

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



FIRST TIME:

Joshua Behr & Venessa Xuereb
Donald Melone & Karen Stiegler

SECOND TIME:

Anthony Menditto & Jillian Avvento
Alexandria Reyes & John Canini

THIRD TIME:

Harry Oppenheimer & Nina Manfro

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WEDDING WORKSHOP



Our next **Wedding Workshop** will be held this **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.**

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"Do not be afraid." Some people are afraid of what may happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Do not be afraid. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain. Call if you have any questions. The next weekend is November 13-15. **For more information go to: www.wmearchny.org or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME**

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**Rosemarie Lenza
Ann Hines
Giuseppe Marciano
Alfred L. DiStefano**

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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).

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May They Rest in Peace

Let us pray for the servicemen ages 28, 22, 24, 27, 29, 23, 27, 40, 24, 32, 36, 26, 22, 25, 24, 39 reported to have died on active duty this past week. Their deaths bring the total of service-personnel casualties in the Iraq war to 4,344 and 900 in the Afghan war. Let us also pray for their families who will continue to bear the burden of their Supreme Sacrifice.



Just to let you know

The Rectory, School of Religion and Pre-School will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11th** for Veterans Day. They will re-open on **Thursday, November 12th**



SATURDAY VIGIL, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Michael Booras
9:30 AM Sr. Eileen Boyle
11:00 AM All Souls Novena
12:30 PM Giuseppina & Innocenzo Iacono
5:30 PM Thomas F. Miller

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Ana Bally Montalvo
12:10 PM Mr. & Mrs. Frank D'Aversa & Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

6:30 AM All Souls Novena
9:00 AM Mary Gambino
12:10 PM Fitzgerald, Carey & Loftus Families

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

6:30 AM Eucharistic Adorers
9:00 AM Rogers & Kubinak Families
12:10 PM Daniel Magrino

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

6:30 AM Amalia Lemieux
9:00 AM Lidio Formica
12:10 PM Martin & Nellie Mulloy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

6:30 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
9:00 AM Marion Kaminski
12:10 PM Catherine & George Friery

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

9:00 AM Neil Bifalco
12:10 PM Mrs. Christine Fanelli

SATURDAY VIGIL, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

5:00 PM Carey, Fitzgerald & Loftus Families
7:00 PM Anthony Cappello

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Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine – In Memory of
Kim Brandkamp Jamaledine
Offered by John, Jeannie & Brian Reale



Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of **James Vellanti**
Offered by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bosek



Adoration Chapel Candles – In Memory of
Anthony & Rose Ballarino
Offered by Louis Ballarino

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 **BAPTISM**

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

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| Eileen Catherine Allegretti | Olivia Rose Lutrario |
| Damian John Castellano | Robert Frank Milano |
| Anthony Falgiano, Jr. | Angelina Marie Zanoni |

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Get Well Soon!

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| Edward Simmonds | Anthony Dimesa | Gerry Brady |
| Lenny Riezi | Kathy Lentini | Nestor Pla |
| Stephanie Traicoff | George Cesurano | Pat Lavanco |
| Phyllis Malozzi | Lorraine Dougherty | Lauren Verdi |
| John Ippoliti | George Andrews | Erika Balk |
| Gerard Gallagher | Carol Lyn Anderson | Al Frezzo |
| Linda Cardinale | Emma Cate DiMola | Mary Anthony |
| Therese Gregory | Mary Jane Walczyszyn | Jim Ursillo |
| Jason D'Angelo | Stephen Fitzgerald | Louis Grasso |
| Anthony Parise | Billy Sherwood, Jr. | Mary Caleca |
| Roseann Esposito | Lucille Frigiano | Nico DiBono |
| Bill Magrino, Sr. | Claire Geary | Joseph Henry |
| Helen Vigilante | Alyssa Trivalone | Roger Sledz |
| Aloysius Mazzella | Anthony Sutera | |

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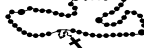


Our Lady of Fatima

On **Friday, November 13th** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Rectory** the 4 mysteries of the Rosary and the Fatima Prayers will be recited.

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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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Ultrayas are held the **Second Thursday** of each month in the **Rectory at 8:00 PM.** Ultraya is open to anyone who has made a Cursillo Weekend. For information about upcoming weekends call Carol at 718-356-4742

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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.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Sr. Jean has placed your **2010 Workbooks** in the Altarserver Sacristy. You may take away your copy at your earliest convenience.

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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.

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CASTING CALL!
Holy Child Christmas Pageant

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.

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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM
MONTH TWO – Developing Baby

Your baby is making progress developing all of his/her external features and internal organs. His/her brain is functioning at 40 days. His/her mother can hear his/her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his/her thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his/her body. But everything he/she needs to survive once he/she is born is already present by the end of the eighth week. **Pray that your spiritually adopted baby's father will love and welcome his new child, and protect him/her from all harm**

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Scripture/Faith Sharing

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

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON
HOLY CHILD STYLE

I personally collaborated with Lorrie Benemerito in the creation of Christmas cards unique to Holy Child Church. Recipients of these cards will enjoy the unity of word and image which communicate the wonder of *The Bread that came down from Heaven* who is truly *Emmanuel, God With Us!* Packs of 10 are available in the gift shop and the rectory. Thank you for your patronage!



