



The Church of St. Christopher  
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 9:30am - 4:00pm

# The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



The Church of St. Margaret Mary  
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 Our **NEW** Web address  
 is  
[scsmmsi.org](http://scsmmsi.org)

Deacon Patrick Graham  
 Rev. Ed Devina, In Residence  
 Rev. Adaly Rosado, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Michael W. Cichon, Pastor

## JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2022 - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSSES

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,  
 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

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 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



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
 He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to let the oppressed go free.  
 - Lk 4:18*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	Frederick R. & Theresa F. Tudra
	4:30pm	Maria & Cosimo Aloisi
Sunday, Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30am	Helene Callari
	9:00am	Deborah Cotayo
	10:30am	James Pattison Jr.
	12:00noon	Carmela & Bernard Spensieri
	6:00pm	Joan Aiello
Español	7:30pm	For the people of the parish
Monday, Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Intentions of Maria Aurora Sigua
Tuesday, Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	For the people of the parish
Wednesday, Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Paul Verardi
Thursday, Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Carmela & Michael Ventre
Friday, Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Theresa Pucciarelli & Debbie Ruberto
Saturday, Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	In memory of Msgr. John Driscoll
	4:30pm	Rosalino Benigno
Sunday, Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	Norma & Narciso Villafuerte On their 51st Wedding Anniversary
	9:00am	Gary P. Charles
	10:30am	Anne DiSano
	12:00noon	Matthew & Mary Gillick
	6:00pm	Rose D'Amato
Español	7:30pm	Byrne, Galvin & Jackson Families

## 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.*



## CAN'T GET TO MASS VISIT EWTN

[Spectrum](#) - EWTN (channel #460)

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

**Note:** Please remember **to shut off** all Cell Phones or leave them in your car, when entering the Church.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise, permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away



# PRAY TO END ABORTION!

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## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

The Bread and Wine  
are offered in memory of  
Richard Willis



## SPOTLIGHT ON

St. Thomas Aquinas  
January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. **The Summa Theologiae**, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

**The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students,** St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



## 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.  
John Gawel

Mary T. Gormley  
Anna Mavrianos-  
Cesare  
Danny Meagher  
Abby Memmesheimer

Anna Nerone  
Patrick O'Donovan  
Theresa Pucciarelli  
Debbie Ruberto  
Frank Sajdak

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St. Marianne Cope

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## Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

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

23 de enero de 2022

3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo, hombres de toda la tierra, canten al Señor. Hay brillo y esplendor en su presencia, y en su templo, belleza y majestad” (Salmo 95, 1,67). La esperanza de Jesús para su pueblo y para toda la humanidad empieza aquí con este pasaje de la Sagrada Escritura. Un mundo nuevo y diverso, sin divisiones ni estatus sociales que dividen y matan. Por el contrario una tierra redimida y armoniosa, sin tinieblas ni miedos. Esta sigue siendo la esperanza de Jesús por medio de su Iglesia, que siempre, domingo a domingo, nos invita a acoger el Evangelio de Cristo. Abrazar su mensaje y dejarlo penetrar en el corazón hasta que dé fruto. Esto significa también todas sus exigencias de amor que conlleva en el cumplimiento de sus mandamientos.

Buscar la paz y la reconciliación en la familia y en la sociedad requiere el esfuerzo de todos. ¡Nada es fácil sin el Espíritu del Señor! Para ser efectivos en la misión que él nos encomienda como bautizados, debemos de tener amor por los demás y saber reconciliarnos unos a otros, tomando la dirección apropiada que demuestre que somos discípulos suyos. Jesús pasó haciendo el bien, curando y haciendo milagros porque sabía que: “El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí. Él me ha ungido para llevar buenas noticias a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor” (Lucas 4,18-19). ¿Qué buenas noticias llevas tú a los que te rodean?

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REFÚGIATE DENTRO  
DEL CORAZÓN DE  
JESÚS. SOLO ÉL  
PUEDE CONSOLARTE  
EN TU HORA  
SUPREMA DE DOLOR.  
”

Santa Mariana Cope

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### Señor, ¿a quién iremos?

¡La Campaña del Cardenal 2022 ha comenzado! La Campaña existe para financiar la gran labor educativa, caritativa y pastoral de nuestra arquidiócesis, para dar así a conocer a Cristo en el mundo.

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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.

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



Pray for the souls of  
**Barbara Troise, Msgr. Ferdinando Berardi,  
Gary Buhler, Sharon Ann Fenner and  
Msgr. Thomas Modugno**  
and their families.

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

*Goretti Event*  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

  
 Jeannette  
Cooper

  
 No Child is Born  
in the Wrong Body  
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 Donna  
Lambert

**Transgender Answers**

6:30PM CONFESSION  
7PM MASS WITH BISHOP PETER J. BYRNE  
8PM - TALK

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### Friday, February 4th 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM Goretti NY Event

Join us at 7 PM for Mass with Bishop Peter Byrne followed by refreshments, fellowship and talk, "Answering the Call to Speak Truth, with Boldness and Grace: The Voices of Two Mothers Responding to the Question of Gender."

Donna and Jeannette will share their stories of how gender ideology has touched their lives in profound and painful ways. Dedicated mothers and former educators, they have found themselves called to take action and speak truth to protect children from emotional, psychological, and bodily harms currently happening to children around the world. Jeannette will briefly share her story, then Donna will illuminate the Catholic Church's teachings on the human person—God's creation of body and soul—as it relates to gender ideology. Donna will share her own experience with parents as a guide for how attendees can hold fast to the truth while walking alongside our brothers and sisters struggling with issues of gender identity with their families, friends, and neighbors. Resources will be shared for further learning on this important topic.

Email [ny@thegorettigroup.org](mailto:ny@thegorettigroup.org) for more information  
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