



May the abundant blessing of this Eastertide be received by our parish along with welcomed guests and visitors.

Fr. Travers

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday 11 April 2 p.m.

Begins in the Forum with Rosary and proceeds into the Church for Readings, Testimony, Benediction of The Most Blessed Sacrament Veneration of Image

Fr. Joe Hertel, OFM

Guest Speaker

The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Invites you to adore our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the most Blessed Sacrament, for one hour a week. Come to praise, worship, and glorify our Eucharistic Lord. Hours in need of an adoror immediately are: Fri. 9 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m. , Sun. 12—Noon & 1 p.m. Sign up in the Chapel.



Wedding Banns

THIRD TIME:

Joseph Marino & Lorraine Montesi

“Celebrate Marriage” -

A Day of Enrichment for Married Couples!

A wedding is a day...a marriage is a lifetime! Make your marriage the best it can be and attend a “Celebrate Marriage” workshop. The day will re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith! Put the world’s pressures on hold for a few hours and focus on the most important person in your life—your spouse! Take quality time to enhance communication and build a stronger marital and family foundation. “Celebrate Marriage” is beneficial to couples of all ages and years married.

The day ends with renewal of wedding vows.

Saturday, May 15th - Holy Child Parish – School

Program begins – 10 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. with renewal of wedding vows.

For information and reservations, contact Nancy Rizzi at 646-794-3190; nancy.rizzi@archny.org.

Fee \$30 per couple; lunch provided. Please RSVP by 5/10/10.

WEDDING WORKSHOP



Our next Wedding Workshop will be held next Saturday, April 10th at 8:00 p.m. immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Liturgy. At that time all couples will have

the opportunity to select their wedding music. All brides and grooms must attend one workshop prior to their wedding date and make their musical selections.

HAPPY EASTER



CHILDREN'S MASS- Next Sunday, April 11th there will be a Children's Mass at 9:30 p.m. All are welcome to come.



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

Adult Baptisms

(No 5 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child

8:00 AM Santisi & Sisko Families

9:30 AM John Amirante

11:00 AM Henry R. Wagner

12:30 PM Robert Edward Racioppi

No 5:30 PM Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010

6:30 AM Ralph Romano

9:00 AM Frank Riccobono

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

6:30 AM Catherine Harkins

9:00 AM Frank Coppola

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010

6:30 AM Charles W. Poidevin

9:00 AM Celia Devito

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010

6:30 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

9:00 AM James & Vita Ursillo

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010

6:30 AM Theresa & Joseph Connelli

9:00 AM Anthony Sileo

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

9:00 AM John & Donald Armstrong

SATURDAY VIGIL, APRIL 10, 2010

5:00 PM Rose & Leonard Iulo

7:00 PM Dominic, Dominic & Rosaria Tonzo

Next Sunday Readings 11 April 2010
Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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
Martin T. Cavanagh and Gaetano Mangano
Offered by Rosemarie Cavanagh



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Stephanie Marie Hare
Offered by
Raymond, Rosemary, Laura, Jesse, Keri and Samantha



Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Conforti and Venturine Families
Offered by Marie Venturine

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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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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTHS SEVEN & EIGHT-

Developing Baby



You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He/she is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he/she is doing now is gaining weight and making his/her mother uncomfortable with his/her size. But she is not worried. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term. **Pray that your spiritually adopted baby's parents will have great joy as they anticipate his/her birth.**

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Get Well Soon!

Joseph Andrew Bruno	Catherine Paura	Muriel Niemi
Luciano Pantalena	Billy Sherwood, Jr.	George Vinet
Joseph DiMartino	Gerard Gallagher	Jason D'Angelo
Steven Cassidy	Danny Cassidy	Diane Carducci
Eugene Fortunato	Helen Vigilante	Erika Balk
Lucille Frigiano	Roseann Esposito	Anthony Parise
Edward Simmonds	Anthony Dimesa	Gerri Brady
Melissa Marino	Pat Lavanco	James Naimoli
Aloysius Mazzella	Lauren Verdi	Roger Sledz
Joseph Castronuovo	George Cesarano	John Ippoliti
Linda Cardinale	Emma Cate DiMola	Nico Di Bono
Alyssa Trivalone		

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and recharge your marriage. The next Weekend is April 16th-18th. **For more information go to: www.wwmearchny.org or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME.**



In observance of Good Friday the Rectory Office will be closed, Friday, April 2nd. The office will re-open on Saturday, April 3rd at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 5th.

