



School Is Back in Session Our schoolchildren, with their parents in tow, return tomorrow after a three-week Christmas vacation. I can remember returning from that long vacation when I was in the third grade of St. Jerome's Catholic school in North Jersey. The

Christmas holiday was truly magical to a boy like me, and to return to a regimented schedule controlled by severe teachers, in a drab brick building, seemed like a prison sentence! The only future I could see, on that first day back, was a vast sea of uninterrupted classroom days stretching out to a distant Easter vacation. I didn't know how I would survive such unrelenting tedium. Was your elementary school experience similar to mine? I ask that because I don't think Stella Maris Academy seems like that to our 65 students. They do not seem bored as I was; there are no fights in the schoolyard (that I'm aware of); children do not mope about like I did in the third grade. The children genuinely love their teachers, as their teachers love them. They are bright-eyed and full of positive energy (most of the time). I don't think our Stella Maris students will be dreading the first day of school the way I did, and for that I thank Dr. Colvert and the faculty, as well as our wonderfully supportive parents. Let us pray for our Stella Maris Academy, and for Nativity High School, as it prepares to open this August.

My Tenth Year at Star The parents and school faculty have asked me to deliver the keynote address at this year's Gala, on January 27. This year marks my 10th anniversary at Star of the Sea Parish, and the 130th anniversary of our parish itself. In 1894 the local Irish horse farmers (there used to be a racetrack at what is now Arguello and Fulton) convinced the Archbishop to open a parish "near the ocean." They

chose the name "Star of the Sea," and the first native San Franciscan to be ordained to the Catholic priesthood (Fr. John P. Coyle) became the first pastor at Star of the Sea. Fr. Coyle and 41 families held their first Masses at O'Farrell's Dance Hall on 9th and Geary, and then built our current church in 1914.

School Gala At our school gala this year, I will paint a picture for you of how the Church met the needs of those early San Franciscans, and then I will



speak on the ways our community is serving the needs of the poor in San Francisco today. I encourage you to support our parish and school of 2024 by purchasing a seat, or even a whole table, at our annual Gala (tickets are \$150). 75% of our students receive tuition assistance, and they are well worth the expense. Come to our Gala on January 27 to support them, and to rejoice during this Catholic Schools Month in the gift of Catholic education!



Consecration of our new church in 1914;
Dedication of Star of the Sea School in 1909



Epiphany Today we celebrate the 12th Day of Christmas with the solemnity of the Epiphany, when our three little Wise Men statues have finally reached the manger scene. I want to thank our Altar Guild and Sacristy Staff for such beautiful decorations this year, for keeping our church bright and beautiful throughout the Christmas Season, and for moving those Wise Men statues a little closer to the baby Jesus each day since December 25! *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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M-TH 8:30am-5pm
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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat.Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo Epiphany (Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12) The Three Wise Men make it to Bethlehem today, and for the rest of their lives they proclaim to all the world what they have seen and heard. Jesus Christ is Lord! Can we not also proclaim to our friends, co-workers, and people with whom we interact daily in this City, that Jesus Christ is Lord!



STAR of the SEA TUESDAY HOLY HOUR 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Our prayer before the Eucharist is a time when we lean on Jesus' breast, like John did at the Last Supper, and allow his heart to speak to ours. "Cor ad cor loquitur" ("heart speaks to heart," was the episcopal motto of St. John Henry Newman).
Confessions are available during the Holy

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We celebrate Norwegian monk and bishop, St. Thorfinn, on January 8th. He was forgotten for 50 years when they found his tomb. Upon opening it, a beautiful fragrance emitted and an attached poem was still intact. Miracles of those visiting the tomb have since been reported.

Pray: All-powerful and ever-living God, you called Saint Thorfinn to guide your people by his word and example. With him, we pray to you: watch over the pastors of your Church and the people entrusted to their care, and lead them to salvation. Amen.

