

# ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

R O M A N C A T H O L I C C H U R C H



## **LEGACY PROJECT**

We are now at 96% of our goal of \$900,000. **THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE!** These pledges, however, only represent 14% of our 672 families who are registered. *We really need all parishioners to participate in this incredible project!* Keep in mind that while some people can make significant donations, not everyone can. We ask you to carefully and prayerfully consider *equal sacrifice* - not equal gifts and how you might be able to help us accomplish our goals; then act accordingly. Thank you and God bless you.

<b><u># of Pledges</u></b>	<b><u>Total Pledged</u></b>	<b><u>Total Paid</u></b>
(91)	\$410,840	\$244,607
+ money on hand:	<u>+450,000</u>	<u>+450,000</u>
<b>Total Amount =</b>	<b>\$860,840</b>	<b>\$694,607</b>

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Deacon Thomas Concitis †

Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP - 9/21/2017)

### **MASS SCHEDULE:** *(subject to change)*

**SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS:** 5:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY MASS:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. &  
12:00 NOON (LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS)

**MONDAY THRU SATURDAY:** 8:00 A.M.

**HOLY DAYS:** 5:30 P.M. ON EVE OF HOLY DAY;  
8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. ON HOLY DAY  
7:00 P.M. LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS:** THURSDAYS -7:30 P.M.

### **ADORATION HOURS:**

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 1:00 - 4:30 PM

THURSDAYS: 3:00 TO 7:30 P.M. (BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IS EXPOSED & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITED AT 3 PM)

FIRST FRIDAYS: 24-HOUR ADORATION

**BAPTISMS:** THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 1:30 P.M.

BAPTISM CLASSES **REQUIRED**. THESE ARE HELD THE  
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7-9 P.M.

CALL THE RECTORY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

**MARRIAGES:** ARRANGEMENTS BY APPOINTMENT

AT LEAST **SIX MONTHS** PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE.

**R.C.I.A CLASSES:** SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL –

MONDAY EVENINGS. FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M. IN  
FR. JOHNSON HALL

**C.C.D. CLASSES:** SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

**CONFESSIONS:** SATURDAYS 3:00-4:30 P.M.

**OFFICE HOURS:** MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 A.M.-12 P.M. / 1-5 P.M.

### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

ADORATION & DEVOTION – THE LIEBLANG FAMILY  
[www.StMarysAdoration.blogspot.com](http://www.StMarysAdoration.blogspot.com)

ALTAR GUILD

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – NINA MERLINO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS – MIKE BANNER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – JON CLAYPOOL

LECTORS – MIKE BANNER

LEGION OF MARY – JOANNE PETERS

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

PRO-LIFE – JACKY ROZA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LINDA GILBERT (DIRECTOR)

RETREATS – ANN ERWIN

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – MARY BANNER, IRENE CLAYPOOL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FELIPA CHADWICK

USHERS–JOE MUNGARI

WEDDING COORDINATOR – GINNY ARAGÓN

WELCOME MINISTRY – AL GRIEGO

### **Vision & Mission Statement**

***Our Vision:*** Be my Disciples. If not you, then who...

***Our Mission:*** St. Mary's by the Sea, a Catholic community of faith, hope, and love, journeying together in the spirit of stewardship, unity, and charity, embracing all in Christ under the mantle of "Our Lady."

## St. Mary's by the Sea Catholic Church

### Reflections of the Week

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

"[H]e thought the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Abraham trusted in God, although what God had promised seemed impossible. And yet, God fulfilled his promise to Abraham and Sarah and gave them a much-longed-for son, through whom the people would be as numerous as the stars of the sky.

Mary and Joseph fulfilled the law of God by bringing Jesus to the temple for the customary rites. They obeyed the law of the Lord, even though it could be argued that Jesus, being God, was exempt from the law.

We see in their example how faith in God is considered "an act of righteousness." We can follow in their footsteps and believe that the Lord is one whose promises are trustworthy.

*God's Word Has Been Fulfilled*

In this joyous Christmas time, it is fitting that we turn our attention from all the angels and shepherds and kings to take a look at the more intimate picture of the Holy Family in their ordinary life. They come with Jesus to consecrate him to the Lord, as is written in the law, and they come upon Simeon and Anna, prophets of the Lord, who have amazing things to say about this child and Mary, his mother. One can wonder what Mary must have thought when Simeon told her that "you yourself a sword will pierce." We interpret that in hindsight she would suffer greatly at the crucifixion of her beloved son. But what must she have thought at the possible literal interpretation of this prophecy? And yet she was, as always, obedient to God and accepting of God's word for her.

