



### Parish Mission Statement

We, the community of St. Mary's, Manhasset, building on our rich heritage of Catholic faith and tradition, center ourselves in the Eucharist and honor God in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be the presence of Christ through our liturgical, educational and social ministries. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to the service of all as we build the kingdom of God in our world.

We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Masses for the Week

##### Monday, January 5th

John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 3: 22-4:6, Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25

7:00 Eileen McNamara

9:00 Martin Fischer

##### Tuesday, January 6th

Blessed Andre Bessette

1 John 4:7-10, Mk. 6:34-44

7:00 Mary Hofer

9:00 Robert S. Butler (3rd Anniv.)

##### Wednesday, January 7th

Raymond of Penafort

1 John 4:11-18, Mk. 6:45-52

7:00 Walter France

9:00 James C. O'Brien Sr.

##### Thursday, January 8th

1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk. 4:14-22

7:00 Maria & David Gallo

9:00 Edwin R. Werner

##### Friday, January 9th

1 Jn. 5:5-13, Lk. 5:12-16

7:00 Eugene W. Anton

9:00 Walter Fischer

##### Saturday, January 10th

1 John 5:14-21, Jn. 3:22-30

8:00 Michael O'Leary

5:00 James C. O'Brien, Sr.

Concetta & Coreetto Gentile

Dominica Bariso

Lydia DeLucia

Gloria Maichin & Teresa Maichin

##### Sunday, January 11th

##### Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7, 1 Jn. 5:1-9;

Mark 1:7-11

7:30 Rev. Msgr. John J. Wiest

9:00 Mary Cavallo

10:30 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Sara Ponsiglione

Wanda Severin

Celia Cobos

Lydia DeLucia

Irene & Paula Rosal

Pedro & Peter Castano

5:00 George Irvin

#### Parish Directory

##### Rev. Msgr. John J. McCann - Pastor

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##### Diane Bayen

Music Director

627-0385 ext. 1021

##### Deacon Frank Bice

627-0385

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##### Fr. Michael Galea

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##### Theresa Perrella

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##### Celeste M. Checchia, PhD

Principal

##### Elaine Drzymalski

Assistant Principal

##### St. Mary's College Preparatory High School

Dr. Kevin McBride, Principal 627-2711

Kristin Lynch Graham '88, Director of Development 627-4605

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#### Please Pray for the Ill

Barbara Benz

Matteo DeMarco

Eleanor Dutkiewicz

James Falazzo

John Klein

Carlene McDevitt

Grace Pirozzi

Jane Regan

Livia Richards

John Sugrue

Names will remain on the list for 3 months. Please notify the Bulletin Editor if you would like to continue.

#### In Memoriam



Joseph Gargano  
Charles Romanski  
Antonia Caserta  
Charles Golden  
Edward Lorenzo



*From the Pastor's Desk*

**The Advent Giving Tree**

Each year our Parish Social Ministry has a "Giving Tree" in the south lobby of the Church. On the tree are "ornaments" listing Christmas gifts that help some in need at Christmas. One of my fondest memories of this past Christmas Season is my recollection of the large number of wrapped Christmas gifts that, you, the parishioners of St. Mary's placed under the "Giving Tree" this year. In the name of those who received your gifts, I thank you for your generosity and concern for those who are having difficulties at this time.

**Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco**

With the early deadlines for the recent bulletins because of Christmas and New Year's Day, this is my first opportunity to congratulate in your name our weekend assistant, Fr. Joe DeGrocco, in being named by Pope Benedict, a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor. Msgr. DeGrocco serves on the faculty of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, writes a weekly article in the Long Island Catholic on Liturgy, along with hosting the show "Divine Intervention" on TELECARE.

**The Christmas Collection**

This year's Christmas Collection amounted to \$191,556.00 I wish to thank each of you for your generosity to your Parish of Saint Mary's this Christmas. It is only because of your returning to the Lord a portion of the material blessing you have received that His work is able to be accomplished through our many parish ministries and activities.

God Bless!

