

HOLY CHILD CHURCH

"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 5/11/10.

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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.

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GOLDEN JUBILARIANS- Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2010 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a Jubilarian Mass here at Holy Child on Sunday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m. Any Golden Jubilarians wishing to attend the ceremony at St. Patrick's or Holy Child must contact the Rectory prior to Friday, May 7th.

SILVER JUBILARIANS- Couples celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2010 are eligible to receive the Anniversary Scroll which will be conferred here at Holy Child on Sunday, May 16th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All couples, both Golden & Silver Jubilarians wishing to receive the Anniversary Scroll at Holy Child, must leave their name, address and phone number at the Rectory office during the week Monday to Friday (718-356-5890) during normal office hours.

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Mass & Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY VIGIL, APRIL 10, 2010

5:00 PM Rose & Leonard Iulo
7:00 PM Dominic, Dominic & Rosaria Tonzo

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Rosaria, Albert, Ralph & Vito Pece
9:30 AM John Speranza
11:00 AM Rosalie & Bernard LaRosa
12:30 PM Angelina Lovascio
5:30 PM Carey Fitzgerald & Loftus Families

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

6:30 AM Eileen & Deborah Collins
9:00 AM Denise, Rose & Sebastian Ingrassia

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

6:30 AM Ben Filosa
9:00 AM Sarah Bonavenura

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

6:30 AM Raphaela Fasano
9:00 AM Rose LaCirasella & Theresa & Frank Morano

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010

6:30 AM Rosario Amato
9:00 AM James Armstrong

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

6:30 AM Irene Agaglio
9:00 AM Alexander Scott

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

9:00 AM Salvatore Lacagnino

SATURDAY VIGIL, APRIL 17, 2010

5:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. David Bligh
7:00 PM Helen Madden

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Anniversary Celebration of the Election of Pope Benedict XVI

There will be a Mass for Pope Benedict XVI on Monday 19 April at 7:30 p.m. right after the Miraculous Medal Novena. The ordinary parts of the Mass and the Eucharistic Prayer (The Roman Canon) will be prayed in Latin. The orations and readings will be in English. Come to pray for Pope Benedict on the 5th anniversary of his election as Supreme Pontiff.

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Next Sunday Readings 18 April 2010

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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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 Anna Catinello
Offered by Mr. & Mrs. John Whitty, Sr.



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Raphaela Fasano
Offered by the Scaltrito Family



Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Mildred Iaconis
Offered by Margaret Falcone

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.

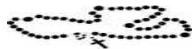


Get Well Soon!

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

The next meeting of the Prayerful Mantle Crochet and Knit Group will be on Friday, **April 16 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.



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



**Frank Monico
Jean Hertel**

Bereavement Ministry

There will be no Bereavement Meetings on Monday, April 12th and Monday, April 19th. Meetings will resume on Monday, 26th April at 2:30 p.m. in the rectory.

A NATION AT WAR

The Supreme Sacrifice has lately been made in the Afghanistan theatre by three 19-year-old Marines, a 25-year old Marine, a 45-year-old Marine along with a 31-year-old sailor. Let us pray for them, their comrades in arms who have gone before them and for all the families and friends who henceforth will be without them. Let us remember that our heroes fall in order to preserve our way of life.



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 adorer immediately are: Fri. 9 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m., Sun. 12 Noon & 1 p.m. Sign up in the Chapel.

An Evening of Music, Meditation and Prayer with John Michael Talbot

Friday, April 23, 2010 at 8:00 PM
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
5411 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY

Tickets: Adults \$25.00, Children (5-10) & Seniors (65+) \$20
For information call
Maryann 718-966-0671, or Susan 718-356-7280

4th Annual Chinese



To Benefit
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
Friday, May 7, 2010
At Moore Catholic High School
100 Merrill Avenue, S.I., NY

From 7:00 pm to 10 pm, Doors open 6:30 p.m.
Ticket Donation: \$10; Open Seating
Refreshments: Coffee & Cake
Bring Your Own Snacks
Door Prizes Raffles Giveaways and 50/50
For information and ticket sales call:
Gayle Serrapica at 1-718-984-6069

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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Justice for Immigrants

What level of border enforcement do the bishops see as necessary and appropriate?

The U. S. bishops believe that comprehensive immigration reform will reduce the pressure on the southern border by letting migrants who otherwise would cross the border illegally to enter legally through ports of entry. This would allow border patrol officials, who have a difficult task, to better protect us from smugglers and traffickers and other criminal elements. The erection of fences along our southern border will not necessarily stop illegal immigration but could lead to migrants depending more on unscrupulous smugglers and taking more dangerous routes through the desert.

