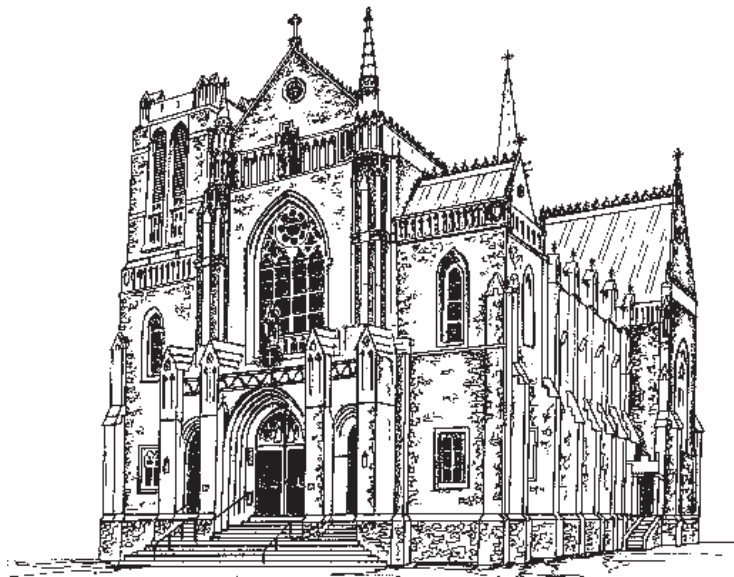


# ST. MARY GATE OF HEAVEN

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Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 8:45 AM  
Mass in Chapel 101-25 104 St.  
Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
12:30 PM in Spanish  
Bi-Weekly 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer  
and Benediction in Church

### Reconciliation (In Church)

Saturday: 12:30 - 1:30 PM or by appointment with a priest

### Misas:

Lunes a Sabado 8:45 AM - en la capilla (Inglés)  
101-25 104 St.

### Fin de Semana:

Sábado: 5:00 PM  
Domingo: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM y 11:00 AM  
12:30 PM en español

Los Viernes Primeros en Iglesia 6:00 PM - Bendición y  
Confesión 7:00 PM Rosario y Misa - español

### Reconciliación (Iglesia)

Sábados de las 12:30 PM hasta las 1:30 PM.

## I'll Say Yes, Lord

I'll say yes, Lord. I'll say yes.  
To your will Lord, I'll say yes.  
Where you lead me I will go.  
I'll say yes, Lord. I'll say yes.

## Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross, follow Jesus.  
Take up your cross, every day.  
Don't be ashamed to say that you love Him.  
Praise His name, every day, follow Him.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

5:00 PM Anne Catherine Orlando, Gloria Barros, William Murphy, Andrew & Bertha Mueller, Carmela & Antoinette Capezza, In Honor of St. Anthony, Victor Simino, Joseph Catalano, Arlene Edelstein

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015**

8:00 AM Emilio & Laura Cerretani  
 9:30 AM Angela Marie Macchia  
 11:00 AM Lena Urso  
 12:30 PM Celso Rivera Alvarado

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

8:45 AM Catherine LoGiudice

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

8:45 AM Donald & Stephen Stecher

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

8:45 AM

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

8:45 AM

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

8:45 AM Robert J. Reuter

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

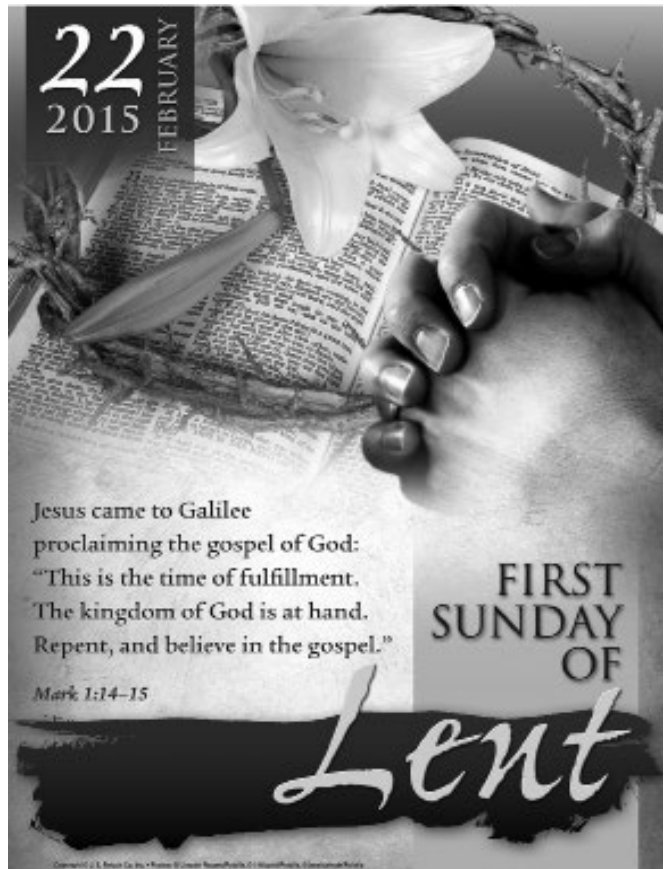
8:45 AM Joseph & Margaret Sagevich  
 5:00 PM Dr. José C. Rivera

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015**

8:00 AM Andrew & Bertha Mueller, Santa Marotta  
 9:30 AM Blessed Mother Sodality  
 11:00 AM Frank & Christopher Sagona  
 12:30 PM Gladys Jacome  
 4:00 PM Filipino Mass

