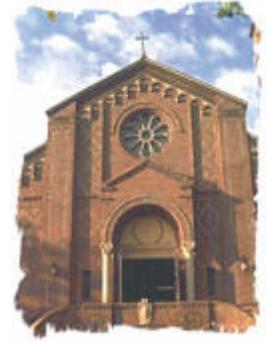




# The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



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## MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - THE THIRD 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.

### ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

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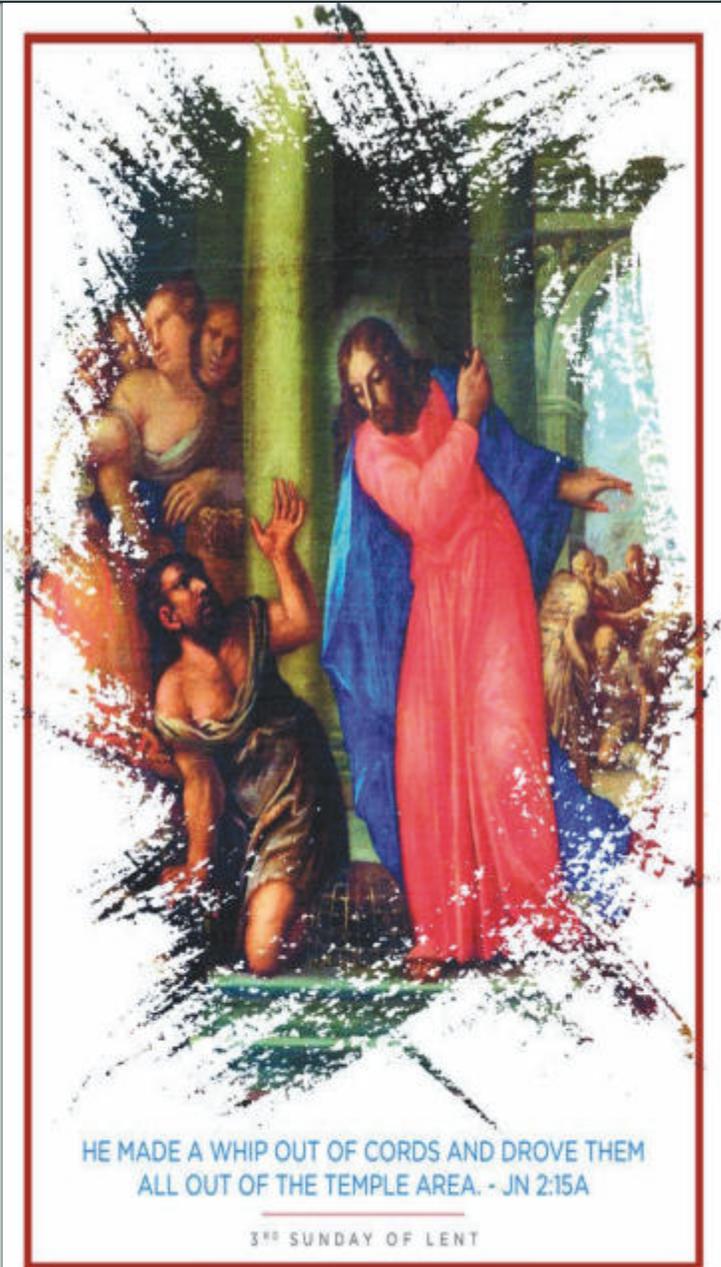
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### LEGION OF MARY

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Francis "Buddy" Brenneck
	4:30pm	Rose, Frank & Rosemary Manzulli
Sunday, Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	
	9:00am	Theresa, Deanna & Robert Berardi
	10:30am	Italo DeSimone
	12:00pm	Giovanna Modena
	6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Joseph Pizzuto
Tuesday, Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Frank Manno Jr.
Wednesday Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Michael Sapio
Thursday, Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Rosemary Vasquenz
Friday, Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Joseph Basso
Saturday, Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Mykola Pawelczak
	4:30pm	Richard Willis
Sunday, Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	
	9:00am	Liv & Dec'd Mem Holy Name Society
	10:30am	Mary DeGiacomo & Dorothy McGonigle
	12:00pm	Ida & Vincenzo Giaccio
	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

**March 7, 2021**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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**ANNUAL CARDINAL'S APPEAL**

**COVID-19**

Few organizations were as well-equipped to respond to the needs of the community at the peak of the pandemic as the Catholic Church, but the work is far from over. The geographic reach of the archdiocese coupled with the existing network of parishes and charitable organizations meant that we had a presence in most neighborhoods in three of the boroughs of New York, and all the way from Staten Island to Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. We are able to serve not only the faithful, but our neighbors and all who approach our church doors in their time of need with spiritual, physical, and medical support.



**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 February was **\$217.00**. 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)".

**YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS**

2/28 Regular 1<sup>st</sup> = \$7,657.00

School Maintenance 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$1,072.00



Thanks for your continued generosity to our parish.

**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).

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

Blessed St. Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

*Amen.*

**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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| <b>David Amarando</b> | John Fitzpatrick      | Ruth Natale          |
| Ashley Arcamone       | Peter Fox             | Jeff Naughton        |
| Vanda Agatha Baptiste | Philip Frabosila      | Ginny Neumuller      |
| Ann Basso             | Kathleen Gaynor       | Nicolette            |
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| Joe Faith             | Jean Moseder          | Ginger Yannotta      |
| Mary Ferris           | Anna M. Nardone       |                      |

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.

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



Pray for the souls of  
**Fr Paul John, Sr. Dianna Ortiz,  
Patricia Arevalo & Rosemary Vasquez**  
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 MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
is lit for the intentions of  
**Elaine English**



## 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.

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3. You will be asked to create a new account by giving your name and email address. You will then be sent an email immediately to sign on and explore!

## 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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