

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



SECOND TIME:

William Hogan & Erica Graham
Anthony Martelli & Mary Morano

THIRD TIME:

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



"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses..."
Be strengthened in your marriage/holy orders on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Nov. 13-15. For more information go to: www.wmearchny.org or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME

ATTENTION: USHERS

There will be an Ushers' Meeting on Thursday, October 29th at 7:30 pm in the School Building.



**Altar Servers
LAST CALL!**

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

**Rectory Conference Room
Friday 23rd October
4 p.m.**

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



**Marie Sabatino
Mary Barone
Stella Belich
Maryann Trombetta
Ann Young
Caroline Melchionnia

Bereavement Ministry

"Blessed are they who mourn; for they shall be comforted."-Matthew 5:4
"Our lives are changed forever, now that my loved one is gone. Question now present to me, what's next?" Come to the Bereavement Mass Monday night 8 p.m. October 26th, 2009. Yes, life will be different now, but God has something for you to do. Expect His direction for your life.

May They Rest in Peace

Let us pray for the servicemen ages 24, 20, 27 reported to have died on active duty this past week. Their deaths bring the total of service-personnel wartime casualties in Afghanistan to 865. Let us also pray for their families who will continue to bear the burden of their Supreme Sacrifice.

Mass Intentions for the Week



CHILDREN'S MASS: Next Sunday, October 25th there will be a Children's Mass at 12:30 p.m. Fr. Ed will be the celebrant. All are welcome to come.



SATURDAY VIGIL, OCTOBER 17, 2009

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Richard Garcia
9:30 AM Josefina Apo
11:00 AM Neil McNeil
12:30 PM Marietta & Giovanni Scotto
5:30 PM Mildred Bonsignore

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009

6:30 AM Mary Balestrieri
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
12:10 PM Anna Poli

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

6:30 AM For the Intention of Doug Hahn (Living)
9:00 AM Nicholas Frustaci
12:10 PM Patrick Brennan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

6:30 AM Helen & Otto Rudolph
9:00 AM Anthony DiCostanzo
12:10 PM Philip Diteodoro

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

6:30 AM Arlene Finelli
9:00 AM Victoria Delfino
12:10 PM Thomas J. Kelly

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009

6:30 AM Maria Tirado
9:00 AM For the intention of Elaine MacConnell (Living)
12:10 PM Denise Ingrassia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

9:00 AM James Yard
12:10 PM Guiseppe Della Peruta

SATURDAY VIGIL, OCTOBER 24, 2009

5:00 PM Charles & Gussie Cortese
7:00 PM Florencio Mayas



Scripture/Faith Sharing

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

Readings for October 25, 2009

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine – In Memory of **Jennie Frigiano**
Offered by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frigiano



Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of **Jennie Frigiano**
Offered by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frigiano



Adoration Chapel Candles – For the Intention of
Claire & Carl Kona
Offered by the O'Reilly Family

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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM
MONTH ONE – Developing Baby

460 folks committed themselves to nine months of prayer for the unborn and their expectant parents. They will pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the spiritually adopted baby's mother to give him/her the most precious gift—the gift of life.



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 Walczyszyn

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

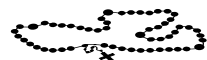
St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly meeting of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be **next Sunday, October 25th, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** The meeting will be held in the Rectory.



HOLY CHILD ROSARY MAKERS

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



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.



HOLY CHILD CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Holy Child Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in our Forum.**

Get an early start on your Christmas shopping, enjoy breakfast or lunch and have a fun visit with Santa.

If you would like to donate to our basket of cheer, or a Lottery Scratch-Off ticket, please leave your donations at the Pre-School Office.

Christmas Cards

“Bethlehem” (House of Bread) Design
custom made for Holy Child Church
Now on sale in the Gift Shop!

Ave Maria Gift Shop

Regular Hours

Monday --- Friday

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday

3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

EGER HOLIDAY & HARVEST FAIR

Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center
140 Meisner Avenue, S.I., N.Y.

November 7, 2009 – 10 am to 4 pm

The fair will feature gifts from Scandinavia and around the world, jewelry-farmer's market- holiday crafts-photos with Santa, and much more. This is all to benefit the residents of Eger.



