



The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



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JANUARY 24TH, 2021 - THE THIRD 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
Mrs. Catherine Falabella, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and RCIA

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

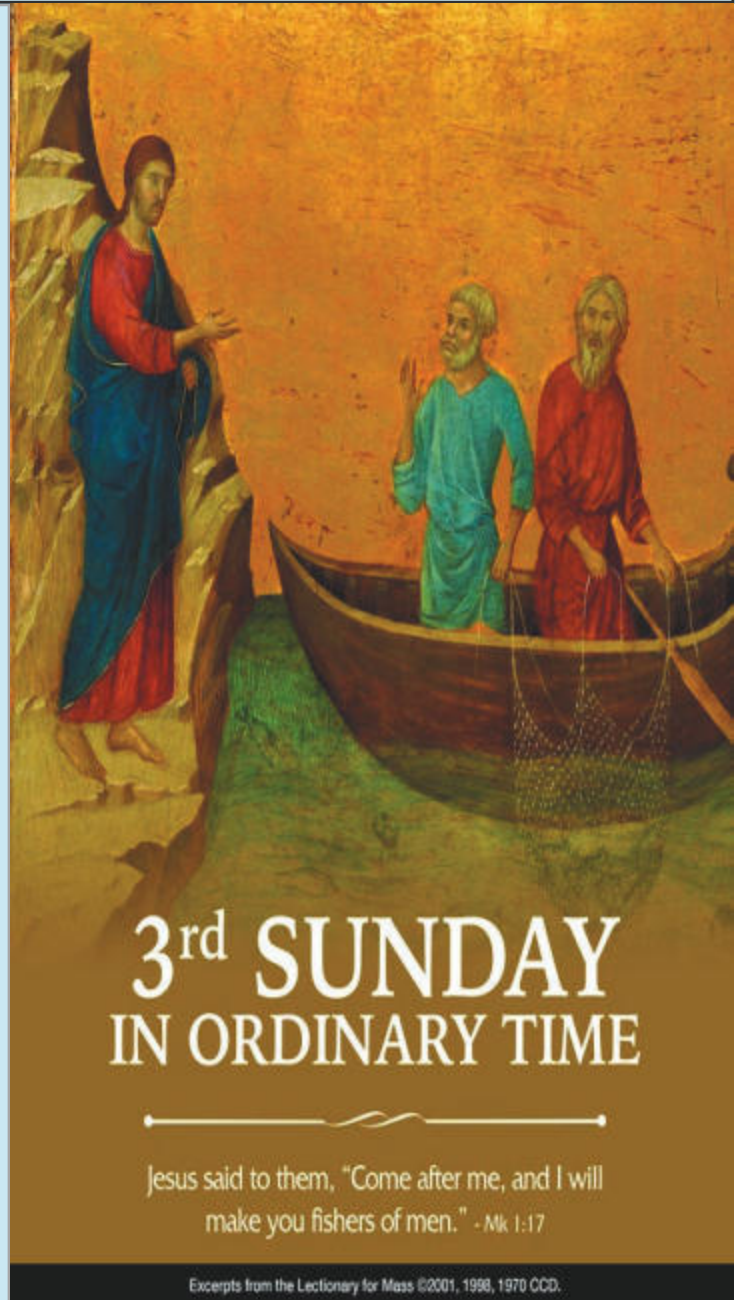
Patty Beniquez
To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

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



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 23 rd	9:00am	Dorothy Ginocchio
	4:30pm	Carmela & Bernard Spensieri
Sunday, Jan 24 th	7:30am	For the intentions of Fr J. McLafferty and Fr. T. DeSimone
	9:00am	Joan Ford
	10:30am	James Pattison Jr.
	12:00pm	Richard Willis
	6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Jan 25 th	9:00am	Michael Keane
Tuesday, Jan 26 th	9:00am	Carol Miano and Bruno Galati
Wednesday, Jan 27 th	9:00am	Maria Lopresti
Thursday, Jan 28 th	9:00am	2nd Anniversary Lily O'Donovan
Friday, Jan 29 th	9:00am	Edward Joseph Byrne
Saturday, Jan 30 th	9:00am	Ann DiSano
	4:30pm	50th Wedding Anniversary Norma & Narciso Villafuerte
Sunday, Jan 31 st	7:30am	
	9:00am	Ruben James Mulhern
	10:30am	
	12:00pm	Mike & Rose D'Amato
	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, 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.

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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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 24, 2021

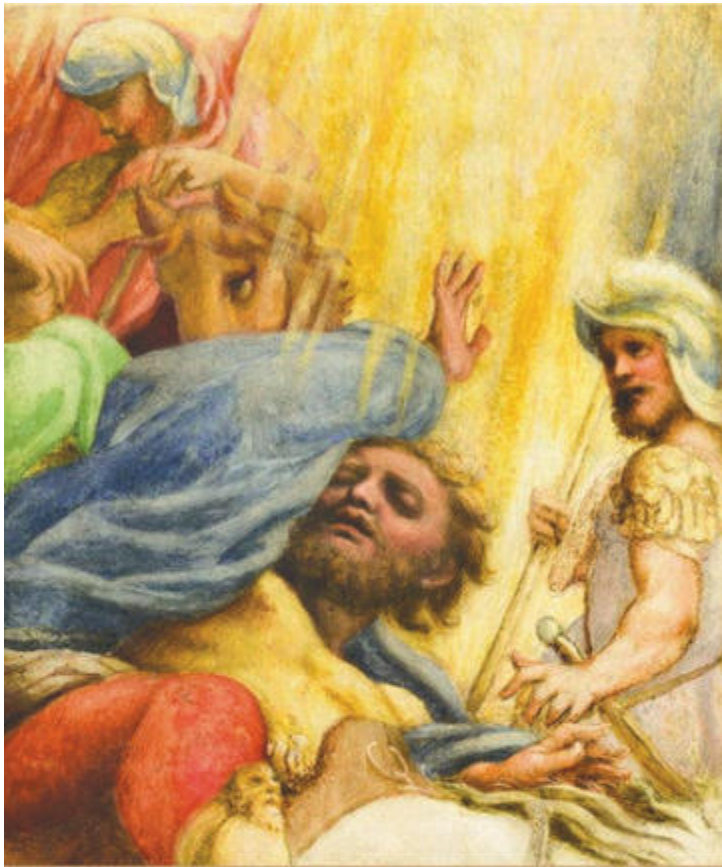
The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24th



Bread and Wine are offered in memory of
Pauline Tuzzolo
and the **Sanctuary Lamp**
is lit in memory of
Pauline Tuzzolo



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. Pryzmocki |
| 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 | Frank Sajdak |
| Brian Demarest | Delia Mandia | Billy San Filippo |
| Clara Di Gregorio | Jeanne Marchisello | Angelo Savarino |
| Alison DiStefano | 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 4th**. The latter part of the year **will be opened on February 1st**.

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



QUIPS!

Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church!



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

1/17 Regular 1st = \$4,120
Maintenance & Repair 2nd = \$846



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



Pray for the souls of
**Santina Savona, Kara McTigue,
Josephine Harris, Angelo Nogara
And Fr Frederick Becker**
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.

PRAY TO END ABORTION!

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