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OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

(The Right Rev.) Monsignor James St. George, OSF, Pastor
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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism

Baptisms scheduled on the Third Sundays at Morning Mass (except in Lent). Contact Parish Office.

Pre-Jordan

First Sunday of every month at 12:00pm.

Marriage

Couples are encouraged to participate in Pre-Cana, available in-person and online, please contact Parish Office for Registration and Information.

Holy Eucharist

At Saint Miriam we offer an "Open Table" at all Masses and all are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available 30 minutes before any Mass, after all Masses, or by appointment. Please contact parish office.

Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

Please contact our Director of Religious Education (DRE) for all religious educational needs including First Holy Communion, First Penance and Confirmation.

Small Groups & Parish Life

Please contact our Parish Office for more information on becoming part of our parish life! Newcomer gatherings are twice annually!

Interested in Becoming a Practicing Catholic?

Please contact our Associate Pastor to join the classes for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Week Days

First Fridays at 9:15am (September - May)

Sunday

7:30 am - Early Mass

9:30 am - Morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration - Open Adoration Thursdays
from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Rosary - Rosary welcome during Adoration and every Sunday at 8:30am

Holy Days

All Holy Days are located on our primary website under Worship > Schedules

For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact our Pastor 215-836-9800 (ext. 703)



Faith is a Call to Work

Time to Speak up!

Please take a moment to raise your voices for the marginalized and the abused. Please join us this Lent as we speak up and amplify our voices *together with post cards available to mail to Congress! See representatives in the classroom across from Sanctuary!*

Matching Funds!

Saint Miriam received a significant matching funds donation in December and the benefactor matches all recurring funds above the initial amount where we began. Currently we are at approximately 55% monthly of that \$5,000 increase goal. We lost a recurring donor who retired and needed to cut back which lessens recurring giving by \$550 a month starting end of March so please sign up to make your gift automatic at Tithely.

Please Give Today!

Make a gift today by (1) Leaving an **Envelope**, (2) **Scan** QR code, (3) **Text** "GIVE" to 844-950-4074 (4) Visit **Website** under Support. *We depend on our mutual generosity!* **Don't forget End of Year Gifts!**



From Our Assisting Priests!

Dear Friends,

The other day at the hospital, one of the young security officers saw me walking by. She smiled, straightened up a little, and said one simple word: "Bendición."

If you grew up Puerto Rican, that word carries a whole world inside it. In our culture, children and younger people traditionally greet their elders not just with hello, but by asking for a blessing. "Bendición, mami." "Bendición, abuelo." "Bendición, tío." And the elder answers, "Dios te bendiga" — God bless you.

It's more than manners. It's more than religion. It's a small, sacred exchange that says: I recognize you. I honor you. Speak life over me.

In one word, the family becomes a place where blessing flows from one generation to another.

Standing there in the hospital hallway, hearing this young Puerto Rican woman keep that tradition alive honestly moved me. Because the truth is, this is one of those beautiful customs quietly slipping away. Many of our younger generations were never taught it. Some grew up far from extended family. Others were raised in a faster, more individual culture where rituals like this don't always get passed down. And yet — when it happens — something deep wakes up.

Because human beings still need blessing.

We still need elders who speak protection over us.

We still need the reminder that respect and tenderness belong together.

We still need those small daily rituals that turn ordinary life into something sacred.

Maybe the word *bendición* isn't part of your own background. But the spirit of it can belong to all of us.

Imagine what would change if we spoke more blessing over each other — in our families, our workplaces, our communities. Not in grand speeches. Just in simple, human ways. A kind word. A prayer. A moment of acknowledgment. A reminder: *You matter. You are held. Go with peace.*

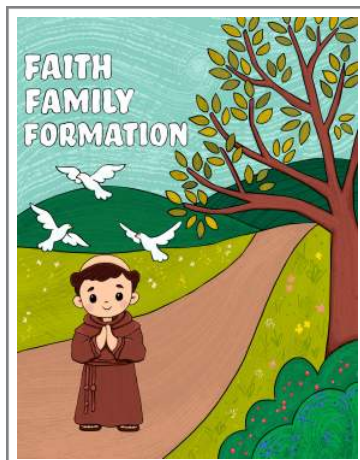
Sometimes the most powerful traditions aren't the loud ones.

They're the quiet ones that pass from mouth to mouth, generation to generation.

And sometimes, all it takes to keep one alive... is one young voice in a hospital corridor saying,

"Bendición."

Father Jerry



Time to Prepare our Children!

