

# HOLY CHILD CHURCH



Because of uncertainty of assignments in the light of the reducing number of priests, the daily Mass schedule is contracting. This year Weekday Masses will be offered Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The Mass of the day on Saturdays will be offered at 9:00 a.m. Funeral Masses will be scheduled at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and Noon. Saturday weddings, not yet scheduled, will be scheduled at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and recharge your marriage. The next Weekend is February 12 – 14. For more information go to: [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org) or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME.

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### SCRIPTURE/FAITH SHARING

The Scripture/Faith Sharing Sessions are on Mondays after the 9 A.M. Mass in the Forum.

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Ultreya are held the Second Thursday of each month in the Rectory at 8:00 p.m. Ultreya is open to anyone who has made a Cursillo Weekend. For information about upcoming weekends call Carol at 718-356-4742.

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**In  
Sympathy**  
Lillian Harvey  
Nelly Zengotita  
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### Bereavement Ministry

On Monday 11 January at 2:30 p.m. there will be occasion for anyone suffering from a recent death of a family member or friend to get together in the Rectory Conference Room to share the bereavement experience. Mrs. Lea Laccadito will be the coordinator in these difficult post-holiday months.

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### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS CLUB

The Widows & Widowers Club meeting will be next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building.

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### Fallen Heroes

The deaths of a 20-year-old soldier and a 24-year-old soldier bring wartime casualties to 4,362 in Iraq and 930 in Afghanistan. As we pray for peace in 2010, let us add a prayer that all who have died in the war will rest in peace.

Mass Intentions for the Week

**MASS BOOK-** We will be opening the Mass Book for 2011 Memorial Masses on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for initial bookings. Arrangements for these Masses can be made in the Rectory. Entry to the Rectory will be from the parking lot entrance only. Only checks will be accepted as payment for Masses.

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 9, 2010

5:00 PM Mariana Edkins  
7:00 PM Anthony Campanella

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child  
8:00 AM Rosaria, Albert, Ralph & Vito Pece  
9:30 AM Al Ferrigno  
11:00 AM Jennifer Marcello-Murphy  
12:30 PM Paul J. Hermansen  
5:30 PM Ciro Frulio

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

6:30 AM Catherine Burke  
9:00 AM John & Laura Reali

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010

6:30 AM Walter Hartell  
9:00 AM For the Intention of Maryann Carstensen (Living)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

6:30 AM Joseph Meilan  
9:00 AM Alexander Scott

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010

6:30 AM Vincenzo Chiarello  
9:00 AM Mary Labombarda

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

6:30 AM Joan McKenna  
9:00 AM James McElroy

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010

9:00 AM James McLoughlin

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 16, 2010

5:00 PM Louis Gurgone  
7:00 PM August Rossi  
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**Readings for January 17, 2010**  
**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:**



**Bread & Wine** – In Memory of  
**Frank Santoro**  
Offered by Mary & Frank Walton



**Sanctuary Lamp** – In Memory of  
**Anna Catinello**  
Offered by the Pugliese Family



**Adoration Chapel Candles** – For the intention of  
**George Keheyas**  
Offered by Ed Bosek

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISM**

To preserve a more devout and reverent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, only six families will be accommodated each week. Please make arrangements with the Church at least a month beforehand.

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**Get Well Soon!**

Danny Cassidy  
Lucille Frigiano  
Edward Simmonds  
Melissa Marino  
Phyllis Malozzi  
Joseph Castronuovo  
Linda Cardinale  
Therese Gregory  
Jason D'Angelo  
Anthony Parise  
Roseann Esposito  
Bill Magrino, Sr.

Steven Cassidy  
Gerard Gallagher  
Anthony Dimesa  
Helen Del Zoppo  
Aloysius Mazzella  
George Cesarano  
Emma Cate DiMola  
Stephanie Traicoff  
Alyssa Trivalone  
Billy Sherwood, Jr.  
Anthony Sutera  
Helen Vigilante

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Erika Balk  
James Cline  
Gerri Brady  
Pat Lavanco  
Lauren Verdi  
John Ippoliti  
Nico Di Bono  
Jim Ursillo  
Mary Caleca  
Claire Geary  
Roger Sledz  
James Naimoli



Year after year the **Knights of Columbus Council of S.I.** provide our needy parishioners with Christmas dinners.  
**Thank you Knights of Columbus.**

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**HOLY CHILD'S GIFT SHOP**

Our Gift Shop provides a convenient opportunity for folks on the South Shore to obtain religious books and articles.

**Hours of Operation:**

**Daily**

Monday through Friday  
From 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

**Weekends**

Saturday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Ars Gratia Dei**

(Art for the sake of God)

The Beyond Renew Community had a wonderful field trip to the Brooklyn Museum on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of December to behold the marvelous exhibition of 124 watercolors by James Tissot depicting *The Life of Christ*. Everyone who went is grateful to Robert Mistretta for having organized the outing.

Right at home in the parish lobby we had an exhibition of artworks by parish children who inventively colored and adorned Advent themed line drawings issued to them by Father Ed. Prizes were distributed to winners at the Children's Mass on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. The parish is proud of the Winners of the *Holy Child Christmas Pageant Poster Contest*.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winners**

Elena Barb  
Gianna Pittari  
Gabriella Valdez  
Liam Sawyer  
Ava LaGressa  
Caitlyn Sawyer  
Christina Romano  
Anthony D'Ambrosio

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winners**

Thomas Avallone  
Anthony LaGressa  
Austin Ginocchio  
Kelliann D'Ambrosio  
Nichole Romano  
Kelly Romano  
Natalie Mucciola  
Richard Ginocchio

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**Parent and Me**

Our spring semester of Parent and Me will be starting in January. Openings are still available for Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Classes are one hour. The semester runs from January through June and tuition is \$225.00 for the semester. For more information and registration please call 718-356-5159.

