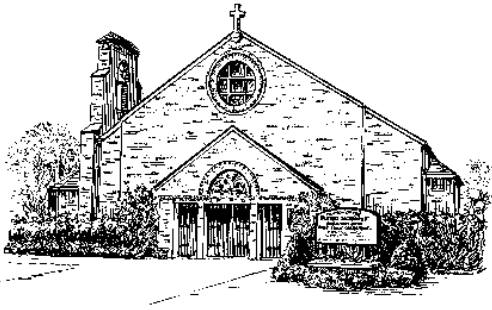


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 24, 2016



Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor
Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas
Reverend Roland Antony Raj, MMI
Reverend Monsignor Francis V. Boyle, Pastor Emeritus

MASSES:

Saturday in the Church: 5:00 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM.
Weekdays in the Church: 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Saturday in the Church: 9:00 AM.
Holy Days in the Church: 7:00 PM (Vigil), 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 12:00 to 1:00 PM; 4:15 to 5:00 PM.
Anytime upon reasonable request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday at 2:00 PM. (Except during July & August, then only on the First and Third Sunday and other specified days)
Arrangements should be made at least one month in advance with the priest of the Parish. Parents of a first child and parents who are new to Blessed Sacrament must attend a Baptism Instruction Class which is held the second Tuesday evening of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room. Godparents should be Practicing Catholics, and must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made about six months in advance, with a priest of the Parish. Couples must attend Pre-Cana Conferences.

SICK CALLS - At any time.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA - Every Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - First Friday from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome to our Parish.

We invite all parishioners to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Parish House Office weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

PARISH HOUSE

30 Manor Road
442-1581

<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.J.B. - D.R.E.
830 Delafield Avenue
448-0378



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

We ask all parish groups/societies that utilize the parish meeting facilities (Gym, Parish Center Meeting Room, Parish House Meeting Room) to submit their schedules to the parish secretary for the remainder of 2016 and first half of 2017 if they have not already done so.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)

Join St. Francis Catholic Singles for those in their 30s,40s and 50s on Friday, August 12th at 7:30pm for ***Ice-Cream Night***. Cool off on a hot summer night! Meet at Egger's Ice Cream Parlor, 1194 Forest Ave. RSVP by emailing sfcssi@gmail.com by Wed. Aug. 10th.

Also on Sunday, Aug. 28, 11am Bklyn, Mass and Wicked Monk Brunch. 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's, 95-4th Ave. followed by 12:15pm brunch at the Wicked Monk between 95th and 96 Streets on 3rd Ave., \$23 includes a beverage, complete brunch, tax and tip. RSVP a MUST by Aug. 21st. For more information, email sfcssi@gmail.com or check our website: www.sgspci.org.

PARISH PAY

A great summertime or anytime option is online giving with ParishPay. You can contribute from wherever you are...you can easily set up payments in advance. When you give online, it helps us make our budget, even when attendance is a bit lower in the summer months. Visit blessedsacramentchurchsi.org for the ParishPay link to sign-up at anytime.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$6,515 (Weekly)	\$6,442 (Weekly)
\$1,897 <Debt Reduction>	\$1,928
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
742 (Adults)	680 (Adults)
112 (Children)	113 (Children)
854	793

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CONCETTA MACCARONE**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pflieger, Jr., Phyllis Ribaldo, Ann Socci, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Amy Mezzacappa, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigue and James Finnigan

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Salvatore Annarumma
9:00 Michael Luzzo

TUESDAY

7:00 Donald Hughes
9:00 Victoria Magliocca

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Kathleen Murray
9:00 Mario Taccetta

THURSDAY

7:00 Joseph Greene
9:00 Mary Patricia Peters (28th Anniv.)

FRIDAY

7:00 Virginia & Frank Bonventre
9:00 Nora C. Ryan

SATURDAY

9:00 Deceased Members of the Jacoben Family
5:00 Burton Cohen

SUNDAY

8:00 James Clancy
9:30 Neven Milosevich
12:30 Peter J. Palladino

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 31, 2016

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	2
8:00 AM	Team	3
9:30 AM	Team	4
11:00 AM	Team	5
12:30 PM	Team	1

<u>LECTORS</u>
C. Tobias
C. Burns
M. Boyd
J. Pace
D. Maj

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & N. Mata
E. Hodgens & A. Morrell
P. Thomann & R. Gallop
A. Talaid & E. Laub
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

If you are separated or divorced, no matter how long you were married or how long ago you were separated or divorced, the Parish of St. Peter-Assumption-St. Paul offers a Support Group for help in moving forward. The group meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 7:30pm, at 15 Webster Avenue, between Castleton and Brighton Avenues. For further info, please call 718-727-2672 and leave your name and number; the facilitator will return your call.


PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. If you wish to make an appointment with the Parish Nurse, Peggy Smith, please call her at 718-447-9657.

