

HOLY CHILD CHURCH

St. Blasé Day

Blessing of Throats

Wednesday 3 February
after
6:30 Mass
9 o'clock Mass



Wedding Banns

FIRST TIME:

Vincent DeMarco & Gina Mazola

SECOND TIME:

John Bannon & Annemarie Jaconetti

Michael Taibbi & Tina Brennan



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

Holy Child Gift Shop

M – F Sat 4 - 7
12 – 3 Sun 9 - 2



Elsia DiVincenzo

Bereavement Ministry

On Monday 1st February 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

Fallen Heroes

The Army has just lost a 19-year-old Private First Class in Iraq while the Navy has just lost a 25-year-old Petty Officer, Second Class in Afghanistan. The Marines have lost a 28-year-old Sergeant and three Lance Corporals, 22, 19, 22 as well.

As they follow the 5,322 Service Personnel who preceded them in the War Effort, let us, as members of a grateful nation, pray for them all and for the cause to which they sacrificed themselves: peaceful relations among peoples.
+ Requiescant in pace.

Mass & Intentions for the Week

People who request Masses for their intentions should be on hand to present the bread and wine to the priest at those particular Masses whenever possible. On weekends and holy days consultation with the ushers is advised. Thank you.

SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 30, 2010

5:00 PM Nicholas Pandolfo
7:00 PM Marian & Salvatore DeGrado

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Eugene Cipriano
9:30 AM Josephine & Vincent Ciccia
11:00 AM Annette & Pasquale Smeraldi
12:30 PM Joseph G. Pompa
5:30 PM John A. Rossi

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

6:30 AM Salvatore Di Re
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

6:30 AM Paulina Nwogwugwu
9:00 AM Robert Molinelli

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

6:30 AM Saturnino Aguilos, Jr.
9:00 AM Ralph Bonelli

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

6:30 AM In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart
9:00 AM Mary T. Richter

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

6:30 AM Grace Capozzi
9:00 AM Walter & Bertha Loeffler

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

9:00 AM For the intention of Maureen Hourican (Living)

SATURDAY VIGIL, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

5:00 PM Carey Fitzgerald & Loftus Families
7:00 PM Salvatore Mulia

Readings for February 7, 2010

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

SCRIPTURE/FAITH SHARING SESSIONS

Mondays in the FORUM after the 9 A.M. Mass.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine

In Memory of Joseph Travers
Offered by the Holy Child Pre-School Staff



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Frank Maranzino
Offered by your sister Mary and brother Joe with love



Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Ellen McLean Norcott
Offered by Annette O'Reilly



Registration for the Pre-School program for 3-year-olds (children must turn 3 by December 31, 2010) and 4 year-olds (children must turn 4 by December 31, 2010) begins on Thursday, February 4th. Applications will be accepted between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please call the Pre-School office at 718-356-5159 for more details.

Please bring the following information with you:

- Birth certificate (original and one copy)
 - Proof of address
 - Non-refundable \$50.00 registration fee (check only)
 - Envelope Number if you are a registered parishioner
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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.



BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome the following newly baptized members into our Holy Child Family:

**Alexa Rose Canova
Barrett Anderson Ricca
Lynda Grace Serra**



Get Well Soon!

George Vinet	Anthony Sutera	James Naimoli
Eddie O'Connor	Fr. Daniel Carboy CSSR	Jean Henry
Eugene Fortunato	Helen Vigilante	Bill Magrino, Sr.
Danny Cassidy	Steven Cassidy	Erika Balk
Lucille Frigiano	Gerard Gallagher	James Cline
Edward Simmonds	Anthony Dimesa	Gerri Brady
Melissa Marino	Helen Del Zoppo	Pat Lavanco
Phyllis Mallozzi	Aloysius Mazzella	Lauren Verdi
Joseph Castronuovo	George Cesarano	John Ippoliti
Linda Cardinale	Emma Cate DiMola	Nico Di Bono
Therese Gregory	Stephanie Traicoff	Claire Geary
Jason D'Angelo	Alyssa Trivalone	Mary Caleca
Anthony Parise	Billy Sherwood, Jr.	Roger Sledz
Roseann Esposito		

Adult Confirmation

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 62nd Street, NYC 212-838-3189. For more information contact: Oscar Cruz, Director, Adult Catechesis, Catechumenate at 646-794-2692 also at 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. 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)**

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.

Following from full initiation to make their final step(s) is the qualification that allows one to present oneself as a bona fide Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor

Beyond Renew Sign Up

If you are interested in the activity of small scripture faith sharing groups, please fill out this form and return it to the rectory.