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“There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him” -- LK 17:55

We are grateful to the ladies of the parish who gave us fifteen moments of grace during “A Woman’s Way of the Cross” last Friday evening. Their deliveries evoked the spirit of many a saint who followed the Lord Jesus unreservedly. These are they who enlivened the texts: Carol Flannery, Mary Ann Edkins, Angela Leibold, Rosaria Incantalupo, Linda DiMarco, Ann Ronan, Geraldine Armstrong, Sandra Pace, Janna Gaudiuso, Martha Panczyszyn, Katie Nicosia, Nina Manfro, Lorraine Benemerito, Rosalie Ursillo, Therese Formica. The ladies of the choir capped the evening with an inspirational meditation.

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.” -- Proverbs 31:10

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“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct”...1 Ti 4:12

The junior set of our parish involved themselves in The Way of the Cross for Young Christians as part of our Good Friday Program. All must be done to keep encouraging them in the observance and celebration of their faith, for the future of the Church depends on them.

We are grateful for the interest and support their parents give them in this regard and we thank *Linda DiMarco* for the time and care she expends in coordinating and rehearsing our young readers, who even now, are realizing the Church's hope for the future.

We thank:

Alexa Passante, Joseph Scaffidi, Justin Scaffidi, JoAnn Roland, Christopher Velleca, Julia D'Alessio, Joann Candelieri, Caitlyn Bilbao, Andrea LaPointe, Andrew Bilbao, Phillip Passante, Matthew Vesci, Christy Calcagno and Nicholas Velleca.

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Ladies Night sponsored by Holy Child Pre-School

The Holy Child Pre-School Parent Guild will be hosting a “Ladies Night” on Thursday, April 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Vanderbilt South Beach. Tickets are \$52.00 per person which includes a five-course dinner, DJ and Raffle Baskets. There will be a cash bar.

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

For your information

Justice for Immigrants

Won't a more generous immigration policy risk allowing terrorists and other undesirables into the United States?

Quite the contrary. A more generous immigration policy will ensure that government authorities can identify and monitor who is coming into the country. If a migrant comes in legally, they will identify themselves to the government and be subject to background check and criminals and would-be terrorists can be weeded out. Now, persons who come in without papers are not known to the government and their whereabouts are not known.

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A Walk to Benefit St. Edward's Food Pantry

The Franciscan Handmaids of Mary are sponsoring a walk on Saturday, April 24th at Mt. Loretto, located on Hylan Blvd and Cunningham Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Check-in @ 9:30 a.m.). Adults: \$5; Children under 12: \$1.

Can't make it to the walk? You can still lend a hand. Donations are greatly appreciated!

Please make all checks payable to Saint Edward Food Pantry. Phone 718-984-1625 for details.

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THE JANE B. THOMPSON PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

Saturday, April 17, 2010

12:00 Noon

Alba House

2187 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

FIRST PRIZE

\$1,000.

SECOND PRIZE

\$500

Prepare and present a 5-7 minute speech on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, stem cell research.

Mail original speech and you keep a copy on or before April 7, 2010 to:

Staten Island Right to Life League Inc.
P.O. Box 60520, Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
For more information call 718-979-7291.

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Holy Child Gift Shop

M – F Sat 4 – 7
12 – 3 Sun 9 – 2

Cross Road Foundation

March 19, 2010

Dear Father Travers:

Thank you for allowing us to conduct our Baby Bottle Campaign in Holy Child parish again this year. Now that the final pennies have deposited, I am happy to report that, with 653 bottles returned, we were able to raise \$113,605.50 through the generosity of your parishioners. This is \$2,500 more than last year. And with cut backs in other funding areas, this increase is greatly appreciated. Please extend our gratitude to them for their tremendous support. Again, we offer our sincere thanks for your heartfelt support of our foundation.

Sincerely,
Bill Harder,
Executive Director

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**Frances Carbone
Antonio Sciacchitano
Ida Grillo**

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Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Meeting Monday, April 5th at 2:30 p.m. in the rectory.

