

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



Just to let you know

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, February 16th at 9 a.m.

Holiday Mass at 9 a.m.



Wedding Banns

THIRD TIME:

Vincent DeMarco & Gina Mazola



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 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.

SCRIPTURE/FAITH SHARING SESSIONS

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

n. b. No meeting Mon. 15th Feb.

Holy Child Rosary Makers

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Rectory

All welcome.

Holy Child Gift Shop

M – F Sat 4 – 7
12 – 3 Sun 9 – 2



Rose Hein
Jean Alvarez
Arthur Berndt
Joseph Whalen, Sr.

Bereavement Ministry

On Tuesday, 16th 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.

Please note day change for this meeting.

The Fallen Heroes

The U.S. Army has just lost a 22-year old and a 24-year old in Afghanistan.

Let us pray for them and theirs.

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, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

5:00 PM John Petrucci, Jr.
7:00 PM Letteria & Luigi Vaselli

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Mariana Edkins
9:30 AM Matthew, Robert & Virginia Wyrozemski
11:00 AM Dr. Richard Smeraldi
12:30 PM Sal Testa
5:30 PM Robert Lant

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

6:30 AM NO MASS
9:00 AM Marie Cappello

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

6:30 AM Ben & Florence DeGeorge
9:00 AM Matthew Wyrozemski

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

6:30 AM Andrew Frulio
9:00 AM Matthew Wyrozemski
12:10 PM Edward Moran

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010

6:30 AM Joseph Raiola
9:00 AM Ann Twomey

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

6:30 AM Domineca Romano
9:00 AM Matthew Wyrozemski

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

9:00 AM Patricia Desmond

SATURDAY VIGIL, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

5:00 PM Michael & Alice Burke
7:00 PM Carrie Garofolo

Next Sunday Readings 21 February 2010

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Father Kariss to visit Holy Child

At all the Masses next weekend, February 20-21, we shall host Father Kariss who will tell us about the **Food For The Poor** program. It was founded in 1982 and works to end the suffering of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine

In Memory of the Black Family
Offered by Marietta & Angelo



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of the Black Family
Offered by Marietta & Angelo



Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Josephine Fonte
Offered by Jo Murphy

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.



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

Christian Ignazio Conca



Get Well Soon!

Frank Geary, Sr.
George Vinet
Fr. Daniel Carboy CSSR
Eugene Fortunato
Lucille Frigiano
Edward Simmonds
Melissa Marino
Phyllis Mallozzi
Joseph Castronuovo
Linda Cardinale
Anthony Sutura
Jason D'Angelo
Anthony Parise
Steven Cassidy

Joseph DiMartino
Gerard Gallagher
Bill Magrino, Sr.
Helen Vigilante
Roseann Esposito
Anthony Dimesa
Helen Del Zoppo
Aloysius Mazzella
George Cesarano
Emma Cate DiMola
Claire Geary
Alyssa Trivalone
Billy Sherwood, Jr.

Diane Carducci
James Naimoli
Jean Henry
Erika Balk
James Cline
Gerri Brady
Pat Lavanco
Lauren Verdi
John Ippoliti
Nico Di Bono
Mary Caleca
Roger Sledz
Danny Cassidy



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM
MONTH FIVE – Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can feel his movement now. Before, he/she was too small for her to feel. Although he/she swam with ease in his watery world, he/she needed to be

big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs. Pray that your spiritually adopted baby's doctor, midwife, and nurses will be strong in their love and reverence for his/her life and all the lives in their care.



**ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

AT MASSES

6:30 AM

9:00 AM

12:10 PM

AT SCRIPTURE SERVICES

2:00 PM, 4:00 PM & 7 PM

SCHEDULE OF STATIONS

Friday Evenings at 7:30

February

19th Way of the Cross of St. Alphonsus Liguori

26th Way of the Cross for Young People

March

5th Way of the Cross for Married People

12th A Scriptural Way of the Cross

19th The Way of the Cross with Pope Benedict XVI

26th A Woman's Way of the Cross

Save the Date

Holy Child Pre-School is hosting a "Ladies Night Out" on April 8, 2010 at the Vanderbilt at South Beach. The evening will include dinner, music, raffles and lots of fun. For more information about this event please call the Pre-School Office at 718-356-5159.