Simeon and Anna recognized in this infant the Messiah of God. Both were "righteous and devout" and prayed in the temple constantly. Simeon spoke at length to Mary and Joseph about this child, and Anna proclaimed to all the salvation of Israel in Jesus. Throughout the centuries, God had made use of many prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus, as Jesus explained to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after his death and resurrection. But people, being hard-hearted and somewhat clueless, did not recognize these prophecies as referring to the Messiah and later, to Jesus. Many in his time heeded the words of the prophets and believed, but many walked away. To those who believed, he gave the words of eternal life. They believed that "the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." These loving parents would protect and raise this miraculous child, and he "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

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*The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

*January 1, 2018*

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*This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018*

Regular Morning Mass: **8:00 am**

### Wise Men Still Seek Him

The ancient wise men undertook much trouble to visit the baby Jesus. We, on the other hand, do not have to travel nearly as far to see Him. However, we can equal their devotion by visiting Him in **24-Hour First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, which runs from **9am on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> to 8am on Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks to all who have committed themselves to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Without your commitment, St. Mary's by the Sea 24-Hour First Friday Adoration program would not be possible.

### Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Aurora Aragón	Glen Evans	Nathan Mora
Humberto Aragón	Jack Fodera	Jane Moran
Bette Barilla	Frank Gillet	Steven Myrter
Lil Bertolotti	Al Griego	Joanne Peters
Colleen Campbell	Virginia Harris	Jim Pisani
Earline Campbell	Paul Hayes	Debbie Ransom
Peggy Carrasco	Jane Hilton	Kirsten Reis
Rodrigo Castro	Diane Hoxsie	Arthur Richter
Samuel Chavez	Jacklyn Jones Family	Susan Rocio
Graham Crimmins	Shelly Jones	Elfriede Shipman
George Christa	Roger Kunsaitis	Flora Simpson
Mary Crosby	Angie Lewis	Dan Stenglein
Jim Crowley	Fr. Eamon Mackin	Linda Stickles
Dan Derieg	Jean Markham	Mary Tripoli
Bryan Donnelly	Doris McDonald	Mary Trout
Helen Donnelly	Patricia McKenzie	Andrea Wall
Charlie Erpenbeck	Nina Merlino	George Zin
Ann Erwin	Lucy Mira	

for the Deceased & those in the Armed Forces

### Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition

St. Mary's by the Sea opens the Church for **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Monday through Friday** from **1:00 to 4:30 pm**. On **Thursdays**, the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited at **3 pm** and we will have **Eucharistic Exposition** (where the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in the monstrance for adoration by the faithful) from **3:00 to 7:30 pm**, closing with **Benediction** (praying the rosary and receiving a blessing with the Host) at **7:30 pm**.

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### Parish Faith Formation

#### -ADVENT PREPARATION-

☞ Access **“FORMED”**

\*\*\*\*\**(Only 13 days left)*\*\*\*\*\*

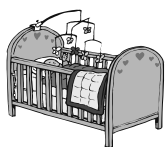
*All the best Catholic content in one place!* **“FORMED”** is a revolutionary online platform you can access through a free trial offered by our diocese for the season of Advent/Christmas - **now through January 12, 2018**. You can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching a 5-minute video, enjoy a movie with your family, enrich your marriage, and help your children grow in character.

#### \*TO SIGN IN:

- > Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
- > Click on **LOG IN**
- > Email: **Orange@formed.org**
- > Password: **formed17**


*\*Note: Please let the Office know how you like using the site and if this is something you would want to continue using throughout the year. If we receive enough positive responses, we will consider purchasing a subscription for the entire parish to use year round.*

### Christmas Crib



This is the last Sunday we will be accepting baby gifts for our local crisis pregnancy center. Please consider a Christmas gift for these precious babies.

Items will be used in various programs to help young mothers who have chosen life for their babies. The crib is set-up in Fr. Johnson Hall for this collection. If you prefer, a monetary donation in an envelope marked “Christmas Crib” would also be helpful.

Join us........  
after Sunday Mass



### *Sincerest Thank You!*

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary’s by the Sea wish to thank the many generous parishioners of this parish who purchased Poinsettia’s. Many of them were donated to St. Mary’s and were used to adorn the Christmas Altar. *Beautiful!!!* All Gods Blessings on you and your families.

### Our Family Feast

On Christmas, Mary and Joseph became a family in the full sense of the term and like many of you, the arrival of this child changed them profoundly. We see Mary's courage in riding a very uncomfortable donkey to Bethlehem while nine months pregnant and Joseph's patient, futile attempt to find lodging, and finally their faith-filled, humble acceptance of an unsanitary barn in which to give birth to their child. At this point they become parents, which changed them more than even the remarkable events of Mary's pregnancy and produced in them the virtues and parental instincts that they would need to protect Jesus from harm and raise him as God would want. And it is a good thing that this change kicked in right away because they soon faced crises far more difficult than the usual grind of sleepless nights and dirty diapers — and far harder to understand.

Some of these events were pleasant but strange: poor shepherds visit at midnight, babble on about angels and then drop to their knees to worship the infant — how strange. Rich foreigners arrive after a long journey, talk about a star and offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh — what to make of this? But other crises they soon faced were not only strange but also life-threatening and eerily resembled what had happened 1,200 years earlier to Moses. A murderous king killed baby boys in an attempt to eliminate Jesus, the new Moses, but like Pharaoh let the girls live.

