

# HOLY CHILD CHURCH



Just to let you know

The Rectory, School of Religion and Pre-School will be closed on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

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*Wedding Banns*

**FIRST TIME:**

William Hogan & Erica Graham  
Anthony Martelli & Mary Morano

**SECOND TIME:**

Anthony Franca & Lauren Knesel  
Kevin Raney & Patricia Ann Mannix  
Charles Reilly & Deirdre Quinlan

**THIRD TIME:**

Frank Sarcano & RoseMary Antoniello

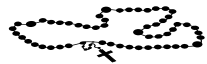
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"Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!" Recharge your marriage/holy orders on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 13-15. For more information go to: [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org) or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME.

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**HOLY CHILD ROSARY MAKERS**

Holy Child Rosary Makers meet every Thursday in the Rectory after the 9 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

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Elizabeth Romacho  
Neil Van Oppre  
Geraldine Piccolo  
Blaise Braccia

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**Mass for the Bereaved**

Monday 26 October  
8 p.m.

A special liturgy of Hope. The Bereavement Ministry will be on hand for consultation.

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**May They Rest in Peace**

Let us pray for the servicemen reported to have died on active duty this past week. Their deaths bring the total of service-personnel wartime casualties to 5,190. Let us also pray for their families who will continue to bear the burden of their Supreme Sacrifice.

*Mass & Intentions for the Week*



**Scripture/Faith Sharing**

Sessions are on Mondays after the 9 A.M. Mass in the Forum.

**SATURDAY VIGIL, OCTOBER 10, 2009**

5:00 PM Deceased members of Loftus Family  
7:00 PM Denise Ingrassia

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009**

6:30 AM People of Holy Child  
8:00 AM Rosaria, Albert, Ralph & Vito Pece  
9:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. B. Blich  
11:00 AM D'Elia, Marcellino & Molinari Families  
12:30 PM Walter Kizis, Anna & Giuseppe Marcello  
5:30 PM The Chieco Family

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009**

6:30 AM Thomas, Sophie & Robert Mitchell  
9:00 AM Marity Smith  
12:10 PM Dominica Alcamo

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009**

6:30 AM Maria Molina  
9:00 AM Catherine & Denis Griffin  
12:10 PM James Slattery

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

6:30 AM Raymond Lawrie  
9:00 AM Maria DiGiacomo  
12:10 PM Anna & Victor DiNicola

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009**

6:30 AM Jonathan E. Leano  
9:00 AM Vincenzo Verga  
12:10 PM Bernard Petrillo

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009**

6:30 AM Celenza & Rosselli Families  
9:00 AM Scott Family  
12:10 PM Deceased members of McCullough Family

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009**

9:00 AM Frank D'Alessandro  
12:10 PM Thomas J. Solieri

**SATURDAY VIGIL, OCTOBER 17, 2009**

5:00 PM Salvatore Fanelli  
7:00 PM Carbonaro Family

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**Readings for the Week of October 18, 2009**

**Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:**



**Bread & Wine** – In Memory of **Mary Mosco**  
Offered by Maddalen (Lilly) Carrera



**Sanctuary Lamp** – In Memory of  
**Gilda & Frank Angeli**  
Offered by Annette McCullough



**Adoration Chapel Candles** – In Memory of  
**The Celenza & Rosselli Families**  
Offered by Josephine & Bob Celenza  
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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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**BAPTISM**

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

- Salvatore Anthony Conti, III**
- Antonio DeFranco**
- Andrew Joseph DeLessio**
- Timothy Frederick Dennis**
- Natalie Sophia Giammarino**
- Edwin Luciano, Jr.**
- Sofia Rose Scandariato**
- Sienna Rose Stout**

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**Get Well Soon!**

- Lenny Riezi
- Stephanie Traicoff
- Phyllis Malozzi
- John Ippoliti
- Gerard Gallagher
- Linda Cardinale
- Therese Gregory
- Jason D'Angelo
- Anthony Parise
- Roseann Esposito
- Bill Magrino, Sr.
- Helen Vigilante
- Aloysius Mazzella
- Anthony Dimesa