Name _____

Phone _____



The O'Connor family wishes to thank the parishioners for their support for Eddie O'Connor. During Eddie's critical illness we were gifted with calls, visits, food, gifts, cards, offers to clean for us, do our laundry, etc., but above all, your prayers. God bless each and every one of you.

Lillian & Brendan O'Connor



**World Marriage Day –
Sunday, February 14th, 2010
Longest Married Couple Search**

The search is on for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

Contestants need to be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and live in the Archdiocese of NY. The couples will be honored on Sunday, February 14th at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15 a.m. Mass with a reception to follow.

For further information or reservations, contact **Nancy Rizzi**-212-371-1011 x 3190.

Please send entries to Family Life & Respect Life Office, 1011 First Avenue, N.Y., 10022, Att: Nancy Rizzi, 7th floor. Deadline for entries is 02-03-10.

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**Prayerful Mantle
Prayerful Mantle Knit and Crochet Group**

The next meeting of the Prayerful Mantle Crochet and Knit Group will be on Friday, **February 5th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. If you don't know

how to crochet or knit, we can teach you. It is a fun way to meet new people, while experiencing a rewarding hobby. We'll keep you in stitches!!!

Call Phyllis Ballarino at 718-356-6643 if you have questions.

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Holy Child Rosary Makers

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Rectory

All welcome.

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St. Charles Singles Club

St. Charles Singles Club will hold its monthly get-together on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium located at 200 Penn Avenue. All singles and singles again ages 30+ are welcome! Cost is \$5. Cake and coffee will be served. Contact Liz at 718-351-8873 or stcharles.singles@yahoo.com for more information.

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Widows & Widowers Club

The Widows & Widowers Club of Holy Child is a social club that meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Holy Child School. Their next meeting will be on Sunday, February 14th.

Of special interest is an all-inclusive leisurely tour of Spain, Portugal and Fatima on September 16th, 2010. As always all our trips are open to all.

For additional information, call Ann at 718-317-6686.

A word from Fr. Travers

Every ten years in Oberammergau, Germany, the Passion Play is presented. Many people will be going to Germany this year to see it. Although that would be very nice indeed, we have an opportunity closer at hand, more convenient and less expensive. Maria Gentile has set things up for a worthwhile parish outing. She needs to make the deposit this week, so please decide right now to come! Here are the details:

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.

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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).**

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Just to let you know

It is with great pleasure that the Family Life/ Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of New York announces the opening of 'The Catholic Healthcare Center for Women', *Gianna*, located near Grand Central Station, Manhattan. This center, an outreach of St. Vincent's Hospital, will offer women the opportunity to live their faith fully and freely in regard to their medical, obstetrical and gynecological care. The center's two physicians and staff members are also trained in helping couples who suffer the pain of infertility through advanced natural methods that are as effective as In Vitro Fertilization. This center is an answer to prayer as the life-affirming, solidly Catholic alternative to IVF. You can attain more information about *Gianna* by going on line at www.svcmc.org/gianna or by calling 1-212-481-1219.

“Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

Daniel 12:3b

A special expression of appreciation is due to Rosemary Prehm who is retiring after 12+ years of service in our School of Religion. Mrs. Prehm started out under Marge Gigliello in November 1997 and continued to serve the Holy Child Religious Education Program for another 9 years under Marie Ferro.

We are ever grateful for her genial ways in the office and for the loving care she gave our parish children. We shall miss her but we know that she heeds a noble prompting: “The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said, “...Come away ... and rest awhile.”

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Proceeding Protestingly and Proactively

The constant efforts that Angela Leibold brings to Holy Child’s Respect Life Ministry blossom annually in the January 22nd March for Life. Holy Child sent forth a full bus of marchers to Washington D.C. last Friday to give witness to the sacredness of human life, especially at its inception. *We are grateful to all who were able to represent us by their participation in this very important event.* And we hope and pray for the day when such a demonstration will be unnecessary in our land.

In order to have a clear idea of what is at stake in the tug of war between the abstract words Life and Choice, one might seek out and visit sites on line that factually depict what sanitized vocabulary – “pre-term” and similar terminology – seeks to soften. Such expositions are not so much sensational – as they are accused of being by so called pro-choice advocates – as horrifying by nature of the true nature of the terms they vividly define.

Besides protesting, we are so very blessed to be able to be pro-active with positive initiatives in this regard such as our support of the Good Counsel Home which receives our support through drives such as the baby bottle banks, our Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program, etc.

Let us not forget that our spiritual and social contributions to other worthy causes help people out in varied, difficult Life Situations year round. Case in point: our congregation added \$2,925.98 last week to the initial \$6,104.00 to help Haiti via Catholic Relief Services.

Father Travers

P.S.

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 the mothers-to-be.

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