Please sign up for a weekly commitment at www.adorationpro.org/star



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS
(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)
Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

St. John Neumann | Catholic Saints

This Week on FORMED• 21m

St. John Neumann is the first American male citizen saint! Dr. Chris Mooney recounts how St. John immigrated to the United States from Germany during the early twentieth century when the church in America was still considered a mission territory. During a time period full of hardships, St. John reminds us how obstacles can be used as agents of purification and inspires us to our own missionary call. His feast day is January 5.

Mass Intentions

Sat 01/06	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	+ Rene Ing Int. of Fannie Lardizabal (bday) Int. of Mario Bruno and Family
Sun 01/07	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Maciej Gruszka and Family Int. of Monica and Clare Hallquist + Florence Kelly
Mon 01/08	7am 12noon 6pm	Int. of Kevin Carter (bday) Int. of Larry Ma (bday) Int. of Fr. John Carillo Int. of Star Outreach + Nicholas + Holy Souls in Purgatory + Donald Lockett
Tue 01/09	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ Anna Julia Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo + Jeffrey T. Hoernemann
Wed 01/10	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ Anna Binh + Ana So + Eric V. Spendlove
Thu 01/11	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ Maria Chau + Luke A. Unrath + Terrell K. Brayman
Fri 01/12	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	+ Unborn Babies + Jose Chan + Zachary E. Lavoy
Sat 01/13	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	+ Nancy Jean Arcelona Int. of Pro-Life Int. of Dave O. Ceniza (bday)

Prayer for the Sick



Anne Kavanagh, Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Paula Click, Brian Walsh, Mary Ann Eiler, Oonough and all sick parishioners.

Communal prayers

Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in the church.
Sundays, Latin Rosary. You are invited to pray the rosary at 11am. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.
Sundays, Rosary Walk 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>

Programs & Ministries

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PLANNED GIVING

ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF BENEFITS

Make a Will. Include your parish in your estate plans. Help preserve the mission and values of the church and its commitment to ministry.

Please contact: mariella@starparish.com

Pickleball Wednesdays at Star of the Sea

Starts January 17, 6:30pm to 9pm in the parish gymnasium. Contact Dennis Aguirre at (650) 302-7908 for information.



STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Purchase items in the church kiosk,
 Light candles, Sunday Offertory,
 Give!



Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com/star. Get access to the best selection of catholic educational materials, sign up for formed.org (information below). Use Venmo to pay for candles, kiosk items, offertory, etc. Use your cellphone camera to scan the QR codes.



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Upcoming Events

STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
MARDI GRAS GALA
SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH
5PM HORS D'OEUVRES 6PM DINNER
 LIVE AUCTION AND DANCING
 STAR OF THE SEA GYMNASIUM 345 8TH AVE SAN FRANCISCO

TICKETS & DONATIONS
bit.ly/smagala2024




Join our school Gala, limited time discount! Buy a table for 9 and get a complimentary ticket. Get to pick your table companions! Support our Gala by purchasing complimentary tickets for Stella Maris teachers.



SAN FRANCISCO

Join Star of the Sea friends on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**

WALK FOR LIFE MAIN EVENT AT CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

Rally: 12:30- 1:30 Walk: 1:30pm

www.walkforlifewc.com






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Fundamental Health Care Ethics Conference
March 9, 2024, 9:45am-6:00pm at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA.

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the San Francisco and Santa Clara Guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary & University.

Health care professionals are invited to the fourth **Converging Roads** health care ethics conference. A one day conference that offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion. please visit convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco or email ana@forlifeandfamily.org.



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 Through work, we serve, minister, and become God's stewards on the earth.

Time: 7 people joined the Holy Face Devotion last Tuesday.
Talent: 7 lectors served at our Masses last week.
Treasure: Sunday Offering \$21,936.61
 Solemnity of Mary \$2,585.25

To give online: www.starparish.com/give

Gregorian Chant Class for Adults
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Mondays 6pm - 7:30pm

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For more information contact karolina@zapolska.dk

