



# The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



The Church of St. Christopher  
130 Midland Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10306  
Parish Office: (718) 351-2452  
Fax: (718) 351-1174  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday,  
9:30am - 4:00pm  
Web: [www.stcstmmsi.org](http://www.stcstmmsi.org)

Rev. Joseph M. McLafferty, Pastor  
Rev. Thomas DeSimone, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. John P. DeLora, in residence  
Rev. Edgar Devina, in residence  
Rev. Jeffrey Pomeisl, Weekend Celebrant  
Deacon Patrick Graham

The Church of St. Margaret Mary  
560 Lincoln Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10306  
Church Office: (718) 351-2612  
Fax: (718) 987-0446  
Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday,  
9:30am - 2:30pm  
Web: [www.stcstmmsi.org](http://www.stcstmmsi.org)

## NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASSES

Monday - Friday: St. Christopher ..... 9:00am  
St. Margaret Mary ... 8:00am - Not Open to the Public  
Monday: Island Shores ..... 10:30am, Residents Mass  
Saturday: St. Christopher ..... 9:00am and 4:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: St. Christopher ..... 9:15am, 12:00pm  
and 7:00pm  
St. Margaret Mary ... 8:00am and 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation ..... as announced

### CONFESSION

Saturday: St. Christopher ..... 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
Otherwise by appointment; call ..... (718) 351-2452

### BAPTISMS

By appointment. Interviews of parents seeking baptism for their children are arranged by calling the Parish Office; (718) 351-2452.

### MARRIAGES

By appointment with one of the priests at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Parish Office for further information; (718) 351-2452.

### SICK CALLS

Please call the Parish Office; (718) 351-2452.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon., Wed., & Fri. at St. Christopher ... 12:00pm - 4:30pm  
Coordinators: Barbara Fiore (917) 593-4743 or  
Terry Warner (718) 979-0258

### NEW PARISHIONERS

All new parishioners are invited to register at the Parish Office and to participate in our parish life.

### ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

15 Lisbon Place, 10306 (718) 351-0902  
Mrs. Catherine Falabella, Principal

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and RCIA

560 Lincoln Avenue, 10306 (718) 351-2119  
Mrs. Barbara Regan, Coordinator

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Patty Beniquez

To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

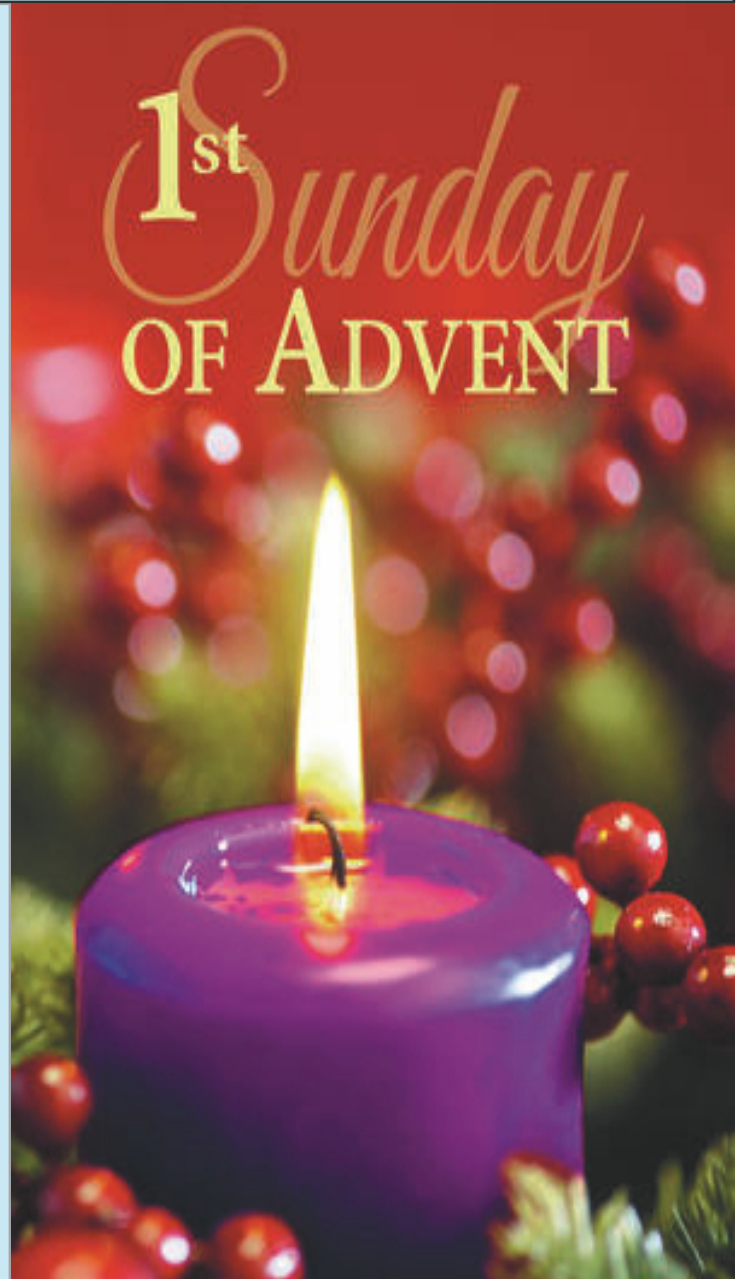
### LEGION OF MARY

The praesidium meets Tuesdays at 3pm in the Community Center

### ESPOSITO COMMUNITY CENTER

136 Midland Avenue, 10306

The center may be rented for private parties.  
Please contact the rectory at (718) 351-2452  
for available dates and rates



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	Helen M. Walsh
4:30pm <sup>(C)</sup>	Vincenza DiLella
Sunday, Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	Keller Family
9:15am <sup>(C)</sup>	Jerry Soricelli
10:30am <sup>(M)</sup>	Rev. Robert Navins
12:00pm <sup>(C)</sup>	Joseph McTarsney
7:00pm <sup>(C)</sup>	Vincent St. John
Monday, Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	Marie Friscia
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	Dec'd Mem of the Legion of Mary
Tuesday, Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	Steve and Maria Gambino
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	Philip Scampas
Wednesday, Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	Luis Deliz
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	John O'Connor
Thursday, Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	Barbara Hughes
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	Cornelius "Connie" Keane
Friday, Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	Dec'd Mem of the Friscia Family
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	For the parishioners
Saturday, Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am <sup>(C)</sup>	Patricia Pesci
4:30pm <sup>(C)</sup>	Dec'd Mem of the Vito Family
Sunday, Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00am <sup>(M)</sup>	McManamon Family
9:15am <sup>(C)</sup>	Rossi & Paganelli Families
10:30am <sup>(M)</sup>	Daisy Jongoy
12:00pm <sup>(C)</sup>	Rose D'Amato
7:00pm <sup>(C)</sup>	Jason Miglionica

**Note: Even though the weekday Masses at St Margaret Mary are not open to the public, please note that we are offering Mass each day for the announced intention and that we are specifically praying for you at each Mass.**

## PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

### ARMY

Lt Colonel Suzanne L. Jones, DDS, ABGD, FAGD  
 Cap't Daniel Aurigemma  
 Sgt. Edward Murphy, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div  
 Specialist Joshua D. Ribaldo, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Div  
 PFC Joseph Cascio

### NAVY

Max Davidson, Navy Fighter Pilot  
 Lt Junior Grade Patrick T. Walsh  
 Louis Michael Lombardi, CS3  
 Benny Davidson, Submarine Officer  
 Sierra P. Butts, E4

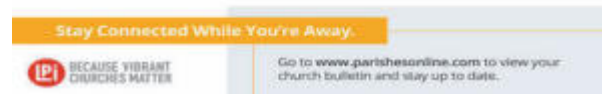
### AIR FORCE

Airman Ceili Gardiner  
 Master Sgt. Elisa Nickolic

### MARINES

Sgt. Vincent P. Gennaro  
 Master Gunnery Sgt. Frederic Zeyer  
 Corporal Matthew Cobb  
 PFC Denis Hugh Corrigan, Jr.

