



The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



The Church of St. Christopher
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Rev. Thomas DeSimone, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John P. DeLora, in residence
Rev. Edgar Devina, in residence
Rev. Jeffrey Pomeisl, Weekend Celebrant
Deacon Patrick Graham

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JANUARY 3RD, 2021 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES

Monday - Friday: St. Christopher 9:00am
Monday: Island Shores 10:30am, Residents Mass
Saturday: St. Christopher 9:00am and 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: St. Christopher 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
Note changes 12:00noon and 6:00pm
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

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
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Mrs. Barbara Regan, Coordinator

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Patty Beniquez

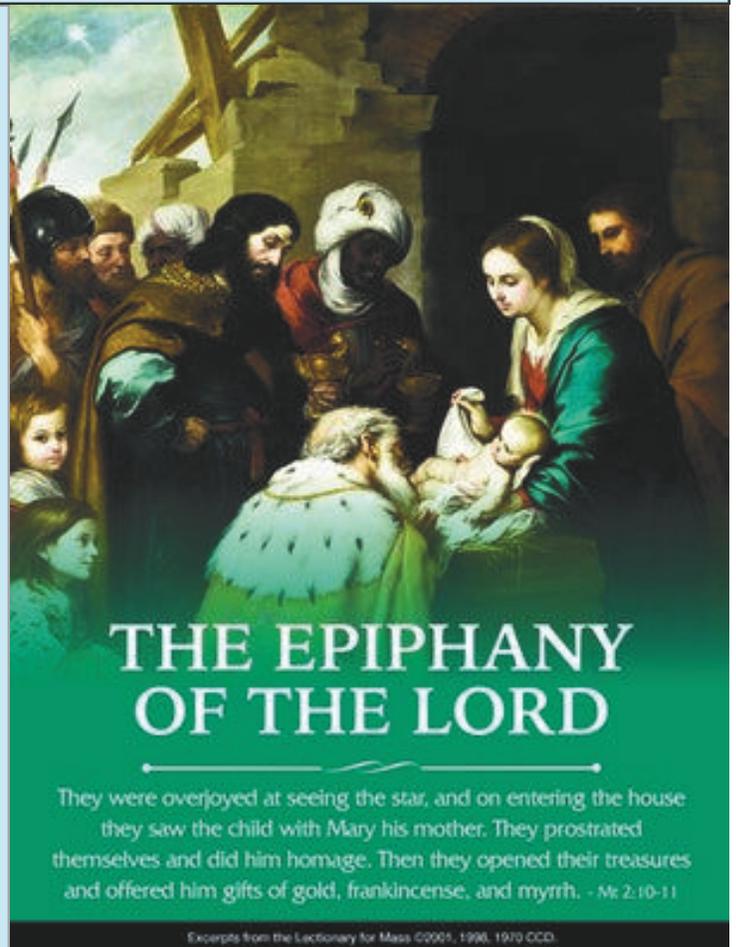
To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

LEGION OF MARY

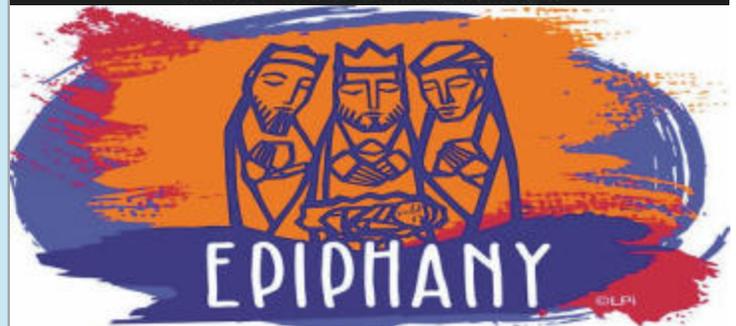
The praesidium meets Tuesdays at 3pm in the Community Center

ESPOSITO COMMUNITY CENTER

136 Midland Avenue, 10306
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Please contact the rectory at (718) 351-2452
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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday, Jan 2 nd | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | For the parishioners |
| 4:30pm ^(C) | Juracy Maria Padiha |
| Sunday, Jan 3 rd | |
| 8:00am ^(M) | For the parishioners |
| 9:15am ^(C) | Dominick Gervasi |
| 10:30am ^(M) | Arthur Lange |
| 12:00pm ^(C) | Michael D'Amato |
| 7:00pm ^(C) | For the parishioners |
| Monday, Jan 4 th | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | |
| Tuesday, Jan 5 th | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | |
| Wednesday, Jan 6 th | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | Thomas Quigley |
| Thursday, Jan 7 th | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | Trudy Jensen |
| Friday, Jan 8 th | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | |
| Saturday, Jan 9 th | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | Angela & Paul Giambro and Renee Giambro-Puleo |
| 4:30pm ^(C) | Lazzaro & Adele Capitelli |
| Sunday, Jan 10 th | |
| 7:30am ^(C) | |
| 9:00am ^(C) | Bruno & Elio Giaccio |
| 10:30am ^(C) | Pauline Tuzzolo |
| 12:00pm ^(C) | Roy Ward Dennis |
| 6:00pm ^(C) | For the parishioners |

Note: We are still restricted to 50% capacity at Mass so please arrive early. We ask that all families (2 or more) sit on the right side (organ side) of the church, people attending Mass on their own, should sit on the left side of the church.

