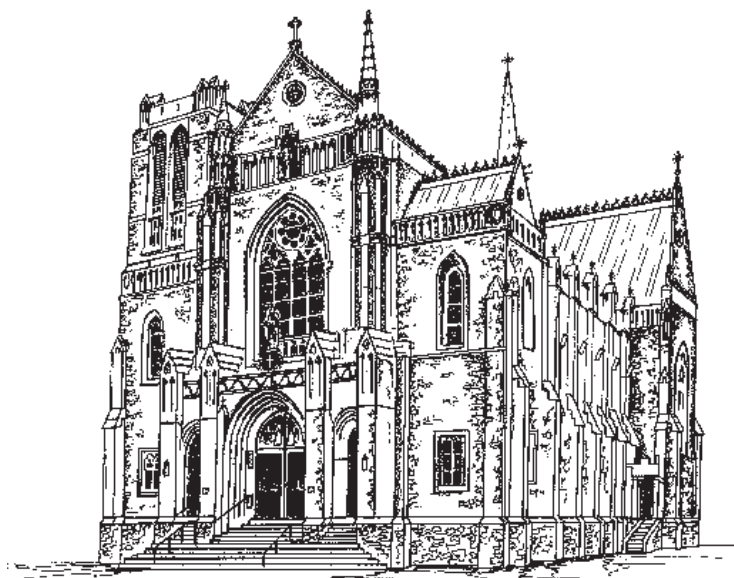


ST. MARY GATE OF HEAVEN

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718-846-3773

WE WORSHIP

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.
Viernes 7:30 PM - en la iglesia (Español)
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.

July 31, 2016 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

-Psalm 90:14



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults interested in becoming baptized or in becoming members of the Catholic Church are invited to participate in the RCIA program at the parish. Please contact Deacon Tim at the rectory for more information.

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULT CATHOLICS

Adult Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist are invited to participate in our Adult Sacrament Formation program. Please contact Deacon Tim at the rectory for more information.

BAPTISM

Baptism of children is celebrated one Sunday of each month, (except during Lent and Advent) after the completion of a preparation program by the parents. Contact the rectory at least six weeks prior to the date of the ceremony to register for the program.

MARRIAGE

Six months preparation must be completed prior to marriage. Call the rectory to set up an appointment with our priests and deacons to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Many people going into the hospital know for some time in advance when the surgery will be scheduled. We invite anyone entering the hospital with a serious illness to receive the Sacrament of the Sick after Mass on Sunday. Please call the rectory at any time. A communal celebration of the Sacrament is normally scheduled during Advent and Lent.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Members of our Eucharistic Ministry regularly bring Holy Communion to the infirm and homebound. Please inform the rectory if there is such a need.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite families who have newly arrived in our parish community to register by completing a parish information sheet at the rectory.

**Masses For The Week****SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016**

5:00 PM Vincent Ruvituso, Reuter & Schande Family, Andrew & Bertha Mueller, Peter Colantuoni, May Verdi, Diniz Rafael, In Thanks-giving to St. Anthony, Carmine Cicone, Dorothy Vernon, Frank Maltese, Michael Melillo, Karen Schnabl

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016

8:00 AM Emilio Cerretani
 9:30 AM Filomena Vanzanelli
 11:00 AM Umberto Corso
 12:30 PM Maria Dolores Valero

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016

8:45 AM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

8:45 AM Alfonso LaMorte

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016

8:45 AM The Sagevich Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016

8:45 AM The Khanna Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016

8:45 AM Lucia LaMorte
 7:30 PM Spanish Mass - Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016

8:45 PM The Becker Family
 5:00 PM Josephine Marmo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

8:00 AM Angelo Charles Macchia, Andrew & Bertha Mueller, Danny Danner
 Maria Trevicano, Besta Donnelly, Mary Caminiti
 9:30 AM Blessed Mother Sodality
 11:00 AM Frank & Christopher Sagona
 12:30 PM Heriberta & Minerva
 4:00 PM Filipino Mass

Reflections on Our Mary Garden

The parish "Mary Garden" has taken shape before our eyes over the last couple of months. Let's take a look at some of the history of Mary Gardens in Catholic culture.

