



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



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JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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,  
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 - 3:00pm  
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  
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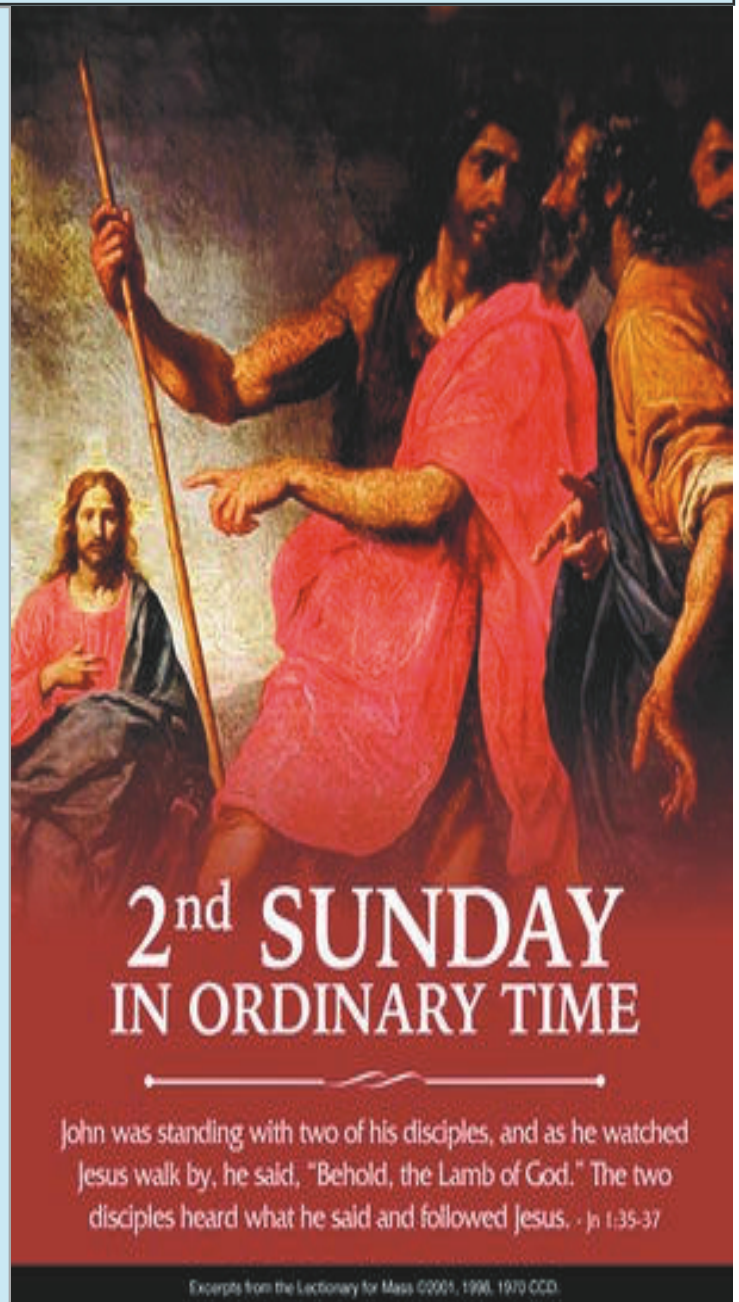
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To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

### 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



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Theresa F. Tudda
	4:30pm	Richard Willis
Sunday, Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	
	9:00am	Richard Wesiak
	10:30am	James Pattison Jr.
	12:00pm	Benny DiBiase
	6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Giovanni G. Schimenti
Tuesday, Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Frank Peteroy
Wednesday, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Jimmy Goonan
Thursday, Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	Joseph Lillis
Friday, Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	
Saturday, Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	Dorothy Ginocchio
	4:30pm	Carmela & Bernard Spensieri
Sunday, Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	
	9:00am	Joan Ford
	10:30am	James Pattison Jr.
	12:00pm	Richard Willis
	6:00pm	For the parishioners

**NOTE: ALL MASSES ARE AT ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH**

**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, 4<sup>th</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.



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### VISIT EWTN

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**January 17, 2021**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER - ST. MARGARET MARY**  
**Summary of Income and Expense**  
**Fiscal Year 9/1/19 - 8/31/20**

The fiscal year 2020 ran from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. This has been a difficult year for everyone, including our parish. As you recall, the pandemic forced us to stop the celebration of Mass for three months, and when we were allowed to resume it was at reduced capacity. I am sincerely grateful to all of you who continued to support the parish during this difficult time.

