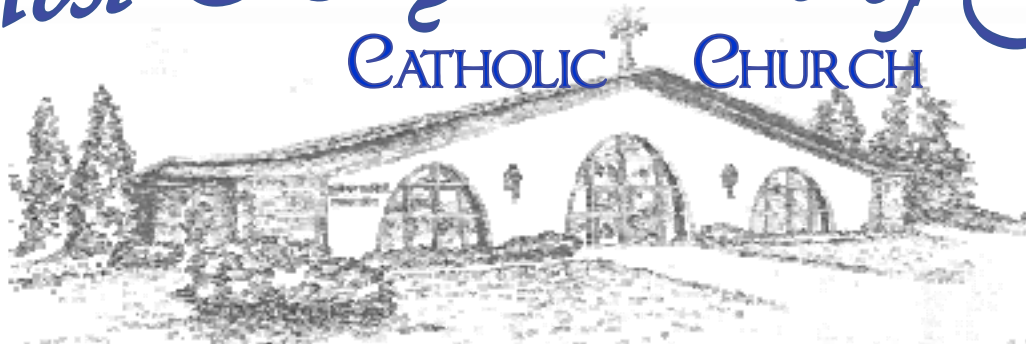


Most Holy Name of Jesus

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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The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

January 1st, 2012

Happy New Years!



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

Daily Mass: 8am Mon. - Fri., 6pm Fri. & 9am Sat.

Pastor: Rev. James Ruhlin

Deacons: Dcn. Glenn Pickart & Dcn. John Buckley

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Receptionist: Rachel Dutilly

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Mass Stipends

**Sunday: \$20
Daily: \$10**



This Week's Snapshot

**Sunday, Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Day**

**Monday, Jan. 2
*Parish Office Closed***

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Wednesday, Jan. 4
5:30pm; Choir; C
7pm; LIFELIGHT (HS Youth Ministry); GEC-YR

Thursday, Jan. 5
8:45am; Legion of Mary; GEC-FRA

Friday, Jan. 6
7:30pm; Spanish Choir; MC-UMC

Saturday, Jan. 7

Sunday, Jan. 8
10:30am; Faith Formation & RCIA; GEC
10:30am; Hispanic Adult FF; GEC-CR
10:30am; TRUTH (MS Youth Ministry); GEC-YR

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

From the Pastor's Desk

There's no better way to start the New Year than to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Of all of the titles we have for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God is her favorite. This great title for Mary is a summary of her life, her mission, and her vocation. Mary always points and leads us to her son, Jesus. Mary is always ready to intercede for us as our mother in heaven. The Blessed Virgin plays a major role in Salvation History because she is the Mother of God.

Luke's Gospel mentions Mary most often, identifying her by name twelve times, all of these in the infancy narrative (1:27, 30, 34, 38, 39, 41, 46, 56 and 2:5, 16, 19, 34).

Matthew's Gospel mentions Mary by name five times, four of these in the infancy narrative (1:16, 18, 20 and 2:11) and only once outside the infancy narrative (13:55).

Mark's Gospel mentions Mary once by her name (6:3) and once as "Jesus' mother" (3:31).

John's Gospel refers to her twice but never mentions her by name. Described as Jesus' mother, she makes two appearances: first at the Wedding Feast of Cana (2:1-12) and second at the foot of the Cross (19:25-26).

Let us ask Mary, under the title of Mother of God, to intercede for us throughout this New Year and to shower our families with the grace and love of her son, Jesus Christ. On behalf of the staff at Most Holy Name of Jesus, I'd like to wish each and every family a very blessed and Happy New Year.

Next week, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Some families are used to the custom of blessing their homes on this feast day dedicated to the Three Wise Men. If you and your family are interested in blessing your home on this occasion, then please follow the prayer service and house blessing found on this week's bulletin insert entitled, "Epiphany House Blessing."


God bless,
Fr. Ruhlin

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
Gate of heaven, star of the sea,
Assist your people
who have fallen
yet strive to rise again,
To the wonderment of nature
you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before,
You who received
Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us, poor sinners.

Ancient Liturgy of the Hours Prayer





NO BINGO
Jan. 2nd
 Happy 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.



Attention!!!



We are cleaning out the Maria Center's large metal refrigerator. If you have items in the Maria Center's refrigerator, please remove your items by Feb. 1st. **All items will be discarded on Feb. 1st.** Call the Parish Office if you need access to the building to get your items.

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*



NO TRUTH on Jan. 1st

TRUTH—LIFELIGHT Meeting on Jan. 4th

***** Happy New Year!! *****

I hope this will be a great year for all of you! Don't forget to take some time, and prayerfully consider what changes you may want, or need in your life. Remember that God is always there to help you improve on areas you may be having difficulty with, and to guide you to discern what you are being called to do in this life.