Warned in a dream, just like another Joseph 1,700 years earlier, Jesus' father fled with his family to the safety of Egypt, where they lived as refugees. And when the time was right, they left Egypt in a new exodus and made their home in Nazareth. Joseph and Mary's trust in God's providence enabled them to know what to do in their times of crisis. This worldly family turning into a holy family as they learn to walk by faith is a great miracle. Some of us feel so responsible and want to control everything, want everything to be "just so." But if that is where we place our trust, we're in for a rude awakening — that's how the worldly live, and besides, you can't know what the future will hold.

Mary and Joseph show us a better way: do the best you can and then trust God to do the rest — recognize that he's the one in control, not us. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are not the only holy family. They are the holiest family ever, but they are not the only family to walk by faith, trusting God and eager to do his will in all things. This is how you and I are called live as well. So does this describe your family ... is your family truly a holy family too? Today's feast of the Holy Family should be our family feast as well!

-Bishop Anthony B. Taylor  
(Adapted)

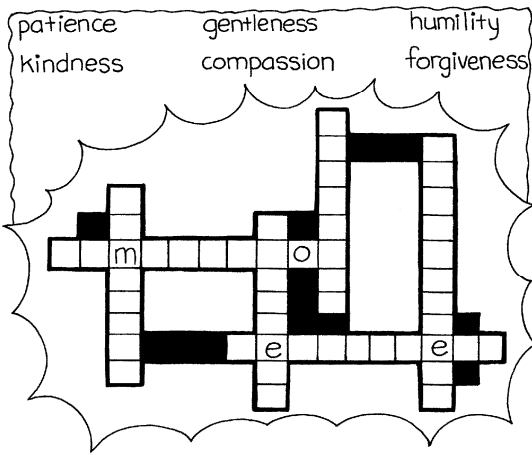
## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

As children of God, we want people to see certain traits in us. Some of the qualities we should strive to practice are listed here.

Work to fit them in the crossword.

Some letters have been written in to help you.



### Stewardship Corner

#### Happy New Year, Loyal Stewards!!!

➤ At our **next committee meeting**, we'd like to have your **thoughts, ideas and comments** about the yearly events that WE host here at SMBTS. ➤ What's needed are some fresh ideas and **we welcome new members to our committee to get those ideas**, now! Just because we've done something last year, or did it one way, doesn't mean we have to do it again, or that way again... or if it worked well, we should? Your thoughts are important to us on planning fundraising events, so **please** plan to attend this very important meeting! *Do you think potluck meals are a good idea before our meeting?* Let us know! *Is there a better time for meetings?* Suggest it! We need more members to attend regularly and the ones who do, are greatly appreciated, especially the loyal stewards who help with **every event!!** But how do we grow this amazing ministry? **Come share your ideas!**

And, as always, we pray: *May God bless us in all we do in HIS Name. AMEN* ✨

#### What is a Christian steward?

*"One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."*

(American Bishops Pastoral Letter).

## December 31, 2017

### *This Week at St. Mary's by the Sea*

5:00 pm *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*

#### *Sunday, December 31, 2017*

7:30 am *Mass for Gabriel & Theu Pham (L)*

9:00 am *Mass for the Souls in Purgatory (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for Michael Meis (L)*

12:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Dennis Driscoll (RIP)*

12:15 pm **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**

#### *New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2018*

**The Office is Closed**

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Deacon Glenn Erwin (RIP)*

#### *Tuesday, January 2*

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Maria Hoang Nhan (RIP)*

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

#### *Wednesday, January 3*

8:00 am *Mass for Ann Erwin (L)*

9:15 am **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**

1:00-4:30 pm Weekly Adoration

6:30 pm **Lectionary Scripture Study Group in Hall**

#### *Thursday, January 4*

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Joe Barilla (RIP)*

1:00 pm Weekly Adoration

3:00-7:30 pm **Blessed Sacrament Exposed**

7:30 pm **Benediction**

#### *Friday, January 5*

8:00 am *Mass for Jillian Torrence (L)*

9:00 am **1<sup>st</sup> Friday 24-hr. Adoration** (*runs until the 8am Mass begins on Saturday, 1/6*)

9:00 am Cenacles of Life (in the Church)

#### *Saturday, January 6*

8:00 am *Mass for the soul of Skip Shutt (RIP)*

3:00-4:30 pm **Confessions**

5:00 pm *Mass for the souls of Alex Yaslik & Stanley & Josephine Grosso (RIP)*

#### *Sunday, January 7*

7:30 am *Mass for the People of the Parish (L)*

9:00 am *Mass for the soul of Miguel R. Aragón (RIP)*

10:30 am *Mass for Rosemary & Jeff Kunze (L)*

12:00 pm *Mass for the soul of Bill Kirkwood (RIP)*

12:15 pm **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**