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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Life Teen Mass—6:30pm

Spanish Mass—4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am

Saturdays: 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact us one month or more in advance.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

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Life Teen

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo

Nossa Senhora De Fatima

Santissima Trindade

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME !

You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Our Blessed Mother holds such importance in the history of salvation that the Church places her as an example to all at the beginning of the New Year. We honor Mary so much because she is the Mother of God! From all eternity she was destined to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. No human mind can fully understand or describe the many privileges and ineffable gifts with which she was enriched. She was conceived without original sin because of her future role. She was adorned with all the celestial graces. Mary was, on her part, humble and submissive to the will of God. The countless graces of God came to her from the moment she was born. And growing in age, she advanced in sanctity and perfection.

On this feast of Mary, is there anything that she can teach us? Mary not only can but does indeed teach us so many wonderful things. And all that we have to do is to listen to her.

Mary reminds us that we, too, have received from God so many graces and favors since the day of our Baptism. God has always shown us His goodness, love and mercy, and He asks of us the acceptance of a loving heart, in imitation of Mary who showed her loyalty by accepting all that came to her from God. Mary never ceased praising, loving and serving the Lord with admirable faithfulness. Do we try to imitate Mary in praising, loving and serving God in our daily Lives?

When Jesus from the cross gave us Mary as our Mother, He also gave us her purity, modesty, humility, patience and that spirit of complete and absolute dedication to God. He gave us the mirror of justice and the perfect model of Christian virtue. Mary is our tender and affectionate Mother who is always interceding for us before the throne of God, because we keep asking her to do especially that – “Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

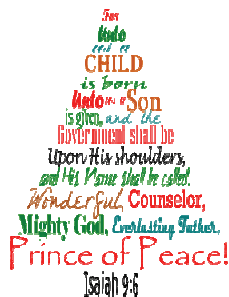
On this day, the beginning of a new year, let us decide to continue that same daily prayer to her, and perhaps also add the beautiful *Memorare* of Saint Bernard: “Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.”



WITH GRATITUDE

Due to the timing of our holiday bulletin print deadlines the following message was not able to be printed immediately after the Tree Lighting event. We would like to give our words of thanks to those who made our Tree Lighting Ceremony that took place on December 17 2016 a huge success.

Our Tree Blessing Ceremony was a beautiful and joyful celebration of song and narration of the Very First Christmas. It was a musical journey that took us from Holy Martyrs of Japan to Bethlehem to India, Spain, Ireland and even to the Carribean in honor of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. A heart felt thank you to Carol Belanger for organizing this most memorable event. To all those who generously baked goods that evening and to those who gave of their time to set up and take down afterwards, your offerings and charity were much appreciated by all. A very special thank you to those individuals, duets, trios and groups for blessing our parish community with their talents and gifts of song. It was truly a memorable event and tradition that will hopefully continue in the years to come.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday December 26, 2016

9:30am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday December 27, 2016

9:30am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

No Adoration

Thursday December 29, 2016

9:30am Daily Mass

Friday December 30, 2016

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00pm Daily Mass

Saturday December 31, 2016

9:30am Daily Mass

New Year's Eve - Saturday December 31, 2016

Holy Day of Obligation – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

5:00pm Anticipatory Mass

New Year's Day - Sunday January 1, 2017

Holy Day of Obligation – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 4:45pm *No Mass*, 6:30pm

Monday January 2, 2017

9:30 am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Saturday January 7, 2017

9:30am Daily Mass

Saturday January 7, 2017

Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

5:00pm Anticipatory Mass

Sunday January 8, 2017

Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Regular Mass Schedule Applies

Monday January 9, 2017

Baptism of Our Lord

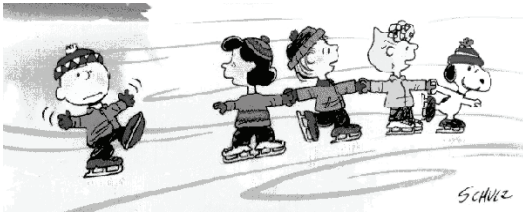
7:00pm Daily Mass

SENIOR OUT REACH MINISTRY

Deep down inside all of us is a great desire to love and be loved. As early as Genesis, God spoke that it is not good for man to be alone. Many times we may feel alone even if we are surrounded by other people.

“nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:39

As we move forward in our initiative with our pilot project outreach ministry and know anyone who would like a visit or if you yourself are in need of a visit to please contact the office.



Family Skate Event - FREE FOR ALL

Lace up your skates and come enjoy an hour of free skating on January 7, 2017 from 11:30am - 12:30pm at the BWG Leisure Center – Green Arena



Church Decoration Takedown

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that have adorned our altar this year. If you are free on Saturday January 14th, 2017 after the 9:30am Mass we would love your help! All are welcome. “Many hands make light work”-John Heywood



We invite our youth (grades 6-8) to join us on Mondays at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall for Edge Night! ALL ARE WELCOME! January 9 – Just Visiting January 16 - TBA



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Please come and pick them up. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call, so we can update our database. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.



HOLY FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL

The Knight of Columbus will have the icon of the Holy Family here at Holy Martyrs on Monday January 16th, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Mass will be offered in honor of the Holy Family on that day on behalf of ALL of our families in the parish with prayers of devotion before and after the Mass. You are all invited to participate in this most solemn event.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.” Colossians 3:23-2

If you have donated any of your time this year in service to our parish we would like for you to join us in a volunteer appreciation dinner on Thursday February 2, 2017 in the parish hall at 7:00pm. Please contact the parish to confirm your attendance.

CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday January 9, 2017 at 7:30pm. CWL Executive meeting to be held on Monday January 30, 2017 at 7:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 31st 9:30am

+ProPopulo

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Sunday January 1st

+ProPopulo

Monday January 2nd 9:30am

+Kyle Lee by Campbell Family

+Antonio Janeiro by Wife & Children

+Anibal Crisostomo by Wife Claudina

Tuesday January 3rd

+Anibal Crisostomo by David & Rosa Oliveira

Wednesday January 4th

+Andrew Haratym by A Friend

Thursday January 5th

*Spec. Int. by McEvenue Family

Friday January 6th

+Joao Herminia Botas by Daughter & Family

Saturday January 7th 9:30am

+All Souls

Saturday January 7th 5:00pm

+Antoniella & Pasquale Baccilieri by Family

+Stephen LaRoche by Franca Scalfani & Family

+Helvira Moutinho by Lourdes & Family

+Francisco Rodrigues & Jose Rodrigues by Wife & Mother

+Giuseppe & Franca Beninati by Tony & Franca Scalfani

+Carmine Ciciarelli by Brother & Sister

*Spec. Int. by McEvenue Family

+John Ferreira by Bernardete Ferreira

+Maria Sist by Family

Sunday January 8th

8:30am +ProPopulo

10:00am *Spec. Int. by Bill & Pat Jardine

11:30am +Antonio Alberto Rocha by Lurdes Rocha and Children

6:30pm + Antonio Abate by Maria Fallico

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

RUN WITH IT

Come join in the next “Run with It” series discussion of Faith and Current Events in Today’s Church on January 18, 2017 at 7:00pm with Deacon Dave.



Blood Donor Clinic

Wednesday January 18, 2017 from 3:00- 8:00 pm in Parish Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 3 – Blessing of the Throats

Feb 6 – Holy Martyrs of Japan Feast Day

Feb 11 – Anointing of the Sick

Mom’s Group Meeting will be held Saturday January 7, 2017 in the St. Therese de Lisieux (sm mtg rm) between 10am and 12pm.



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