

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



On **Tuesday, November 3, 2009**, the Rector, School of Religion and Pre-School will be closed because of Election Day.



Wedding Banns

FIRST TIME:

**Anthony Menditto & Jillian Avvento
Alexandria Reyes & John Canini**

SECOND TIME:

Harry Oppenheimer & Nina Manfro



WEDDING WORKSHOP

Our next **Wedding Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, November 14th 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.**



"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us." A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can open your eyes to

see the love of God and the love of your spouse. Join us on the next weekend, November 13-15. **For more information go to: www.wmearchny.org or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME**



**Joseph Stretch
Frances Kane
Kimberly Browning
Frank Santoro
Stephanie DeMaio
Eva Raia**

Bereavement Ministry

*"Blessed are they who mourn; for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

The Bereavement Meetings are on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon in the Msgr. Brennan School Building (upstairs).



WIDOWS & WIDOWERS CLUB

The Widows & Widowers Club will meet next **Sunday, November 8th at 7 p.m.** downstairs in the School Building.

May They Rest in Peace

Let us pray for the servicemen ages 25, 30 reported to have died on active duty this past week. Their deaths bring the total of service-personnel casualties in Afghanistan operations to 877. 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, November 8th there will be a Children's Mass at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Ed will be the celebrant. All are welcome to come.



SATURDAY VIGIL, OCTOBER 31, 2009

5:00 PM Vincent McNamara & Anne Gibson
7:00 PM Donato Prisco

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Jeanette Broccoli
9:30 AM Arnaldo & Assunta Carmine
11:00 AM Margaret Slattery
12:30 PM Molinelli, Gilligan & Sercia Families
5:30 PM Rosaria & Giuseppe Gagliano

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Lucy & Anthony Tapogna
12:10 PM The Lovascio & Cosumano Families

8:00 PM ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Geraldine Brennan
12:10 PM Sara & Pasquale Cuccurullo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Rose & Andrew Volpe
12:10 PM Madeline Donner

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Denise Ingrassia & Mary Vagnozzi
12:10 PM Louis Gurgone

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Rogers & Kubinak Families
12:10 PM Frances Liguori

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

9:00 AM All Souls Novena
12:10 PM Helen Anzalone & Eileen Donovan

SATURDAY VIGIL, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

5:00 PM Dolan & DunLeavy Families
7:00 PM Joseph Otero & Kathleen O'Connor

Readings for November 8, 2009

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



Scripture/Faith Sharing

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

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine – In Memory of **Angelina Zissel**
Offered by Joseph Zissel & Children



Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of **Rosie Masucci**
Offered by The Buro & Angelillo Families



Adoration Chapel Candles – In Memory of
Beloved Souls & Honoring God's Saints
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.



BAPTISM

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

- Nicholas Joseph Avvento**
 - Justin Gregory Blackhall**
 - Jacqueline Marie Carollo**
 - Ignazio Anthony Carollo**
 - Anthony Joseph Garramone**
 - Nicholas Fredrick Hebranko**
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Get Well Soon!

- Edward Simmonds
- 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
 - George Andrews
 - Carol Lyn Anderson
 - Emma Cate DiMola
 - Mary Jane Walczyszcz
 - Stephen Fitzgerald
 - Billy Sherwood, Jr.
 - Lucille Frigiano
 - Claire Geary
 - Alyssa Trivalone
 - Anthony Sutera
- *****

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



FLU and PNEUMONIA VACCINES

The **Visiting Nurse Association** will be at our Parish next **Sunday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. to administer vaccines in the School Building downstairs.** Those persons, who have Medicare as their primary insurance, may present their Medicare Card for payment.

All Souls Requiem

Monday 2 November 8 pm

Mass with Gregorian Chant and selection from Handel's Messiah

Soprano-Tenor-Organ-Brass



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, or Rectory.

Christmas Cards

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

CASTING CALL!