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**Beyond Renew  
Communion Breakfast  
Sunday 24 January  
After the 9:30 Mass**

For members,  
anyone new who is interested  
and "alumni".

*Please tear off and submit to rectory  
if you plan on attending.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO\***

Thanks are due to all who made our **Christmas Celebrations** in the Church and the Forum so wonderful. Honorable mention must be made of the following: The Congregation in faithful attendance exhibited its usual generosity in the collections; Marie, Ferro, sacristan; Jessica Heap helped set up the Forum and monitored proceedings; Joe Buro and his colleagues in Usher Ministry ensured proper order for the sake of the congregation's comfort; our Altar Servers, Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion brought their dedicated efforts once again to the liturgy itself; Anne Lukaszewicz and Sandra Pace in conjunction with our Auxiliary Organist, our Cantors, members of our Choirs, our Bell Choir and guest instrumentalists made the celebrations a resounding success; the priests who presided over the liturgical proceedings in which every single one in attendance played a part in giving \*Glory to God in the Highest.

The **Epiphany Lessons and Carols**, executed by our Readers and our Music Ministry last Sunday, was a most wondrous event. Those who attended will attest to the excellence of the spoken Word and the musical expertise to which we have become accustomed here at Holy Child due in no small measure to those who tirelessly commit themselves to the careful planning and the painstaking rehearsal and execution that such service requires. Of course, this is done for the honor and glory of God and for edification of his people. Our congregation is invited to these seasonal events to give a chance to come together in unity as a parish family.

The special rendition of *The 12 Days of Christmas*, prepared by Anne Lukaszewicz, brought our Christmastide celebration at Epiphany to a rollicking conclusion.



## **STEP by STEP by STEP**

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we not only give thanks for the gift of Baptism but we should examine what it means to be a full-fledged member of the Catholic Church. This is an *inevitable issue* when one is invited to serve as a Baptismal Godparent or a Confirmation Sponsor.

The role of Baptismal Godparent for an infant child is a very important role in the Catholic Church. The Godparent makes a public promise during the Baptism with an oath to assist the parents of the child in the raising of said child in the Catholic Faith.

The role of Confirmation Sponsor is a very important role in the Catholic Church. The Sponsor is selected as a role model by the Confirmation Candidate because she/he strives to live the Catholic Faith.

The chief qualification to be a Godparent / Sponsor is that the Godparent / Sponsor be a fully initiated Catholic. That means having received not only Baptism but Holy Communion and Confirmation as well. This essential requirement is set forth clearly by Canon 874 in Church Law.

Many baptized adults have received Communion but have not received Confirmation. That lack disqualifies one from serving as Godparent / Sponsor according to church regulations (Can. 874).

The Archdiocese of New York provides opportunities for adults, not yet confirmed, to become fully initiated Catholics.

**The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office Adult Confirmation Program** is for baptized adult Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion.

There will be an Eight Session Series beginning on 11 February 2010 at Our Lady of Peace Rectory at 237 East 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, NYC 212-838-3189. It will present an overview of the essentials of the Catholic Faith, focusing on immediate catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Participants will be given a Certificate of Completion at the end of the 8 sessions. The Confirmation Mass at OL of Peace Church will be in April or May of 2010.

For more information contact: Oscar Cruz, Director, Adult Catechesis, Catechumenate at 646-794-2692 also at [Adults@nyfaithformation.org](mailto:Adults@nyfaithformation.org)

Closer at hand is the **Adult Confirmation Program sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Spiritual Development** given at the St. Francis Center for Spirituality on Todt Hill Road here on Staten Island. This is a seven-week preparation program. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For information please contact Veronica DiGiacomo at 718-556-7690 (after 7 p.m. weekdays or over weekends).

In the Fall, parishioners may enroll in the **Holy Child RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** conducted in the parish by Sr. Jean to prepare unbaptized folks to receive the three sacraments of initiation at Easter. It also serves to prepare baptized Catholic adults to receive Confirmation. Some adults also find themselves in need of receiving another of the three sacraments of initiation, Holy Communion. Our RCIA program is designed to meet that need as well.

Confirmation completes or seals the Sacrament of Baptism which is the first step of three in becoming fully initiated in the Faith. If you are not yet confirmed, here are three upcoming opportunities to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Of course, the personal spiritual benefits of full initiation are of prime importance. Following from full initiation is the qualification that allows one to present oneself as a bona fide Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

It is hoped that this information will assist those who have made only one or two of the three steps into full initiation to make their final step(s) into full initiation as Catholics. Thus they will find themselves qualified to godparent and sponsor others in the Faith into which they themselves have been fully initiated.

You may consult Father Travers about preparing for First Communion / Confirmation in our parish and you may also seek his assistance in matriculating in one of the other programs described above.

It is my duty to bring basic sacramental regulations such as these to you attention and it is my honor to assist anyone wishing to fulfill them. If you know anyone who has not been fully initiated, encourage them, as I do here, to follow through thoroughly.

*Father Travers*

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In the lobby, Marie Ferro, Director of Religious Education, has put up photos of the 2010 Confirmation Class Retreat conducted last November. These students have been preparing to make their own third and final step into full initiation when Bishop Lagonegro visits us in March.