



The Church of St. Christopher
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The Parish of St. Christopher - St. Margaret Mary



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 Rev. John Boehning, Weekend Celebrant
 Rev. Thomas J. Mullin, Weekend Celebrant
 Deacon Patrick Graham

AUGUST 2ND, 2015
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Monday - Friday: St. Christopher 7:00am and 9:00am
 St. Margaret Mary ... 9:00am
 Monday: Island Shores 10:30am, Residents Mass
 Saturday: St. Christopher 9:00am and 4:30pm (Vigil)
 St. Margaret Mary 9:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
 Sunday: St. Christopher 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:15am,
 11:30am and 7:30pm
 St. Margaret Mary ... 8:00am, 10:00am and
 12:00pm
 Holy Days of Obligation As announced.

CONFESSION

Saturday: St. Christopher 1:30pm - 2:30pm
 St. Margaret Mary ... 4:00pm - 4:30pm
 Otherwise by appointment; (718) 351-2452

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Interviews of parents seeking baptism for their children are arranged by calling the Parish Office; (718) 351-2452.

MARRIAGES

By appointment with one of the priests at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Parish Office for further information; (718) 351-2452.

SICK CALLS

Please call the Parish Office; (718) 351-2452.

NEW PARISHIONERS

All new parishioners are invited to register at the Parish Office and to participate in our parish life.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

15 Lisbon Place, 10306 (718) 351-0902
 Mrs. Catherine Falabella, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and RCIA

560 Lincoln Avenue, 10306 (718) 351-2119
 Mrs. Barbara Regan, Coordinator



*Jesus said to them,
 "I am the bread of life;
 whoever comes to me will never hunger,
 and whoever believes in me
 will never thirst."*

- John 6: 35

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Christopher

Saturday, August 1st
 4:30pm Wanda Fiore

Sunday, August 2nd
 7:30am Frank & Mary Cagna
 9:00am Gary P. Charles
 10:15am Ida Alfano
 11:30am For the parishioners
 7:30pm Compassion for people suffering from mental illness and depression

Monday, August 3rd
 7:00am Msgr. James J. Malley
 9:00am Helen Fusaro

Tuesday, August 4th
 7:00am Andrew DeMarco
 9:00am Michael & Anna Maria Pietromonaco

Wednesday, August 5th
 7:00am Lawrence Accardi
 9:00am Mary Khoudary & Beatrice Kay

Thursday, August 6th
 7:00am Michael Murphy and the deceased members of the Murphy Family
 9:00am William Mangus

Friday, August 7th
 7:00am Louis Musanti
 9:00am Deceased members of the Zirpoli and Manger Families

Saturday, August 8th
 9:00am Mariano Favorito
 4:30pm Deceased members of the Vito Family

Sunday, August 9th
 7:30am For the Parishioners
 9:00am Deceased members of the Holy Name Society
 10:15am Salvatore Galati, Jr.
 11:30am Emmanuel Cibelli
 7:30pm Imre Potoczki

St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, August 1st
 5:00pm Gary Kamertz

Sunday, August 2nd
 8:00am Vincent DeGray
 10:00am James Regan
 12:00pm Carmela Perinelli

Monday, August 3rd
 9:00am Eugene Reems

Tuesday, August 4th
 9:00am Gertrude Keller

Wednesday, August 5th
 9:00am Frank Candela

Thursday, August 6th
 9:00am Robert Natalicchio

Friday, August 7th
 9:00am Marsillo Family

Saturday, August 8th
 9:00am Madison Angelone; 14th Birthday
 5:00pm Lt. Philip Petti, FDNY and Tony Petti

Sunday, August 9th
 8:00am Gertrude Keller
 10:00am Geraldine Imbrogno
 12:00pm Frances DePaulo

OFFERTORY GIFTS

If a Mass is being said for a member of your family, we invite you to present the Offertory gifts to the altar. Please notify one of the Ushers before Mass that you would like to present the gifts.

BREAD AND WINE

For the week of August 2nd, the Bread and Wine at St. Christopher is in memory of Edward St. John, requested by the Tormey Family.

