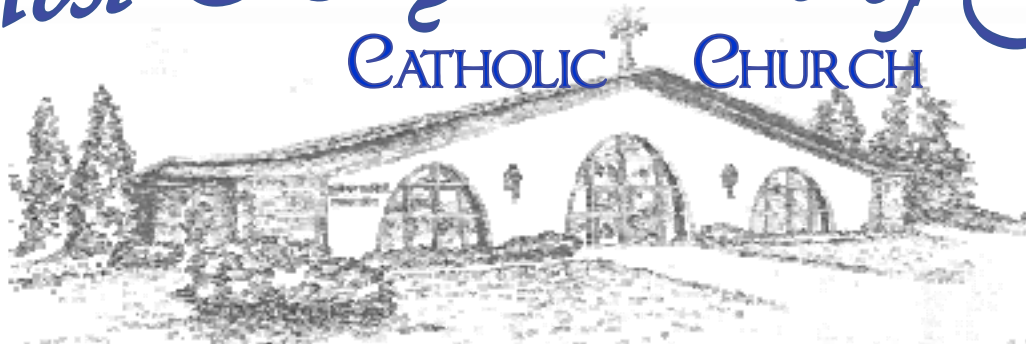


Most Holy Name of Jesus

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Most Holy Name of Jesus parish, nourished by Word & Sacrament, is a Catholic family growing in faith, hope & love, and called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in both word & deed. Our vision is that every member be renewed in Christ.

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Parish Office Hrs: Mon 9-5, Tue-Thurs 9-3, Fri 9-12 & closed daily from 12-1

A Christmas Prayer

Let Your goodness Lord appear to us,
that we made in your image,
conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength we cannot imitate
Your majesty, power, and wonder
nor is it fitting for us to try.

But Your mercy reaches
from the heavens through the clouds
to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child,
but You have brought us
the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love.
Caress us with Your tiny hands, embrace
us with Your tiny arms
and pierce our hearts with
Your soft, sweet cries.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord December 25th, 2011



Pastor: Rev. James Ruhlin

Deacons: Dcn. Glenn Pickart & Dcn. John Buckley

Parish Secretary: Leah Bonsey

Receptionist: Rachel Dutilly

Office Manager: Geri Bowie

Director of Religious Education: Fran Marinari

Youth Minister: Brianna Sims

Director of Maintenance: Alan Schramek

Music Director: Elisa Hughes

Bus Driver: Joe Feracca 727-384-1366

St. Vincent de Paul: (Food & Utilities Assistance) 727-343-3949



Mass Stipends

Sunday: \$20

Daily: \$10



**The Parish Office
will be closed on
Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd.**

**We wish everyone
a joyful Christmas
& Happy New Year!**

~ MHNJ Staff

**All Liturgies will be in the Church
for the Christmas Octave
(Dec. 25th - Jan. 1st)**

This Week's Snapshot

Saturday, Dec. 24

Sunday, Dec. 25; Christmas, Nativity of the Lord

Monday, Dec. 26

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27

7pm; WAY Youth Ministry Christmas Party;
GEC-YR

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Thursday, Dec. 29

8:45am; Legion of Mary; GEC-FRA
7pm; Hispanic Family Life; GEC-CR

Friday, Dec. 30

Saturday, Dec. 31

Sunday, Jan. 1; Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 2

Parish Office Closed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21;
Lk 2:22-40
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Sunday Obligation Mass: 4:30pm Vigil, 8am, 9:30am & 11:30am *Español*

Daily Mass: 8am Mon. - Fri., 6pm Fri. & 9am Sat. **Holy Day Mass:** 6pm Vigil, 8am, Noon & 7pm *Español*

Reconciliation: Fri. 5pm & Sat. 3pm, or upon request. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 8:30am -8pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request. **Marriage:** By appointment (contact a priest/deacon 6 months prior.)

Baptism: By appointment (contact the DRE 2 months prior.) Mandatory class for parents & godparents.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

If you desire to learn about the Catholic Church or wish to become a Catholic, call our DRE.

Christ is born! Our Savior is Here!



A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." He replied, "She did, but where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

As we begin the Christmas Season, which ends with the Feast of the Epiphany (*celebrated on Sunday, January 8*), we should keep in mind that the true and greatest gift is the gift of Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is by giving the gift of our love to others that we can truly begin to experience the generous love of God. Too often our focus is on the gifts that we receive. We fall into the trap of thinking that once we have opened all of our presents then Christmas is over until next year. Christmas is all about the celebration of Jesus' birth into the world. We are called to live out the Christmas spirit each and every day of our lives by giving birth to Christ through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Christmas is about letting Christ become the center of our lives.

Little children often will simplify the definition of Christmas to the following statement: Christmas is Jesus' birthday. There is a great beauty in this simple summary of the mystery of the Nativity. Since today we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, the question that we need to ask ourselves is: What gift(s) did I get for Jesus? After all, should not the person of honor get the nicest gift on His birthday?

