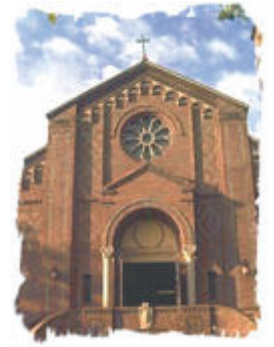




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DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MASSES

Monday - Friday: St. Christopher ... 9:00am
Monday: Island Shores10:30am, Residents Mass
Saturday: St. Christopher ... 9:00am and 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: St. Christopher ... 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00noon,
6:00pm and 7:30pm in Spanish

Holy Days of Obligation as announced

CONFESSION

Saturday: St. Christopher 1:00pm - 2:00pm
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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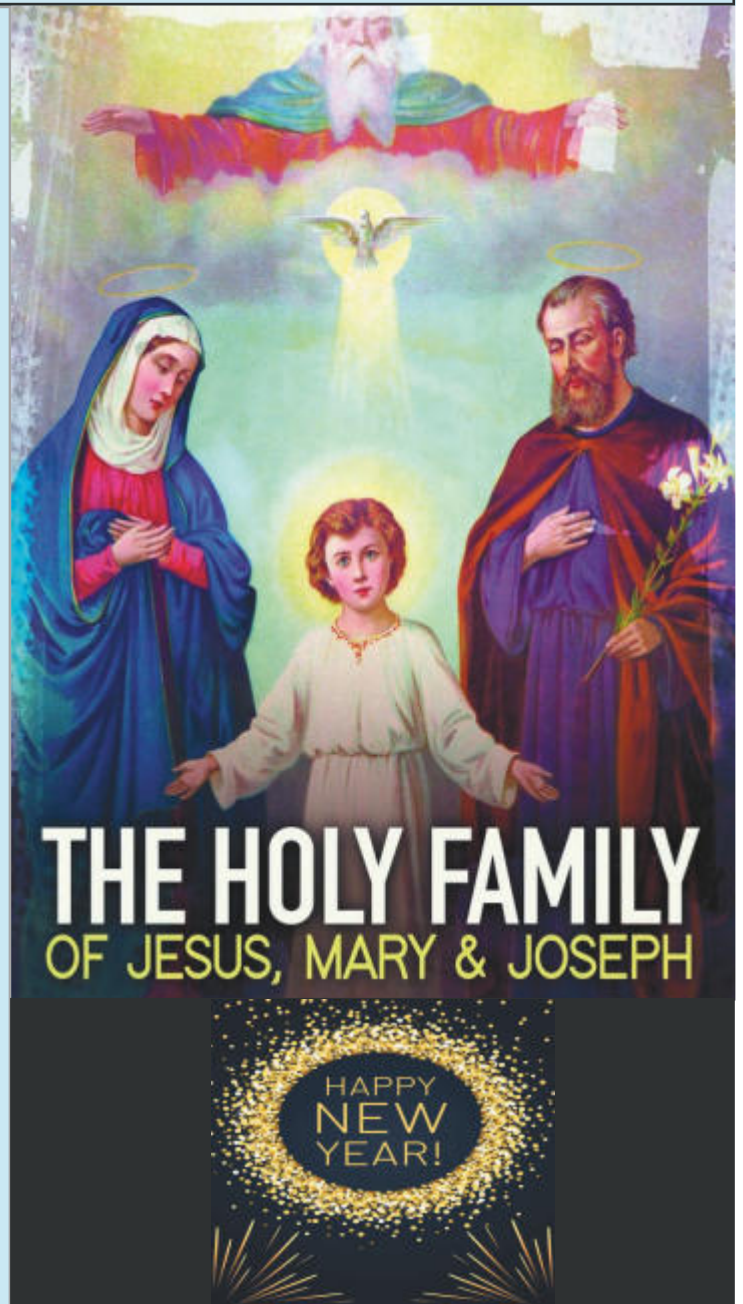
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LEGION OF MARY

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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

Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec 25th

7:30am Dorothy & Francis Ginocchio
 9:00am Keane & O'Donovan Families
 10:30am William Collins
 12:00noon Christopher Cranston

Español 7:30pm For the people of the parish

Sunday, Dec 26th

7:30am Rita & Francis Brenneck
 9:00am Amanda Roussel
 10:30am Richard Pattison
 12:00noon Anthony Fontana & Family
 6:00pm Frank & Viola Della Jaciono & Emri & Ruth Potoczki

Español 7:30pm For the people of the parish

Monday, Dec 27th

9:00am Leo St. John

Tuesday, Dec 28th

9:00am Marie Mulligan

Wednesday, Dec 29th

9:00am Mary & John Bruschi

Thursday, Dec 30th

9:00am Cora Wadiche

Friday, Dec 31st

9:00am Silvio Marraccini

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, Jan 1st

9:00am For the people of the parish
 12:00noon For the people of the parish
 4:30pm Virginia Soter

Español 7:30pm For the people of the parish

Sunday, Jan 2nd

7:30am Lamont C.
 9:00am Madeline & Thomas Rhenos
 10:30am Lauren Marie DiStefano
 12:00noon Jay Garrity

6:00pm For the people of the parish

Español 7:30pm For the people of the parish

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.



