



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

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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](http://scsmmsi.org)

AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 22<sup>ND</sup> 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

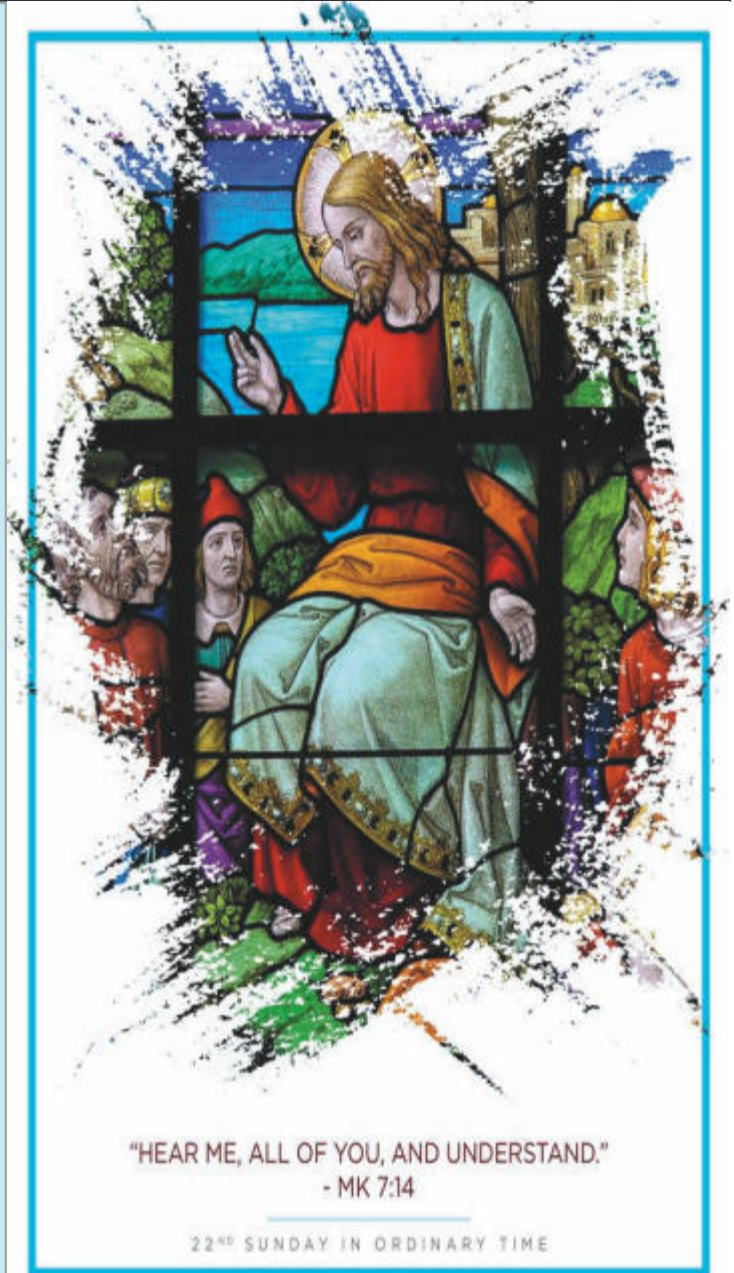
Patty Beniquez  
To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

## 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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	Maria Benvenuto
4:30pm	Mary Kenny & Daniel Kenny
Sunday, Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30am	Joseph Nicholas Hockler
9:00am	Joseph Rossi
10:30am	Joseph & Maria Gaustella
12:00noon	Walter Griswald
6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	Teresita Desquitado
Tuesday, Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	
9:00am	Joseph Gaustella
Wednesday, Sep 1 <sup>st</sup>	
9:00am	Frank & Irene Giangarra
Thursday, Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
9:00am	The intentions of Sophie Loresto
Friday, Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
9:00am	Jean Cannavo
Saturday, Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	Arthur Lang
4:30pm	Joseph Day
Sunday, Sep 5 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30am	Henry Keyes
9:00am	Amanda Roussel
10:30am	Joseph Gaustella
12:00noon	Andrew Owens
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, 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, 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.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CHURCH HOURS

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church will close at **4:00pm**.

The hours are **7:30am to 4pm**

## 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

**Verizon FIOS** - EWTN (channel #285)

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

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 29, 2021

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



## 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: [mmaryrectoryreled1@verizon.net](mailto:mmaryrectoryreled1@verizon.net).

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

## SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at (646) 794-2949 or over the internet at: [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

## SPANISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte al coordinador de asistencia a las víctimas, Señora Eileen Mulcahy al 646-794-2949. Ella también pueden ser contactada vía correo electrónica: [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Para más información pueden visitar la página en la red de la arquidiócesis: [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). De acuerdo con las normas de la arquidiócesis sobre el respeto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros.