As we start our journey through this Christmas season, let us always be mindful of the gift that God has given us: the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us place Christ at the center of our lives and our families, like Mary and Joseph did, so that the gifts of love that we give are not "fake" but are rooted in the real love of God found in Jesus himself.

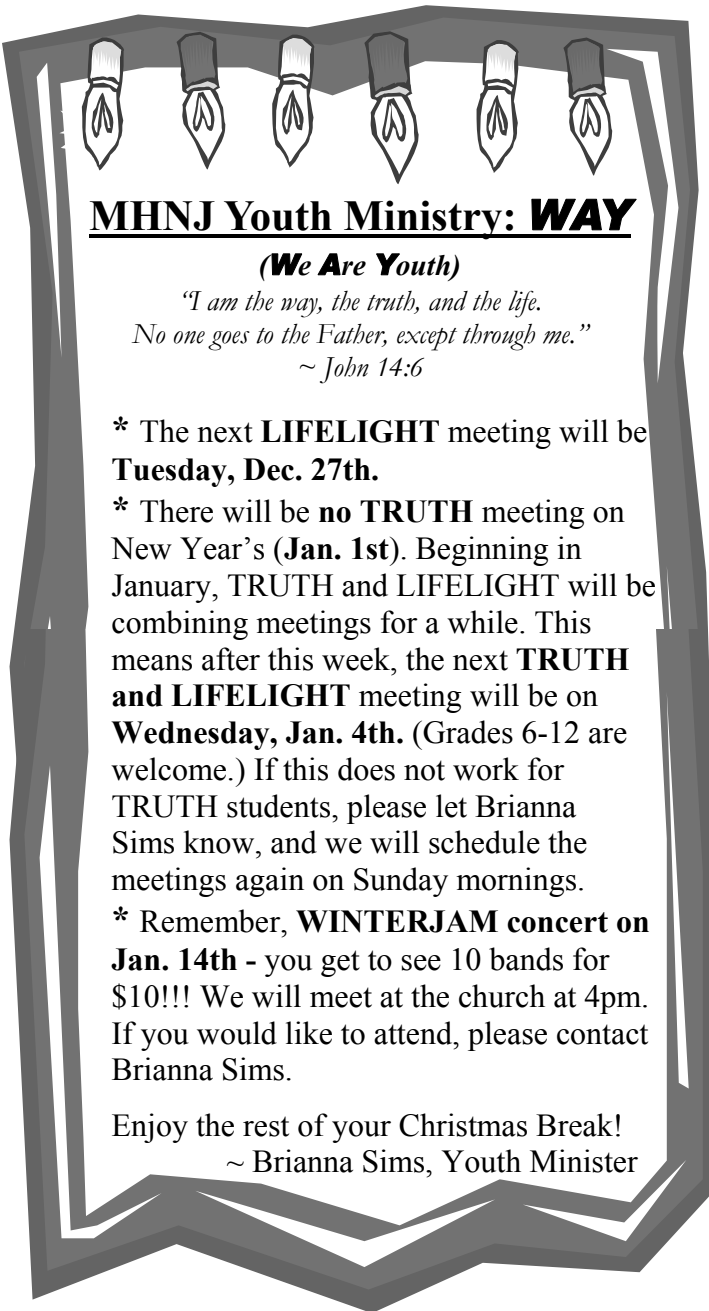
On behalf of the staff here at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, I'd like to wish each and every family a very Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

God bless,
Fr. Ruhlin

Remembering Our Loved Ones

The altar flowers are offered If you would like to remember loved ones with altar flowers, altar bread & wine, vigil candles or sanctuary candles, contact the Parish Office.





MHNJ Youth Ministry: *WAY*
(We Are Youth)
*"I am the way, the truth, and the life.
 No one goes to the Father, except through me."
 ~ John 14:6*

- * The next **LIFELIGHT** meeting will be **Tuesday, Dec. 27th.**
- * There will be **no TRUTH** meeting on New Year's (**Jan. 1st**). Beginning in January, TRUTH and LIFELIGHT will be combining meetings for a while. This means after this week, the next **TRUTH and LIFELIGHT** meeting will be on **Wednesday, Jan. 4th.** (Grades 6-12 are welcome.) If this does not work for TRUTH students, please let Brianna Sims know, and we will schedule the meetings again on Sunday mornings.
- * Remember, **WINTERJAM concert on Jan. 14th** - you get to see 10 bands for \$10!!! We will meet at the church at 4pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Brianna Sims.

