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| WEEKEND MASSES | | | WEEKDAY WORSHIP | | | PARISH OFFICE HOURS | |
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| Saturday p.m. | 5:00 | | | | | | |
| | | | Mon -Sat | Morning Prayer | 8:30 a.m. | Mon - Fri | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| Sunday a.m. | 7:00 | 9:00 | | | | | |
| | 11:00 | | Mon-Sat | Mass | 9:00 a.m. | | 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| Sunday p.m. | 12:30 | 5:30 | | | | | |

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| Mary-Pat Schaefer | Parish Council President | Robert Finelli | Saturday Men's Group |
| John Vincent Scalia | Archdiocese Vicariate Representative | Paul Brophy | Padre Pio Prayer Group |
| Sal Lavanco | Adoration | Phyllis Ballarino | Prayerful Mantle |
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| Michael Dontis-Rita Martin | Boy Scouts | John & Josephine Schirripa | Scripture/Faith Sharing |
| Linda Di Marco | Lectors-Communion Ministers | Nick Nocerino-Ray Doyle | Usher Ministry |
| Louise Morano | Junior Lectors | Kelly Carbonaro-Rich Passante | Youth Group |

## Sacraments

**Baptisms**
2:00 p.m. on Sundays

Arrange in advance through the parish office.

**Reconciliation**
Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Marriages**
Please contact priests of the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**
*Divine Mercy Chapel* 24/7

## Devotions

**Legion of Mary**
*Church*
Monday 7:15 p.m.
*Rectory Conference Room*
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

**Miraculous Medal Novena**
*Church*
Mon. after 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group**
*Church & Fellowship Room*
2nd Thursday of month

**Charismatic Prayer Group**
*Rectory Conference Room*
Wednesday 7:45 p.m.

## Please Note:

**STARTING JANUARY 2021**

**The new mass schedule will be as follows:**

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|---|---|
| **Saturday p.m** | **5:00** |
| **Sunday a.m.** | **7:00** |
| | **9:00** |
| | **11:00** |
| **Sunday p.m.** | **12:30** |
| | **5:30** |

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## In Sympathy

**Josephine Elboym**
**Salvatore Inzerillo**

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**Our 2021 Mass Book is open.**

**There are still masses left**

**for the upcoming months.**

**Please stop by the Rectory**

**to book your masses.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - PSALTER II**

**MORNING PRAYER MON-SAT 8:30 a.m.**

***AUDIO ON THE WEB***

1. Podbean.com
2. (search): Liturgy of the Hours
3. Click: Divine Office

**SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 2, 2020**

5:00 PM Dr. Alfredo N. Lopez Del Castillo & Felicidad Navera

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020**

7:00 AM People of Holy Child
9:00 AM Margaret Giusti
11:00 AM John Benvengo & James Gennari
12:30 PM Lauren Anne Verdi
5:30 PM Biagio Caldarera

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020**

9:00 AM Michael Shannon (Living) & Patricia Buckley

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

9:00 AM Gerard Shannon

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

9:00 AM Michael John Staubitz (Living) & Les Staubitz (Living)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

9:00 AM Michael Ciavola

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

9:00 AM Veronica Stewart & Gerard Parisse (Living)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021**

9:00 AM The Lavanco Family

**SATURDAY VIGIL, JANUARY 9, 2021**

5:00 PM Mariana Edkins

## Thank You

*For your gift to the 2020 Cardinal's Appeal.*

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Hickey**

**Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sartini**

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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISM

To preserve a more devout and reverent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, only two families will be accommodated each week. Please make arrangements with the Church at least a month beforehand.

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

**Giovanni Ariza**
**Liliana Marie DeMeo**
**Christian James Donnelly**
**Mia Skye Mullarkey**
**Conrad James Schulman**

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## Get Well Soon!

Jillian Cannon
Michael Capolongo
Michael Cipriani
Steven Fusco
Guiliana Geller
Erik Lipke
Theresa Major
Edward Major
Lauretta Paradiso
Myra Rao
Sebastian Rao
Lisa Romano
Billy Sherwood
Barbara Sherwood
Samantha Snyder

THE NAMES ON THIS LIST WILL BE ON UNTIL **MARCH 28** AND THEN WILL BE REMOVED UNLESS WE HEAR FROM THE FAMILY TO CONTINUE.

The Church has been open daily for individual prayer and meditation since the beginning of the covid crisis.

The church is still open daily until 1:30 p.m. for individual prayer and meditation after Morning Prayer and the 9 o'clock Mass and any funerals, if any.

The hour between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. is now dedicated for visitation before the tabernacle in addition to any of the regular devotional visits.

Chairs and kneelers are positioned in social distance for those who wish to focus their attention on Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar Reserved.

All are welcome to partake of this special quiet time before the tabernacle.

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## HOLY CHILD YOUTH GROUP MEETING

There will be a **Virtual Meeting** this Sunday.

For inquiries, contact Rich or Kelly by calling the rectory at 718-356-5890.

For more information, please find and like us on Facebook at Holy Child YouthGroup.

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## Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimsassistance@archny.org.
Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

## Stolzenthaler Columbiettes

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and Columbiette events?
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Please contact Debbie, Past President
at 718-967-2315 for more information.

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## Maria Goretti Network
## Online Support Group

**Friday, January 15th 8:00 - 9:30 PM**

Join us for the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone.

Contact **nyc@mgoretti.org** for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org

**Join Zoom meeting**
**https://zoom.us/j/96385595312?pwd=UUdwdkE3WUxRZlprN3N3SlZPMWE5dz09**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION
### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11*

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