



The Church of St. Christopher
130 Midland Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10306

Parish Office: (718) 351-2452
Fax: (718) 351-1174
Office Hours: Monday - Friday,
9:30am - 4:00pm

The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



The Church of St. Margaret Mary
560 Lincoln Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10306

Deacon Patrick Graham
Rev. Adaly Rosado, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Michael W. Cichon, Pastor

Our **NEW** Web address
is
scsmmsi.org

AUGUST 22TH, 2021 - 21ST 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

130 Midland Avenue, 10306 (718) 351-2452
Mrs. Barbara Regan, Coordinator

MUSIC MINISTRY

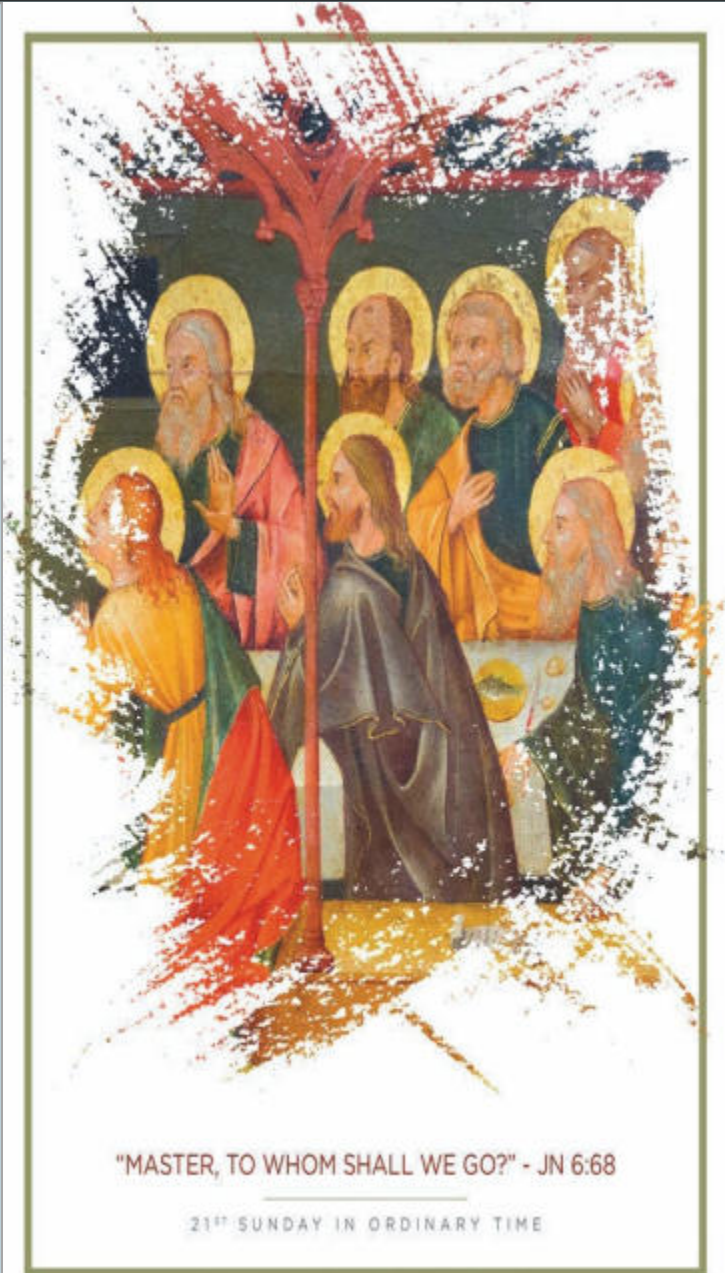
Patty Beniquez
To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

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



"MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?" - JN 6:68

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 21 st	9:00am	Jean Cannavo
	4:30pm	Dietro Mione
Sunday, Aug 22 nd	7:30am	Margaret Moroder
	9:00am	Frank Gulino
	10:30am	Sarah Capobianco
	12:00noon	Paul Gorostiola
	6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Aug 23 rd	9:00am	Mary Miraldi
Tuesday, Aug 24 th	9:00am	Intentions of Fr. Joe McLafferty
Wednesday, Aug 25 th	9:00am	Jean Cannavo
Thursday, Aug 26 th	9:00am	Richard Pizzuto
Friday, Aug 27 th	9:00am	Frank Meuceri Sr.
Saturday, Aug 28 th	9:00am	Maria Benvenuto
	4:30pm	Mary Kenny & Daniel Kenny
Sunday, Aug 29 th	7:30am	Joseph Nicholas Hockler
	9:00am	Joseph Rossi
	10:30am	Joseph & Maria Gaustella
	12:00noon	Walter Griswald
	6:00pm	For the parishioners

Note:

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, E5

AIR FORCE

Airman Ceili Gardiner
 Master Sgt. Elisa Nickolic

MARINES

Sgt. Vincent P. Gennaro
 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.

CHURCH SEATING

All seating restrictions have now been lifted. We do ask that if you are "at risk" or **have not** been vaccinated to please wear a mask to protect yourself and those around you.

