



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

Parish Office: (718) 351-2452
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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

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2021 - 23ND 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



"BE OPENED!" - MK 7:34

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sep 4 th	9:00am	Arthur Lang
	4:30pm	Joseph Day
Sunday, Sep 5 th	7:30am	Henry Keyes
	9:00am	Amanda Roussel
	10:30am	Joseph Gaustella
	12:00noon	Andrew Owens
	6:00pm	For the parishioners
Monday, Sep 6 th	9:00am	Andrew Owens
Tuesday, Sep 7 th	9:00am	Paul Gorostiola
Wednesday, Sep 8 th	9:00am	Billy Angelo Queen
Thursday, Sep 9 th	9:00am	Intentions of Prudence Zeiner
Friday, Sep 10 th	9:00am	Intentions of Brittany Castro
Saturday, Sep 11 th	9:00am	For all those lost on 9/11
	4:30pm	The deceased of the Lovascio Family
Sunday, Sep 12 th	7:30am	Molly Funk
	9:00am	Liv & Dec'd of the Holy Name Society
	10:30am	For the parishioners
	12:00noon	Joseph Motyka
	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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CHURCH HOURS

As of September 1st, 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)

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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: mmaryrectoryred1@verizon.net.

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



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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



David Amarando	Joe Faith	Dominic Morandi
Ashley Arcamone	Mary Ferris	Patrick Morrissey
Vanda Agatha Baptiste	John Fitzpatrick	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
Ann Ciabattari	Linda Imperatrice	Joann Raccioppi
Frank Ciabattari	Maria Ivaliotis	Patricia Ramos
Michael Cigliano	Lisa Jaffe	Mark Ravotta
Paul Cigliano	Kevin Keane	Colleen Regan
Sal Cigliano	Bruce Keller	Arlene Rhenos
Margaret Clark	Laura Kleydman	Linda Romano
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 McLoughin	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	



FULL TIME POSITION OPEN AT CARMEL RICHMOND

Sister Suzanne Sapa at Carmel Richmond on Old Town Road is looking for a full-time person to work in the Pastoral Care Department. Ideally this person is a Catholic with faith in the sacraments, with kindness and love, good judgment and strength to do a lot of walking, pushing wheelchairs, etc. Perhaps you know people in your parish who might be great for this and could tell them about the opportunity.

If you have the skills and desire, please contact: Suzanne Alio at 718-407-2941



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 August was **\$196.00**. 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.

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 souls of
**Peter Fox, Barbara Ann Aruta,
Fr. Richard Seagraves, Fr. Charles Smarsh
and Nicholas Ricigliano**
and their families.

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

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

8/29 Regular 1st = \$6,532.00
Utility & Energy 2nd = \$922.00



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 for more information.

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Pocket Book Bingo

August 9, 2021

Dear Friend of Cross Road,

Once again, we are preparing for our Fall Event to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sunday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. with doors opening at 9:30a.m. Donation for this event is \$40 per person which includes 10 game cards.

Additional game cards will be available for purchase. Also there will be a full breakfast buffet including muffins and fruit. At this event there will also be a Basket Auction with many beautifully prepared baskets

Reservations can be made online at www.crossroadfoundation.net or by mail. To reserve your seat, please complete and return the bottom portion of this page and send it back with your check to:

The Cross Road Foundation
482 Manor Rd.
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Reservations must be received by **October 8th**. Thank you so much for your continued support. We hope to see you there.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

I would like to reserve _____ Ticket(s) or _____ Table(s) for \$40.

Please include the names of people sitting at your table on reverse.

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_____ I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of _____.

^{AK}Please make checks out to The Cross Road Foundation.

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(718) 351- 0902

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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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