THE TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB will meet on Thursday, July 28th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus taught us to pray. Do you pray every day? Find the word below.

E	M	A	N	A	B	L	F	O	E	PLACE PRAYING TEACH FATHER NAME HOLY KINGDOM BREAD FORGIVE DEBT TEST FRIEND	
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F	C	T	I	E	N	S	N	N	L		
E	A	V	T	B	C	I	D	I	Y		
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D	D	P	A	P	R	A	Y	I	N		

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God. The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

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FROM THE PASTOR

So many of our family members, parishioners and friends are intimately involved in the care of the sick from physicians, nurses, aids, para's et. al. that we often do not realize and fully appreciate the important role they have in what Pope Francis calls "the field-hospital church."

Fr. Mike Barrett, a pastor in Milwaukee shares the following in Celebration.

Healing the Healers

By blessing caregivers, we acknowledge the field-hospital church.

About a year and a half ago, the director of mission integration for a local hospital asked me to assist his pastoral care staff in crafting a prayer service for hospital staff to be celebrated during "Spiritual Care Week."

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It was the intention of the mission integration department to spread the unction of healing around, but this time toward those who serve clients and patients in a large health care system; namely, to doctors, nurses, behind the scenes staff and any employees linked to the delivery of healing and health care services. Not only would the pastoral staff make their way through hospital units, departments and clinics to share prayer and ritual anointing and blessing, but such a communal act would also be celebrated at noon in the hospital chapel with the usual invite: All are welcome.

After some time for mindfulness, we opened with a gathering prayer and moved into scripture reflection on the Gospel of Mark 5:27-34, where Jesus becomes aware that power has gone forth from him as a woman seeking healing touches his cloak. I recalled the astonishing event in the office of my own physician of 20 years when, at the end of a typical "office visit," my physician, already short in stature, came forward and bowed low before me, begging that I bless him with prayer.

He disclosed to me, his patient, that he had been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Can you imagine how shocked I was? This was the physician who had seen me through smoking cessation, mid-life anxiety, and a few other stubborn medical issues that seemed terminal to me. He was a god to me. How could my doctor become a mere mortal...and terminal at that?

Truly, this was one of the most humbling days in my lengthy ministerial career – my physician entreating me for a healing touch and prayer!

Not long after that, I was felled by an inexplicable brain hemorrhage that tied me up in the ICU for two weeks. I, who was so accustomed to standing at the bedsides of parishioners under many hospital circumstances – now I had my turn at rest and recuperation. The medical staff advised over and over again as I queried them about my "brain event" that I probably didn't really want to know all the details. To this day I still do not. However, the one thing that stands out most clearly from my memories during that time is my nephew, who held power of attorney over my health care.

Each day he came and gently stroked the underside of my right arm, touching and coaxing me back to consciousness. Almost as if he were pumping the inner tube of my flat bicycle tire, day after day he revived my drooping spirits with the healing gift of touch. I do not believe he ever realized his care for me was the most powerful curative of all.

And there's still my mother, at 96 in assisted living. She mistakes me for the rest-home podiatrist as I crouch down to undress her sandal-clad feet. There for a 25-minute (almost daily) vigorous foot massage she perks up, insisting this is the only time each day she shares skin with another human being. The doctor reports that this daily therapy might well account for whatever mental acuity she has left at her advanced age. As she elevates her feet from her La-Z-Boy control pad, one would almost guess she imagines herself enthroned in the "queen for a day" contest, as thousands of tiny magic fingers activate her sensorium.

As Jesus came to grasp the experience that "power went out of him," so, too, do caregivers, doctors and pastoral ministers know both the highs of mediating God's healing grace and the not-so-lofty feeling of exhaustion when the day is done. But, as they say, the type of tiredness is a "good tired."

My experiences with healing prayer and touch do not distinguish me from others. Rather, I suggest most caregivers have played many or all of the roles I have here described: healer; someone needing healing; one not fully aware that healing power went out; or simply one spent from heavy workloads and demands of the job.

At my local hospital's "Spiritual Care Week" prayer service, pastoral care workers invoked a blessing upon enshrined olive oil and approached those present to offer anointing of the healer's hand. We asked the healers to form and shape their hands into a receptive, cup-like vessel as we generously applied the oil with the sign of the cross. In this "re-consecration," we offered a blessing upon their continued practice and ministry as healers, reminding them that they truly are the eyes and hands of God.

In many parishes, particularly in the suburbs, it seems that a goodly number of parishioners work in the burgeoning health care industry, wearing all the hats required to provide health care and healing for the whole person.

Such an initiative, perhaps providing a healing service annually for them at their hospital or institution is reflective of a church out in the trenches – a "field hospital after a battle," as Pope Francis has called it – for those at work because of the call of vocation or duty.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN