogalski (lrogalski@stmarys-pompton.org)



If you'd like to make a Christmas Flower donation for a loved one, there is still time to do so. Simply place your offering with the person's name in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers, and put it in the offertory basket. You may also make a donation through our website.



MASS SCHEDULE

**Please see our special schedule for
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

SATURDAY

9:00 AM -- Liturgy of the Word with Communion
(Prayer Room)

Vigil Masses:

5:00 PM—English

7:00 PM—English

SUNDAY

7:30 AM—English

8:45 AM—Español (livestreamed)

9:00 AM—English (Carnevale Center)

10:30 AM—English (livestreamed)

10:30 AM—Children's Liturgy (Carnevale Center)

12:00 PM—English

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM—Monday to Friday in English (livestreamed)

7:00 PM—Wednesday en Español (livestreamed)

MASSSES ONLINE AT:

www.stmarys-pompton.org

www.facebook.com/smcpompton/

www.youtube.com/c/stmaryspomptonlakes



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1
-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2

Confession and Adoration

CONFESSIONS: Thursdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or call
for an appointment. No confessions on Saturdays.

ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for
Adoration on Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

During adoration, please maintain a reverent
silence and appropriate social distance.



Please call **973-835-0374** or send an email to
smc@stmarys-pompton.org if:

- your address, email address or telephone number has changed, and/or
- a parishioner has been married and/or
- a parishioner has moved.

Parish records need to be current so please be
sure to inform us of any changes as soon as
possible. Thank you!

Children's Liturgy!

Children's Liturgy takes place in the Carnevale
Center at 10:30 every Sunday
(no Children's Liturgy on Christmas Day)

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased, L= Living

Monday	December 27 (note: daily Mass is at 9:00am)
9:00 a.m.	†Lise Marie Bluteau (5th Ann) †Tom Bluteau †Salvatore Sacca
Tuesday	December 28
8:00 a.m.	†Richard Pilecki †Barbara Giles
Wednesday	December 29
8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Francis Butler †Terri Nestico-Barchuk
7:00 p.m. (Sp.)	†People of the Parish
Thursday	December 30
8:00 a.m.	†Stephen Murphy
Friday	December 31
7:00 p.m. (Sp.)	People of the Parish
Saturday	January 1
9:00 a.m.	†Eileen Stamler (27th Ann)
5:00 p.m.	†Gloria Pezzuti †Jeffrey Pezzuti †Matthew Rosado
7:00 p.m.	L Fernando M. Rios †John Popovich †Irene & William Hannan
Sunday	January 2
7:30 a.m.	†Anna McGrath
8:45 a.m. (Spanish)	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	†William Patrick Smith †Joseph Castaldo
10:30 a.m.	†Frank Adamo †Lois Howard †Don Baur †Herman Morabito
12:00 p.m.	†Joseph Carrigan L Fernando M. Rios †Louis B. Lombardi †Kathy Mazzaloni

Please keep in your prayers those who have recently passed:

Margaret Lockwood



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Angelo, John, Ned Madsen, Ann Fagan, Bob, Eileen, Antionette, Keri, John, Kim, Anne Marie Michael, Lavina Bergen, Darrell Nolen, Danna LaRue, Travis LaRue, Kate McLaughlin, Bryan Klion, Sandy, Vic, Theresa Barnickel, Larry DiCoio, Brian, Victoria, Gerard Conrad, Timmy Davidson, Peggy Mahar, Claire Hargreaves, Anthony (Tony) Yodice, Joseph Beneat, Michael Beneat, Sheryl Urban, Tony Rodriguez, Tim Hourican, Providence Torres, Peter Ralph, Diane, Ed, Peter Testino, Mary Ellen Stevens, Bonnie Pruszyński, Brian Horwath, Peter Yoscary, Nancy Barcheski, The Lehr Family, Eileen Dunn, Riona, J. Scelsa, Mary Anne Post.

To add a loved one to the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 973-835-0374. Names for healing will be listed for 30 days.