Since the Middle Ages such gardens were constructed usually around some image of our Blessed Mother, either statues or carved wooden images. These were often in some public place where travelers or passing towns people might stop and pray seeking respite and solace.

They most likely originated, however, as centerpieces of monasteries and convents where they were planted with floral and herbal symbols that represented Mary's various virtues and saintliness. More than 30 flowers and herbs are connected to legends and biblical references about Mary's life.

The first reference to an actual garden dedicated to Mary is from the life of St. Fiakra, the Irish patron saint of gardens and gardeners. It is believed that he created such a garden at the hospice for the poor and infirm that he established in 7th Century France.

The first such garden in the United States opened to the public in 1932 in Cape Cod, MA. In the early 1950s, a nationwide movement to establish Mary gardens throughout the United States was launched by a former Philadelphia Quaker and fervent Catholic convert, John Stokes, Jr.

Mr. Stokes happened to be a devotee of our own St. Louis de Montfort and his "True Devotion to Mary". He considered the garden to be the most natural place to nurture that devotion. Montfort called Mary "God's garden of Paradise, into which his Son entered, to tend it and take delight in it".

The centerpiece of the SMGH Mary Garden, true to tradition, will be a statue of the Blessed Mother with her divine infant in arms. The statue itself is currently being created in the artist's workshop in Italy and should be arriving sometime in the Fall.

Three historical floral symbols can be found among the plantings; lilies, roses and lavender.

Since earliest Christianity, the rose and lily were identified with Mary.

At her Assumption it is said that Mary was surrounded with roses and lilies.

A legend from the 2nd Century says that when Mary's tomb was opened to show Thomas that her body had been assumed into heaven, it was filled with roses and lilies.

The Rose symbolized her purity, glory and sorrow as Queen of Heaven and love for God and for Christ her son. The lily represented her immaculate purity, innocence and virginity. Almost every depiction of the Annunciation in Medieval or Renaissance art includes a white lily.

In the 14th Century the poet Dante called Mary "the Rose in which the Divine Word became Flesh". At Christmas time we sing "Lo, how a rose e're blooming". A Christmas rose is said to have sprung up to provide flowers for the poor shepherd girl who had no gift for the infant Jesus in the manger.

Lavender is also called "Mary's Drying Plant" and is said to have received its scent after Mary lay the child Jesus' freshly laundered clothes upon it to dry.

As you walk through the garden take note of the red landscape roses, the orange day lilies and purple lavender.

Finally, it is impossible to ignore the Sweet Gum tree that still stands prominently in the garden, offering shade and many branches for visiting birds to perch on. It is our own "tree of life" in our own "Garden of Eden" with Mary the focus as the Gate of Heaven.

The Garden was designed and installed by Lisena Landscaping of Ozone Park, Queens.

The SMGH Mary Garden is the result of the generosity of parishioners through the "Generations of Faith" campaign and supplemented by individual donors. It is hoped that this garden will be the source of delight and inspiration to all and a reminder of Mary's role in our spiritual life as individuals and as a parish family.

Phil Skabeikis
July 2016

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

Victoria Godkin, Sarah, Veronica Johnston, Velma Rivera, Abigail Perez, Stefanie Seminatore, Elizabeth Grace Reyes, Charlotte Butler, Marty Sherman, Elsa Melody, Miriam Santos, Norman Jobse, Celia Rivera, Jay Rasiawan, Richard Maran, Andrea Reilly, Lucy DiPippa, Rosemarie and Cheryl Ferrara, Elvira & Ralph Ferrara, Rosemary Viti, Patrick Russell, Eliana Ortiz, Tony Fulgieri, Kata Kcira, James Leung, Mildred Hendrickson, Debbie DeSena, Mario Del Prete, Mary Sirota, Raoul Catelanos, Joseph Soraci, Joan Drewal, Perston Smith, Sean Cowan,