They would greatly appreciate donations of Gift Cards, Lottery "Scratch Off Tickets, bottles of liquor, or a monetary donation for our raffle baskets. All proceeds from this event will go to support our Pre-School Program.

Guest Speaker

Father Bill Halbing

Thursday 18 February

7:30 p.m.

"The Eucharist" "

Begin Lent by letting Fr. Bill share with you his love of Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

All are invited.

Please come and bring a friend!

For your information
Justice for Immigrants

Some charge that the Church is in favor of a nation without borders, that we support illegal immigration. How do you respond to that?

The Church does not favor illegal immigration in any sense. It is not good for the migrant, who often suffers abuse by smugglers, exploitation in the workplace, and even death in the desert. It is not good for society or for local communities, because it creates a permanent underclass with no rights and no opportunity to assert them. That is why the Church supports the creation of legal avenues for migration and legal status for migrants. The Church has always supported the right of a sovereign nation to secure its borders, although it should be done in a manner that protects human life, to the greatest degree possible.

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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 this 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.

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St. Francis Catholic Singles

The next gathering of St. Francis Catholic Singles is on Thursday, February 18th, 7:15 p.m. – The Passion of Christ The Crucifixion from a Medical Perspective.

Have you ever stopped to think about what happened to Christ medically during His Passion and Crucifixion? Join them as they go through the Stations of the Cross from a medical perspective. They will have a power point presentation with a discussion to follow. Come away with a better understanding of the "Agony of Love" Christ suffered for us just in time for Lent. Meeting is held at the St. Francis Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road, S.I., NY 10304 (718) 981-3131 Website: www.sgspsi.org or email: info@sgspsi.org - Cost: \$5 minimum; \$10 appreciated.

St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30's, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

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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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CYO Softball Registration

Registration for Holy Child CYO Softball will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23rd and 24th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Forum. Registration is open to all girls, grades 3-8.

New players to the program are required to furnish a copy of their birth certificates.

For more information, please contact Donald Church at 718-227-9674.

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Scouts Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

St. Christopher's Church

130 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Crews and families and friends of all faiths are invited to come to this special Benediction Prayer Service.

There will be Stations of the Cross and local parish priests will be available to hear confessions.

Please call 917-750-0467 for additional information.

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"FREE" Movie Date Night for Married Couples!

In spite of economic and financial stress, take your spouse to a free "Saturday night at the movies" date night. Spend quality time together and a fun evening at no charge.

Date: Saturday, March 13th.

Place: Holy Child Parish School (Upper Level)

Time: 7 p.m.

RSVP: Refreshments served – limited seating

For reservations call: 646-794-3190

CATHOLIC DISCIPLINE OF LENT

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of **fast** and **abstinence**.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FAST

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity.

Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59.

GOOD FRIDAY & ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day.

Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life.

IN BRIEF:

**All the Fridays in Lent including Good Friday are
days of Abstinence
(no meat)**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are
days of Fast & Abstinence.
(Limited intake, no meat)**

**Those not specifically obliged to observe these rules are encouraged to
join in the discipline to the extent that they are able.**

Successors & Failures

Having just passed the two-year point of my arrival at Holy Child on Candlemas Day, I am caused to think of the fifth anniversary of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger's election to the papacy coming up on April the 19th. Unfortunately, there are certain factions in the church that will not be celebrating.

Those folks maintain that there has been no pope in the world for the past 52 years. They cling to the notion that the last pope was Pius XII, of blessed (and from some other quarters, contentious) memory. Accordingly, the pontificates of John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II and now Benedict XVI do not signify. Anyone without the benefit of Psychology 101 would call that position foolish instead of neurotic.

Father Travers