CAN'T GET TO MASS VISIT EWTN

Spectrum - EWTN (channel #460)

Weekdays - 12:00am; 8:00am; 12:00pm; 7:00pm

Sundays - 8:00am; and 12:00pm

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Sundays - 8:00am; and 12:00pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

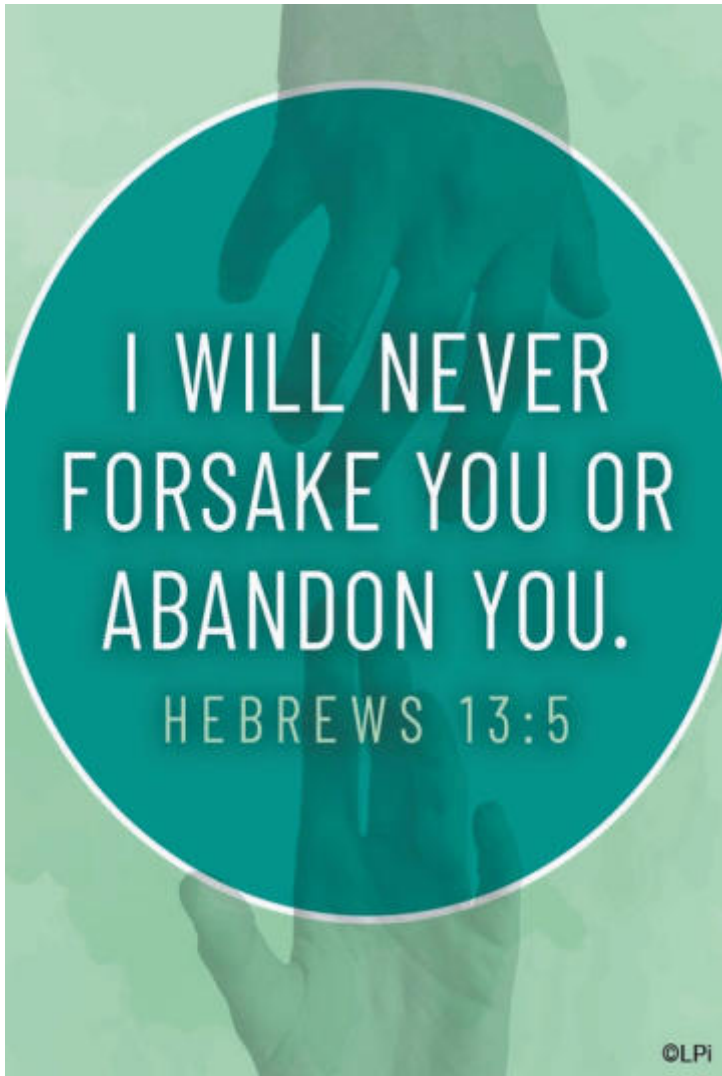
August 22, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.



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WE WELCOME

To our Christian Family on their Baptism.



Congratulations!

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

8/15 Regular 1st = \$4,484.00
 Maintenance & Repair 2nd = \$1,165.00



Thanks for your continued generosity to our parish.

"... A TIME TO MOURN ..." - Ecclesiastes 3:4



Pray for the soul of
Nicholas Ricigliano
 and their family.

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

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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| David Amarando | Mary Ferris | Dominic Morandi |
| Ashley Arcamone | John Fitzpatrick | Patrick Morrissey |
| Vanda Agatha Baptiste | Peter Fox | Jean Moseder |
| Ann Basso | Sharon Fox | Anna M. Nardone |
| Paula Benedetto | Michelle Galati | Ruth Natale |
| Emilio Berardi | Kathleen Gaynor | Jeff Naughton |
| Giovanni Bertuna | Ernest Giovelli | Nicolette |
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| Darlene | Richard Malanga | Maria Scigliano |
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| Dolores DeLorenzo | Jeanne Marchisello | Stephen Sebastiano |
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| J.F. | Maureen Mobilia | |
| Anita Fabiano | Lori Moore | |
| Joe Faith | | |



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious Education Registration is now open. We accept students entering 1st Grade and up, in the Public School system. **First Eucharist** is received at the end of the Second year of study. All students are expected to stay in the program until **Confirmation** which is administered in the 8th year of study.

NOTE: Classes will now be held in Esposito Hall on Sundays from 9-10:30. Sacramental Prep classes are held on Sundays with attendance at the 10:30 mass. Wednesday classes will remain 3:30-5.

Registration forms may be obtained from the rectory. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Regan through her e-mail address: mmaryrectoryeled1@verizon.net.

Be assured that you are all in my prayers especially during this time.

How Can
We Pray
FOR
You?
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ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL'S **FREE** UPK4

St. Christopher School has a limited number of UPK4 seats available and we would like to see them filled with community children! Please, if you know anyone with children who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2021, we would appreciate if you would pass the word on about our top notch free UPK4! Anyone interested can call the school office at 718 351 0902 at any time and either speak to us, or leave a message and we will call them back.

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22nd



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