

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



Just to let you know

The Rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



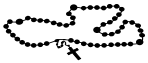
Wedding Banns

THIRD TIME:

**Joshua Behr & Vanessa Xuereb
Donald Melone & Karen Stiegler**



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Come and explore God's plan for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 12-14. For more information go to: www.wwmearchny.org or call 718-317-5881, or 1-877-NYS-WWME.**



Holy Child Rosary Makers

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

Readings for November 29, 2009

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Scripture/Faith Sharing

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



In Sympathy

**Anthony Licciardello
Mary Crespo
Tina LaBarbera
Margaret Tesoriero**

Bereavement Ministry

Mr. Cole reports that due to a lack of interest, the fall meetings are canceled.

May They Rest in Peace

Let us pray for the servicemen aged 36, 43, 22, reported to have died on active duty this past week. Their deaths bring the total of service-personnel casualties to 909 in the Afghan War and 4,353 in the Iraq War. Let us also pray for their families who will continue to bear the burden of their Supreme Sacrifice.

Mass Intentions for the Week

ATTENTION: MISSALETTE VOLUNTEERS

We will be updating our missalettes for the Advent Season on Friday, November 27th at 9:45 a.m. in the Forum.

SATURDAY VIGIL, NOVEMBER 21, 2009

5:00 PM Mary Stewart
7:00 PM Camille Tortorella

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Albert Perreira
9:30 AM Joseph Gioia
11:00 AM Gaetano Mangano
12:30 PM Carmela & Vincent Spinelli
5:30 PM Rose Christino

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009

6:30 AM Nicholas Bubanj
9:00 AM Salvatore Trovata
12:10 PM Irene Agalio

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009

6:30 AM Norma Cortes
9:00 AM Stefano Cambria
12:10 PM Martin T. Cavanagh

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009

6:30 AM Irene & Tony DeCrescenzo
9:00 AM For the Intention of
John & Maryann Carstensen (Living)
12:10 PM Salvatore, Carmela & Anthony Anastasi

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009

10:00 AM THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

6:30 AM William Manchester
9:00 AM Christina Marie Valerio
12:10 PM Denise Ingrassia

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

9:00 AM Robert Volpe
12:10 PM Marcella & Angelo Emmanuele

SATURDAY VIGIL, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

5:00 PM Carey Family
7:00 PM Ralph & Rose Votta

CHILDREN'S MASS

Next Sunday, November 29th there will be a Children's Mass at 12:30 p.m. Fr. Ed will be the celebrant. All are welcome to come.



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine – In Memory of
Stephanie Hare
Offered by the Hare Family



Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of
Angelo & Marcella Emmanuele
Offered by the Emmanuele Family



Adoration Chapel Candles – In Memory of
Camille Tortorella
Offered by John & Denise Cutrona

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

Sean Tyler Gaffney
Keira Patricia Knobloch

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Get Well Soon!

Melissa Marino
Edward Simmonds
Lenny Renzi
Phyllis Malozzi
John Ippoliti
Linda Cardinale
Therese Gregory
Jason D'Angelo
Anthony Parise
Roseann Esposito
Bill Magrino, Sr.
Helen Vigilante

Teresa Morandi
Anthony Dimesa
Pat Lavanco
Lorraine Dougherty
George Cesurano
Emma Cate DiMola
Stephanie Traicoff
Stephen Fitzgerald
Billy Sherwood, Jr.
Anthony Sutera
Alyssa Trivalone
Aloysius Mazzella

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Paul Morandi
Gerri Brady
Mary Caleca
Lauren Verdi
Erika Balk
Mary Anthony
Jim Ursillo
Nico Di Bono
Mary Caleca
Roger Sledz
Claire Geary

HEALING MASS- Our next Healing Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 26th at 7:45 p.m.**

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MONTHLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On the **last Saturday of every month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be administered for all of our parishioners who are ill or infirm. **Who may be anointed?** Those preparing for surgery, chemotherapy treatments, and the elderly weakened by old age, sick children, if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. Is there someone sick in your family? Bring them to the Anointing Mass on **Saturday, November 28th at 12:10 p.m.**



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be displayed in the Church vestibule starting on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26th. The tree, as in past years, is decorated with gift tags. Each tag lists an item for a needy child or adult. Please select a tag, purchase the item listed and return it gift-wrapped and the tag attached, to the **SCHOOL BASEMENT** the weekend of **December 12th & 13th ONLY** so that gifts can be delivered in time for Christmas. **NO GIFTS CAN BE LEFT IN THE SCHOOL BEFORE, OR AFTER THAT WEEKEND BECAUSE THERE IS NO ROOM TO STORE THEM.** Thank you for your cooperation and for making Christmas brighter for others.

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CASTING CALL!
Holy Child Christmas Pageant

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

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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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.

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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.

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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.

