

HOLY CHILD CHURCH



"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another..." Worldwide Marriage Encounter can reenergize your sacrament. The next Weekend is February 12 – 14. For more information go to: www.wmearchny.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.



Knights of Columbus Council #1662

As in past years the Knights of Columbus Council of S. I. #1662 provided our needy parishioners with food baskets for Thanksgiving. The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Child** would like to thank the brother Knights for their generosity in providing this wonderful service. They would also like to thank Holy Child's Boy Scout Troop 132 for all their hard work and the Prayerful Mantle Group for their donations.



Prayerful Mantle Knit and Crochet Group

The next meeting of the Prayerful Mantle Crochet and Knit Group will be on Friday, **December 4th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. If you don't know how to crochet or knit, we can teach you. It is a fun way to meet new people, while experiencing a rewarding hobby. We'll keep you in stitches!!! Call Phyllis Ballarino at 718-356-6643 if you have questions.



Rose Maltese
Lorraine Dougherty
Millie Gurgone

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 and women reported to have died on active duty this past week. 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, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

6:30 AM People of Holy Child
8:00 AM Catherine Arrighetti & Lydia Bayer
9:30 AM Jose Gatdula
11:00 AM John Reale
12:30 PM Desdemona & Amedeo Costanzo
5:30 PM Stephanie Hare

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

6:30 AM Stephanie Hare
9:00 AM Robert Mancari
12:10 PM Maureen Conry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

6:30 AM Jimmy Tanner
9:00 AM Angelina Lovascio
12:10 PM Dorothy Wagner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

6:30 AM Young Ja Choie
9:00 AM Ralph Paragallo
12:10 PM Anthony DeVito

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

6:30 AM Robert Castellano
9:00 AM Robert Mancari
12:10 PM Anthony Setteducate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

6:30 AM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
9:00 AM James V. Howe, Jr.
12:10 PM Mary Ann O'Neill

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

9:00 AM Carmela Barletta
12:10 PM John Granelli

SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 5, 2009

5:00 PM Buro Family
7:00 PM Marian & Salvatore DeGrado

Readings for December 6, 2009

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS:



Bread & Wine – In Memory of
Robert Volpe
Offered by Grace Volpe & Sons



Sanctuary Lamp – In Memory of
Sadie & Charles Meaghan
Offered by Barbara & Ed Porto



Adoration Chapel Candles – In Memory of
Maria Gallo
Offered by Claudia Dugan

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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:

Angelina Marie Bubel
Anthony Michael Capaldo
Hailey Amy Nunez

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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
Aloysius Mazzella
George Cesurano
Emma Cate DiMola
Stephanie Traicoff
Stephen Fitzgerald
Billy Sherwood, Jr.
Anthony Sutera
Alyssa Trivalone
James Naimoli

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



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is displayed in the Church vestibule. 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.

Advent Vespers

Evening Prayer
Hymn
Reflection
"O" Antiphons
Magnificat

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

December 4th – 11th - 18th

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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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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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Christmas Cards

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

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

Respect Life Report

Angela Leibold, our Respect Life Leader, thanks the 470 subscribers or “pray-ers” in the **Spiritual Adoption Program** and she wants it known that through the generosity of those who came to the booths in the lobby a few weeks back, there are sufficient funds to cover the bus ride to Washington for the Pro-Life March end of January 2010.

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Free Career Coaching Session

Catholic Charities is offering a free program by a Certified Professional Career Coach. Learn the Dos and Don'ts of networking and tactics for finding jobs in a difficult market. Ann Ruecker, MPA, MA CPCC will provide you with practical information and follow-up strategies that you can take with you and use the next day. Those that attend this two-part workshop will be eligible for individual follow-up coaching sessions.

Registrations are being taken for:

- Part 1. - Monday, Nov. 30th, 2009 – 10 a.m.
 - Part 2. -Monday, Dec. 14th, 2009 -- 10 a.m.
- (Must have attended Part 1).

Location: The New York Catholic Center, 1011 First Avenue, (between 55th & 56th Streets), New York, N.Y. - 12th Floor, Room 1200. Light refreshments and networking will be at 9:30 a.m. The session will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Call Talia Lockspeiser at 212-371-1011 ext. 2033 to register or for more information.

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FROM THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Parish Council Minutes October 15, 2009

The meeting opened at 7:30PM. Father Travers led the council in prayer.

Committee Reports as follows:

Respect Life: The Spiritual Adoption Program was well received. About 500 people signed up to pray daily. The bus trip to Washington D.C. in January for the March for Life, is completely paid for. Rosary and Divine Mercy continue daily at mass.

Bereavement: There will be a mass on October 26th at 8:00PM for the recently bereaved. On Monday morning from 10:30-12:00 there will be a 7-8 week session for bereavement. Ken Cole will be attending a conference for additional training.

Widows/Widowers: The Christmas dance is scheduled for Dec. 6. The trips for this season are over; a new schedule is due in January.

Vicariate: There was a special Bishop's mass on Tuesday evening. A new vicariate committee may be in the works.

St. Vincent de Paul: Anyone needing assistance can call Peggy Corney at (718) 984-0217. Names are still being accepted for the Giving Tree. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving the tree will be put up. Gifts are due back on December 12th or December 13th.

Maintenance: The heating in the lower level of the school building is not operating properly. The repairs will begin as soon as the parts are obtained.



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.

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St. Patrick's Cathedral

St. Francis Center for Spirituality is sponsoring a Christmas in New York trip to St. Patrick's on **Friday, December 11th**. Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv. will offer Mass in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel at 10:30 a.m. for priests and vocations during this Year of the Priest.

After Mass time will be allotted to visit the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center, and then the bus will go to the Metropolitan Museum, where you'll be able to view the Neapolitan Baroque Crèche, and visit the Museum store. Coffee and buns will be available at the Friary at 8:30 a.m.; you'll return to Staten Island by approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$50 per person. Reservations are a must. Call 718-981-3131 or email sfcs2@juno.com. to reserve a seat and receive more details.

Sports: The basketball season opens at the end of October.

Boy/Cub Scouts: The troops are going camping this weekend. There are 30 Boy Scouts and the Cub Scout pack is the largest on the Island with 110 members.

School of Religion: There will be a Communion Workshop this coming Monday. The workshop for Confirmation was already held, as was late registration. Planning has begun for the Family Catechesis on November 22nd; the theme is "Follow Jesus". On November 19th, there will be a Confirmation Retreat to St. Alfonso's in Long Branch. Confirmation is on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13th. Communion is on May 8th.

Ushers: The ushers will be counting attendance this weekend at all masses. New ushers are being sought to replace the loss of 3 this year.

Pre-School: A new computer lab and staff lunchroom has been completed. There are a total of 235 students, with only about 10 additional slots open. Licensing by the Department of Health is imminent, awaiting final notice. All previous activities are being retained including the Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 6th, Happy Birthday Baby Jesus on December 17th and the Christmas Fair on November 14th. A Volunteer Parent Guild has been created, so far with 10 members. New computers are being sought for the lab; hopefully a grant from Richmond County will provide the necessary funds, about \$5,000.

Adoration: A retreat to the Stone Court at St. Charles will be held on December 12th dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. New adorers are needed. The next meeting will be on November 6th.

Music Ministry: Although Anne could not be present she did send a report. New covering for the Bell tables have been obtained. The Hand Bells have been refurbished. The sound system continues to have issues; the microphones have needed to be replaced this year twice a cost of \$350 each. Special care should be taken when handling. All choirs are up and rehearsing. During Advent each Friday there will be The Jesse Tree/Evening Prayers. Christmas Eve concerts are being planned. Father Ed will be orchestrating a Christmas Pageant on December 20th, featuring the Children's and Youth Choirs. The Bell Choir will be performing at Eger and Richmond Town. On January 3rd an Epiphany Concert will be held combining various choirs and instrumentalists. The Council for the Arts program has brought many beautiful programs to our parish. Grant writing for future art and theatre programs is ongoing.

President's Report: Two new lectors are needed for the 5:30PM Mass. The Halloween Party attendance is up to about 90 people, more attendees are being sought, possibly putting info on the marquee. Discussion about the Sign of Peace followed with a decision to leave things as status quo. The next usher meeting will be on October 29th at 7:30PM.

Pastor's Report: Questions as to the role of the vicariate were entertained. The possibility of establishing a ministry for Social Action was introduced. There will be a Requiem Mass on November 2nd at 8:00PM. Archbishop Dolan came to Staten Island and was well received by members of the clergy and laity. The Cardinal's Appeal for 2009 is wrapping up. New altar servers are being trained and will be ready in a few months. The new parking lot is being planned. All regulations have not yet been met, progress is slow. Please inform the Pastor as to any upcoming events or happenings within your ministry. Place announcements in bulletin in a timely manner to assure success. The RCIA program meets weekly. Scripture sharing with members of Beyond Renew will take place one time per month after Mass.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marie Thompson -
Recording Secretary

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