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Wartime Remembrance

Let us pray for all who have lost their lives in the course of the War on Terror in Iraq, in Afghanistan and in all the places where its terrorism has erupted, especially its initial eruption in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. May they rest in peace in eternity as we struggle to secure peace in our time.

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Widows & Widowers Club

The Widows & Widowers Club will meet next Sunday, April 11th at 7 p.m. downstairs in the School Building.

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Bus Trip

On Wednesday 21 April a bus will leave our parish at 6:45 AM for a day trip to Pennsylvania. Upon arrival, we shall visit the National Centre for Padre Pio, then Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Shrine and later in the day the Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine. During our visit we shall celebrate Holy Mass. We will be back by 6 p.m.

If you would like to go on this pilgrimage visit, please sign up at the rectory without delay. The only expense is the \$27 per person bus fare due upon registration; bring your own lunch.

Any more information contact Maria Quadrino at 718-356-7919, or maria.quadrino@gmail.com

To All: VERY TIMELY

Shortly after the passage of the new health care reform plan in Washington, the U. S. Council of Catholic Bishops released the following statement:

For nearly a century, the Catholic bishops of the United States have called for reform of our health care system so that all may have access to the care that recognizes and affirms their human dignity. Christian discipleship means, “working to ensure that all people have access to what makes them fully human and foster their human dignity” (United States Catechism for Adults, page 454). Included among those elements is the provision of necessary and appropriate health care.

For too long, this question has gone unaddressed in our country. Often while many had access to excellent medical treatment, millions of others including expectant mothers, struggling families or those with serious medical or physical problems were left unable to afford the care they needed. As Catholic bishops, we have expressed our support for efforts to address this national and societal shortcoming. We have spoken for the poorest and most defenseless among us. Many elements of the health care reform measure signed into law by the President address these concerns and so help to fulfill the duty that we have to each other for the common good. We are bishops, and therefore pastors and teachers. In that role, we applaud the effort to expand health care to all.

Nevertheless, for whatever good this law achieves or intends, we as Catholic bishops have opposed its passage because there is compelling evidence that it would expand the role of the federal government in funding and facilitating abortion and plans that cover abortion. The statute appropriates billions of dollars in new funding without explicitly prohibiting the use of these funds for abortion, and it provides federal subsidies for health plans covering elective abortions. Its failure to preserve the legal status quo that has regulated the government’s relation to abortion, as did the original bill adopted by the House of Representatives last November, could undermine what has been the law of our land for decades and threatens the consensus of the majority of Americans: that federal funds not be used for abortions or plans that cover abortions. Stranger still, the statute forces all those who choose federally subsidized plans that cover abortion to pay for other peoples’ abortions with their own funds. If this new law is intended to prevent people from being complicit in the abortions of others, it is at war with itself.

We share fully the admirable intention of President Obama expressed in his pending Executive Order, where he states, “it is necessary to establish an adequate enforcement mechanism to ensure that Federal funds are not used for abortion services.” However, the fact that an Executive Order is necessary to clarify the legislation points to deficiencies in the statute itself. We do not understand how an Executive Order, no matter how well intentioned, can substitute for statutory provisions.

This statute is also profoundly flawed because it has failed to include necessary language to provide essential conscience protections (both within and beyond the abortion context). As well, many immigrant workers and their families could be left worse off since they will not be allowed to purchase health coverage in the new exchanges to be created, even if they use their own money.

Many in Congress and the Administration, as well as individuals and groups in the Catholic community, have repeatedly insisted that there is no federal funding for abortion in this statute and that strong conscience protection has been assured. Analyses that are being published separately show this not to be the case, which is why we oppose it in its current form. We and many others will follow the government’s implementation of health care reform and will work to ensure that Congress and the Administration live up to the claims that have contributed to its passage. We believe, finally, that new legislation to address its deficiencies will almost certainly be required.

As bishops, we wish to recognize the principled actions of the pro-life Members of Congress from both parties, in the House and Senate, who have worked courageously to create legislation that respects the principles outlined above. They have often been vilified and have worked against great odds.

As bishops of the Catholic Church, we speak in the name of the Church and for the Catholic faith itself. The Catholic faith is not a partisan agenda, and we take this opportunity to recommit ourselves to working for health care which truly and fully safeguards the life, dignity, conscience and health of all, from the child in the womb to those in their last days on earth.