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WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please introduce yourself to Fr. John or Linda and register
at St. Mary of the Assumption or Our Lady of Grace!

We want to get to know you and hope you become part of our community.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm at St. Mary's
or by appointment.

Faith Formation

Call Donna DiGregorio at 781-284-5252

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Lady's: 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm.
St. Mary's: 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.
Prep for Parents and Godparents is the previous
Saturday at noon. Register three weeks in advance.

Care of the Sick

Please let us know of parishioners who are sick or
in the hospital, that we may pray for, and when
possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to cele-
brate Mass with us in church is urged to let us
know, that we might bring them Communion at
home. Please call us!

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage must contact Fr.
John at least **six months** in advance. Participation
in a marriage prep program is mandatory.

Epiphany

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 1	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>
4 PM SMA	A Special Intention
Sunday, Jan. 2	<i>Epiphany</i>
8 AM OLG	GINNY NOONAN
9:30 AM SMA	A Special Intention
11 AM OLG	Barbara Graf
12:30 PM OLG	
Monday, Jan. 3	
9 AM SMA	Frances R. Cristello (2nd Ann.) by Camille
Thursday, Jan. 6	
9 AM SMA	Kenneth LaCroix by loving family
Friday, Jan. 7	
9 AM SMA	A Special Intention
Saturday, Jan 8	
9 AM SMA	A Special Intention
4 PM SMA	A Special Intention
Sunday, Jan. 9	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
8 AM OLG	GINNY NOONAN
9:30 AM SMA	Family A Special Intention
11 AM OLG	Gerald McDonald
12:30 PM OLG	

Comings and Goings...

Fr. Michael Magree is on research leave
'til May.

If you wish to send Fr. Denis Sweeney a note:
3112 Seventh St. NE, Washington, DC. 20017

Thanks to **Hub Glass**, for their work
of protecting the OLG windows.

Thanks to the **Aulson Company**, for their work
in making sure the OLG stairs are safe.

We are now offering opportunities
for memorials at both **Trees of Life** in our
churches to remember our departed—
call the offices for more info.

Save the Date – February 6, 2022

BMMS Multicultural Festival

*Calling all cooks, bakers, artists, dancers,
and musicians! We'll celebrate the unique identi-
ties of our parish families with a Multicultural
Festival. We need YOUR help to make this event
a success. Be on the lookout for registration
forms! For info, please email:*

BMMSMulticulturalFestival@gmail.com

2022 Dates of Note

International Day, Sunday, Feb. 6
Ash Wednesday, March 2
First Confessions, Saturday, March 5
Spring Fling, Sunday, April 3
Palm Sunday, April 10
Easter Sunday, April 17
First Communion, Saturday, May 7
May Procession Sunday, May 8
Ascension Thursday, May 13
Assumption, Monday, Aug. 15
All Saints, Tuesday, Nov. 1
Radio City Trip, TBA
Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 12
Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 24
First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, Nov. 27
Immaculate Conception, Thursday, Dec. 8
Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 25

SMA Memorial Society

John McGrath, Josephine Curcio,
David Lania, Fannie & John Cammarata,
Alice Fucci, Judy Cammarata,
Nicholas Di Mauro, Adolfo & Adelina Cillo,
Jack Caprio, Michael & Inez DeFronzo,
Ronald Piasecki, Carmella Bocelli,
Giulio Cecere,
Frank J. & Frances R. Cristello.

**Please remember to write checks
out to *Blessed Mother*
or *Morning Star!***

**Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish
Office Hours**

Revere: Mon, Wed & Thurs: 9 am– 1 pm
Chelsea: Mon, Tue, Th, Fri: 8:30 am– 1:30 pm
Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor
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Paula Demetrio-Peipman, Music
Takumi Kakimoto, Accompanist
Kam Sylvestre, Haitian Community Coord.
Barbara Ostler, Administrative Support
Lee Meoli, Administrative Support
Rose Vo, Support, OLG
Larry Lacroix, Support, SMA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Have you or has someone you know...

**Expressed a desire to become a Catholic?
Were you baptized Catholic as a child,
but haven't received the Sacraments
of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?**

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experiences of the Church and prepare folks to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights, and your own faith story in a warm and accepting setting.