As with many churches, our regular Sunday collections have been trending downwards for the last several years. During this fiscal year period of September 2019 to August 2020 we are down 7% from the prior fiscal year and most of that is attributable to the shutdown period of March through June 2020. Even the Holy Days have shown decreases and we rely heavily on Christmas and Easter to help fill the gap. We also depend upon the rental income that we receive for the Esposito Community Center, the Olympia Athletic Center (OAC) and the old convent building at St. Margaret Mary. Although we have been receiving rent from the convent and from one group that uses the OAC, we have not received rental income from a second group that uses the OAC, nor from the Community Center. As a result, rental income dropped \$41,000 during this time. This coupled with the decline in collections accounts for a substantial portion of our operating loss. During the shutdown time, we did our best to reduce expenses wherever possible. We are still not receiving rental income from the Community Center.

Fortunately, during the shutdown period, the parish was able to participate in the government's Payroll Protection Program. The loan that was received enabled us to pay our staff and utility bills for eight weeks. It is expected that this loan will be forgiven by the government.

St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary Parish faces many challenges in the upcoming months. I hope that everyone will continue to support our parish both spiritually and financially. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to talk.

One of our "Renew and Rebuild" projects, the roof of St. Christopher Church, has been replaced. The cost to do that was \$94,650. This leaves a balance of \$90,198 in the Renew and Rebuild restricted account.

**THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Bread and Wine** are offered in memory of  
**Joseph Pizzuto**  
 and the **Sanctuary Lamp**  
 is lit in memory of  
**Arthur Lang & Joan Ford**



**MASS ETIQUETTE**

When attending Mass or just visiting the Blessed Sacrament please turn off your cell phone, or even better, leave in your car. The Mass is a time to focus on the Lord and the attention of many can be disrupted by the sounds of cell phones.

When receiving Holy Communion, either on the hand or on the tongue, **please lower your mask just before you reach the priest.** If receiving on the hand, please place one hand over the other, keeping your palm flat, this way the priest has a safe area to place Our Lord.

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

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

**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. And as you can see from today's Bulletin, there are a number of scheduled Masses available for dedication, in the early part of this year. 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.

Currently, Masses can only be reserved up until **Easter, Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. The latter part of the year **will be opened on February 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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



**QUIPS!**

When praying, don't give God instructions - Just report for duty.

We don't change God's message. His message changes us!



## CONSECRATION PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

On this day, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I, \_\_\_\_\_, a repentant sinner, consecrate myself, body and soul to you, St. Joseph. I turn to you as my spiritual father and place my life and my salvation into your hands. Confident in your goodness, I place myself under the paternal cloak and ask you to protect me from the world, the flesh, and the devil. Saint Joseph, you are the virginal husband of the Mother of God! Help me to love her with tender affection and filial devotion. Mary is my spiritual mother and the surest, fastest, and easiest way to Jesus. Keep me close to her and, together with her, bring me closer to Jesus. Never depart from me, St. Joseph. Nourish me with the Bread of Life, instruct me in the wisdom of the saints, help me carry my cross, and keep me always in the Catholic Church. When I die, take me to the Kingdom of Heaven to see Jesus and Mary. From this day onward, I will never forget you. I will speak of you often, spend time with you in prayer and, with your help, earnestly strive to sin no more. Should I fall, help me to repent and to go to confession. Should I go astray, guide me back to the truth. Before heaven and earth, my soul cries out: Praise to the Holy Trinity who has made you prince over all their possessions! Praise to the Virgin Mary, who loves you and longs to see you loved! Praise to you, my spiritual father, the great St. Joseph! I give everything to you, St. Joseph. Take me as your own. I am yours. Amen!



### YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

1/10 Regular 1<sup>st</sup> = \$6,269  
School Maintenance 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$1,181



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**DECEMBER  
WINNER**

**M/M EUGENE DeWATERS**

**Congratulations!**



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



Pray for the souls of  
**Jimmy Goonan, Bruno Galati,  
Amelia Lyon, Paul Sebastiano,  
Florence Dalton and Dolores Hartman**  
and their families.

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

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## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration has started again. 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.

## 40 Days for Life SI Witness for Life

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. Saturday, January 30th will be our next group rally after 9 AM Mass at St. Christopher's (Light refreshments after Mass in the Community Center -130 Midland Ave), followed by - 10:30 - 11:30 AM prayer witness at SIUH North (475 Seaview Ave, 10305). This will be our last large group rally before our Spring campaign beginning February 17th. For more info contact [40DaysSI@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysSI@gmail.com).

**PRAY TO END ABORTION!**

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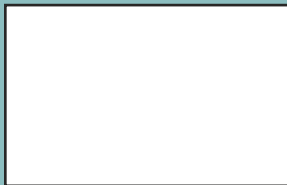
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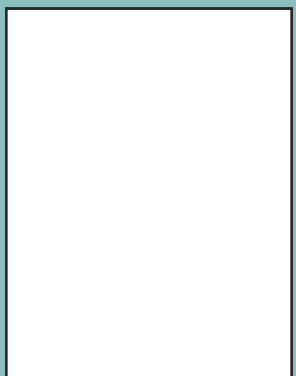
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