## 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.

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



Pray for the soul of  
**Fr. Joseph Koterski**  
and his 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



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
Barbara Boccia	Mary T. Gormley	Eileen Palozzola
Peter Boragi	Elsa Griswald	Mary Parnell
Paul Buhler	Peter C. Guinta	Judy Paul
Mary Burfeind	Peter V. Guinta	Anthony Pelle Jr.
Francis Burns	Betty Gulino	Frances Peterson
Leonor Cabrera	Dolores Haring	Dee Phillips
Rosemary Callahan	Brenda Harris	Christopher Pigano
Lee Canning	Renee Harris	Lauren Pistilli
Barbara H. Cannizzaro	Jeanette Herbert	Kristen M. Pryzmocki
Edward G. Cannizzaro	Bertha Hernandez	Theresa Pucciarelli
Sal Catucci	Stacey Hillman	Andrew Purcell
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Frank Ciabattari	Maria Ivaliotis	Patricia Ramos
Michael Cigliano	Lisa Jaffe	Mark Ravotta
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Sal Cigliano	Bruce Keller	Arlene Rhenos
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Coleen Comita	Dan Kupstas	Nicole Ryan
Debbie Cotayo	Florence Ladisernia	Frank Sajdak
Virginia Cowan	Diane Leershen	Billy San Filippo
Domenico Crapanzano	Jerry LePre	Angelo Savarino
Peter Dannecker	Joseph Lombino	Michael Savarino
Darlene	Richard Malanga	Maria Scigliano
Mary Graham Delmar	Delia Mandia	Alfred Sebastiano
Dolores DeLorenzo	Jeanne Marchisello	Stephen Sebastiano
Brian Demarest	Anna Mavrianos-Cesare	W. Robert Shields
Marie DiAngelo	Margaret McLoughlin	Christian Sigua
Clara Di Gregorio	Danny Meagher	Francine Sowlakus
Louise DiVita	Abby Memmesheimer	Vivian Taffaro
Thomas Emery	Carol Meshel	Stella Vasile
Gloria Espinoza	Fr. Angelo Micciulla	Ginger Yannotta
J.F.	Maureen Mobilia	
Anita Fabiano	Lori Moore	
Joe Faith		

## YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

8/22 Regular 1<sup>st</sup> = \$4,327.00  
Aid to Haiti 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$840.00



Thanks for your continued generosity to our parish.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ADMISSION TEST

**WHO:** Eight Grade Students applying for Fall 2021 admissions to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of NY.  
**WHAT:** The test is designed to measure school aptitude and scholastic achievements in reading, mathematics and language.  
**WHEN:** Archdiocese of NY : **Friday, November 5, 2021** - on line, remote at home test.  
**HOW:** Register for the exam via the internet or telephone beginning at **9:00am** on Monday August 23, through Sunday, October 24, 2021 until 5:00pm  
**FEE:** \$65

Visit: [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) for more information.

## You Don't Deserve To Be Abused

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the Catholics For Family Peace website: [www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org).

Domestic violence can take different forms, but its purpose is always the same: Abusers want to control their domestic partners through fear. They do this by abusing them physically, sexually, psychologically, verbally, and/or economically.

If you or a family member or friend are affected by abuse and need support, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY), or if you're unable to speak safely, you can log on to

<https://www.thehotline.org/>. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For more information on Domestic Violence, visit the Archdiocesan Family Life Office webpage: <https://archny.org/family-life/training-resources/additional-resources/>.

### SPANISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

No mereces ser abusado Octubre es el Mes Nacional de Concientización sobre la Violencia Doméstica. Para obtener más información sobre la respuesta católica, visite los Católicos por La Paz de la Familia [http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/uploads/9/7/5/4/9754767/catholic\\_response\\_restroom\\_flyer\\_-\\_spanish.pdf](http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/uploads/9/7/5/4/9754767/catholic_response_restroom_flyer_-_spanish.pdf). La violencia doméstica puede tomar diferentes formas, pero su propósito es siempre el mismo: los abusadores quieren controlar a sus parejas domésticas a través del miedo. Lo hacen abusando de ellos física, sexual, psicológica, verbal y económicamente. Si usted o un miembro de su familia o amigo se ven afectados por el abuso y necesitan apoyo, comuníquese con la línea directa nacional de violencia doméstica al 1-800-799-7233 (24 horas); o si no puede hablar de manera segura, puede chatear aquí <https://espanol.thehotline.org/>.

Si está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para obtener más información sobre la violencia doméstica, visite la página web de la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Vida Familiar: <https://archny.org/family-life/training-resources/additional-resources/> y seleccione la opción "Translate" para leer el material en español.



### THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>



The Bread and Wine  
are offered in memory of  
**Joseph Rossi**



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**Eloisa Gallol & Maria Ruiz**



LIMITED OPENINGS FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR!

## St. Christopher School

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**[www.stchristophersi.com](http://www.stchristophersi.com)**

St. Christopher School remained open 5 days a week throughout the 2020-2021 school year offering an excellent in-person education for our students.

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