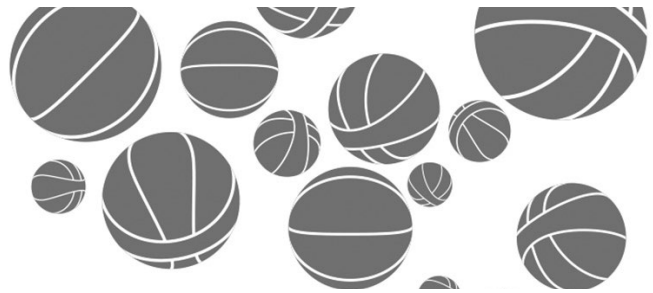


**SMGHAA 2016-17
FALL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION
INTRAMURAL AND CYO
BOYS AND GIRLS**

**4 YEARS - GRADE 12
FRIDAYS AUGUST 5, 19, 26
7 PM - 9 PM**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 6 & 7 / 20 & 21 / 27 & 28
10 AM - 2 PM**

**SMGH GYM 105TH ST. ENTRANCE
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL
917 459-6097**



**The Faithful Departed / Los Fieles Difuntos
Genoveva Watts**



The next time the Food Pantry will be opened will be on Thursday, August 4 at 11 AM. Volunteers will be at the doors of the Church to take a collection this weekend.

**Donación de Sangre
Domingo 7 Agosto, 2016
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
School Auditorium**

Hay que traer identificación

Cada minuto de cada día hay alguien que necesite una transfusión de sangre. Esta sangre viene de donantes como Ud. que toman la decisión de donarla. No hay sustituto para la donación.

Al convertirse en donante se integra en un grupo especial puesto que solo 3 personas de cada 100 son donantes.

El regalo mas importante que se puede dar a otro es el don de la vida. Al donar sangre, aunque sea una vez, se puede salvar la vida de tres personas -- sean recién nacidos con necesidad de cirugía cardíaca, víctimas de accidentes de tránsito, o personas que padecen de cáncer.

Por favor, sea conciente y done sangre el día 7 de agosto.

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge
A Generous Gift to the
St. Mary Gate of Heaven Food Pantry
In Memory of Marie Fusi
Donated by Thomas P. Fusi

**Wednesday
AUGUST 3, 2016
PRAYER SERVICE
&
BENEDICTION
in the Church
from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

We came seeking God's blessing, and now we find that we are blessing God! We begin by coming in our need to God, seeking his blessing. He gives us that blessing, and our response is to bless and adore him. This indeed is the goal of all our worshipping — that we may come to love God better. And we cannot love God without loving our neighbors who are God's children, so that in seeking God's blessing, we are praying that in blessing us he will make us a blessing to others.

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**GIVE
Blood**

**Sunday, August 7, 2016
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
School Auditorium**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and older need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

Filipino Mass

**Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 4:00 PM
St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church
followed by "Pot Luck" Dinner
Church Basement**

Summer Office Hours for S.M.G.H. Academy:

The School's Office will be open for school business on the following days from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon.

August 2 - 4 August 9 - 11

Tuition and tuition contracts can be mailed to the school 104-06 101 Avenue, Ozone Park, NY 11416 or dropped off at the rectory.

Links to supply lists and summer assignments are posted on www.smgh.org.

El Horario de Verano de la Academia SMGH

La Oficina de la escuela estará abierta de las 9:00 am hasta las 12:00 md los siguientes días:

2 al 4 de agosto 9 al 11 de agosto

Se le puede mandar el contrato y la mensualidad por correo a la Escuela a la siguiente dirección: 104-06 101 Ave., Ozone Park, NY 11416 o se los puede dejar en la rectoría.

Vínculos para acceder a las Listas y tareas de Verano se encuentran en el sitio: www.smgh.org



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