St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School will be conducting an Open House for interested 8th graders this Sunday, October 18th from 1-4 pm for boys and 1-4 pm Sunday, October 25th for Girls. For more information call 718-984-6500.

**Franciscan Handmaids of Mary
St. Edward Food Pantry**
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Dear Friends,

St. Joseph-St. Thomas' Parish will be hosting a Gospel Concert for the benefit of St. Edward Food Pantry, a Ministry of the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary. The Concert will be featuring Mr. Danny Coakley and the Choir of St. Aloysius' Church, Harlem, NY. The date of the Concert is Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph-Thomas Church, 6097 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY. All proceeds will go directly to St. Edward Food Pantry, which serves families with food and clothing.

Mr. Danny Coakley is a graduate from St. Aloysius School in Central Harlem. Singing to the glory of God, Danny is a member of the gospel choir at St. Aloysius where he enjoys helping to direct the group. Danny has been invited to sing in various churches in the New York area. He was also invited to sing at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. extravaganza. Joined by other choirs, Danny presents a yearly concert of Gospel music. In October 2001, Danny released his first CD, A Dream Fulfilled.

Tickets in advance are \$25.00 for adults and \$15 for students and children. Tickets purchased at the door on the day of performance are \$30.00. Prepaid tickets will be picked up at the door.

If anyone is interested in attending, please send the check made payable to St. Edward Food Pantry and sent to 6581 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, N.Y. 10309.

Sincerely yours,
Sister Vincent Marie Wilson
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SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The Sacrament Preparation Program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist began in September. This is a parent involvement program and it is mandatory that at least one parent (or representative selected by the parent) attend each workshop, scheduled as follows:

- WORKSHOP I- MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
- WORKSHOP II- MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010**
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

NO CHILD WILL BE REGISTERED OR BE PERMITTED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM IF HE/SHE IS NOT REPRESENTED AT EACH OF THE WORKSHOPS.

The requirements for a child to enter and complete the Communion program are:

- 1. MUST BE ENROLLED** in the **General Religious Education Program.**
- 2. MUST HAVE satisfactorily completed two years of General Religious Education prior to the Communion date in May, 2010.**

The parent (or representative) must come prepared to answer any questions which arise concerning the child's qualifications for entrance. A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$150.00, paid by check or money order (no cash accepted), at this workshop will be charged to cover the cost of two books for Reconciliation and Eucharist, the First Holy Communion Booklets, other articles and necessary items.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS: Forms have been sent to the private schools, which can be completed by the principals, for students of **Holy Child Parish** who meet these requirements. Please request one from your school principal. Attach a copy of Baptismal Certificate to the form. Bring the completed forms with you to the Workshop.

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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 21st. (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.



St. Edward Food Pantry
The collection for the St. Edward Food Pantry will be next weekend, October 24th-25th. The pantry, which is run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is located at Mt. Loretto. We are very grateful for your generosity.

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Health Care Reform – Important Principles

The debate about health care reform is attracting a great deal of attention at this time. The primary focus of the Church is on education on the essential criteria for health care reform:

- Respect for life from conception to natural death
- Access for all, with a priority for the poor
- Preserving the freedom of individuals and families to make choices about health care
- Restraining costs and applying them equitably to all participants
- Abortion cannot be paid for – directly or indirectly – by taxpayer dollars or included as a mandatory feature of health insurance
- Unborn children must be covered by any health insurance plan
- The right to conscience of health care professionals and institutions must be respected
- Care should not be rationed due to age, disability, expected length of life, cost considerations or arbitrary judgments about “quality of life”
- The elderly, handicapped, and chronically ill should not be pressured into euthanasia or assisted suicide
- Assisted suicide cannot be paid for or promoted by taxpayer dollars

We have to be realistic about the situation, in particular about the make-up and political philosophy of our Congressional delegation. It is uniformly Democratic, and thus almost certain to support whatever plan is presented by the Democratic leadership in Congress and supported by the President. It is one of the most liberal delegations in the nation, and their voting records on pro-life issues is absolutely abysmal. Our effort to convince them to be sympathetic to our core positions (especially about abortion) is going to be an uphill battle.

Take Action

The quickest and most effective way to take action is to contact your representatives. Please write and call your representatives in their local district offices.

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For more information on this critical issue, please visit our webpage:
www.flrl.org/HealthCareReform.htm.