Please remember that starting this new year of 2012, TRUTH and LIFELIGHT will be meeting together, at least over the next few months. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 4th. If you have not been to one of our meetings, this is a great opportunity to come and see what we are all about! Our TRUTH/LIFELIGHT meeting is open to all youth, grades 6-12. Feel free to bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!

~ Brianna Sims, Youth Minister

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 January 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.



Monday 9 - 10:30am & Tuesday 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. All are welcome in this group!

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.



St. Mary & St. Anne's Society of Catholic Women

* The Christmas party was a great success!! We had a small gift exchange and a raffle with proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul. Father joined us, as our guest and enjoyed the celebration.

January 1, 2012: Our first Corporate Communion of the year.

"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. SMSA Co-Presidents:: JoAnn Murphy (343-7273) & Cathy Schwartz (321-7775)

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.**



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.

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: _____

Del escritorio del pastor

La mejor manera de comenzar el Año Nuevo es celebrando la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. De todos los títulos que le damos a la Santísima Virgen María, la de Madre de Dios es su favorita. Este lindo título para María sintetiza su vida, su misión y su vocación. La Virgen María siempre nos apunta y nos dirige a su Hijo, Jesús. La Virgen, como nuestra madre en el cielo, siempre está dispuesta a interceder por nosotros. La Santísima Virgen tiene un papel muy importante en la Historia de Salvación porque ella es la Madre de Dios.

El evangelio de Lucas menciona a María muchas veces, llamándola por su nombre doce veces en las narraciones de la infancia de Jesús (1, 27, 30,34, 38, 39, 41, 46, 56 y 2, 5, 16, 19, 34).

El evangelio de Mateo menciona el nombre de María cinco veces, cuatro de ellas en las narraciones de la infancia (1, 16, 18, 20 y 2, 11) y sólo una vez después de las narraciones de la infancia (13, 31).

El evangelio de Marcos la menciona por su nombre una vez (6, 3) y una vez como la Madre de Jesús (3, 31).

El evangelio de Juan la menciona dos veces pero nunca menciona su nombre. Describiéndola como la madre de Jesús, aparece dos veces: primero en la Boda de Caná (2, 1-12) y la segunda vez a los pies de la Cruz (19, 25-26).

Bajo el título de la Madre de Dios, pidámosle a María que interceda por nosotros durante este Nuevo Año para que nuestras familias reciban la gracia y el amor de su hijo, Jesucristo. En el nombre de los empleados de nuestra parroquia del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús, le deseo a cada familia un Feliz Año Nuevo lleno de bendiciones.

La semana que viene, la Iglesia celebra la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. Algunas familias tienen la costumbre de bendecir sus hogares en esta fiesta dedicada a los Tres Reyes Magos. Si usted y su familia están interesados en bendecir su casa por esta ocasión, por favor usen las oraciones "Bendición del Hogar por la Epifanía" que se encuentra en este boletín.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre Ruhlin

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

AVISOS DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Queremos invitar a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad de fe para que nos acompañen **cada viernes de 7:00 a 7:30 pm** a unirnos en Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento pidiendo de forma especial Su intercesión para las familias inmigrantes Hispanas.

Las intenciones de oración de cada viernes serán:
6 de enero: por las familias hispanas incompletas debido a la migración.

13 de enero: para que mejore la comunicación entre los padres hispanos y sus hijos

20 de enero: por los padres hispanos que se sienten desorientados y confundidos con las formas de educar a sus hijos

27 de enero: por las parejas de novios hispanos que están decidiendo unir sus vidas para formar un hogar cristiano



SNJ Ministerio de la Juventud
WAY (We Are Youth)

"Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida.
Nadie va al Padre sino por mí" ~ Juan 14, 6

TRUTH no se reunirán el 1° de enero.
TRUTH y LIFELIGHT se reunirán el 4 de enero.

¡¡feliz Año Nuevo!!

¡Deseo que este sea un año maravilloso para todos ustedes! No se olviden de separar un rato para que orando consideren que cambios quisieran y necesitaran hacer en sus vidas. Recuerden que Dios siempre está ahí para ayudarlos a mejorar en las areas que tengan dificultad y para guiarlos para discernir que quiere Dios de ustedes.

Por favor, recuerden que comenzando en 2012, TRUTH and LIFELIGHT se reunirán juntos por lo menos por unos meses. Nuestra próxima reunión será el miércoles, 4 de enero. Si nunca a participado en una de nuestras reuniones, esta es una buena oportunidad para que vengan y vean de que se trata. Nuestra reunión de TRUTH y LIFELIGHT está abierta a todos los jóvenes de 6° a 12° grado. Pueden traer un amigo y esperamos verlos allí



!!!AVISO!!!

Vamos a limpiar el refrigerador plateado del María Center. Si tiene algo en ese refrigerados, por favor recójalo antes del 1° de febrero. **El 1° de febrero todo se va a botar.** Si tiene que recoger algo, pueden ir a la oficina parroquial para que le abran.

¡¡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).



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 – PERO 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.