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. Since 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.

Parish Staff
Father Chris Cashman - Pastor
Mrs. Debra Russo - Administrative Assistant
Ms. Deirdre Donovan - Organist/Cantor
Mrs. Sylvia ScottodiClemente - Rectory Assistant
Mr. Jack Pattison - Maintenance/Sacristan

Be part of Our Sacramental Celebrations

Mass
* Tuesday - Thursday: ■ 9:30 AM (Summer Months)
Saturday: ■ 4:00 PM
Sunday: ■ 10:00 AM
** Monday Mass returns September 11th **

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 our Baptism Preparation class are required. Baptism is celebrated on several Sundays during the 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.

Anointing of the Sick
Anyone seriously ill may ask for this Sacrament of Healing. You may also request prayers and visits to homebound/ill parishioners.

All who regularly worship 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 Rectory Office

Hours are:
Monday - Thursday * ■ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
 ■ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM *
* August hours*
Fridays ■ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Evenings & Saturdays ■ By Appointment Only
Sundays & Holidays ■ Office Is Closed

Please always call for an appointment during Rectory Office Hours. Thank you!
Welcome Back & Thank You!

This weekend please welcome back Father Francis Gargani, CSsR. Fr. Frances is a priest of the Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province.

Fr. Francis is the acting superior (Rector) of their provincial headquarters in Brooklyn, Our Lady of Good Counsel residence. Father helped us the past two summers. Fr. Jerry Knapp, CSsR and Fr. Matt Allman, CSsR... two other Redemptorists who have covered Masses for me in the summer are also returning to help. I am very grateful to these brother priests for coming here to cover the Masses for me.

A very big thank you to the 4 parishioners who will handle opening, setting up, & closing the Church on the weekends for me. Genine Malpasso & Carmen Medina will cover Saturdays... Rich Conte & Doris Palenque will be in charge of Sundays. By volunteering their time...they are saving our parish money & helping me get away on vacation!

Upcoming Events!

Saturday, September 9th -
Wine & Cheese get together in the Parish Center after the 4:00 pm Mass.

Sunday, October 15th -
Following the 10:00am Mass -
Special Dedication ceremony of the Main Hall in our Parish Center in honor of faithful and beloved parishioner and Trustee Mr. Brendan J. Dugan. I would not have even attempted the creation of our Parish Center without Brendan’s advice, guidance and encouragement!

We would also like to have a Paint Night Party in October! We will have details on all these events to come....

It's time to register your child!

Registration for our Religious Education Program (Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4) is going on NOW! PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD! REGISTER NOW!!

Registration forms are available in Church, at the Rectory, and on line. You may download the form from our website. We ask that you kindly complete the ENTIRE form! Parents must submit a copy of their child’s Baptismal certificate with the completed registration form. **We are unable to accept children into our program without a fully completed registration form & a copy of their Baptismal certificate.**

The cost per child next year is $90 to cover books and materials. Registration for two children in the same family is $160. Classes are set to begin on Sunday, September 17th. Please don’t wait until September... class size will be limited! REGISTER TODAY!

August Schedule

As always, the Rectory office will close at 3:00 pm. Monday - Thursday in August. Monday Mass will resume after Labor Day on September 11th.

This August, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday, Aug. 15, a Holy day of Obligation. *We will only have the 9:30 am Mass that day.*

Due to scheduling difficulties, we will NOT have an evening Mass that day. I ask that the very few who attend night Mass to please make other plans.

Thank you!

Have a great week,
Fr. Chris

**St. Mary Star of the Sea**

**Brooklyn**
R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the method by which adults become members of the Catholic Faith. The process is a two year journey of study, reflection and prayer. We will have classes almost every week over the next two years.

If you know of someone living in our parish who wishes to become Catholic, please ask them to contact the Rectory. **Please remember that you must register for this 2 year program by Tuesday, September 5th!**

WE HAVE SOARED WAY PAST OUR GOAL!

I thank all the parishioners who joined with us to make and surpass our goal! You will be acknowledged on the announcement board in the back of Church on August 19th!

All the donor names will also be printed in the Bulletin ....half the names in the bulletin of Aug. 20th & the other half the 27th. All the names will be reprinted in the September 3rd, Labor Day weekend, bulletin! Thank you very much!

Please take the letter in back of Church with information about St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. A great school for your children! Thank you!

The Transfiguration of the Lord

EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew’s Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until “the Son of Man has been raised from the dead” (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased,” and he assures us that the message is “altogether reliable”.

The collection for the weekend of July 29th/30th was: $2,419.00

$365.00 was back envelopes! Please help us stay close to our budget by bringing in your back envelopes or by offering your donations before going on vacation.

Thank you!
Non-Catholics are invited to join us in prayer. We kindly remind them not to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Catholics who are new to our Parish are asked to please introduce themselves to Fr. Chris after Mass. Registration may be done at the rectory during office hours or by dropping the parish membership form in the collection basket. “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.

REGISTER TODAY!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Name_________________________________
Address_________________________________
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Zip________________
Email_______________________________
Phone No.___________________________

Check One:
New Registration/Envelopes____
Change of Address/ Name correction____

What a way to honor your loved ones! Altar Candles, Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp Memorial Gifts are available to be purchased throughout the year.
Each intention will be memorialized for the entire week and announced in the bulletin for friends and family to pray for!
Saturday, August 5th
4:00PM ♥ Rose & Mario Mennela—Nieces
After Mass ♥ Reconciliation/Confession

Sunday, August 6th
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
10:00AM ♥ The Pattison Family—
Connie & Jack
♥ Catherine, Salvatore & Millie Mazzella—Annette
♥ Vincent Lombardo—
Sylvia ScottoDiClemente

Tuesday, August 8th, St. Dominic
9:30AM ♥ Salvatore ScottoDiCarlo—
Mr. & Mrs. B. Barone

Wednesday, August 9th, St. Teresa Benedicta
9:30AM ♥ Philip Giacalone—
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Russo

Thursday, August 10th, St. Lawrence
9:30AM ♥ For the Members of our Parish Family

The Bread and Wine is offered this week at mass in memory of Viincent Lombardo requested by Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Russo & family.

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Rose Passaro requested by Mr & Mrs. Charles Russo.

The altar candles burn at Mass this week in memory of All members of our purgatorial society.