Msgr. John J. McCann

*Eucharistic Adoration*

**Thursdays  
1 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
The Chapel**

*Come spend some time in prayer!*

*Baptism Reunion*



**BAPTIZED  
UNTO THE  
LORD**

*Next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, all families who have had a child baptized at St. Mary's during the year 2008, are invited to the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass for a reunion and a special blessing.*

*Please RSVP to the Parish Office by January 7th.*

*Hospitality will follow in the Marian Room.*



# Stewards of God's Gifts

“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.”

*We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have worked so dilligently during this Christmas season to make our liturgies so beautiful.*



The collection for Sunday, December 28, 2008 amounted to **\$25,586**

Credit Cards amounted to **\$3,370.00** totaling **\$28,956.00**

The collection for Sunday, December 30, 2007 amounted to **\$26,929.00**

The Children’s collection for Sunday, December 28, 2008 amounted to **\$12.00**

Children’s Time & Talent: Praying for the poor, singing & dancing, laughter.



## *Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing*

### **Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

*The Glory of the Lord shines upon you*

### **Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

*The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus  
through the Gospel*

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

*We have come from the East to worship the King.*

### *Theme:*

The glory of the Lord shines upon us

### *Question for Adults:*

In what ways has the Lord been made known to you and how can you better live as members of His Body?

### *Question for Children:*

The Maji brought gifts of gold, frankensense and myrrh to the Baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to Jesus?



## **The Annual Manhasset/ Great Neck EOC Gospel Brunch**

to honor Martin Luther King will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 12 noon. Tickets are \$50 per person for this fund raising event. Raffle tickets are also available. For information please call 627-6385.

# ST. MARY'S Gift Shop

## 20% OFF

SELECTED ITEMS WITH THIS BULLETIN AD.  
EXCLUDES ICONS AND QUILTED PIECES. CHRISTMAS  
CLEARANCE ITEMS

OPEN TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
9:30 AM-12 PM  
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

UNIQUE RELIGIOUS GIFTS & CARDS FOR EVERY  
OCCASION, NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE

THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER  
LEVEL OF THE CHURCH

*All Proceeds Benefit Parish Social Ministry*



## *Welcome New Parishioners*

We welcome the following Families who registered during the month of December.

*Joseph & Mary Aufenanger*

*Mark & Danielle Hayes*

*Mrs. Roxanne Murphy*

*Ms. Jill Nardo*

*Ms. Melissa Vincent*

## *Purgatorial Society*

*The following names have been enrolled in our Purgatorial Society beginning January 2009.*

Edward W. & Elizabeth T. McAndrew

Marilyn Patti

The Favaro Family

The Gallo Family

Isidoros Ballis

Arthur J. Foley

Giuseppe Cetta

Dawn Joy Leslie

## **Religious Education Faith Formation Grades 1-8**

*Our sincere thanks to all the families that participated in the Advent Act of Kindness project for The Respect Life Office. We collected about \$900 dollars.*

***Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!***

## *Newly Baptized*

We welcome the following children who were initiated into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Vincent John Amato*

*Ivanka Markovina*

*Jordan Batinelli*

*Martin & Marialys Dekom*



## **The Parish Blood Drive**

will take place on  
**Sunday, January 18, 2009**  
in the Marian Room from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A donor will give one pint which is replaced within 24 hours. A donor can give blood again after 8 weeks. Donors must be age 16-75. Our Long Island region suffers from a shortage of local blood donors. Please plan on "giving up" one hour of your Sunday to donate blood. Sign up at church on January 4th or 11th or call Jane at 627-0973. Be a Life Saver!!



*Adult Faith Formation*

**A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SACRAMENTS**

*Exploring the history, theology and celebration of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church*

**Wednesdays, January 7th through February 11th (Snow day Feb. 18th)**

**7:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center**

Jo-Ann Metzdorff, D. Min. - Instructor

Course qualifies for advanced catechist credit. \$25 course fee. Call the parish office to register.