Holy Child Christmas Pageant

3rd to 5th Graders – **SAT 7 NOV 2:00 – 3 p.m.**

1st & 2nd Graders – **SAT 5 DEC Noon – 1 p.m.**

FYI – Performance Dates:

FRI 18 DEC – dress rehearsal for invited guests
SUN 20 DEC – main performance for whole parish

Members also needed for the Christmas Pageant Choir
Rehearsals on Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:40 p.m.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

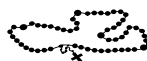
You are invited to become an adorer of our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the most Blessed Sacrament, for one hour a week at **The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel.**

Come to praise, worship, and glorify our Eucharistic Lord. Enter the chapel through the door with the image of Divine Mercy to sign up for an hour, or to just be with our Lord for a visit.



Prayerful Mantle Knit and Crochet Group

The next meeting of the Prayerful Mantle Crochet and Knit Group will be on Friday, **November 6th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. Call Phyllis Ballarino at 718-356-6643 if you have any questions.



Holy Child Rosary Makers

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

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.

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St. Edward Food Pantry

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.

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St. Charles Singles Club

St. Charles Singles Club will hold its monthly get-together on **Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m.** in the school auditorium located at 200 Penn Avenue. All singles and single again ages 30+ are welcome! Cost is \$5. Cake and coffee are served. Contact Liz at 718-351-8837 or stcharles.singles@yahoo.com for more information.

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St. John's University

Open House is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. Early-Bird tours will be available beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Interested students and their families can learn more about St. John's as well as tour the campus. If anyone has any questions about the Open House they can call (718) 390-4500.

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Our Lady's Pathways Ministry

P.O. Box 120177

Staten Island, New York 10312-0177

SPECIAL EVENT!

Feast Day of Our Lady of Kibeho

Saturday, November 28th, 2009

A One Day Retreat

Salesian High School, New Rochelle, NY

Our Lady's Pathway Ministry is very happy to plan this one day retreat especially for you. In 1981 Our Blessed Mother spoke to the world from the heart of Africa. The tiny village of Kibeho is the newest Marian site of Our Lady. Just like Fatima and Lourdes, the Vatican has approved of these apparitions. But the story still remains largely unknown. Come learn about the messages not only for Rwandans, but for the entire world. Our Blessed Mother warned of the terrible genocide, that swept across Rwanda in 1994 and how Immaculee Ilibagiza survived, forgave and became one of Mother Mary's Messengers.

Fr. Pat Angelucci, SDB, former Provincial of the Salesian Order, is kind enough to host this day. This special event will take place on the picturesque grounds of the Salesian High School, New Rochelle, N.Y. The day includes: Lectures, films, rosary, Mass, and a wonderful lunch prepared for our group.

FEE: \$68.00 per person

Depart: Staten Island Hotel-Richmond Ave., S.I. at 8:15 a.m.

Return: approximately 6:45 p.m.after a wonderful day!

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"An Autumn Retreat to the Cloisters"

Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House invites you to "An Autumn Retreat to the Cloisters" on **November 15th**, with Sr. Maureen Skelly, S.C.H., and Fr. Matt Roche, S.J., as retreat directors. You will enjoy a one-day retreat in the peace and serenity of "The Cloisters," a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Mount Manresa. A bus will depart at 10:30 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. The suggested donation of \$55 per person includes transportation, museum admission and a boxed lunch. Call 718-727-3844, ext. 200 for reservations, or visit: www.mountmanresa.org

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"A Young Adult Retreat Day"

"Teach Me to Pray: A Young Adult Retreat Day" will be held at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Ft. Wadsworth on **November 8th**, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Women and men, married or single (18-35 years) are invited for a day of prayer: to listen to the Whisper of God with an attentive heart, through the use of imagination, journaling, and Scripture. \$25 per person includes dinner and snacks. Mass will be celebrated. Please call Sr. Mariette Therese: 908-352-4278, ext. 274; armariette@aol.com by November 1st

“...a collect call from God. Will you accept charges?”