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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

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St. Francis Catholic Singles (formerly SGSP)

The next gathering of St. Francis Catholic Singles for singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s is Thursday, April 15th, 7:15 p.m. The Theology and Psychology of Joy. **Father John Catoir**, J.C.D. – founder and current president of St. Jude Media Ministry, former director of the Christophers, and author of fifteen books, including three best sellers will use Scripture to discuss how being happy is actually an act of obedience to the Lord and will offer us ways on how to cope with the challenges we encounter as we try to apply this ideal to our everyday lives. Fr. Catoir's books will also be on sale this evening. Meeting is held at the Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road, SI, NY 10304 (718) 981-3131. Website: www.sgspsi.org or email: info@sgspsi.org; or phone: (718) 815-7255. Cost: \$5 minimum; \$10 appreciated.

Easterlode is in.

While it has been proposed that "it takes a village to raise a child" one may say that it takes a community to raise the praises of God at Holy Child. The beauty of our Paschal Celebrations came from many contributors.

Dennis & Kathy Hansen installed the beautiful Easter Garden around the sanctuary in which there is a special surprise this year. They also delivered the spectacular banks of lilies from their Greenside Up Nursery. The Eltingville Florist, *Steven Ballaro*, always does us proud with cut flower arrangements that embellish our worship space.

The grounds of the church were given a spring cleaning being spruced up by our **Boy Scout Troop 132**. We thank the Scouts who did the yard work for us. *Alex Ciechanowsky, Matthew Cipollone, Robert DelGuido, James Gennari Thomas Juliano, Eric Kwapich, Thomas Kwapich, Ryan Lenahan, Thomas LaGressa, Brendan Martin, Matthew Martin, and Robert Pollastro and Mike Dontis, Scoutmasters.*

The holy day set up in the church was accomplished by the helping hands of *Marie Ferro, Katie Nicosia, Mrs. Nicosia, Nick Stellato, Joe Buro*, and our maintenance men, *Arnie Bilotto and Kerry Balk*. *Marie Ferro*, Sacristan, made sure that all the elements were in place for the rituals -- no small task as many of our Masses took place simultaneously in the church and the Forum.

Our Usher Ministry with *Joe Buro*, Head Usher, was also doubly challenged by the surge of attendance. After the services, Mr. Buro facilitated the distribution of Easter Water to the people who were equipped with holy water bottles ordered for their convenience by *Frank and Kitty Napolitano* of the Gift Shop.

The liturgy at Holy Child benefits from the help of our Altar Servers whose precision I can always rely on ... and in their occasional lapses you may be assured that they always take *my urgent promptings* with good cheer ... in case anyone in church on Holy Thursday is wondering. The day after, a lady gratefully observed, "At least it wasn't a 'Joe Biden'."

Added to the ranks of Servers during the Mass of the Lord's Supper were *Joseph Cavelli, Frank Giunto, Kevin Hine, Joseph Pellicane, Victoria Malone, and Natalie Raspente*.

Our Readers make the Scriptures come alive for us in their proclamations and our Ministers of Holy Communion always help the priests to serve the people who come forward to receive the Sacramental Lord.

What would Holy Week be without music? Thanks are due to the instrumentalists, chief among them *Sandra Pace*, the bell choir, the choirs and the cantors along with the Great Vigil's guest soloist, *Mr. Anthony Turner*, whose rendition of the Easter Proclamation (The Exultet) set the tone for glorious proceedings. All this, of course, was orchestrated by *Anne Lukasiewicz*, Director of Music.

We are grateful to *Sr. Jean and her assistants*, who, throughout the year ---that has gone by so fast ---, accompanied our newly baptized and initiated in a vital preparation phase of their Faith Journey. She has been the mid-wife of many born again of water and the Holy Spirit here at Holy Child over the years.

We are inspired by our new fully initiated members for they remind us that our Religion is still worthwhile and very attractive to mature adults. Their choice to join it completely – encourages us in our own practice of the Faith. A grateful welcome to *Ashley DeSimone* who was baptized and to *Brian Esposito* who, coming from another Christian Communion, made his Profession of Faith in the Roman Catholic Church. He along with *Iolanda Dagostino, John Canini, Michael Restivo* and *Ashley De Simone* were confirmed and received communion.

In this so called Year of the Priest, let us be grateful for those for those ordained for service as priests – especially those sent to Holy Child: Father Ed, Father Willy and Father Joe Hertel. The sacrament of Holy Orders has conferred upon them the *undeniable gift* of being able to celebrate the sacraments with God's people.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the celebration by their presence, participation and donation. All these elements from so many fine folks made the Easter Message ring out loud and clear from Eltingville: The Lord is indeed risen!

Alleluia!
Father Travers

2010 ARCHDIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



Participation at Holy Child is already at 255 pledges for a total amount of \$67,200.00.

The goal set for our parish is \$101,000.00. May the good example of those who have already pledged or contributed inspire everyone else to pitch in the balance of \$33,800 so we can reach the goal with pride!