

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



Martin Luther King

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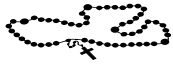
In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18th, the Rectory and School of Religion will be closed. They will re-open on Tuesday, January 19th at 9 a.m.



Volunteers from the Cross Road Foundation will be here next weekend to collect the baby bottles distributed earlier last week. Please return them at the Church entrance on your way into Mass. Thank you for your support.



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 or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME.**



Holy Child Rosary Makers

Holy Child Rosary Makers meet every Thursday in the Rectory after the 9 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.



William D'Ambrosio, Jr.

Bereavement Ministry

On Tuesday, 19th 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.
Please note day change for this meeting.

Fallen Heroes

The recent deaths of two 20-year-old soldiers in Iraq bring the total number of American military casualties there to 4,364.

The deaths of four soldiers, 35, 24, 19 and 24 years of age, as well as a 24-year-old airman and two marines aged 23 and 20 have increased the total of American military casualties there to 938.

As citizens of a country at war, let us particularly pray for them and for the families and friends they leave behind. As human beings may we prayerfully remember all whose lives have been destroyed or damaged by the war.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Daily Pre-Mass Prayers

Angela Leibold, our Respect Life Coordinator, invites you to join her in the church Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. as she leads the recitation of the Rosary followed by the Divine Mercy Devotion. These prayers are said for the intention of the safe delivery of the unborn and the welfare of mothers-to-be.

SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 16, 2010

5:00 PM Louis Gurgone
7:00 PM August Rossi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Thomas & Mary Ellen Duffy
9:30 AM Frank Raspente, Jr.
11:00 AM Fogolin & Zilli Families
12:30 PM Amedeo & Desdemona Costanzo
5:30 PM Barbara Bertuccio

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010

6:30 AM Angelo Colaccio
9:00 AM Linda Cammarata

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010

6:30 AM Ronald Heaning
9:00 AM Rosalie Merlino

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010

6:30 AM Virginia Benvengo
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

6:30 AM In Honor of Blessed Mother
9:00 AM Lillian Anterio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010

5:00 AM Pro-Life Marchers
6:30 AM Donna Marie Votta-Vella
9:00 AM Ralph Esposito

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

9:00 AM Frank Raspente, Sr.

SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 23, 2010

5:00 PM Lucy & Jack Grillo
7:00 PM Sarah Ann O'Connor

Readings for January 24, 2010

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SCRIPTURE/FAITH SHARING SESSIONS

Mondays in the FORUM after the 9 A.M. Mass.
n. b. No meeting Mon. 18th Jan.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine – In Memory of
Lillian Anterio
Offered by Diane Manza and Kathy Tesoriero



Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of
Emilio Tari
Offered by Tari Family



Adoration Chapel Candles – For the intentions of
Barbara & Marie Ann Messina
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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We are happy to welcome the following newly baptized members into our Holy Child Family:

Laila Danielle Calderone
Dean Michael Haros
Rocco Francesco Mesiti

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Get Well Soon!

Eugene Fortunato
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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly meeting will be next Sunday, January 24th, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Rectory.

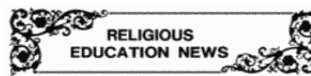


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St. Edward Food Pantry



Collection will be next Sunday, January 24th. Thanks for your continued support of the food pantry.



WORKSHOP



This is a reminder that Workshop II for the parents of children enrolled in the Confirmation Program is to be held on Monday, January 25th, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This workshop is for adults only. This workshop will be the only one scheduled. As stated originally, children not represented at this workshop will not be allowed to complete the program. This workshop is mandatory. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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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: _____

RSVP by: January 18th, 2009.



C. E. R. T.

Community Emergence Response Team

Would you like to be recognized as a resource to NYC's First Responders? Is learning basic life-saving skills important to you? Do you and your family want to be better prepared? Are you looking to be part of a structured and professional team? Can you give some time to your community?

Save this date: **January 28th 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.** at the School of Religion. Holy Child has agreed to help O.E.M.* meet its mission to have C.E.R.T. teams in all 3 Community Boards. We are CB 3. Currently Port Richmond C.E.R.T is serving all Community Boards and is the only team in Staten Island. This is the last time that O.E.M. is offering this 10-week training on Staten Island. After this, we will have to travel to Brooklyn or Manhattan. We need 25 registered to have classes at New Dorp High. This training is priceless. Program is about self awareness and prevention. Safety always comes first.

For more information call Johnny Lee at 917-576-2856.

*O.E.M. Office of Emergency Management



Seamless Garment

On Thursday, January 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. St. Clare's is presenting its annual Seamless Garment event. As the name implies, it is a pro-life event featuring a prayer service in the church at which those who are going to Washington the next day will receive a "sending forth".