ALL THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:

Lt. Jessica T. Atterbury, PFC Nathan Hunt, CMCN Michael LeTennier, Joseph P. Roberts, MCS, PFC Sean Jennings, SPC Sean J. Carey, SGT Ryan Cronin, Chris Sabatini, US Navy SO, David Welsh, US Navy SO Justin Bensinger, US Navy SO, LTJG Brian Schoenig, LCpl Michael Formisano III, SSG Kevin Carey, SPC Brian R. Sudol, CSM Robert Hammerle, Sgt. Mark Ashley, SGT Ryan J. Heppel, SPC Dean V. Lucas, LCpl Michael Vignuli, Major Daniel J. Ciccarelli, HM Jaeson Henderson, Jake Shovlowsky, Cpl Justyn Shovlowsky, Captain Austin Canning, SSG Tiffany Thumann, 2nd LT Matthew R. Brice, TSSgt. Scott Miller, Capt. Krystal Thumann, Cpl F. S. Raza, Sean Flanagan, Capt. Matthew W. D'Amico, USMC Lt. 1st Thomas Seneski; Sgt. Anthony W. Gabriel; Brian Hansen, Sgt. Ashlee Quigle; Capt. Daniel M. Kearney, USMC; 2nd LT Emily Simone and Navy Lt. Ryan Hackett

May God bless Doug and Kasey as they begin their life together as husband and wife!



Reflection for the Synod

The scandal, the mystery, of the Incarnation continues: God allowed God's self to be part of a human family—with all the risk that entailed (such as getting separated, teens pushing boundaries, anxieties and broken hearts). Family life is filled with challenges; the question isn't why we're not more like some saccharine version of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the question is seeing our families, warts and all, as also being incarnational realities, loci of encounter with (and expressions of) the Divine. Therefore, why not explore the idea of family life as an example of synodality? We "journey with" each other; we are called to respectful listening (and not just children to their parents) as well as to bold speaking (not just parents to their children). Marriage is about mutual self-giving. Any one-sidedness in any of these relationships is toxic. Family life is messy, and God is in the mess. Just like this synodal journey we're on.



Food Pantry

Most needed items!

Decaf or regular coffee (brewed), Decaf tea, mayonnaise
Mexican food, bread crumbs, Stuffing, turkey gravy, pudding
cups, pancake mix, full size cookies, full size crackers, shelf
stable WHOLE milk, shelf stable 2% milk, rice a roni, feminine
products, tissues, toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent
paper towels, cleaning supplies, zip lock bags (quart and gallon
sizes)

Secondary list of items

Aluminum Turkey roasting pans, salad dressing, progresso soups
cake frosting, lasagna noodles, shampoo, pancake mix, toilet
paper, paper napkins, paper plates, soap and canned pineapple

All donations are requested to be dropped off in the gray van in
the church parking lot. It is open 24/7. **Please do not drop food
off in the Parish Office or in the Church.**

Distribution dates/times for January:

Saturday, January 15th	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, January 19th	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)
Saturday, January 22nd	9:30am to 3:30pm (arrive by 3:00)
Wednesday, January 26th	4:00pm to 7:00pm (arrive by 6:30)

The Food Pantry is located at 22R (Lower level, rear) Lakeside
Avenue, Pompton Lakes (accessible from the municipal parking
lot) and the phone number is 973-831-4442.



"Let Your Light Shine"

With the year coming to an end, many people plan to make a
final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact.
Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so
many of your brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of
thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our
Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a
part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor
to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed
as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a
priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by
check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at
www.2021appeal.org.

In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal are
returned to the parish directly for their own pastoral needs.
Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and
serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex
counties.

May God bless you for your generosity!

The Bread and Wine last week were donated in loving
memory of Margaret and Irwin Reinhart. Apologies for
this not being in the 12/19 bulletin.