Please remember to shut off all Cell Phones when entering the Church.

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, 4th 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.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021



Christmas Reflection

“There was no room for them in the inn.” Prayerful reflection over these words has highlighted an inner parallel between this saying and the profoundly moving verse from Saint John’s Prologue: ‘He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him’ (Jn. 1:11). For the Savior of the world, for him in whom all things were created (see Col. 1:16), there was no room... He who was crucified outside the city (see Heb. 13:12) also came into the world outside the city.

This should cause us to reflect – it points toward the reversal of values found in the figure of Jesus Christ and his message. From the moment of his birth, he belongs outside the realm of what is important and powerful in worldly terms. Yet it is this unimportant and powerless child that proves to be the truly powerful one, the one on whom ultimately everything depends. So one aspect of becoming a Christian is having to leave behind what everyone else thinks and wants, the prevailing standards, in order to enter the light of the truth of our being, and aided by that light to find the right path.

From Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives,
by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3rd

At St. Christopher Church
Bread and Wine are offered in memory of
Trudy Jensen
and the Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in memory of
Trudy Jensen



A SAD FAREWELL

Today marks the end of regularly scheduled Masses at St Margaret Mary Church and the closure of the Rectory. Therefore, today we must say goodbye to Father Ed, whom we were blessed to have in residence here. Our Church family have all come to know and love Father Ed and we wish him continue blessings in his ministry at Sea View and in his new home.

A soft spoken gentleman for sure, but also and more importantly, a wonderful priest. Father Ed, the best of luck in your new home, you will be missed.

The Parishioners of St. Christopher - St. Margaret Mary

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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



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

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

INTERIM MASS SCHEDULE

Starting next weekend **Jan 9-10, 2021** all Masses will be celebrated at **St Christopher Church**:

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|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 9:00am | | |
| | 4:30pm | (anticipated Mass for Sunday) | |
| Sunday | 7:30am | <u>Weekdays</u> | 9:00am |
| | 9:00am | | |
| | 10:30am | | |
| | 12:00noon | Note change in RED | |
| | 6:00pm | | |

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 4th**.

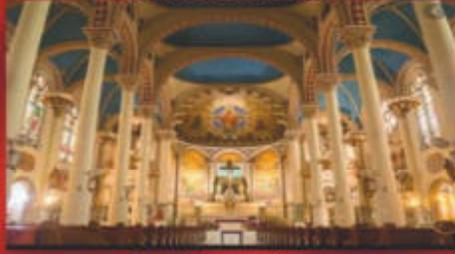
Remember, all checks **must** be payable to “St. Christopher - St. Margaret Mary Parish”, and mailed to: Bob Dennis, 259 Sanilac St., SI 10306



Goretti Latin Mass

Most Holy Redeemer Church
173 E. 3rd Street, 10009

January 8, 2021



After Mass Talk By
Cheryl Riley
Post-Abortion Healing Testimony



- 6:30 PM Confession & Gregorian Chnt Music
- 7:00 PM Mass, Veneration of 1st Class Relic of St. Maria Goretti
- 7:45 PM Fellowship, Talk & Refreshments

The Goretti Group
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AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

12/25 Christmas 1st = \$17,040.00

12/27 Regular 1st = \$6,767.00

Utility and Energy 2nd = \$1,152.00



Please help us to serve you better. We ask that you **do not** use tape to seal your envelopes, as it creates issues in the opening and counting process. Also please indicate the amount of your donation on the envelope as this helps in recordkeeping, and when you forget we can't always correct the envelope, this means we cannot properly record that weeks donation. As always, thanks for your cooperation and generosity to our parish.



Maria Goretti Network
for all victims of abuse

January 15th at 8pm

NYC Chapter Meeting Online
contact nyc@mgoretti.org

MGN Maria Goretti Network exists to help survivors of any type of abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc.) find support and healing in the spirit of St. Maria Goretti. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Steps to forgiveness can set you free.

MGN Maria Goretti Network is a non-profit 501 (c)(3)
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Pray for those
affected by abuse.

"... A TIME TO MOURN ..." - Ecclesiastes 3:4



Pray for the souls of
Deacon Alfred Thompson and Charles Braccio
and their families.

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



CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION

The Cross Road Foundation sends its sincere thanks to all our parishioners for their continued generous contributions. The monthly collection for the Cross Road Foundation in December was **\$324.00**. Thank you!

The Foundation is in need of volunteers in all areas of our pro-life ministry including advising clients, assisting in our "Mommy Store," picking up donations and preparing mailings. Volunteer weekly, monthly or on an occasional basis.

For more information please call Kimberly Carbonaro at (718) 556-3474 or email to **["crossroad15@verizon.net"](mailto:crossroad15@verizon.net)**.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting again on **January 8th**, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at St. Christopher Church starting at 12 Noon and ending with benediction at 3:00pm.



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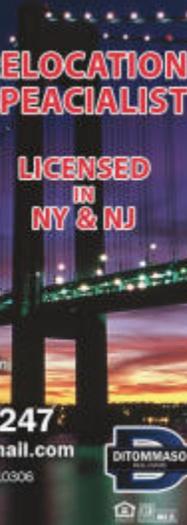
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