It is a good thing for us to acknowledge the special role of the priest with this year's observance of a “Year for Priests”. It began on 19 June and will conclude next June at the behest of Pope Benedict XVI. It is a worthy affirmation of those engaged in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Church. It is good to celebrate priests who are still active in our midst and to salute those who have retired or who have gone to their “place of rest” such as John Vianney. Every one deserves to be toasted once in a while.

The spirit of affirmation indicated in this *Year for Priests* will hopefully perdure as encouragement for years to come. In order for it not to be just a “one shot deal”, we must get beyond fond memories of yesteryear and the supposed satisfaction of today.

Hopefully, this *Year for Priests* will be seen to have operated like the Spiritual Adoption program that has its participants pray for the safe delivery of conceived human beings. Hopefully, not only prayers but practice will help in the discernment of vocations – discernment of what God is trying to conceive within the one called. Hopefully, prayer and practice will help to foster vocations that will be anointed in the conferral of Holy Orders.

“And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ...”
Heb 5:4-5a Priests were never manufactured nor are they, in contemporary parlance, cloned. Priests do not come from the seminary. Priests come from the Church which is The People of God.

After the call is tested by seminary training, the candidate is ultimately called forth by the Church, by the People of God, for service in Holy Orders. But how do they get to that point? The stories are wide and varied but one of the chief channels seems to have dried up in our time. That way was in the bosom of the Catholic family where the faith was a treasure and the possibility of a vocation to priesthood or religious life was regarded as high honor and blessing.

Certainly parents want their children to have a good life and there are so many career possibilities today, so many lifestyles! Is the priesthood ever even considered as one of them as a young person entertains the future in the bosom of the family? Is the priesthood ever even mentioned or discussed as a possible profession? – presuming, of course, the discernment of God's indispensable call which makes it a vocation. A bishop once told me that he told friends of his that he had observed indications of a possible vocation in their son. They rejected the very notion out of hand to which he queried, “Why not?” Their rejoinder: “We want grandchildren!”

To see one's own succeeding in the workplace as an adult is a marvelous blessing not to mention the dream come true of seeing one's family line extended in the appearance of grandchildren. Not a bad thing, grandchildren. If it is God's will that one leave home to be married and have a family, that is the way it should be. But to ignore, stifle or stymie a vocation to the priesthood – which is a delicate, subtle, intimate invitation from God – in preference to whatever else “we” or “I” want is certainly contrary to the prayer we pray often enough and perhaps a little too glibly, “Thy will be done.” Although Thy rhymes with My, they are entirely different possessive adjectives.

We are noticing a reduction of native clergy in America. That means that the body of Christ in this locality is not producing the fruit that should (super)naturally be yielded in this field of faith. Blame for this is laid on the restrictive nature of the priesthood in its definition and discipline. Whatever changes may or may not come to pass in the future, the way it is today is the way it is today. We do not wait for God's will to adapt itself to our taste and convenience before we respond. We live in the here and now. And one thing is sure: God continues to call here and now. It is a call according to his specifications and his time table.

So, instead of expecting the dwindling number of aging priests to meet all the rising and exacting expectations (reasonable and unreasonable) that are being put on him in this day and age – not without the commensurate measure of criticism and complaint (reasonable and many times unreasonable) --- let us make known to our young people God's expectation and the expectation of the People of God, our expectation: that priests are to be raised up out of the very heart of the church – which is the community of baptized Catholics found in our churches, schools and homes.

Priestly ranks will continue to fade from the landscape where we live if we rule out the call young folks are receiving today. If we do that in what we feel are their best interests, we should at the same time be ever more appreciative of, respectful towards, and cooperative with the ordained elders who are not getting any younger. They cannot be expected to pick up the slack, growing ever more limp, due to the lack of those whose hearing of the call has been overlooked or discouraged by their mentors.

It is to be hoped that the next time this particular Observance of the Ordained is proclaimed – perhaps in the far distant future – it will yet again be able to be accurately titled **Year for Priests** and will not have to be re-titled **Year of The Priest** for accuracy.

Father Travers