Throughout the Christmas season, people in need right here in
our community turn to St. Mary's Parish for warm meals,
comfort, and shelter during the holidays. We must be there for
them and share Christ's love. To do that, we need your help.

Your generous online donations are needed now to help sustain
Christmas ministries that reflect the promise of God's love.
COVID-19 and news of its variants continue to cause upheaval
and uncertainty, giving our ministries added importance. Your
kindness will help families all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving
from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a
recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by
visiting www.faith.direct/NJ23 or text 'Enroll' to 973-500-6123.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



Donate to help the tornado
and storm victims of western
Kentucky! You can give online
to help Catholic Charities of
the Diocese of Owensboro help those impacted by
the recent devastation in their communities. Please
visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/give/> and select
Tornado Relief – Catholic Charities.

Checks may be mailed to: Catholic Charities Tornado
Relief, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, 42301
or
<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

COLLECTION UPDATE

The Sunday collection for the month of November
was \$94,757.12 The breakdown is as follows:

Sunday Collection	\$ 50,931.25
Faith Direct	\$43,825.87
Total	\$ 94,757.12

Thank you for your continued generosity!

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

In order to defray unforeseen costs that arise with our buildings
and maintenance, we will be including in the envelopes for the
year, a new collection entitled Building Fund. This will occur at
the beginning of each month. We appreciate your generosity in
maintaining the upkeep and ongoing maintenance concerns that
accumulate with our campus.

Winter Bible Study on Luke



St. Mary's is pleased to announce a free six-week Bible Study on the Gospel According to Luke starting on Tuesday, January 11th. There will be both a morning and an evening section offered. The morning section will meet on Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 AM. The evening section will meet Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Bible group meetings will extend from Jan. 11th to Feb. 22nd with a break (no meeting) on Feb. 8th.

Register on website for the class or call the parish office at 973-835-0374 x169, and leave your name and contact information.

<https://stmarys-pompton.org/adult-faith-formation>



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CALENDAR

RAFFLE

Congratulations to our winners for the week ending 12/11:

Sunday Dec 5th Lisa Gortych Riverdale \$100.00
Monday Dec 6th Lois Maxwell Wayne \$50.00
Tuesday Dec 7th Al De Vincentis Wayne \$50.00
Wed Dec 8th Luz Quinones Pompton Lakes \$50.00
Thurs Dec 9th Colleen Dawson Pompton Lakes, \$50.00
Friday Dec 10th Fidel Solis Pompton Lakes \$50.00
Saturday Dec 11th Alan Clemens Oakland \$75.00



Women of Prayer and Spirit is a group of women who meet monthly to discuss one chapter of a book and to pray for the intentions members bring to the group. We meet via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30.

On January 4, 2022, we will discuss the first chapter of a new book entitled Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life, by Joyce Rupp. Members participate to the extent they feel comfortable. Occasionally, life intervenes, and a member cannot read the chapter; that should not deter anyone from attending. Also, despite the hope that everyone can attend every month, sometimes that is just not possible, which is understood.

Women of Prayer and Spirit reflects the early church when Christians met in small groups to pray, to inspire, and to be inspired by other Christians. If you would like to join this group, please email Jean Barkovitz at jbarkovitz1009@gmail.com.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat 2022



For more information or to join the event please contact Carolyn Greer at carolyng.greer@gmail.com or call/text 973-610-7775. See our current team below!



So many have expressed gratitude for the Redemptorist Priests who came to give our parish mission. If you'd like to contact Fr. Philip Dabney, Fr. Francis Gargani, or Fr. James Wallace directly, you may do so at:

Redemptorist Fathers
3112 Seventh St. NE
Washington, DC 20017-1498



2021: A YEAR IN PICTURES



Religious Ed: Grades 1-5

Our 3rd and 4th grade classes have concluded their Religious Education session. I would like to thank their dedicated teachers that worked diligently to keep the children's faith journey alive.