*Catechism Express*

**Monday, January 5th**

**The Mission of the Church**

Deacon Frank Bice, presenter - 7:20 p.m. in the Ministry Center

Upcoming sessions

Jan. 12th  
Jan. 26th

**The Four Marks of the Church**  
**Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church**

Jane Clifford, MA  
Jane Clifford, MA

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next book will be *The Shack* by William Paul Young.  
We will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 10 a.m. in the JP II Room.

**Did you know?**

**This week's question: Next week's (Jan 12th) Catechism Express topic is the Four Marks of the Church. What are they, and what do they mean?**

**Answer to last week's question: Why is January 1st, New Year's Day a Holy Day of Obligation?** New Year's Day is come and gone, yet the question remains, why did we celebrate it as a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the official title of the solemnity, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the God-Bearer, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ. According to the Directory on Popular Piety, "The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life." When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.



# Save the Date

Church of Saint Mary  
12th Annual Parish Golf & Tennis Classic  
Thursday, June 18, 2009  
Plandome Country Club

For more information please contact  
Theresa Perrella at 516-627-0385, ext. 1160 or  
via E-mail at [development@stmary.ws](mailto:development@stmary.ws)

[www.stmary.ws](http://www.stmary.ws)



The Bread and Wine  
this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Edith Ciniglio**



## ST. MARY'S CYO GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

CYO Girl's Volleyball registration closes, tomorrow January 5th for grades 5 - 12. Please stop by the Parish Office or Manhasset Sporting Goods to pick up a registration form. Forms will also be available at all local schools. The season begins on February 7th, with a 10 game schedule and playoffs ending on April 26th, 2009. If you are interested in coaching a team, please call Bonnee at 627-0385, ext 1008.



### CYO Girls Basketball Highlights



St Mary's 6th Grade girls basketball team, coached by Chris Jones, Charlie Albanese, and Carol Ann Ronbeck improved their record to 7-3 heading into the Christmas break with a hard fought, come from behind 39-32 victory over St Gertrude's. Trailing throughout the first half of the game, St. Mary's pressure defense, led by Kendall Glynn, Elizabeth (EJ) Jones, Julie McCooey, and Francesca Sostar, created multiple steals and turnovers. Caitlyn McNamara's driving lay-up and Kellen D'Alleva's two timely jump-shots midway thru the 3rd quarter gave St Mary's the lead that the girls didn't give back. Najiah Redford, led St Mary's with 12 points. Jacqueline Albanese contributed 9 points and Caitlyn McNamara 6 points. Kellen D'Alleva and Lindsey (LeBron) Ronbeck each scored 4 points, while Alexa Durso and Julia Sullivan rounded out the scoring with 2 points a piece.



*Parish Social Ministry*



The year 2008 brought with it not only joys and sorrows, but uncertainty to many people about their employment and financial security. Here at Parish Social Ministry, we were bracing ourselves for some lean and tough times – especially over the holidays. However, once again, the parishioners of St. Mary’s opened their hearts and the outpouring of kindness and generosity made it possible for us to provide many needy families and individuals with some basic needs of living and some Christmas cheer.

Our Christmas programs received a tremendous amount of support and enthusiasm from the students and teachers of our Faith Formation program, members of St. Mary’s CYO, the Knights of Columbus Fr. William A. Daly Council No. 2122, various Scouting troops and the students of St. Mary’s Elementary and High Schools.

This year the Share Christmas and Advent Giving Tree gifts were distributed to our families in need, as well as to Corpus Christi parish in Mineola, the Catholic Charities Neumann Residence in Manhasset, Maryhaven Center of Hope in Port Jefferson, Anthony House in Roosevelt, our senior and handicapped neighbors at 155 East Shore Road, and to the Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau Maternity Services affiliated with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Parish Social Ministry volunteers who were part of this enormous undertaking, especially Mrs. Peggy Guillo and Mrs. Joanne Smyth. A special shout out goes to St. Mary’s maintenance crew who were there to assist us every day!

As we now undertake the challenges of this new year, let us remember that the greatest gifts we can give to each other are our faith, charity, human kindness and love.

Peace and Blessings!