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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

The voice of all creation joins the voices of the angels in heaven to proclaim the wondrous birth of our Lord and brother Jesus Christ! When earth was wedded to heaven in the incarnation, the promise of Our Father to always be with his people – Emmanuel – was realized. Through the birth of the Son of Mary, the immanent preparation for the sacrifice of the Lamb of God was begun; the hope of our salvation and eternal life in the Kingdom of God was born.

It is in that spirit of wonder, joy and hope that those who are blessed to serve you, the community of St. Christopher – St. Margaret Mary, pray that the choicest of God's blessings will be given to you, your families and your loved ones throughout the Christmas season (which will last through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 9th) and indeed throughout the coming year.

May the awe that inspired the angels, the light that scattered the darkness, the thankfulness that united shepherds and wise men and the humility that beat within the heart of the Mother of the Son of God be the gifts with which God enriches your lives!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Michael

"GOD IS
LOVE.
WHOEVER
LIVES IN
LOVE LIVES
IN GOD
AND GOD
IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



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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	Philip Montalbano
Ashley Arcamone	Mary Ferris	Lori Moore
Vanda Agatha Baptiste	John Fitzpatrick	Patrick Morrissey
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Emilio Berardi	Kathleen Gaynor	Anna M. Nardone
Giovanni Bertuna	Ernest Giovelli	Ruth Natale
Barbara Boccia	Mary T. Gormley	Jeff Naughton
Peter Boragi	Elsa Griswald	Nicolette
Paul Buhler	Peter C. Guinta	Eileen Palozzola
Mary Burfeind	Peter V. Guinta	Mary Parnell
Francis Burns	Betty Gulino	Judy Paul
Leonor Cabrera	Dolores Haring	Anthony Pelle Jr.
Rosemary Callahan	Brenda Harris	Frances Peterson
Lee Canning	Renee Harris	Dee Phillips
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Edward G. Cannizzaro	Bertha Hernandez	Lauren Pistilli
Casuso Family	Stacey Hillman	Kristen M. Pryzmocki
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Ann Ciabattari	Linda Imperatrice	Andrew Purcell
Frank Ciabattari	Maria Ivaliotis	Joann Raccioppi
Michael Cigliano	Lisa Jaffe	Patricia Ramos
Paul Cigliano	Kevin Keane	Mark Ravotta
Sal Cigliano	Sr Margaret Keane	Colleen Regan
Eileen Cima	Bruce Keller	Arlene Rhenos
Margaret Clark	Laura Kleydman	Linda Romano
Coleen Comita	Dan Kupstas	Nicole Ryan
Virginia Cowan	Florence Ladisernia	Frank Sajdak
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J.F.	Carol Meshel	Stella Vasile
Anita Fabiano	Fr. Angelo Micciulla	Ginger Yannotta
	Maureen Mobilia	

Please be advised that this “Sick List” will be purged next week. If you want someone on the list to remain please call the rectory and request the name be reinserted, thank you.

ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST.MARGARET MARY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



The death of a family member or friend confronts us with one of life's most difficult and painful challenges. Our parish-based bereavement support group, facilitated by trained volunteers, is the cornerstone of our Pastoral Bereavement Program.

Our support group meets in our parish rectory and is open to people of all faiths. Our bereavement ministers' goal is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share their experiences with others, learn about the process of grief and be supported during this difficult time.

Our meetings for **the Fall session** will be held in the rectory on **Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., until - January 18, 2022**

If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, you may call the rectory (718-351-2452). Please inform the office staff if you would like a member of the bereavement team to contact you.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Grades 4 and up, if you were an Altar Server, we need you back. If you have a desire to serve and have not been trained, **we need you and will train you**

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Pray for the souls of
Margaret Arcamone, Ramon Adorno
and Deacon Phillip Maroon, Jr.
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 life of Blessed Carlo Acutis

January 7, 2022
At 6:30 pm
In the Exposito Center,
136 Midland Ave Staten Island, NY 10306

Sanctus Veritas, Our Young Adult Group will show a movie on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Join us! This event is for Young Adults ages 18 to 39.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

26 de diciembre de 2021

La Sagrada Familia

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante.

Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: “Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios” (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

"DIOS ES
AMOR.
QUIEN
VIVE EN
AMOR VIVE
EN DIOS
Y DIOS
EN ÉL."

S JUAN, APÓSTOL



THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26th



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