3rd grade: Erika Moggio, Phylissa Gallotta, Aileen Esposito, Patty Always, Noelle Houghton, Dorote Novitski, Lindsey Cinque, Jennifer Carr, Katie Prall

4th grade: Corrine Manzollilo, Denise Kilgallen, Antonia Cohen, Michelle Romano, Terese Woodcock, Maria Charvat, Lorie Teggart, Thomas Andrea, Cari Segal

Thanks to all our parents as well, for entrusting your children's religious education to us. This year you have been exemplary in your Faith and Support. Wishing all of you a very Blessed Magical Christmas Season!

Religious Ed: Grades 6-8 / Confirmation Grades 9-10

GRADES 7 & Phase 1 Confirmation ONLY – Classes start the week of January 9th.

TEACHER/LEADER Notes

We are looking for volunteers to teach Phase 1/9th Grade Confirmation classes which are starting this January. We need leaders for our Sunday in person 7-8:15PM class and our Tuesday Zoom 6:30-7:45PM class. Contact Pat Newton at pat@stmarys-pompton.org for a sample lesson plan and more information.

Meetings for 7th Grade Teachers & Phase 1 Confirmation Leaders will be held January 2nd OR 3rd. Lesson plans will be reviewed and distributed at these meetings to be held in the Carnevale Center.

- 7th Grade Meetings start at 6PM
- Phase 1 Confirmation Meetings start at 7:30PM

GRADES 6-10 Virtual Workshops for January Interfaith Celebrations

JANUARY 9TH 1PM OR JANUARY 10TH 6:30PM MAGHI – SIKH

JANUARY 16TH 1PM TU BISHVAT - JUDAISM

JANUARY 23RD 1PM OR JANUARY 24TH 6:30PM CHINESE NEW YEAR

JANUARY 30TH 1PM OR JANUARY 31ST 6:30PM SETSEBUN -SHINTO



New volunteer opportunity available!

Eva's Village, Paterson, NJ

-Monday, February 21, 2022 10-2PM

-10 volunteers requested, must be 15 years or older to attend.

-Adult volunteer needed.

-Volunteers will be packing to-go meals. You will be packing portions of protein, starch, and vegetables into containers, and may be wrapping and adding desserts or side dishes.

Register at <https://stmarys-pompton.org/service-opportunities>. For the health and safety of residents and volunteers, all volunteers must show proof of vaccination upon registration. Please email vaccination card and any questions to ngeorge@stmarys-pompton.org or drop off vaccination record at the Parish Office attention to Nicole George.

Below is a photo of some of our youth at Fitzpatrick House



SAGRADA FAMILIA



La Sagrada Familia- Domingo 26 de diciembre.

Las familias cristianas deben contribuir a construir un mundo más justo, digno y dichoso querido por Dios. Son una bendición para la sociedad. ¿Cómo es una familia abierta al proyecto humanizador de Dios? ¿Qué rasgos podríamos destacar? He aquí lo que no podemos pasar por desapercibido:

-Amor entre los esposos. Es lo primero. El hogar está vivo cuando los padres saben quererse, apoyarse mutuamente, compartir penas y alegrías, perdonarse, dialogar y confiar el uno en el otro. La familia se empieza a deshumanizar cuando crece el egoísmo, las discusiones y malentendidos.

-Relación entre padres e hijos. No basta el amor entre los esposos. Cuando padres e hijos viven enfrentados y sin apenas comunicación alguna, la vida familiar se hace imposible, la alegría desaparece, todos sufren. La familia necesita **un clima de confianza mutua** para pensar en el bien de todos. Por otro lado, la familia cristiana debe promover lo siguiente:

-Atención a los más frágiles: Todos han de encontrar en su hogar acogida, apoyo y comprensión. Pero la familia se hace más humana, sobre todo, cuando en ella se cuida con amor y cariño a los más pequeños, cuando se quiere con respeto y paciencia a los mayores, cuando se atiende con solicitud a los enfermos o discapacitados, cuando no se abandona a quien lo está pasando mal.