After the prayer service, those in attendance will be able to choose from 4 presentations: Edward Mechmann, Ass't Director of the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese will speak on the church's position on issues related to health care; Melissa Lanza, author of In My Presence and a nationally board certified family nurse practitioner will address issues related to the care of the elderly; a representative of the Seton Foundation will discuss the work of that organization and team of people who minister to those in prison will speak about their ministry. At the end of the evening children of the parish will perform a skit on the Good Samaritan. The evening is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

"The Sky is falling!"

The facing of the front porch overhang deteriorated to a point where it became a safety hazard. Therefore, it had to be totally removed.

The contractor, in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Building Commission, will assist us in planning and executing its replacement as soon as possible.



The **Holy Child Sports Council** announces its **Annual Limited Drawing** to be held in the **Holy Child Forum** on **Saturday, March 6, 2010.**

Only 300 shares, at \$100 per share, will be sold. Each share entitles its shareholder to an evening of food, drink, music; fun, PLUS the chance to win:

- \$10,000 FIRST PRIZE**
- 1,000 SECOND PRIZE**
- 500 THIRD PRIZE**

or over \$2,000 in other prizes. In addition, a number of other prizes will be raffled off on the Night of the Drawing for those present.

Ask anyone who was at the last drawing the Night of the Drawing is a night to remember. **Tickets are available (payment by checks only) by calling Sal Giarratano at 718-605-4373, or the Rectory).**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

is administered on the last Saturday of the month at the Saturday 9 o'clock Mass. This anointing is for anyone who is experiencing chronic bad health, undergoing treatment for bad health, or having a health crisis. It is also for the comfort of those who are very much advanced in years. In line with this, those who desire to receive this Sacrament may do so on Saturday 30 January 2010 at the 9 o'clock Mass.

In the midst of life we are in death.

As reported by the news, the 23-year-old Daniel Kelley, who was unfortunately hit by a car on the 5th of January, was buried this past Friday from St. Clare's. His jogging partner, Gina Siclari, also struck, is recovering from her injuries. Gina was an assistant 6th grade teacher in our School of Religion last year. Her former students now in 7th grade, have forwarded her handmade cards to pick up her spirits. Let us join their efforts by offering a prayer that the Holy Spirit will infuse her with Faith and Hope in the aftermath of such a terrible occurrence.

PASSION PLAY

This Lent experience a spiritual renewal. Come see the Passion Play at the Park Performing Art Center, Union City, New Jersey on Sunday, March 21st, 2010

The cost is \$60 and it includes admission to the play, bus transportation, hot buffet and gratuities. For reservations, please contact Maria Gentile @718-317-7446.

If interested please call as soon as possible since seating on the bus is limited. Full payment is required by January 27th.



PRAYER POINTS ON THE COMPASS

Now that our maintenance crew, Arnie Bilotto and Kerry Balk, have stowed all the Christmas decorations they carefully installed just a short time ago for our holiday celebrations, we are left with the proverbial four walls. Among them are the walls of our shrine area surrounding the altar which Mr. Bilotto and Mr. Balk recently helped to rearrange.

Our refurbished shrine area boasts a few unique features. We have the noble stand, designed and crafted by Frank Geary, that holds up the binder containing the carefully prepared memorials to the folks from this area who perished in the 9-11 tragedy at the Twin Towers. It stands, so to speak, as a trunk of the weeping willow tree, a traditional symbol of mourning, rooted in the recollection of those individuals memorialized in the book so honorably displayed. But the roots go deeper still. Faith helps us trace this stunning sadness to the depths of hope as we join Jesus in praying his words engraved on the wooden plaque between the solid stand and the drooping branches.

The image of the Divine Mercy is a reproduction of the very image painted under the direction of Sister Faustina Kowalska. The beauty of this original vision helps us to enter into the mystery she labored so devotedly to communicate to the world under the guidance of our Lord.

The lectern, backed by the banner of national colors, bears a book in which the names of men and women now serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America are presented. Sister Jean Wagner, a practitioner of calligraphic art, inscribes these names periodically upon request. That particular station gives all an opportunity to pause and pray for the well being of those who are bravely serving our country at any given time. The nature of this book, unlike that of the petition book found on the prayer desk near the image of Saint Jude, is one of consideration and is *not to be written upon by anyone except the calligrapher*.

The impressive icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, which comes from Poland, finds its cultural compliment in the Eastern style votive stand placed before it.

It is most fitting that the Church of the Holy Child have proportional provision for its children in the shrine setting. For that reason a kneeler to scale is placed for them alone before a nice carving of the Christ Child himself holding the symbolic lamb.

These features of the shrine area, along with the images of the saints, help us to present God with our recommendations and remembrances as well as to implore him through the intercession of the Saints whose communion as a people of faith we are part of.

Central to all of this, of course, is the Altar of Sacrifice, symbol par excellence of Christ, whence all else flows.

Father Travers