The Bread and Wine at St. Margaret Mary is in memory of Dot Schulman, requested by Jeanne deBerendey.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Whatever villages or towns or countryside He entered, they laid the sick in the marketplace and begged Him that they might touch only the tassel on His cloak, and as many as touched it were healed." [Mark 6:56]

St. Christopher

Isabella Acierno	Howard Levi
Anthony Braccia	Baby Nicholas Lombardi
Mary Bresadola	Diego Lopez
Helene Callari	Joseph Madory
Lucrezia Cetta	Richard Malanga
Raymond Cooney	Baby Dominick Natale
Joseph DeCorato	Rae Paterek & Family
Richard Gentile	Ann Pizzuto
Mary Ferrante	Jill Rautenstrauch
Barbara Hagan	Gary Ricci
Gabriella Hagis	Nancy Sapienza
Anthony LaCava	



St. Margaret Mary

Dominick Berardi	Margaret Harris
Martha Bifalco	Richard Ingardia
Francis Burns	Debbie Mosley
Maryalice Dachille	August Muniz
Michael D'agostino	Robert Sabantino, Sr.
Mary Graham Delmar	Jorge Santi
Anita Ferrari	Carlos Velez
Concetta Fisher	Janet Viso
Marie Flannery	Helen Volpe
Kathleen Gaynor	James Woods



YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS

The collection on July 26th, 2015 was:

St. Christopher
 St. Margaret Mary

Collection		
<u>7/26/2015</u>	<u>7/27/2014</u>	
\$5,236	\$4,267	
\$1,795	\$2,510	

2nd Collection; Maintenance

<u>7/26/2015</u>	<u>7/27/2014</u>
—	—
\$285	\$425

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOE ...

Thank you for your well wishes on my "new" assignment: pastor of St. Christopher – St. Margaret Mary Parish I am happy to continue to be shepherding both communities. Now I am shepherding these communities as ONE parish. I know it will take some time to get used to thinking of us as one parish and using one name. However, I met recently with representatives of some of the parish groups and was encouraged by their commitment to working together. I admit that there will be changes in next year's Mass schedule, the office hours, religious education, and even the bulletin. There will also be opportunities and perhaps unexpected graces. I ask for your continued support and prayers during this transition time.



I want to thank Elisa Gillick and Gloria DePietro for their years of work and commitment to St. Christopher Parish. Both Elisa and Gloria have retired as of August 1st after giving so much of themselves for the parish – Elisa as secretary and Gloria as coordinator of religious education and both as dedicated volunteers as well. I do not say "goodbye" to them as they will still be around, and even help from time to time. I do give them my gratitude and wish them God's blessings always.

REFLECTION

"So they said to him, 'What can we do to accomplish the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.'" These fledgling believers came to Jesus seeking direction. They had witnessed his miracles, heard his teachings, and been miraculously fed by his hands. Now they wanted to know what they should do. How should they respond to the revelations they were beholding?

Most of us would expect an "active" answer to a question like theirs. We tend to think of God's work as things like the corporal works of mercy--feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless--or the spiritual works of mercy--instructing the ignorant, comforting the afflicted, and so on. But Jesus gives a surprising answer. Instead of focusing on these external tasks, he tells the crowd that God's work is to believe in him. They should accept the gift God gave: the Son. This, apparently, is the appropriate starting point for doing God's work. And really, it makes sense. If we move too quickly into doing external actions, we risk not having enough interior strength behind them. Feeding the hungry is always good, but feeding the hungry as an expression of our love for Jesus is going to enable us to feed them with more compassion, more generosity, and more long-term commitment.

When faith in Jesus is foremost in our lives, then the other important tasks that are all part of God's work will fall into place. If we love Jesus, we will naturally want to love his people. So let us examine the good works that we do and be sure that they have as their starting point a deep and abiding faith in the Son of God.

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RECTORY AND OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the rectory and parish office will be closed on **Thursday, August 6th** and **August 13th**.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration at St. Christopher of the Most Blessed Sacrament is observed from **12:00noon to 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday**. The goal is to have three people during each hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Come any time; just sign the register, which can be found in the vestibule. What better time can you spend anywhere than in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. If anyone is interested in signing up for a specific time please call Ellie at (718) 987-3059.

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming **Friday, August 7th** is a first Friday. To gain the promised blessings Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary, you must attend Holy Mass and receive Communion each month for nine consecutive months.

