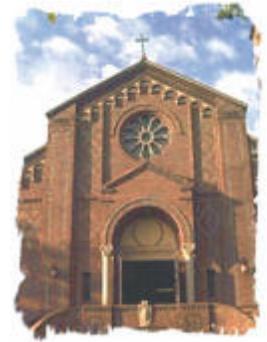


# The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



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FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - THE SIXTH 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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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and RCIA

560 Lincoln Avenue, 10306 (718) 351-2119  
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### MUSIC MINISTRY

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### 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



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Edward Ginocchio
	4:30pm	Mary & Joseph Sciacca
Sunday, Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	Mary Northam
	9:00am	Liv & dec'd mem. Holy Name Society
	10:30am	Anthony Fontana & Family
	12:00pm	William J. Gaynor Sr. & Jr.
	6:00pm	Richard Wesiak
Monday, Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Molly Funk
Tuesday, Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	For the Intentions of Helen Charnovesky
Ash Wednesday, Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	
	9:00am	Michael Brenneck
	12:00pm	Molly Funk
	7:00pm	
Thursday, Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	James Leary
Friday, Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	
	7:30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Joan Ford
	4:30pm	Bill Burfeind Sr.
Sunday, Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30am	Molly Funk
	9:00am	Frances McConville
	10:30am	James Pattison Sr., Louis Capobianco Sr.
	12:00pm	Rufino Humberto Rogel Camacho
	6:00pm	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, 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.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays in Lent, at 7:30pm, there will be Stations of the Cross at St. Christopher Church.

## VISIT EWTN

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**February 14, 2021**

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.



## Be Light: A Marriage Renewal Date Night Series Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York

Join top Marriage Champions from around the country for a 5 part marriage enrichment and renewal series. During this time of social isolation, our Domestic Church is in even greater need of relationship with God and others. This is our time as married couples to shine and be the light to those in our homes and communities. Register today and let your marriage BE LIGHT!

Together we will explore various topics including belonging, expectations, the need for community, couples works of mercy and living as missionary disciples. We will dive deep into catechesis, marriage formation and evangelization as we grow closer to our beloved and in relationship with God. This series is designed to meet the needs of couples who want to use the challenge of social distancing to grow closer to each other and build relationships with other couples.

Each date night will include a video from a dynamic couple, reflection questions and recommended resources. The feel will be a combination of date night/parish mission/retreat/small group. Take this time to renew your marriage and build new relationships with other couples!

Go here to register:  
[https://app.witnessstolove.org/courses/10?parish\\_token=0fSw4ayZ](https://app.witnessstolove.org/courses/10?parish_token=0fSw4ayZ)

### For more information about:

*Witness to Love Marriage Renewal Ministry*

visit our website at <https://witnessstolove.org/> and watch the promo video.

## 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



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

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.



Remember, all checks **must** be payable to



## 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 January was **\$160.00**. 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).

## ARCHDIOCESEAN PARISH AND PASTOR EVALUATION

This year Father Joseph M. McLafferty will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary Parish.

In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letters to:

The Office of Priest Personnel  
Archdiocese of New York  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Letters should be received no later than **February 28, 2021**

**Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.**



### EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**JANUARY  
WINNER**

**ERNEST TULINO**

**Congratulations!**



### 40 Days for Life Staten Island

**Want to be part of saving the lives of babies?** All it takes is your prayers and presence. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held this Lent, **Ash Wed, Feb 17th - Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**40 Days for Life** is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at SIU Hospital North (475 Seaview Ave, 10305). **St. Christopher-St. Margaret Mary** parishioners will be gathering **every Wednesday morning from 7 AM to 1 PM**.

Please email [40DaysSI@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysSI@gmail.com) or use the sheets in the vestibule of the church to sign-up. To learn more, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) (Staten Island location to sign up).

### YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

1/31 Regular 1<sup>st</sup> = \$5,779.00  
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2/7 Regular 1<sup>st</sup> = \$3,232.00  
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Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

### NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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



Pray for the souls of  
**Elizabeth “Molly” Funk  
and Fr. Carl D. Johnson**  
and their families.

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY ✝ FEBRUARY 17, 2021

With guidance from the United States Bishops’ Conference committee on divine worship and the Archdiocese of New York, we will distribute ashes in the usual way with a few changes. The priest will bless the ashes, sprinkle them with Holy Water and then invite the people, wearing masks, to approach the altar in two lines. The priests, also wearing masks, will be separated far apart near the altar to spread out the lines for ashes. The priest will place the ashes on the forehead in the usual way and will sanitize his finger with an alcohol wipe. Some parishes have opted for a European custom of sprinkling of ashes on the top of the head, also a valid method.

For those who wish to bring ashes to the homebound, we will have some packets available, which will be given out at the end of the Mass or service. The schedule for Masses will be:

7:30am Mass  
9:00am Mass  
12Noon Mass  
4:00pm Liturgy of the Word  
7:00pm Mass

## LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

- ✝ Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 and ends on Holy Thursday, April 1.
- ✝ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law.
- ✝ Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity.
- ✝ Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.
- ✝ Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 or older are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and **all Fridays of Lent**. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.
- ✝ All Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death Jesus accepted for us.
- ✝ The time for fulfilling the Easter Duty extends from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21) to Holy Trinity Sunday (May 30).

## THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>



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**Richard Wesiak**  
and the **Sanctuary Lamp**  
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**Joseph Pizzuto**



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