Enjoy the rest of your Christmas Break!
 ~ Brianna Sims, Youth Minister

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Catholics Come Home



Assessment: \$1,938

Your Donations: \$1,150

If you would like to help us by contributing to this program, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Catholics Come Home" in the offertory or our Parish Office. For more information about the program visit the website:
www.Catholicscomehome.org

APA 2011

**MHNJ's remaining balance is \$18,990.
This total must be paid in full by Dec. 31, 2011. Any difference will be reflected in the upcoming parish budget.**

If you have not yet made a pledge or one time donation, please prayerfully consider a contribution on behalf of our parish. You can make a one time gift or a gift that can be paid between now and the end of December, 2011.

No gift is too small. Every gift Makes a Difference.

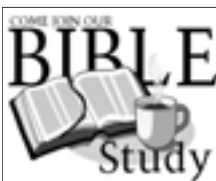
Wills, Estates & Trusts

If you are interested in information regarding wills, estates, trusts and how to name MHNJ as a beneficiary, below we have provided you with the proper format and instructions.

Administrative coordination of ALL wills, estates, and trusts are handled through the Diocesan Finance Office in consultation with the Diocesan Attorney. In all estates and trusts where Most Holy Name of Jesus, as part of the Diocese of St. Petersburg is named beneficiary, the beneficiary document should read as follows:

**Robert N. Lynch, Bishop of
the Diocese of St. Petersburg,
or his successors in office,
a corporation sole,
for the benefit of
Most Holy Name of Jesus Church,
Gulfport, Florida.**

The above language ensures your bequest passes properly and directly to Most Holy Name of Jesus.



**Mon. 9-10:30am
 &
 Tue. 7-8:30pm**
 In the GEC, Conference Room.
 Light Refreshments.

Session 2: The Book of Revelation
January 23 & 24 thru April

We will study the Book of Revelation through readings in the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Workbook and DVD each week. Discussion groups. Cost \$25. There are no prerequisites for these Bible studies. All are welcome in this group!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from the Youth & Teachers in
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry



COVER CLUB

My how time flies!! Cover Club ends this month. If you have a membership in the Cover Club and you are paid in full – wonderful – BUT to those of you who still owe take note. All memberships must be paid in full by Jan. 31, 2012 in order to be eligible to receive a dinner invitation and the opportunity to win one of the three prizes. If you wish to know your membership status, please call Geri at 347-9989 Ext. 301.



NO BINGO Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd

Have a wonderful Christmas & New Year! See you on Jan. 9th

We are in desperate need of altar servers.

Young or old, all can serve the Lord in this wonderful ministry.
Please call the Parish Office (347-9989) if you are interested.



St. Mary & St. Anne Society

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! See you on Jan. 3rd.

"Do whatever my son tells you." John 2:5. As Catholic women of Most Holy Name of Jesus, we, The Society of St. Mary & St. Anne, inspired by the words of Mary, endeavor to follow the teaching of Jesus, in order to grow in faith and holiness and be of service to others; by recognizing and using our talents and abilities.

The Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

with Bishop Robert Lynch honoring couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate 25, 50 or more years of marriage during 2012 will take place at St. Jude Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 12th at 3pm. A reception with light hors d'oeuvres will follow. You must pre-register by contacting the Parish Office no later than **Monday Jan. 17th.**



Going to the Hospital & Need the Sacraments?



If you or a loved one is in the hospital or scheduled for a hospital visit, and would like to have pastoral visits, the Eucharist, or anointing of the sick, notify the Parish Office at 347-9989. HIPPA privacy rules prevent the hospital from telling us of your admission, so unless you contact us, we won't know that you are in the hospital and in need of the sacraments. Please let us know of your hospital visits so that we can better minister to you.

2012 is just around the corner and we are working on tax preparations. If you would like to receive a letter stating your charitable donations to MHNJ for 2011, please contact the Parish Office. (call: 347-9989, email: secretary@mostholyname.org , or fill out the following and drop it off in the offertory baskets at Mass.)

I would like to receive a letter with my Charitable donations to MHNJ in 2011.

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

¡CRISTO HA NACIDO!



Un hombre le compró a su esposa un lindo anillo de diamante por la Navidad. Al saber sobre este regalo tan extravagante, un amigo le dijo: “Yo pensé que ello quería uno de esos vehículos deportivo de doble tracción”. El esposo contestó: “Sí, ¿pero donde iba a encontrar un Jeep falso?”.

Al comenzar la temporada de la Navidad, que termina con la Fiesta de la Epifanía (que se celebrará el 8 de enero), debemos recordar que el regalo más grande y verdadero es el regalo de Jesucristo. “¡Así amó Dios al mundo! Le dio al Hijo Único, para que quien cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna”. (John 3, 16). Dando el regalo de amar a otros es que comenzamos a experimentar el amor generoso de Dios. Muchas veces nos enfocamos en los regalos que recibimos. Caemos en la trampa de pensar que una vez que abramos todos los regalos, se acaba la Navidad hasta el año entrante. La Navidad es sobre la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús al mundo. Estamos llamados a vivir el espíritu de la Navidad cada día de nuestras vidas, permitiendo que Cristo nazca en nuestros pensamientos, palabras y obras. La Navidad es dejar que Cristo sea el centro de nuestras vidas.