If you know of an active duty military member please notify Peggy Rybarczyk (718) 351-2452 of their name, rank and branch.



### VISIT EWTN

Contact your local Cable/TV provider for exact times Masses can be viewed.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**November 29, 2020  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



## COMMITTEE TO SAVE ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH

The Committee has decided to cancel the closing Mass originally scheduled for 1/3/21 as it continues to have ongoing discussion regarding the Mass schedule and pending status of St. Margaret Mary Church. We will still have a vigil and families may still put together collages no larger than 11X13 to be displayed around the Church Christmas week. The church will be open from 8am-8pm on

12/29, 12/30 & 1/2/21 and on New Year's Day from 9am-5pm. If any parishioners are available to sit vigil for a few hours during any of the above days, please call Staci Memmesheimer (917) 921-8945 with your availability.

## MANRESA COLUMBIETTES Calling all our parish ladies

We are the Catholic Women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. Our mission is to support people and organizations right here on Staten Island. Through fundraisers, such as Bling, Swap Radio Bingo, Spring Teas, Night at the Races, Dine to Donate, Vendor Nights and more we raise needed funds to help our S.I. neighbors in need while having fun and meeting great new friends. Our Auxiliary also hosts a monthly Rosary night and Masses with the Knights. We hold meetings in person and for now on Zoom. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and we are looking for ladies wanting to give back while having fun. Please call

**Connie DeFrancesco at (917) 903-8703**

or

**Bonnie Ferretti at (718) 351-3266**

to learn how you can join one of the biggest and best Auxiliaries on S.I. We look forward to hearing from you.



## AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

The America Needs Fatima Rosary group from St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary Parish invites all to pray the rosary at the old ShopRite sidewalk (Hylan and Burbank) on Saturday, December 5th from 12Noon. The rosary will be prayed for our country and to keep *Christ in Christmas*

## THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

At St. Christopher Church  
Bread and Wine are offered in memory of  
**Jerry Soricelli**

and the Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit in memory of

**Jerry Soricelli**

At St. Margaret Mary Church

Bread and Wine are offered in memory of

**Emily & Roseann Cerullo**

and the Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit in memory of

**Emily & Roseann Cerullo**



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

“... touch only the tassel on his cloak,  
and as many as touched it were healed.” Mark 6:56



Ashley Arcamone	Kathleen Gaynor	Vincent Nerone
Vanda Agatha Baptiste	Ernest Giovelli	<b>Ginny Neumuller</b>
Ann Basso	Jimmy Goonan	Nicolette
Barbara Boccia	Peter Guinta	Eileen Palozzola
Peter Boragi	Ruth Halpern	Mary Parnell
Paul Buhler	Dolores Haring	Judy Paul
Mary Burfeind	Brenda Harris	Dee Phillips
Francis Burns	Renee Harris	Christopher Pigano
Lee Canning	Jeanette Herbert	Jennifer Porcello
Sal Catucci	Bertha Hernandez	Kristen M. Pryzmocki
Ann Ciabattari	Maria Ivaliotis	Andrew Purcell
Frank Ciabattari	Lisa Jaffe	Joann Raccioppi
Michael Cigliano	Kevin Keane	Patricia Ramos
Paul Cigliano	Laura Kleydman	Mark Ravotta
Sal Cigliano	Dan Kupstas	Arlene Rhenos
Margaret Clark	Diane Leershen	Linda Romano
Coleen Comita	Jerry LePre	Amanda Roussel
Virginia Cowan	Joseph Lombino	Nicole Ryan
Domenico Crapanzano	Richard Malanga	Billy San Filippo
Mary Graham Delmar	Delia Mandia	Angelo Savarino
Dolores DeLorenzo	Jeanne Marchisello	Michael Savarino
Brian Demarest	Anna Mavrianos-Cesare	Maria Scigliano
Clara Di Gregorio	Margaret McLoughlin	Alfred Sebastiano
Virginia Duffy	Danny Meagher	Stephen Sebastiano
Thomas Emery	Carol Miano	W. Robert Shields
J.F.	Maureen Mobilia	Christian Sigua
Anita Fabiano	Patrick Morrissey	Jean R. Smith
Edward Feeney	Jean Moseder	<b>Francine Sowlakus</b>
Mary Ferris	Anna M. Nardone	<b>Vivian Taffaro</b>
John Fitzpatrick	Ruth Natale	Paula Tuzzolo
Joan Ford	Jeff Naughton	Stella Vasile
Peter Fox	Anna Nerone	Robert Villiers
Philip Frabosila	Biagio Nerone	Ginger Yannotta
Bruno Galati	Connie Nerone	