*Christine Sutherland*  
Coordinator, Parish Social Ministry

*Revival Glory  
Prayer Meeting*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009  
3:30 - 5:30 PM

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL  
ALL ARE WELCOME

*"Prayer groups are powerful, and through them  
I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is  
at work in the world."*

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCE  
SUPPORT GROUP**

A 10-week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce. The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore the emotions and experiences often associated with separation and divorce. The group will meet every Friday beginning January 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford.

**Cost for the 10-week program is \$20.**

For further information and registration please contact:  
Angie at 516 868-2503 or Carol 516 432-2241 or E-mail us at [BeginningToday@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningToday@gmail.com).



WANT TO RECHARGE AND REFRESH  
YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERY?

**CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO  
FRANCE**

*May 26 - June 5, 2009*

**Spiritual Director: Fr. Nick Zientarski**

Visit the beautiful towns, cities and churches of France, including Paris, Lyon, Lourdes, Lisieux, Ars, Paray Le Monial, LaSalette and Nevers. Encounter the lives of many saints, enjoy delicious French food and explore the beauty of France with the expert guides provided by 206 Tours, an outstanding Catholic tour group. Stop by the parish office for a full brochure or go online at: [www.206tours.com/tour20](http://www.206tours.com/tour20). Contact Fr. Nick with questions at [04zientarski@cua.edu](mailto:04zientarski@cua.edu). Merci!

**Banns of Marriage**



**First Time**

*Joseph Puliafico*  
St. Mary's, Manhasset  
and  
*Amanda Karman*  
St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville



**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE  
January 5th - January 11th**

**Monday, January 5th**

7 a.m. Sara Henry & Erin Coleman  
9 a.m. Carly Holm & Tara Mangione

**Tuesday, January 6th**

7 a.m. Daniel McGorry & Michael Signorelli  
9 a.m. Emily Kearns & Amanda Kelly

**Wednesday, January 7th**

7 a.m. Will Charbonneau & Eddie Lennon  
9 a.m. Colleen Keating & Isa Salas-Allende

**Thursday, January 8th**

7 a.m. Juliana Baydar & Tina Pavlovich  
9 a.m. Peter Klimuszko & Henry Mulholland

**Friday, January 9th**

7 a.m. Caitlin & Cheyenne Begley  
9 a.m. Kristen LaBruna & Claire Lavelle

**Saturday, January 10th**

8 a.m. Daniel McGorry & Michael Signorelli  
5 p.m. Donal O'Sullivan, Katie O'Sullivan  
Josette Marino, Toni Sanserverino

**Sunday, January 11th**

7:30 a.m. Matt Welsh, Owen Welsh, Eamon Scaring & Andrew Torpe  
9:00 a.m. Maggie Duvnjak, Chloe Murphy, Katherine Sheehan & Shannon Stanchio  
10:30 Emmet O'Connell, Matt Torpe, Emma Hanley & Grace O'Connell  
12:00 Will Charbonneau, Eddie Lennon, John Stevenson, Caitlin Vanderberg  
5:00 Olivia & Tar Belinsky, Kristin & Nicole LaBruna

**MASS SCHEDULE | January 10th & 11th**

(subject to change)

5:00 p.m. **Saturday, January 10th**  
Fr. Anthony Refalo

**Sunday, January 11th**  
7:30 a.m. Fr. Anthony Refalo  
9:00 a.m. Msgr. John J. McCann  
10:30 a.m. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco  
12:00 p.m. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco  
5:00 p.m. Fr. Michael Galea



*Christmas Flowers in Memory of*

*The Mancuso & Pezza Families*

*Angelo*

*Lillian Gallo Kane*

*Lawrence S. Kelly Jr.*

*William Clark*

*The DiStefano & Bianco Families*

*Pat Bagnato*

*James & Katherine Rooney*

*John D. Hunter*

*Albert F. Kendall*

*Georg Doyle*

*Flower Offerings*

*Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Viola*

*Mr. & Mrs. Louis Liberta*

*Orlando Gavin*

*Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Cataldo*

*Mrs. J. Kelleher*

*Mr. & Mrs. Gus Harris*

*Mr. & Mrs. John G. Sullivan*

*Mr. & Mrs. Daniel F. Kelleher*