



The Church of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary



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JANUARY 12TH, 2020 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES

Monday - Friday: St. Christopher 9:00am
St. Margaret Mary ... 8:00am
Monday: Island Shores 10:30am, Residents Mass
Saturday: St. Christopher 9:00am and 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: St. Christopher 9:15am, 12:00pm
and 7:00pm
St. Margaret Mary ... 8:00am and 10:30am

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

Mon., Wed., & Fri. at St. Christopher ... 12:00pm - 4:30pm
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

560 Lincoln Avenue, 10306 (718) 351-2119
Mrs. Barbara Regan, Coordinator

MUSIC MINISTRY

Patty Beniquez

To arrange music for Weddings call 718-954-0247

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

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Una voz que decía, desde el cielo: "Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". - Mt 3, 17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 11 th	
9:00am ^(C)	Frances Vasile
4:30pm ^(C)	Maria & Cosimo Aloisi
Sunday, Jan 12 th	
8:00am ^(M)	For the parishioners
9:15am ^(C)	Liv & dec'd mem Holy Name Society
10:30am ^(M)	Angelo Coscia
12:00pm ^(C)	Steven D'Amato
7:00pm ^(C)	Angelo Tesoriero
Monday, Jan 13 th	
8:00am ^(M)	For vocations to the priesthood
9:00am ^(C)	Vera Daquila
Tuesday, Jan 14 th	
8:00am ^(M)	For the Religious Education Teachers & Children
9:00am ^(C)	For the parishioners
Wednesday, Jan 15 th	
8:00am ^(M)	
9:00am ^(C)	Daniel Orsini
Thursday, Jan 16 th	
8:00am ^(M)	Peter Cava
9:00am ^(C)	Katherine H. Hallen
Friday, Jan 17 th	
8:00am ^(M)	For the intentions of the Pope
9:00am ^(C)	Christopher Cranston
Saturday, Jan 18 th	
9:00am ^(C)	Theresa F. Tudda
4:30pm ^(C)	Dec'd members of the Vito Family
Sunday, Jan 19 th	
8:00am ^(M)	Joseph Perinelli
9:15am ^(C)	Ruth Dockter
10:30am ^(M)	Joseph Lillis
12:00pm ^(C)	James Jr & Richard Pattison
7:00pm ^(C)	Richard Willis

(C) St. Christopher Church (M) St. Margaret Mary Church

PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.



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
 Ensign Patrick T. Walsh
 Louis Michael Lombardi, CS3
 Benny Davidson, Submarine Officer
 Sierra P. Butts, E4

AIR FORCE

Airman Ceili Gardiner
 Master Sgt. Elisa Nickolic

MARINES

Corporal Vincent P. Gennaro
 Master Gunnery Sgt. Frederic Zeyer
 PFC Denis Hugh Corrigan, Jr.
 PFC Matthew Cobb



If you know of an active duty military member please notify Peggy Rybarczyk (718) 351-2452 of their name, rank and branch.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

ANSWER:

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, "The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Come and join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, the Eucharist and lots of fun!

Where: Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

When: February 7 through 9, 2020

Cost: \$135 per person, double occupancy

To register, go to "www.capemaymarianists.org"
or call: 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available

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



Pray for the souls of
Vincent Luongo, Mario Rucci
Peter Cava and Christine Watson
and their families.

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

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it only make it worse?

....**Retrouvaille** is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

When: February 21-23, 2020

For more information and to register: call Rich Colasuonno at (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at: (732) 672-0748
Or email "3024@retrouvaille.org".

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

12/25 Christmas = \$21,971

12/29 Regular 1st = \$6,622
Utility & Energy 2nd = \$1,328



Thank you for your continuing generosity

THE SOCIALITES

The Socialites are an over 50 club that meet from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm every Friday in The Esposito Community Center. If you like Bingo, Cards and Crafts, then this is the group for you!