-Apertura a los necesitados: La familia cristiana debe trabajar por un mundo más humano, no se debe encerrar en sus propios problemas e intereses, sino que debe estar abierta a las necesidades de otras familias.

-Crecimiento de la fe: En la familia se aprende a vivir las cosas más importantes. Por eso, es el mejor lugar para aprender a creer en ese Dios bueno, Padre de todos; para conocer el estilo de vida de Jesús; para descubrir su Buena Noticia; para rezar juntos en torno a la mesa; para tomar parte en la vida de la comunidad de seguidores de Jesús.

Por: José Antonio Pagola

MINISTERIO HISPANO DE SANTA MARIA



REZO COMUNI- TARIO DEL SANTO RO- SARIO

Todos los **MIÉRCOLES** a las 8:30pm vía
ZOOM

CODIGO DE LA REUNION
893 7978 3105

CODIGO DE SEGURIDAD 878314

Bautismos en español - Requisitos:

Certificado de Nacimiento del(a) niño(a), padrinos y asistir a una clase antes de la celebración del Sacramento (padres y padrinos). Información: Milagros Anto. Si desea bautizar su hijo(a) en inglés debe asistir a una clase y llamar a Lynda 973.835.5841, ext 120.

DESPENSA DE LA PARROQUIA

(FOOD PANTRY)- Nuestra despensa de alimentos de la iglesia de Santa María está abierta para atender a todos los que necesiten de comida en el siguiente horario: **EL TERCER O CUARTO MIÉRCOLES O EL TERCER O CUARTO SÁBADO DE CADA MES.** Para más información póngase en contacto con Milagros Anto, Angelina Nuci o Lourdes Huerta.

Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra. Por favor comunicarse con Lourdes Huerta (973.270.3453). Este Ministerio se reúne los segundos y cuartos lunes de 7:30pm a 9:30pm



A tomar en cuenta las siguientes fechas:
-MISA Vigilia de la Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios: Tendremos misa en español el viernes 31 de diciembre a las 7:00pm

- Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor- Fiesta de los Reyes Magos- Lo celebraremos el domingo 2 de enero de 2022 a las 8:45am. Después de nuestra misa habrá Rosca de Reyes y champurrado para compartir. Unámonos como cada año para revivir esta importante tradición familiar y comunitaria.

La Santa Misa en español

Miércoles a las 7:00pm
Domingos a las 8:45am





Homebound Connections Ministry

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like a visit to receive the Eucharist, please contact our Parish Office at 973-835-0374 so we can set up a time. Fr. John Alderson will be there to brighten your day!

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet



The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the church at the end of daily Mass, Monday through Friday.

Altar Flowers Offering Cards

Offering cards for altar flowers are available at the Parish Office. These make wonderful remembrance gifts. Suggested donation is \$50.

Eucharist Bread & Wine Offering Cards



Offering cards for the Liturgy of the Eucharist are available at the Parish Office. These make wonderful remembrance gifts. Suggested donation is \$35.

St. Mary's Book Group

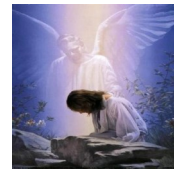
If you enjoy reading and would like to explore and discuss current as well as classic works about faith, religion, spirituality and human connectedness, please join us. You can participate in our regular, monthly meetings or just join us occasionally if the book we're discussing is of interest to you. Our next selection and meeting date is:

Richard Rohr's Hope Against Darkness: *The Transforming Vision of Saint Francis in an Age of Anxiety* – January 13, 2022

If you'd like to join us or have any questions, please contact Monica Coyle at mgcoble@verizon.net.



Lost Angels Ministry



The loss of a loved one forever changes us. When experiencing the tragedy of a child's death from drugs and alcohol, parents and loved ones often find themselves isolated and confused.

Lost Angels bereavement/support group offers support, compassion, understanding and hope to parents and loved ones struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of a child or loved one as a result of substance abuse/addiction and overdose.

For meeting dates and times, contact Donna Anelora at 973-713-9962 or danelora@yahoo.com.



