

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly meeting will be next Sunday, February 28th, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Rectory.

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St. Edward Food Pantry



Collection will be next Sunday, February 28th. Thanks for your continued support of the food pantry.

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ALMS

The boxes marked Lenten Alms will receive offerings throughout the season. After Easter, the alms will be disbursed to various reputable charitable institutions.

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Holy Child Rosary Makers

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Rectory

All welcome.

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Holy Child Gift Shop

M – F Sat 4 – 7
12 – 3 Sun 9 – 2

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**Emil DeVita
Joseph Bellino**

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Bereavement Ministry

On Monday, 22nd 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.

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The Fallen Heroes

The latest casualty in the war is that of a 22-year-old soldier from Traverse City, MI. Let us keep him and his bereaved family and friends in prayer as we continue to pray for peace.

Mass & Intentions for the Week



CHILDREN'S MASS- Next Sunday, February 28th there will be a Children's Mass at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to come.



SATURDAY VIGIL, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Fortunato Filomena & Mary Quinto
9:30 AM Matthew Wyrozemski
11:00 AM Sr. Eileen Boyle
12:30 PM Marie Cappello
5:30 PM Billy Weingarten

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

6:30 AM Cafiaro & Gatti Families
9:00 AM Sr. Eileen Boyle

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

6:30 AM Anna Salamone
9:00 AM John Zambardi

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

6:30 AM Madeline Cantirino
9:00 AM John Mastellone

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

6:30 AM Chiara Diomede
9:00 AM Alfred Holder

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

6:30 AM Frank Caliendo
9:00 AM George McGoff

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

9:00 AM Stephan Kane & Frances Kane

SATURDAY VIGIL, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

5:00 PM Sue Holder
7:00 PM Marie Cappello

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Next Sunday Readings 28 February 2010

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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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 John D'Agostino
Offered by Josephine & Peter Salvato



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of James Ursillo
Offered by Rosalie & Ciro Granata



Adoration Chapel Candles

For Special Intentions
Offered by Pat Diana

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.



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 Sutera
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

HEALING MASS- The next Healing Mass will be held Wednesday, February 24th in the Church with prayer & praise at 7:45 p.m. The Mass is scheduled for 8 p.m.



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 27 February 2010 at the 9 o'clock Mass.



SCHEDULE OF STATIONS

Friday Evenings at 7:30

February

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

Ladies Invited

A Woman's Way of the Cross scheduled for March 26th gives voice to 14 Catholic women of note. Ladies of the Parish, please consider standing up to read one of the brief bios and a selected quote from one of them.

Choose from: Dorothy Day, St. Margaret of Scotland, Sr. Thea Bowman, Mary of Nazareth, St. Mary Magdalene, Hadewijch of Antwerp, St. Katherine Drexel, Julian of Norwich, St. Clare of Assisi, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Let Father Travers know of your desire so that he may coordinate all who will be participating on that special Friday evening.

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.

**Beyond Renew Presents
a Trip to See Joel Osteen
"A Night of Hope"**

Date: Friday, March 19th
Price: \$40 (Coach Bus & Ticket)
Place: Izod Center - Meadowlands

Leave church parking lot at 5:30 pm. Return about 11:30 pm. Limited number of tickets left. Put \$40 cash in an envelope with your name and phone number and mark it Renew Trip. Leave it at the rectory.

For your information
Justice for Immigrants

Does the Church have the right to speak out on immigration reform, which is largely a political issue?

All public policy issues---abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, poverty reduction, and immigration reform---have political aspects to them. The Church is well within Her rights to speak out on public policy issues of moral consequence and often does. In fact, the Church has a moral obligation to speak out on issues which impact human dignity and human life. In the immigration area, the Church brings special expertise to the table because we are an immigrant church and we have helped assist immigrants assimilate into the nation for years.

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Community News

**C. E. R. T.
Community Emergence Response Team**

The next C.E.R.T. meeting at Holy Child School is on Thursday night, February 25th from 7:00-9:30 p.m. There is still time to sign up and join the team. O.E.M.'s* training starts Wednesday night, March 17th and it runs for 10 weeks. We have 25 signed up and it will be held on Staten Island. Members of Project Hospitality have also signed up. Recap of meeting held on January 28th at the School: 26 people attended. New York Police Department, 123 Precinct Community Affairs Officer Cancemi and Community Board 3 members were invited. They acknowledged our presence and will attend in the future. We showed our presentation video of our training and events we participated in from our very beginning. Susan Colford Castano, Director of Nursing for S.I. Physician Practice and Terry Ruzzuti, a senior staff nurse, spoke about the H1N1 virus and programs available. Questions contact Johnny Lee at 917-576-2856.

*O.E.M. Office of Emergency Management

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University Hospice

Are you a good listener? Caring? University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. This care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who address emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patients and their families. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as, visiting patient in their homes, nursing facilities, or in the hospital. Volunteers are also an essential part in our office and with our special projects. If interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on April 10th and 11th at University Hospice



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

Seasonal flavors of our Lent

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

The “Kyrie”, one of the most ancient of Christian prayers, has been an integral part of the Mass known as the Penitential Rite and can be said or sung in both Greek or in the vernacular.

Kyrie is from the Greek word meaning *O Lord*.
Eleison is Greek for *have mercy*.

The phrase Kyrie, Eleison is the origin of the Jesus Prayer, beloved of Eastern Christians belonging to the Byzantine rite, and increasingly popular among Western Christians today.

The biblical roots of this prayer first appear in 1 Chronicles 16:34

“...give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; his mercy endures forever.”

Here is a language lesson key to fully understanding the Greek in question:

While Latin is mostly a static language (*Lord HAVE mercy!*), Greek is an active language.

Thus, “Lord Have Mercy”, the static plea, is more properly translated *“The Lord is BEING merciful” in the active Greek*.

In this respect, the prayer is simultaneously a prayer of petition and a prayer of thanksgiving. It is an acknowledgment of

- 1.) what God has done
- 2.) what God is doing
- 3.) what God will continue to do.

The Mass was first celebrated in Greek at Rome during the first two centuries of the Church. As Latin became the predominant language, the Mass was translated into Latin. However, the familiar and venerated prayer Kyrie, eleison was later inserted back into the Mass, replacing the Latin “Domine, Miserere!” The Greek phrase Kyrie, eleison has also been regularly and extensively used in Coptic (Egyptian) Christian churches since the early centuries of Christianity, where in liturgy both Coptic and Greek languages are used.

“So I’ll cherish The Old Rugged Cross...”

-George Bennard 1873-1958

The wooden cross that makes its appearance in our church every Lent, culminating in its employment for Good Friday veneration, was crafted by the late Richard Langelotti. You will notice the installation of a plaque of remembrance on its base.

After Easter last, his grandson, Christopher Massicci, took it upon himself to sand it down and refinish it for us. Chris’ excellent work proves that he does

“love that old cross”

That *“has a wondrous attraction”*
for him and for us.

In this we are grateful beneficiaries of his family and his faithful work.

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