- Kathy Lentini
- George Cesurano
- Lorraine Dougherty
- Helen Del Zoppo
- Carol Lyn Anderson
- Emma Cate DiMola
- Dennis Graves
- George Andrews
- Billy Sherwood, Jr.
- Lucille Frigiano
- Claire Geary
- Alyssa Trivalone
- Anthony Sutera
- Mary Jane Walczyszcz

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- Nestor Pla
- Pat Lavanco
- Lauren Verdi
- Eva Raia
- Al Frezzo
- Mary Anthony
- Jim Ursillo
- Clare Barone
- Mary Caleca
- Nico DiBono
- Joseph Henry
- Roger Sledz
- Erika Balk
- Louis Grasso



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September 2009  
Year for Priests

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

On World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the world's Catholic community will unite at Mass to recommit itself to our baptismal vocation to be missionaries. Your generous support of the missions, (next week) through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will reach those who await the "Good News," longing to experience Christ's hope and love. For this, I am deeply grateful.

Faithfully in Christ,

*Timothy M. Dolan*

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

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The fall semester for **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be held at the St. Francis Friary at 500 Todt Hill Rd. beginning on Wednesday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup>. (Continuing for 8 consecutive weeks) from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Those interested must be 21 years of age or older. Please be advised that you must pre-register to attend classes by contacting **Ronnie DiGiacomo** at **(718) 556-7690** any evening from 7 pm to 10 pm. Classes are limited to 30 registrants so people will be admitted on a 'first come' first served basis.

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**THEY'RE BACKKKKKKKKKK!!!!!!!**

HOLY CHILD SPORTS COUNCIL is happy to bring back their Holiday Dances for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**Halloween Dance will be in the Gym on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.**

Admission is \$10 per student and tickets must be purchased in advance. **No tickets will be sold at the door and no one will be admitted without a ticket.** Prizes will be awarded for costumes, so be sure to add to the fun and come in one!!!! **Tickets will be sold on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Gym from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

For additional information call the Sports council at 718-605-4373 or Christine 718-984-7433.

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**Altar Servers**  
**Altar Server Training**

Father Travers is preparing interested boys and girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up for service at the altar. Next meeting"

**Rectory Conference Room**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**4 p.m.**

*N.B. A parent/caregiver must accompany the candidate to the first meeting they report to.*

**Fall Buffet Dinner Dance**

**Saturday 31 October**

*Halloween!!!*

**8 p.m. to Midnite**

- Buffet Dinner -- Dancing -
- Music by John Buccheri -

**- Best Costume Contest –Costumes Optional**

Tickets \$40 on sale in the rectory during business hours and in the Ave Maria Gift Shop.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**  
**MONTH ONE – Developing Baby**

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. His/Her heart is pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. **Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of your spiritually adopted baby's mother to give him/her the most precious gift—the gift of life.**



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**Flea Market**

**St. John Neumann Church** is hosting an Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (rain date – Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>) The Church is located at 1380 Arthur Kill Road, between Woodrow and Arden Avenues. Multiple vendors, refreshments and fun for the whole family. Vendor space \$35 –call the rectory (M-F 10-4) at 718-984-8535 to reserve your space.

**Musical Chairs Chamber Ensemble (MCCE)**

**Saturday 17 October at 8 p.m.**

**Holy Child Church**

“Living Music: Highlighting MCCE's Commissions and American Composers”

Featured composers: Andrew Sterman, Dr. Matthew Fuerst and Mick Rossi.

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On behalf of the Music Ministry Department and most notably, Sandra Pace, Director of the Holy Child Hand Bell Choir, and the bell ringers I would like to honor Lea Laccadito, professional tailor and seamstress. Her generous gift of time, artistry and craftsmanship in the sewing of the hand bell table cloths and skirting can be visibly appreciated when entering the church.

Additionally, I would like to extend our gratitude to Sandra Pace, and her mother, Mercedes Pace, for graciously transporting the hand bells to Schulmerich Hand Bell Company located in Pennsylvania, for refurbishment.

We look forward to the upcoming season of events and the opportunity to enjoy the sound of the tuned and polished hand bells!