Visit www.stmmsi.org/Files/Church-StMMPPrayerCard.pdf for the 12 Promises made.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will be celebrating their monthly **9:00am Mass next Sunday, August 9th**. Following Mass there will be a meeting and breakfast in the Community Center.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Go to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and recharge your marriage. For information and schedule of dates go to www.wmearchny.org or call toll free (877) NYS-WWME

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

St. Christopher School

Registration for St. Christopher School for all grades is on-going. Please call the school at (718) 351-0902.

Universal Pre-K

There is available a free four-year old Universal Pre-K. The child must be four by December 31, 2015. There is also a three-year old program for children who will be three also by December 31, 2015. All children must be potty trained. For more information please call the school at (718) 351-0902.

Religious Education

A new era of Religious Education has begun. With the merger of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary parishes, one Religious Education Program has been formed. Classes will be held at St. Margaret Mary. By joining forces there are more Catechists allowing for a Wednesday Class option or a Sunday Class option. For information and/or registration, please call Mrs. Barbara Regan at (718) 351-2119.

2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

As of July 2 nd	Number of Gifts	Amount Pledged	Goal
St. Christopher:	197	\$59,909.00	\$58,500.00
St. Margaret Mary:	41	\$12,245.00	\$11,000.00



For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need the support of all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.

HIGHLIGHTED DAY OF THE WEEK

Thursday, August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

*Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John,
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.*

*And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.*

*Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.*

*Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!*

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,*

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

*Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone
but Jesus alone with them.*

*As they were coming down from the mountain,
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,
except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.*

*So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what rising from the dead meant. [Mark 9: 2-10]*

On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared.

This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. We are invited, by reflecting on this significant event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, to focus us on the end of the Christian life. End in the philosophical and theological sense means purpose or goal. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life!

We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth, in a transformed cosmos! This reality is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now [Source: Catholic Online]



WEEKLY READINGS

The daily Readings & Saints for the week of August 2nd.

<u>Sunday, August 2nd</u>	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15
<i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli</i>	Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 John 6: 24-35
<u>Monday, August 3rd</u>	Numbers 11: 4B-15
<i>St. Lydia Purpuraria</i>	Matthew 14: 13-21
<u>Tuesday, August 4th</u>	Numbers 12: 1-13
<i>St. John Vianney</i>	Matthew 15: 21-28
<u>Wednesday, August 5th</u>	Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26A-29A, 34-35
<i>St. Addal</i>	John 11: 19-27
<u>Thursday, August 6th</u>	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Mark 9: 2-10
<u>Friday, August 7th</u>	Deuteronomy 4: 32-40
<i>St. Sixtus II and Companions</i>	Matthew 16: 24-28
<u>Saturday, August 8th</u>	Deuteronomy 6: 4-13
<i>St. Dominic</i>	Matthew 17: 14-20
<u>Sunday, August 9th</u>	1 Kings 19: 4-8
<i>St. Edith Stein</i>	Ephesians 4: 30-5: 2 John 6: 41-51

[Source for Readings: www.usccb.org/bible/readings
Saints: www.catholic.org/saints]

MONTHLY 50/50 DRAWING

We are happy to announce that The Olivieri Family was the \$110 winner of July's 50/50 Drawing.

You can participate in the drawing by depositing your 50/50 envelope with \$5.00 in the Collection Basket anytime during the month. If you don't have a Church envelope, write "50/50", your name and telephone number on the front of a blank envelope and include \$5.00.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Sunday Mass Obligation-Part III

Is missing Mass a sin? We Catholics take very seriously our obligation to attend Sunday Mass. It sets us apart from other Christian denominations, where weekly church attendance is seen as the ideal, rather than as part of our minimal obligation to the faith. As for it being a sin, that depends on one's motivation and intention. If you deliberately stay away with the intention to defy God and break a commandment, obviously that is a sinful choice. If you miss Mass because you need to care for someone who is ill, that isn't a sin-it's a work of mercy.

A DIFFERENT LOOK

With the merging of St. Christopher and St. Margaret Mary, the *Bulletin* and web site layouts and content have been changed to incorporate both churches of our new parish.

The goal of the *Bulletin* is not only to announce events, but to provide reflections, share our faith., educate and offer an enriching and entertaining experience.. We welcome and encourage any and all feedback.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