Our Faith Formation programs are enrolling for regular Sunday rotations, at home programming, and Sacramental Preparation. *Please enroll at the website under Parish Life!*

Special of Year
St. Francis

In this age, marked by so many seemingly irreconcilable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, St. Francis continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions but because his life points to the authentic source of peace. (April 7, 17)

The Year of Francis Begins at Saint Miriam
As a Franciscan Catholic parish, we joyfully welcome the proclamation of the Special Year of St. Francis, inaugurated on January 30, 2020, by Pope Leo XIV to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

Saint Miriam, and the Friars who serve our community, have always followed the teachings of our Seraphic Father, Francis, and we will join together for an extraordinary Jubilee Year in many wonderful ways throughout 2020 and bring St. Francis to life in all that we do!

Join us as we celebrate this year!

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A Year of Francis!

We begin a year of deepening our experiences of St Francis in our parish and community. We will offer several additions as we move through the year. Watch for these liturgies and offerings and pray that St. Francis continues to dwell here. Remember that a first-class relic is home next to our Tabernacle for devotional prayer.

Miriam is the first woman in the Bible who had a public mission and the first woman singer in Israel. When she led the women of Israel in that dance of praise and thanksgiving, "Sing to the Lord," their entrance of knowledge in Egypt had been lifted. It was a turning point in Israel's religious development and a woman led in its recognition. We can follow the life of Miriam, her faith, her courage, her love, and we know even though we cannot do "with the Lord," we can do many things. Most importantly, to be like our dear Mother, and by God's grace we find that our mission and our mission.

Our mission at Saint Miriam is simple: we welcome everyone. We want a loving God here in the place for as long as our mission is needed with Miriam's call for justice in our light and darkness. Like her brothers, Aaron and Moses, Miriam did not reach the Promised Land, but died in the wilderness. In the Rabbinic tradition, the Angel of Death had to appear to Miriam and she died with a kiss from God, which is a death reserved for the righteous. However, her cry of consolation lives on and she still sings with us and we join our voices and honor God in our life together.

Prayer to Saint Miriam
Glorious Miriam, remember me and pray that our life will have meaning as we welcome all in our doors, and that when our hour comes, God will grant us as Miriam you, with us, Amen.

And Miriam sang to them:
"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously,
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."
Exodus 15:21

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New Prayer Cards Available

Please be sure to avail yourself to a new version of *Saint Miriam Prayer Card* to enhance your spiritual journey. Now available in two size formats for any donation amount!

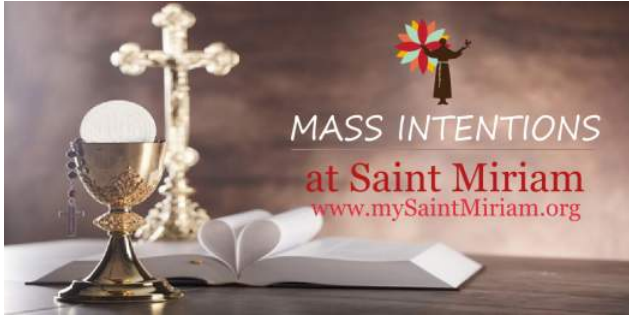
Think Spring!

We have scheduled our annual flower bed and shrub maintenance for the middle of April. As Easter comes so early it will not be possible to make it in time so please donate to offset this planned expense.

Easter Flower Early!

Many asked for them to be available earlier so how about starting today!? Thank you for supporting us early to plan better!

Second Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions Very Low.

As a Catholic parish we rely on the Sacrifice of the Mass, as a way to honor those we love! Did you know that you can remember someone living, as an 'Honor' Mass Intention, or someone who has died with an 'In Memorial of' Mass Intention? **Complete the envelope on the Mass Stand directly to the left of the Sanctuary doors, or submit online today under "Support"!**

Our Weekly Mass Intentions.

- Bread & Wine Sponsors for March**
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In Memory of Alton and Ruth St. George by Katelyn and James St. George
In Memory of Louis and Rose Catalo by Katelyn and James St. George
In Honor of Votive Candle Intentions for March

Please make your Mass Intentions Today.

Our Weekly Calendar.

- March 1st** **The Second Sunday in Lent at 7:30am with Father Jerry, Celebrating and 9:30am with Father Jerry, Celebrating**
Dr. Seuss Week Begins for School
- March 3rd** *Recovery, Inc. at 6:30pm - U Level*
- March 4th** **Contemplative Prayer at 6:30pm via Zoom**
AA General at 7:00pm (U-Level)
- March 5th** **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:00-6:00pm (Sanctuary)**
- March 6th** *First Friday Mass at 9:45am (Sanctuary)*
- March 7th** **AA Sunrise at 8:30am - IB3 Classroom - Handicap Entrance**
- March 8th** **The Third Sunday in Lent at 7:30am with Father Bryan, Celebrating and 9:30am with Father Bryan, Celebrating**

Please Pray for...

- Jerry Hall**
Luann Bonifanti
- Father Bryan**
Carol Valvo
- Angela and Fr Ken**
Joe M.

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