Hours most in need of an adorer are:

Monday, 3 AM,

Thursday, 3 AM and 8 PM

Saturday, 10 AM, 1PM and 3 PM

FOR REFLECTION

“Fifty years ago, death and judgment were strong motives for avoiding sin and for doing good. There was a consciousness of sin, and a genuine desire to avoid sin. What has happened since then may be capable of several explanations. But whatever the explanation, there is little consciousness of judgment or of sin in our times.

People seldom think of Judgment Day. We seem to think that we are immortal. And when death and judgment come, there will always be time to repent. We think of judgment as something for others, and not for ourselves.”

- Msgr. Wm. M. Carr

“We’ve learned so much about personal freedom that we sort of work under the assumption that everything we do is perfectly acceptable, and God help the person who tries to limit us in any way.”

- V. Bartilucci



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to wish our parishioners a very Happy Thanksgiving and to thank all of you for your continued support of the Food Pantry at Camp St. Edward throughout the year.



Where to Turn is looking for student volunteers 7th grade or older to participate in this year's Snow Shoveling for Seniors Program. Students will be assigned a senior within walking distance of their home and commit to shovel the sidewalk and a path to the front door of the senior's home each time it snows. In return the student will receive 10 hours of community service credit and a letter of recognition. We currently have nearly 2,500 seniors requesting help. To register contact Where to Turn at 718-966-6531 or info@where-to-turn.org.



SOUTH SHORE BAND – Annual Holiday Festival of Music, Friday, December 4, 2009 Egbert IS#2, 333 Midland Avenue off of Hylan Boulevard, 8 p.m. Start the holiday season with the sounds of traditional band and holiday music. Tickets will be available at the door. Suggested donation: \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 for children under 12.



National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette
Festival of Lights
December 5-6, 2009

Our Lady's Pathways invites you to join them on their pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Learn about the apparition that took place in France in 1846. The theme for this year's Festival of Lights is "Jesus is God's...Yes!"

There will be two concerts given in the brand new concert hall; one given by Fr. Pat (a famous Christian recording star).

Fee: \$273 double occupancy (\$50 extra for a private room) includes transportation, 2 dinners, 1 breakfast, lodging, concert, festival of lights and more.

Depart: Staten Island Hotel–Richmond Ave., S.I. at 7:00 a.m. Returning approximately 9:30 p.m., December 6th, 2009

For information call 718-356-9361

St. Francis Catholic Singles (formerly SGSP)

Join them for their **Singles Christmas Party** – dinner, drinks, deejay, raffles and more on **Thursday, December 10** from 7-10 p.m. at the St. Francis Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road, Sl., NY. They will meet in the Friary chapel for a brief Christmas reflection at 7 p.m. followed by festivities beginning at 7:30 sharp.

Advance purchase is necessary; no tickets sold at the door. Cost: \$25; make checks out to "CASH" and mail to SFCS, 64 Nautilus Street, Sl 10305 as soon as possible. Any checks postmarked after Mon. Dec 7th will be returned. Include your full name, telephone number, and email address.

Please support their charity project by bringing a new, unwrapped, non-violent toy for a child 3-14 years old. For more information, see the website at www.sgspsi.org, email info@sgspsi.org or call 718-815-7255.

Moore Catholic High School

Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, December 6th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be vendors, raffles, a white elephant table and food.

There is a \$1.00 adult admission fee.



IN THE PARISH

Advent Vespers

On the Fridays before each of the four Sundays of Advent we shall have **Evening Prayer** in the church. This course of the **Liturgy of the Hours** will be a helpful component in our preparation for Christmas celebration.

The **Service of Vespers (Evening Prayer)** takes place on the following

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

November 27th
December 4th - 11th - 18th

The program is comprised of *Evening Prayer* whose form should be familiar to those who attend weekday Mass at 9 a.m. which incorporates *Morning Prayer*.

Included will be *seasonal hymns* as well as the progressive singing of the seven “*O*” *Antiphons* before and after the *Magnificat* (Mary’s Song of Praise). In addition, there will be a brief weekly reflection on various symbols of the Jesse Tree.

All are invited to participate.

“Don we [not] our gay apparel...” *

It was truly edifying last year to behold the compliance of the congregation on Advent Sundays when Christmas vesture and personal Christmas adornment were held in abeyance until the actual Christmas season which opens on Christmas Eve and this year runs through The Baptism of the Lord on the 10th of January.

Reserving the colorful holiday wardrobe for the actual holiday season keeps us in mind of the anticipatory nature of this season of waiting, Advent, and makes the occasion of dressing up in Christmas finery that much more special. It is similar to the Spring season on our church calendar. We never seem to see new Easter outfits in church during Lent.

So, when the time comes,

“Follow me in merry measure!” *

Father Travers

* *Deck the Halls* - 1881 Author Unknown

P.S.

All are invited to a special
Thanksgiving Day Mass - Thursday 26 November - 10 a.m.

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