**Please Pray For / Favor Orar Por  
 The Sick / Los Enfermos**

Isabel Ryan, Sid Bolisay, James Winwood, James Fava, Anna Pancotti, Barbara Kaiser, Ann Testa, Veronica and Hugh Johnston, Jose Cabreja, Victoria Godkin, Sarah, David Salerno, John & Christine Fiore, Carmela Totino, Ruth Meia, Timothy Liello, Salvatore Raia, Rae Torre, Stephanie McBean, Kathy Hantinell, Corinne Gates, Andrea Reuter, Carmella Forster, Sandy Ferrarotti, Dinorah Niola, Velma Rivera, Estebano Salermon, Donna Melody, Keith & Kenneth Seidel, Baby Anthony Mauceri Sibilla, Naomi McGee, Edward Saar, Joan Crane, Angel M. Ortiz, Nestaly Perez, Arlene Edelstein, Bart Musial, Liam David Cochrane, Ronald Pastore, Marilou Salvatierra



**THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM**

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter’s letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent and believe in the gospel.” It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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**EL SIGNIFICADO DE NUESTRO BAUTISMO**

Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a escudriñar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son como un catecismo abreviado de lo que nuestras vidas de bautizados significan. Tal como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios prometida por nuestro Bautismo. El salmo nos recuerda que si realmente vivimos la alianza, el modo de vida que Dios quiere que vivamos no va a ser una carga, sino una fuente de amor y verdad. La carta de Pedro ofrece una explicación de lo que significa nuestro bautismo: es una plegaria a Dios pidiendo una buena conciencia. ¿Cómo obtenemos esta buena conciencia? Las palabras que Jesús proclama justo después de su tentación nos señala el camino: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio”. Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas a nuestro alcance durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio para ayudarnos a volver a una vida vivida según nuestras promesas bautismales.

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Invitations are still available to the St. Mary Gate of Heaven Parish Retreat on March 7-8 for Men and March 21-22 for Women. Each weekend the retreat will be offered separately in English and Spanish.

There is no charge for the retreat, meals are included and participants return home on Saturday evening. The presentations and workshops of the retreat are led by parishioners who themselves experienced the retreat last year.

Additional details can be received via the Rectory.



**The Faithful Departed / Los Fieles Difuntos**

**John Considine**

**Gabriel Grande**

**Gabriel DeSilva**

**Glenn Petry**

**Austin Pralle**

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This Sunday at the 11 AM Mass, our parish will celebrate a "Rite of Sending," affirming the journey of conversion of catechumens. The elect are those chosen for the Easter sacraments this year, and their final period of "purification and enlightenment" is conformed to our Lenten journey. This Rite

of Sending and Rite of Election go hand in hand within the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. These two rites are all about sending our catechumens for a reason, receiving them and then returning them to the parish in anticipation of Easter Sacraments.

Each rite they celebrate is a passing from one way of understanding the Christian life to another more discerning, zealous approach to the life of Christ that they are seeking.

Our Catechumens are: Lalita Paul  
Yaneri Carbone  
Disseyra Mina  
Linda Mazzullo

The Catechumens will be baptized at the Easter Vigil and will also celebrate the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

In addition we have seven parishioners who will celebrate the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

They are: Joseph Carbone  
Mildred Cuvertino-Crespo  
Frank DePaola  
Anthony Mina  
Johan Romain  
Lisette Ramos  
Jonathan Ramos

Blood Donations

While 17% of people say they never thought about being a blood donor, you've joined millions of other donors who took time to donate this week. Through the time you gave, you have quietly helped people in need.

Everyday, hospitals across the nation must give blood and blood products. Regardless of the circumstances, blood is the life-giving force. Your donation helped promote health and save lives. Fifty-two pints of blood were donated last Sunday.

Again, thank you for volunteering and helping so many.



The Food Pantry will be open on Thursday, March 5 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.



Our school will be hosting its first Student/Teacher Fashion Show on Thursday, March 26th, at 7 PM in the school auditorium. The cost will be \$35 per person which includes a complete buffet dinner, wine, soda, dessert and coffee. Fashions are from Annie Sez and will be modeled by our students and teachers. There will be door prizes, raffles and a 50/50. Please hold the date and come support our school and enjoy a night out. Ticket Information will follow soon! Get your family and friends together and make a table if you can. Hope to see you there!

The Blessed Mother Sodality will gather at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 1st. A breakfast meeting will follow. Any ladies who would like to help set us, please come down before Mass. We invite all women of the parish to come to the meeting after Mass to learn more about the Sodality. We welcome new members.



Congratulations to Fr. Fitz and Fr. Pete as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood this Sunday.

Your abiding devotion and faithful service to the Lord has touched countless hearts and inspired so many souls  
Thank you for so many years of loving service.

Fr. Fitz will be preaching a Parish Mission at St. Kevin's Church in Flushing from February 22nd till February 26th and at St. Patrick's Church in Smithtown from March 1st to March 5th.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

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A Prayer for Lenten Grace

*Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent,  
bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart  
for silence and solitude,  
so that I may rediscover the grace  
of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things  
that threaten the well-being of my body  
and soul and remind me of the  
grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those  
in need, and, in so doing,  
rediscover the grace of  
gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace filled time  
to rekindle my love and faith in you.  
Amen.*

**Filipino Mass**

**Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 4:00 PM  
St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church**

**followed by "Pot Luck" Dinner  
Church Basement**

**Donaciones de Sangre**

Mientras que 17% de las personas dicen que nunca se han pensado en ser donante de sangre, los de acá se han unido a millones de otros donantes que apartaron el tiempo para donar esta semana. Por esta donación, se ha ayudado a mucha gente necesitada.

Todos los días, las hospitales en el país debe proveer sangre y sus derivados a los pacientes. No importan las circunstancias, la sangre es esencial para la vida. Las donaciones promueven la salud y salvan las vidas. Se recibieron 52 pintas de sangre las semana pasada.

Gracias por su generosidad y la ayuda dada a tanta gente.