Cleanliness is next to Godliness!

We are looking for volunteers to join St. Mary's Church's cleaning crew. Cleaning teams meet after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday mornings to vacuum, clean and tidy up our worship space. For more information, please contact Bernadette Nolan at nolanbern@verizon.net.



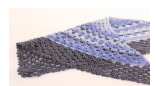
Hearts & Hands Crocheting & Knitting Ministry

Volunteers of various ability (beginners to experienced) gather once a month to "stitch with love" baby items such as hats, blankets, and booties for babies in Baptistal Aftercare and Franciscan missions. Patterns, yarn, and free lessons provided!

All are welcome! We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Carnevale Center Assisi Room from 10-11:30am and the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Carnevale Center Assisi Room from 6:30-8:00pm

Contact ministry leader Mary Lenoir at 973-725-3178.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer shawls are available and can be picked up at the Parish Office. The shawls can be given to celebrate a joyous occasion, to console those in need or to give hope and comfort.

CHRISTMAS AT



SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH | A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY



It's Christmas

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Refrain

It's Christmas, The angels are singing
And I know the reason The Savior is born
It's Christmas, The bells are ringing
And I feel like shouting, Joy to the world

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
And bless all the dear children in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Refrain

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant, O come ye, come ye to
Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the king of
angels; O come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, lo! He comes
forth from the Virgin's womb;
Our very God begotten not created: O
come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest: O
come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this
happy morning Jesus, to Thee be all
glory given;

Word of the Father now in flesh
appearing; O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.



Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in
excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

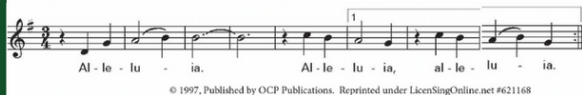
Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Responsorial Psalm

Today is Born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Today is Born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia



O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart

For unto us a Child is born, a Son is
given, a Son is given.

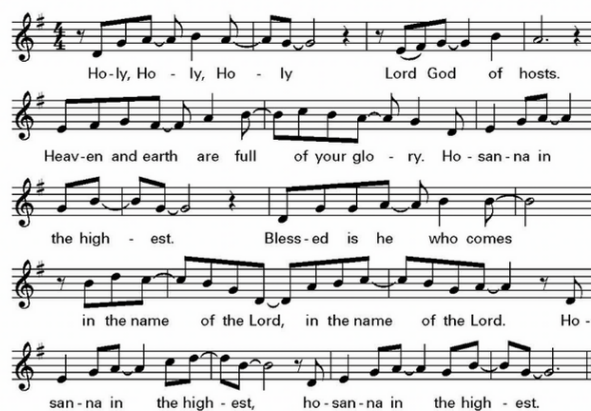
For unto us a Child is born, a Son is
given, a Son is given.

The Messiah, oh to see Him,

To see Him high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love

As we sing Holy Holy Holy

Holy, Holy



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Acclamation



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Lamb of God



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He has Come for Us

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior was born on
Christmas day.
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
O, tidings of comfort and joy.
Comfort and joy
O, tidings of comfort and joy

He has come for us, this Jesus.
He's the hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, the Messiah,
Born to give us life

From God, our heavenly Father
a blessed angel came.
And unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same.
How that in Bethlehem was born,
the Son of God by name.
O, tidings of comfort and joy.
Comfort and joy
O, tidings of comfort and joy

Refrain

All the angels sing "Hallelujah! "
Jesus Christ is born!"
All the children sing "Hallelujah!
"He is Christ the Lord!"



Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come: Let
earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and
heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns, let
us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and
grace, and makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness and
wonders of His love.

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A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM US TO YOU!

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, at all the Christmas Masses we will be handing out copies of Matthew Kelly's new book Life is Messy. The book contains a message that many of us may need to hear right now. Enjoy this gift and we will be in touch in the new year with events at which we can share that message with each other! Merry Christmas!