**And he taught, and said to them,**  
**“Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a**  
**House of prayer (Is 56:7) ?” – MK 11:17**

**Report from Rosaria Incantalupo**

As the feastday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary has just passed and Holy Child Parish marked its one-year anniversary praying the Rosary before Sunday Mass, we want to take this opportunity to thank all, and to encourage all parishioners to participate in this beautiful prayer.

The intention for the Sunday Rosary is: “for the needs of our Parish priests and the sanctification of all priests, for each one of us individually and collectively as a community, and for the spiritual and temporal needs of our country for those virtues and graces we stand most in need of.”

All are welcome and needed in this ministry of prayer.

If one feels called to lead the Rosary before Sunday Mass, please contact Rosaria Incantalupo, (718-948-0128). Thank you!

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**“...a time to keep silence, and a time to speak...” Ec 3:7**

There is a painting by Norman Rockwell that shows a Fifth Avenue winter sidewalk with people walking in both directions, looking down intently at where they're going, completely absorbed in their own thoughts, as they bustle hurriedly along their way. The background of the busy sidewalk is the rising stone staircase of a church topped by its large doors. On the highest step, between the doors, is a robed and hatted priest standing under the sign board of moveable letters which ironically spell the message: *Lift Up Your Hearts*.

If you have ever arrived early for a 6:30 a.m. Sunday Mass here, you have found yourself in a reflective atmosphere. It corresponds exactly to verse 10 of Psalm 46 whose immovable letters are painted above our altar: *Be Still and Know that I am God*. The quiet of that hour brings those serenely congregating into a dimension of receptivity where the voice of the Lord may be listened for in prayer, meditation and contemplation while personal preparation is made for the communal celebration at hand.

Different places offer different experiences. The church offers an oasis of calm where one can engage in spiritual reflection without distraction, a chance to “get away from it all” and have a moment or two of peace. It would be insane to expect such an atmosphere at Grand Central Station, Pennsylvania Station or Madison Square Garden. Those places serve their purposes and the corresponding behavior naturally follows. The peace of a hushed atmosphere, away from it all, is something folks should be able to count on when church doors are open for the purpose of prayer.

Unfortunately, the weekly solace that many seek before Mass is not to be had due to the careless, loud talk of some people about pedestrian affairs, which while fascinating to them and their conversational partners, should be to the rest of us of no interest whatsoever at that time. People in general do not come early to Mass to overhear others’ random chatter about this’n’that. They come to prepare themselves for our encounter with The Living God in the impending celebration of The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Inconsiderate bad manners before Mass become a frustrating distraction during prayer for those who come to pray. Those who come into the House of God for surcease from their problems want to listen to God and be able to talk to God.

At the other end, the outburst of exuberant conversation after Mass is something to be expected. After personal recollection and communal prayer we are refreshed, stimulated and excited. *“I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”* LK 19:40 These happy conversations naturally begin in the pews and are taken along to the Lobby, the Porch, the Parking Lot or the Forum as the congregation disperses and the new one begins to assemble. It is a happy chance to say hello to folks we haven’t seen in a week, to ask after them and catch up quickly. It is a legitimate time for a bit of socializing. Perhaps it gets carried further along to a local café or diner. Thus do the prayerful period and the worshipful event segue into another week where we find ourselves rushing through terminals, entering high risers, going to arenas, all the while undoubtedly passing those places in between that make their subtle offer of retreat.

To offset the pre-Mass problem, I have approved public recitation of the rosary before weekend Masses and I am grateful to the dedicated individuals who have taken the lead in this. The fact of the matter is that save for the 6:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, we cannot be trusted to hold our peace when we come to church. The rosary may not be everyone’s prayer of choice. For those who like it, they may join in. For those who do not, it provides a base line upon which one can more easily let one’s mind go to one’s inner place. It can serve as kind of holy white noise, certainly superior to the other kind of noise I have had to describe.

It is with amazement I now report that on Sundays I have observed certain people – who really should know better – before the altar, under the Psalm verse already pointed out, talking long and loud on foot right in front of those trying to say the rosary. Maybe we simply need some peer counseling in this whole matter making use of the old library admonition: “Shhh!!!”

*Father Travers*