For info, please contact Linda DeCristoforo, our Pastoral Associate at 781-284-5252, ext. 23
Or ldecristoforo@morningstarcatholic.org.
All inquiries are welcomed!

**If you give \$5 a week, can you give \$10?
If you give \$10, can you give \$15?
If you give \$20, can you give \$25?
Every donation makes a difference!**

**Collection Report
Christmas– Clergy Health Trust
\$2,723**

4 pm @ OLG: 131 5:30 pm @ SMA: 85
7 pm @ OLG: 64 8 am @ OLG: 37
9:30 am @ SMA: 62 11 am @ OLG: 45
Total: 424

Inspiring Hope
OLG: \$23,517 SMA: \$19,751
Regina Cleri: \$14,816

Give online! Call us or send a note to:
lmcelwaney@morningstarcatholic.org

**On New Year's Day,
our Haitian Community Choir
sang at a special Mass
at the Cathedral with Cardinal Sean!
Pictures on our Facebook page!**

2 twenties, 1 ten, 1 five & 2 ones.
What can 57 dollars do?
*It can feed a child
in our sister parish for 10 months.*

As our sister parish, St. Joseph in L'Asile, Haiti gets back up on its feet after devastation from earthquakes, hurricanes and social and political unrest, we turn our attention to the children, making sure they get fed. *For \$57, we can assure a child is fed every school day.*

Please consider giving \$57, or \$114, or... you get the idea, and help us ensure that our nieces and nephews, if you will, get the food they need. Please write out your check to *Blessed Mother* or *Morning Star* Parish, and note *Haiti relief*, and we'll get it where it needs to. Thank you in advance and God bless you for your generosity!

St. Joseph, L'Asile

Blessed Mother of the Morning Star

One in faith, hope and love.

Youn nan lafwa, espwa ak lanmou.

As of Dec. 6, we have received **\$70,306**

for our sister parish in L'Asile, Haiti!

\$46,000 has already been sent to L'Asile.

Please write out your check to

Blessed Mother Parish or **Morning Star Parish**

and note **Haiti Relief Fund** on the memo line.

Thank you. Merci.

An Important and Holy Ministry

Many of our faithful parishioners, due to the pandemic, have not received Holy Communion in over a year and now, because of age or health, they're unable to return to Mass. Some of them have asked to receive the Eucharist at home.

We need people to take Holy Communion to them. The commitment is once a month and you'll be fully trained. You don't have to be a Eucharistic Minister to be a part of this invaluable work.

If you feel that God is calling you to this wonderful ministry of serving the homebound, please contact me at

ldecristoforo@morningstarcatholic.org

or call 781-284-5252, ext. 23.

Thank You, Linda DeCristoforo

**Oh beautiful, for heroes proved,
in liberating strife...**

*We pray for those who serve our nation
and protect us every day.*

**Nicholas Beauchamp, Adam DeLlascio,
Dennis Geary, Michael McGrath, Nikk Pierce,
Nathaniel Pazos, Fr. Robert Monagle**

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Gerry Foster, Elizabeth Raneli, Philip Russo,
Barbara Heinle, Fr. Denis Sweeney, CSSR,
Pat Bocelli, Albert Palladino**

Epiphany

In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children not on Christmas, but on Epiphany. Children in many parts of Latin America, the Philippines, Portugal, and Spain also receive their presents on "Three Kings Day."

Meanwhile, in Ireland, Catholics celebrate "Women's Christmas" – where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal. Epiphany in Poland is marked by taking chalk – along with gold, incense and amber – to be blessed at Mass. Back at home, families will inscribe the first part of the year, followed by the letters, "K+M+B+" and then the last numbers of the year on top of every door in the house.

The letters stand for the names traditionally given to the wise men – Casper, Melchior and Balthazar – as well as for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," or, "Christ, bless this house."

In nearly every part of the world, Catholics celebrate Epiphany with a King's Cake: a sweet cake that sometimes contains an object like a figurine or a lone nut. In some locations lucky recipient of this prize either gets special treatment for the day, or they must then hold a party at the close of the traditional Epiphany season on Feb. 2.

These celebrations point to the family-centered nature of the feast day and of its original celebration with the Holy Family. The traditions also point to what is known – and what is still mysterious – about the Magi, who were the first gentiles to encounter Christ.

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