Frecuentemente, los niños chiquitos simplifican la definición de la Navidad diciendo: La Navidad es el cumpleaños de Jesús. Hay una gran belleza en este simple sumario del misterio de la Natividad. Como hoy celebramos el cumpleaños de Jesús, necesitamos preguntarnos: ¿Qué le regalé yo a Jesús? Después de todo, ¿no debe la persona agasajada recibir el mejor regalo en su cumpleaños?

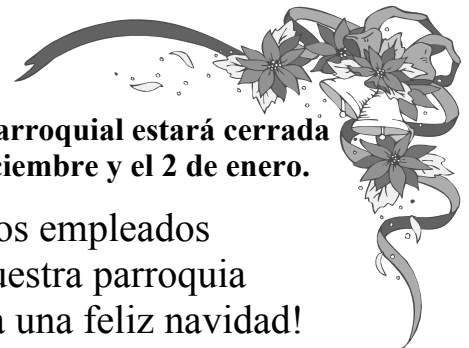
Al comenzar nuestro caminar por la temporada de la Navidad, debemos tener en cuenta del regalo que Dios nos ha dado: el regalo de su Hijo, Jesucristo. Coloquemos a Cristo en el centro de nuestras vidas y de nuestras familias, como hicieron María y José, para que el amor que demos no sea “falso” sino que esté enraizado en el verdadero amor de Dios que encontramos en el mismo Jesús.

A nombre de los empleados de nuestra parroquia del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús, quiero desearles a todas y cada una de las familias una feliz Navidad y un feliz Año Nuevo.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre Ruhling

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada
el 28 de diciembre y el 2 de enero.

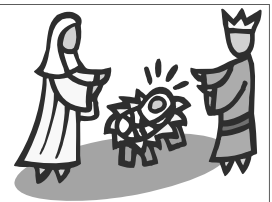
¡Los empleados
de nuestra parroquia
les desea una feliz navidad!



Grupo Juvenil WAY (We Are Youth)

- * La próxima reunión de **LIFELIGHT** será el martes, 27 de diciembre.
 - * No tendremos reunión de **TRUTH** el 1° de enero. Comenzando en enero, las reuniones de **TRUTH** y **LIFELIGHT** se van a combinar por un tiempo. Esto significa que después de esta semana, la próxima reunión de **TRUTH** y **LIFELIGHT** será el miércoles, 4 de enero. (los grados 6 al 12 son bienvenidos). Si esto no es conveniente para los estudiantes de **TRUTH**, por favor dígame a Brianna Sims y volveremos a reunirnos los domingos por la mañana.
 - * Recuerden que el concierto **WINTERJAM** será el 14 de enero – ¡¡¡podrán ver 10 bandas por \$10!!! Si quieres participar, deja saber a Brianna Sims. Nos encontraremos en la iglesia a las 4 pm.
- Disfruten de sus vacaciones de Navidad

Brianna Sims, Ministro de la Juventud



¡¡NECESITAMOS ACÓLITOS!!

Jóvenes y adultos, todos pueden servir al Señor en este lindo ministerio. Si está interesado, puede llamar a la oficina parroquial (347-9989).



FELIZ NAVIDAD & UN FELIZ AÑO NUEVO

De los jóvenes y maestros
De las clases de Formación en la Fe
y el Grupo Juvenil





Ayúdenos a distribuir el mensaje de amor y sanación por medio de mensajes en muchos idiomas por la televisión y página web interactivo (16 de diciembre al 22 de enero). Nuestra asignación es de \$1,938. Hemos recaudado \$1,150. Si quisiera ayudar contribuyendo a este programa, por favor ponga su donación en un sobre que diga "Catholics Come Home" en las ofrendas o entregándolo en la oficina parroquial.

APA 2011

Necesitamos **\$18,990** para cumplir con nuestra asignación que necesitamos pagar antes del 31 de diciembre. Si no se ha comprometido, ore y considere una donación. **Ninguna cantidad es muy pequeña. Cualquier cantidad ayuda.**

Aviso Del Cover Club

¡Como pasa el tiempo! El Cover Club termina este mes. Si es parte del Cover Club y ya pagó su parte – maravilloso – PE-RO si no ha terminado de pagar, \note que hay que pagar antes del 31 de enero del 2012 para ser elegible para ser invitado a una cena y tener la oportunidad de ganar tres premios.

**Durante la Octava de la Navidad
Todas las liturgias serán en la iglesia
(25 de diciembre al 1° de enero)**

El Libro de las Misas para el 2012 ya está disponible: Misa dominical \$20 Misa diaria \$15