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The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



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Rev. Adaly Rosado, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Michael W. Cichon, Pastor

JANUARY 9TH, 2022 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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.

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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**GOD
CLAIMS US
AS HIS OWN**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 8 th	9:00am	Rose Mary Cibbarelli
	4:30pm	Paula & Paul Camilio (living)
Sunday, Jan 9 th	7:30am	For the intentions of Lamont C.
	9:00am	Liv & dec'd mem of the Holy Name Society
	10:30am	Joseph Lamotte
	12:00noon	Anne & James Favaloro
	6:00pm	For the intentions of Mikey Mauceri
Español	7:30pm	For the people of the parish
Monday, Jan 10 th	9:00am	For the people of the parish
Tuesday, Jan 11 th	9:00am	Lily O'Donovan and Mary Northam
Wednesday, Jan 12 th	9:00am	Tommy Brown
Thursday, Jan 13 th	9:00am	Maria Grace Fodera
Friday, Jan 14 th	9:00am	Deborah Cotayo
Saturday, Jan 15 th	9:00am	Lily O'Donovan
	4:30pm	Birthday of Adaly Rosado Sr.
Sunday, Jan 16 th	7:30am	Roberta Mobilia
	9:00am	Stanley Klein
	10:30am	Maria D'Amato
	12:00noon	Dominick Poveromo
	6:00pm	For the intentions of Johnny Mauceri
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.



CAN'T GET TO MASS VISIT EWTN

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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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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 December was **\$230.00**. 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".

PRAY TO END ABORTION!

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LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

9:00 AM Mass and Witness for Life



40 Days for Life SI Witness for Life

Want to be part of saving lives? Your prayer and presence is needed! Saturday, January 29th will be our next large group prayer witness from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at SIUH North (475 Seaview Ave, 10305). There is an optional 9 AM Mass at St. Christopher's (130 Midland Ave, 10306). For more info contact 40DaysSI@gmail.com



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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



Emilio Berardi
Paul Buhler
Francis Burns
Rosemary D.

Mary T. Gormley
Jerry LePre
Anna Mavrianos-
Cesare
Danny Meagher

Abby Memmesheimer
Anna Nerone
Patrick O'Donovan
Frank Sajdak

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.

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH

The **Bread and Wine**
are offered in memory of
Lily O'Donovan & Mary Northam
and

The **Sanctuary Lamp**
is lit in memory of
Brian Doherty



HEAVEN

Heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him.

LUKE 3:21

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

El Bautismo del Señor

9 de enero de 2022

Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor se da por terminado el tiempo de Navidad. El Bautismo de Jesús es como una nueva epifanía, es decir, una nueva manifestación de Dios por medio de Jesús ahora en el Jordán. “El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz: Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida” (Lucas 3,22). La revelación del Padre se manifiesta proclamando a Jesús como su Hijo.

El Papa Francisco en una de sus catequesis lo muestra en tres puntos muy importantes para todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús: “Jesús quiso recibir el bautismo predicado y administrado por Juan el Bautista en el Jordán. ¡Cuánta humildad tiene Jesús! Y al hacerlo, manifestó lo que hemos celebrado en Navidad: sumergirse en el río de la humanidad”. Jesús, va con todo a lo que refiere la cuestión humana, menos en el pecado. “El Evangelio subraya que Jesús, apenas salió del agua vio rasgarse los cielos y el Espíritu que bajaba hacia él como una paloma. El Espíritu Santo desciende en plenitud sobre Jesús para darle la fortaleza de cumplir su misión”. Por medio de nuestra vocación es que tenemos nuestra misión en la vida. ¿Cómo la estamos cumpliendo? “La fiesta del bautismo de Jesús invita a cada cristiano a recordar su bautismo”. ¿Sabes, o recuerdas la fecha de tu bautismo? Hay que preguntar sobre ese día y de cómo se celebró la fiesta de hacernos hijos e hijas de Dios. (Papa Francisco 1/7/2018).

CIELO



Se abrió el cielo y el
Espíritu Santo bajó sobre
él en forma sensible.

LUCAS 3, 21

Leccionario BIC 1987, Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano. BLP

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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 too!** Father Rosado will be the moderator for the Altar Servers. Give him a call for details (718) 351-2452.

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

12/25 Christmas Collection = \$15,541
12/26 Regular 1st = \$4,731
Utility & Energy 2nd = \$882
1/2 Regular 1st = \$8,226

Thanks for your continued generosity to our parish.

You are kindly asked **not** to use **staples or scotch tape** in sealing the envelope. Also in order for the Secretary to record your donation, you need to write, the amount enclosed, on the outside of the envelope, in the space provided. Thank You.

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

Pray for the souls of
Josephine Treat and Eleanor (Pat) Hatton
and their families.



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



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