NOTE: Those in **bold** were added this week.

## INTERIM MASS SCHEDULE

Starting the weekend of **Jan 2-3, 2021** with **all Masses** to be celebrated at **St Christopher Church**:

Saturday	9:00am		
	4:30pm	(anticipated Mass for Sunday)	
Sunday	<b>7:30am</b>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>		
	10:30am		
	12:00noon		
	<b>6:00pm</b>		

## NOTICE

Due to the closure of the Parish Office, because of COVID19, we are temporarily providing an avenue for you to secure **Mass Cards and or Bread & Wine or Sanctuary Lamp Cards** by mail. Please call Bob Dennis 917-859-3390, to see if a particular Mass is available, if it is, the appropriate card will be mailed to you once Bob receives your check for the stipend. Remember, Masses can only be reserved up until **Easter, Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Remember, all checks **must** be payable to “St. Christopher - St. Margaret Mary Parish”, and mailed to:  
Bob Dennis, 259 Sanilac St., SI 10306



## YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

11/15 Regular 1<sup>st</sup> = \$4,430  
Maintenance & Repair 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$933



*Thank you for your continuing generosity*

“... **A TIME TO MOURN** ...” - Ecclesiastes 3:4



Pray for the souls of  
**Jake Harris, Fr. John Conti,  
Ricardo Canieso, and Deacon Walter Brady**  
and their families.

*“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live” - John 11:25-26*



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOE.....

St. Christopher School is now registered with **Stop and Shop**. What this means is that for every parishioner who registers their **Stop and Shop** card and then selects St. Christopher School as their preferred school, **Stop and Shop** will donate a portion of each parishioner's purchases to St. Christopher School. I think this is a wonderful way to support the school just by making your everyday purchases.

Two weeks ago, we included a flyer with all the detailed information as to how to sign up with **Stop and Shop** and how to select St. Christopher School as your preferred school. If you do not have this flyer, and have any questions on the enrollment process, you can call Vince Fitzgerald at 718-668-1694 or by email at [vfitzgerald675@hotmail.com](mailto:vfitzgerald675@hotmail.com).

As always, thanks for helping the school by participating in this program.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT  
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING  
ON THE HORIZON  
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE  
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

# LAST CHANCE WREATH SALE



As the holidays are quickly approaching, we would like to invite you to purchase an 18 inch wreath for \$20, to help decorate our churches. The wreaths can be purchased from now through Thanksgiving, on a **first come first serve basis**. They can be purchased in your family's name or in memory of a family member.

The name, along with a red bow, will be placed on the wreath. Then they will be hung along the fences of St. Christopher's Church and St. Margaret Mary's Church for the Christmas season.

Please tear off the bottom of this flyer and bring it, along with \$20, to the office at St. Christopher's Church on Midland Ave. no later than **November 30, 2020**.

You may contact Lynmarie D'Ovidio with any questions, (718)873-4213.