Come and check us out this Friday, we'd love to have you.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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



Ashley Arcamone	Joe Fabiano	Anna M. Nardone
Ann Basso	Edward Feeney	Ruth Natale
Ray Beshara	Mary Ferris	Jeff Naughton
Barbara Boccia	John Fitzpatrick	Anna Nerone
Peter Boragi	Joan Ford	Connie Nerone
Paul Buhler	Peter Fox	Mia Nerone
Mary Burfeind	Philip Frabosila	Vincent Nerone
Francis Burns	Kathleen Gaynor	Eileen Palozzola
Lee Canning	Dominick Gervasi	Mary Parnell
Sal Catucci	Ernest Giovelli	Rae Paterek
Marie Cavataio	Jimmy Goonan	Judy Paul
Ann Ciabattari	Carmine Guinta	Christopher Pigano
Frank Ciabattari	Peter Guinta	Jennifer Porcello
Michael Cigliano	Brenda Harris	Patricia Ramos
Paul Cigliano	Renee Harris	Mark Ravotta
Sal Cigliano	Jeanette Herbert	Linda Romano
Margaret Clark	Bertha Hernandez	Helen St. John
Coleen Comita	Maria Ivaliotis	Billy San Filippo
Virginia Cowan	Lisa Jaffe	Angelo Savarino
Domenico Crapanzano	Connie Keane	Michael Savarino
Tony Dalelio	Kevin Keane	Maria Scigliano
Michael D'Amato	Dan Kupstas	Alfred Sebastiano
Mary Graham Delmar	Arthur Lang	Stephen Sebastiano
Dolores DeLorenzo	Diane Leershen	Susan Sexton
Brian Demarest	Richard Malanga	Eleanor Shields
Italo DeSimone	Delia Mandia	W. Robert Shields
Clara Di Gregorio	Debbie Manger	Christian Sigua
Virginia Duffy	Jeanne Marchisello	Stella Vasile
Thomas Emery	Margaret McLoughin	Ginger Yannotta
J.F.	Danny Meagher	
Anita Fabiano	Patrick Morrissey	

NOTE: Those in **bold** were added this week. Those in *italic* will be

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the **Holy Name Society** will be held, **today** Sunday, **January 12th, 2020** in the Esposito Community Center following the **9:15am** Mass. We are looking for new members so take a few moments and come see what we are all about. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

Need a hall for that party you're planning? Check out the *new* Esposito Community Center. Call the Office at (718) 351-2452 to check availability and rates.

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 **\$260.00**. 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".



Live+Jesus

Because the patroness of our parish is St. Margaret Mary, the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary, would like to share with us the blessings of this special -

Jubilee Year - Opened on October 16, 2019 and will close October 16, 2020 -

that has been granted us by the Apostolic Penitentiary due to the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Margaret Mary on May 13, 2020. The grace of a plenary indulgence is granted to all those who pass through the doors of a Visitation monastery chapel.

You can view a 6 minute video on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jubilee Year and St. Margaret Mary here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=7lolor_0iZQ&feature=emb_logo)

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All monasteries in the USA are listed with their addresses at the end of this video or you can find them via this link:

<https://visitationspirit.org/links/monasteries/>

(Note: Mendota Heights Visitation Monastery has closed).

We realize you may be located at too great a distance to make a visit to a Visitation Monastery Chapel but in case a parishioner should be in the vicinity of a Visitation Monastery these are the important dates to gain a plenary indulgence under the normal conditions:

- ✠ To be in a state of grace;
- ✠ To go to Confession and to receive Holy Communion within 20 days preceding or following;
- ✠ To pray for the intentions of the Holy Father on the following dates:

The feast of Saint Margaret Mary, October 16, 2020

The solemnity of Saint Francis de Sales, January 24, 2020

The 100th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Margaret Mary, May 13, 2020

The solemnity of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, May 31, 2020

The solemnity of the Sacred Heart, June 19, 2020

The solemnity of Saint Jane de Chantal, August 12, 2020

The First Friday of each month- in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We hope you obtain many blessings this season and throughout the Jubilee Year of St. Margaret Mary!

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Sr. Susan Marie Kasprzak, VHM
President, Second Federation of the Visitation
c/o Brooklyn Visitation Monastery
8902 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn New York 11209-5716
Tel: 718-745-4452



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from the regular times of 12 Noon to 4:30pm. The church will still remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the same times. We are considering an evening holy hour, and will keep you posted.

Sometimes we call this time of exposition “adoration.” However, Jesus is still present in the tabernacle, and so can be adored in the church. Jesus does not need to be exposed to be adored. Jesus is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and is inviting us to adore Him. We join our prayers, works, joys and sufferings with His and “by the mercies of God, present [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is [our] spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1).

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12th



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in celebration of the **100th Birthday**
of **Maria D’Amato**



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