Monsignor Joseph P. Murphy, Pastor Emeritus from St. Clare's Church in Great Kills, will lead "Spirituality for the Second Half of Life: Conversations with Msgr. Joseph P. Murphy" on Saturday November 14th at 10:00 am at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat Hours in Fort Wadsworth.

The day's presentation will include a web presentation via Boston College's Front Row Series, a reflection, conversation, prayer and lunch. For information call 718-727-3844, ext.200 or visit www.mountmanresa.org.

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The **Widow & Widowers club** is having a Christmas Dinner Dance on December 3rd at the Old Bermuda Inn. All are welcome. For more information call Ann at 718-317-6686. The next meeting will be on November 8th at 7:00PM in the School building.

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Holy Child Parish presents
FAMILY CATECHESIS

Under the auspices of the School of Religion

Families, join with other families for a lovely afternoon in church, school hall and classroom!

Please cut off and return to school or rectory by Sunday 15 November

Family Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

of family members attending: _____ Grade levels of children: _____

Special seating needs: _____

BOY SCOUT
TROOP 132

On Friday, November 20th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM and Saturday, November 21st from 9:00AM to 12 Noon, in front of the school building, the Boy Scouts from Troop 132 will be collecting turkeys and food for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The turkeys and food baskets will be delivered to various organizations in time for Thanksgiving.

Last year the Troop collected over 150 turkeys, distributed 100 food baskets and gave out over 25 supermarket gift cards with your thoughtful donations. Please help our Boy Scout Troop collect even more in today's needy times.

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ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES
(Formerly SGSP)

Mission: St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women in their 30's, 40's and 50's who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

The **next gathering** of St. Francis Catholic Singles is **Thursday, November 19th at 7:15PM** at the St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 500 Todt Hill Road. Telephone Number 718-981-3131.

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"Journey with Jesus"

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

12:30 - 1:30 Children's Mass

1:40 - 2:40 Light Lunch

2:45 - 3:30 Procession & Benediction

3:35 - 4:25 Class Instruction

4:30 - End

The following piece is a classical and theological explanation of why a skull appears in our Holy Souls memorial display.

Memento Mori is Latin for
“Remember that you must die”

The *Memento Mori* is any reminder of death or mortality, such as a **death’s head** or an ornament bearing symbols of death. We need only recall Hamlet’s speech with the skull of Yorick in hand to understand what the memento mori truly is. As such, it makes an appropriate appearance when we turn our minds to the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell. The Month of the Holy Souls, coinciding with our season of Fall, lends itself to melancholy reflection and serious meditation.

Some crucifixes feature the skull and crossbones at the foot of the upright beam for the Lord was crucified at Golgotha, The Place of the Skull, so named as a place of execution marked by abandoned skulls. The Lord’s crucifixion in that setting shows forth his victory **over** sin and death. His resurrection did not exempt him from the stark and startling reality of death at Calvary, scene of our salvation – nor does it exempt us from facing the Four Last Things. Among other places, these crucifixes used to be widely seen suspended on the habits of religious orders and congregations.

This symbolism is front and center as you behold the sanctuary during this Season of the Holy Souls. You see the Crucified Lord suspended over the Altar of Sacrifice before which are lifted up names of the dead whom we recommend to God with our prayers (particularly at Mass). Their standing is known to God alone but our standing still hangs in the balance.

The skull below at the lowest level not only puts us in mind of The Place of the Skulls but of our own end of days after which the Divine Judgment will introduce us to one of the last two last things: Heaven or Hell. The only appeal we can make as powerless mortal beings in the face of the baffling mystery of death, symbolized by the skull, is to the Lord Jesus at the Mercy Seat of the bloody sacrifice of the Cross rendered at the Altar in unbloody fashion by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass whose power is far above the seeming finality of death and dissolution

Professor Thomas G. Long in a recent piece entitled Chronicle of a Death We Can’t Accept makes a pointed observation about an attitude in contemporary society. “Today...our death rituals have become downsized, inwardly directed, static and, as a result, spiritually and culturally impoverished.”

The last I knew, we Catholics were in solidarity with St. Paul who said, “...we preach Christ crucified...the power of God and the wisdom of God.” ^{1Cor 1:23a, 24b} Thus, there can be no sanitizing of the natural realities when we face up to them from the supernatural standpoint that Christian Faith provides. I believe that in this we are blessed in our ritual of remembrance of the Holy Souls where we can bring The Faith to bear on the mysterious complexities of The Place of the Skull while faced with the Memento Mori.

Your spiritual shepherd,
Father Travers

P.S.

Arrested in Peace

The Requiem Mass on All Souls Day provided worshippers with a prayerful, faith filled experience. The bonus of the stupendous artistry of Anthony Turner, Christopher Coletti and Sandra Pace caused all in attendance to understand the reaction of England’s George II when the 1743 command performance of *A Sacred Oratorio* by G. F. Handel brought the king to his feet.