---

Attn: Lynmarie D'Ovidio, Wreath Sale

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be placed on wreath (**no more than 2 names per wreath**).

Please specify if it should be written "in memory of"):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the church where the wreath is to be hung.

St Christopher      or      St. Margaret Mary

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation.

*(tear off flap and attach the check)*

**VIRGINIA FUNERAL CHAPEL**  
 350 SLOSSON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314  
 (At the Casey Funeral Home Building)  
 718-987-2828 or 718-447-4242  
 www.virginiafuneralchapel.com

CONTACT US FOR A FREE COPY OF OUR  
 PERSONAL PLANNING GUIDE!

Owned by a subsidiary of Service Corp International 1929 Allen Pkwy., Houston, TX 77019 713-522-5141

**K. C. M.**  
**PLUMBING & HEATING**  
 NYC Lic. Master Plumber #2245  
 24 Hour Emergency Service  
**718-556-0600**



**FREE**  
**AD DESIGN**  
 WITH PURCHASE  
 OF THIS SPACE.  
 - 800-477-4574 -

**THIS SPACE IS**  
**AVAILABLE**

Practicing in Elder  
 Law, Estate Planning,  
 Probate, Estate and  
 Trust Settlement and  
 Business Planning



THE LAW OFFICES OF  
**Louis P. Lepore**  
*The attorney who is available to respond to your needs.*

CARING MATTERS

885 Huguenot Ave., Staten Island • 718.354.8646 Fax: 718.354.8647 • leporelaw.com

**JOSEPH G. HALL & SONS**  
**MONUMENTS**  
 SINCE 1946

718-356-9139  
 www.hallmonuments.com

Mówimy po polsku,  
 ask for Jerzy.

Open 7 days

**MONUMENTS • CEMETERY LETTERING**  
**MAUSOLEUMS • SERVING ALL CEMETERIES**

*Stop by our office for a complimentary gift!*

6232 AMBOY ROAD • PLEASANT PLAINS • STATEN ISLAND, NY 10309

**UPGRADE TO A**  
**VIBRANT**  
 ad  
 Contact us for details  
**800-477-4574**

**AVAILABLE**  
**FOR A LIMITED TIME**  
**ADVERTISE YOUR**  
**BUSINESS HERE**  
 Contact **Donna Delgrosso** to place an ad today!  
 ddelgrosso@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6295

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

**1-855-225-4251**

**Too Sick for Mass?**

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered  
 right to your inbox!

www.parishesonline.com



*Patty, the Singer of*  
*St. Christopher/*  
*St. Margaret Mary Church*  
**Also Sells Homes!**

What Is Your Home Worth?  
 www.sihomevalues.com

OR

Find Your Dream Home on:  
 www.PattyBeniquez.com



**Patty Beniquez**  
 NYS Licensed Real Estate Salesperson  
 NJ REALTOR® - Associate

cell. (718) 954-0247  
 email pattybeniquez@gmail.com

113 New Dorp Plaza, Staten Island, N.Y. 10306  
 349 U.S. 9, Manalapan, NJ 07726

**RELOCATION**  
**SPECIALIST**

**LICENSED**  
**IN**  
**NY & NJ**

**catholicmatch®**  
 New York



CatholicMatch.com/NY

**Piano Lessons**  
**Celeste Lederer**  
**718-667-0593**

**CHARLEY'S TIRE**  
**WAREHOUSE**  
**Money Saving Deals**  
**Arrive Daily**  
 Fast Service  
*"Get In, Get Out, Get Going"*  
**351-2600 • 1584 Richmond, Rd**

FRANK E. HANLEY - Founder

FRANK HANLEY DILLON -Treasurer

DAVID A. DILLON

FRANK P. LETTERA



*Life Is Not Ended...But Merely Changed.*

~ Family Owned and Operated Since 1930 ~

**718-351-1800 • 60 NEW DORP LANE**



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Margaret Mary, Staten Island, NY 04-0451