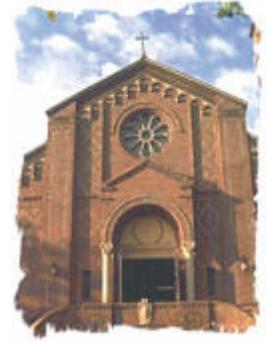




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FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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15 Lisbon Place, 10306 (718) 351-0902
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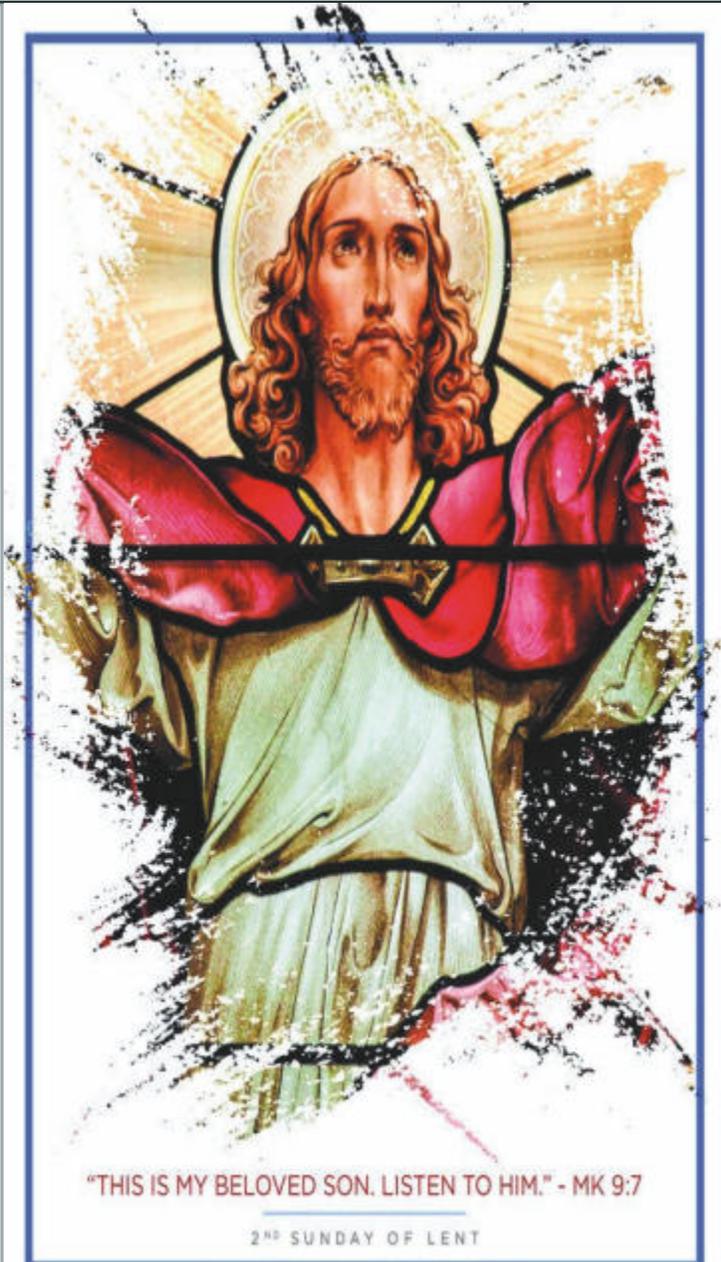
Patty Beniquez
To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

LEGION OF MARY

The praesidium meets Tuesdays at 3pm in the Community Center

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136 Midland Avenue, 10306
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for available dates and rates



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 27 th	9:00am	Rita Brenneck
	4:30pm	Lazzaro & Adele Capitelli
Sunday, Feb 28 th	7:30am	James Brice
	9:00am	Jack Firriolo
	10:30am	Richard Wesiak
	12:00pm	Joanne D'Amato
	6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Mar 1 st	9:00am	Molly Funk
Tuesday, Mar 2 nd	9:00am	Betty Gallagher
Wednesday Mar 3 rd	9:00am	Noreen "Noni" O'Connor
Thursday, Mar 4 th	9:00am	Catherine & Henry Lange
Friday, Mar 5 th	9:00am	Mary Smith
Saturday, Mar 6 th	9:00am	Francis "Buddy" Brenneck
	4:30pm	Rose, Frank & Rosemary Manzulli
Sunday, Mar 7 th	7:30am	
	9:00am	Theresa, Deanna & Robert Berardi
	10:30am	Italo DeSimone
	12:00pm	Giovanna Modena
	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, 4th Infantry Div

PFC Joseph Cascio

NAVY

Max Davidson, Navy Fighter Pilot

Lt Junior Grade Patrick T. Walsh

Louis Michael Lombardi, CS3

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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 28, 2021

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



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

For more information about:

Witness to Love Marriage Renewal Ministry

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

A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION IN LIFE

Great St. Joseph, so docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, obtain for me the grace to know what state of life Divine Providence destines for me. Do not allow me to be deceived with regard to so important a choice, upon which depends my happiness in this world, and even my eternal salvation. Obtain for me that, being enlightened to know the Divine Will and being faithful in accomplishing it, I may embrace that state of life which God has destined for me and which will lead me to a happy eternity.

Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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



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

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 “St. Christopher - St. Margaret Mary Parish”, and mailed to: Bob Dennis, 259 Sanilac St., SI 10306

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.

Lenten Morning of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on the meaning of Lent for their lives today, their ministry and their parish communities. Join us for this online webinar, which will include inspiring talks and an opportunity to unite together in prayer with other parish liturgical ministers.

Presenter: Fr. Paul Turner, S.T.D., Pastor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City, MO, and author of numerous books with Liturgical Press, World Library Publications and Liturgy Training Publications

Date: Saturday, March 6, 10am-11:30am
Registration fee: \$15

Location: Online Webinar
Learn from the comfort of your own home!
More information and registration:
["morningofprayer.eventbrite.com"](http://morningofprayer.eventbrite.com)
Contact: liturgy@archny.org
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ANNUAL CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Care for Retired Parish Priests

\$1M of the Cardinal's Appeal supports the Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence, which is a comfortable and safe home for fifty-seven retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church. Help us care for those who cared for us with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal.



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.

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 28th**.

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 or use the sheets in the vestibule of the church to sign-up. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com (Staten Island location to sign up).

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

2/14 Regular 1st = \$5,718.00
School Maintenance 2nd = \$1,100.00
2/17 Ash Wednesday = \$2,452.00
2/21 Regular 1st = \$4,660.00
Utility & Maintenance 2nd = \$1,017.00



Thanks for your continued generosity to our parish.

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



Pray for the souls of
**Eileen Egan Ferguson, William Haskell,
Gaetano Thomas Busacco, Peggy Ann Davern,
Elmar Kola, Elaine English and Leo Fischer**
and their families.

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

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28TH



The Bread & Wine are offered
in memory of
Elaine English
and the
Sanctuary Lamp
is lit for the intentions of
Lynda Dayton



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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).

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