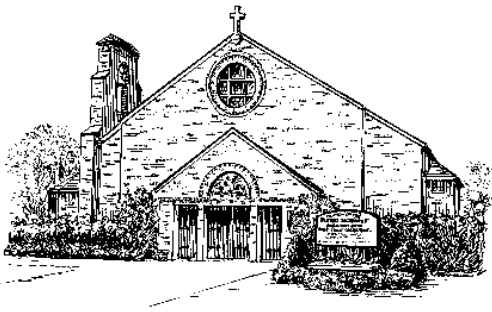


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

October 23, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Blessed Sacrament

Would like to ask that our Parishioners take home a plastic shopping bag (in each pew) and return it next weekend, Oct. 29 and 30. They are in need of the following items: **CANNED** – milk, potatoes, tuna, tomato sauce, pasta, soup, fruit; **BOXED**-macaroni & cheese, rice-a-roni, hot and cold cereals, pancake mix, hamburger helper, noodle mixes, instant potatoes **AND** peanut butter, jelly, coffee and tea. **PLEASE NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY AND CHECK EXPIRATION DATES. WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE EXPIRED FOOD.** Thank you for your continued help.

Welcome New Parishioners
The Cataldo Family
The Ferraro Family
The Fevelo Family
Ms. Megan Grillo
The Hinds Family
The Isiofiah-Dare Family

Lectors – There will be a meeting on Monday, October 24th in the Church at 7:00pm for all existing lectors and for anyone interested in becoming one.

Assisted Suicide

Enclosed in our bulletin is information on the effort in Albany to pass Assisted Suicide Legislation. New Yorkers for Life urge you to contact our State Legislators: Andrew Lanza, Diane Savino, Michael Cusick, Nicole Malliotakis et al to register your disapproval as soon as possible.

St. Charles Election Vigil

On Monday, Nov. 7th at St. Charles, starting with a mass at 9pm to the Sacred Heart, with Bishop O'Hara as the main celebrant, there will be an All Night Vigil before the Most Blessed Sacrament, to pray for discernment in casting our votes for the national election. Anyone who is willing to commit to a particular hour from 9pm to and including 5am, please contact Deacon Jim at 347-866-2040

Christmas Tree Dedication

The Mothers Guild is sponsoring a Christmas Tree Dedication. Each tree will be lit with your dedication and placed on the property of Blessed Sacrament during a Special Lighting Ceremony on Saturday Dec. 3rd after the 5pm Mass. Each tree is \$200. For more information contact mariagiabrone@blessedsacramentsi.com

SUNDAY COLLECTION	
2016	2015
\$5,286 (Weekly)	\$6,390 (Weekly)
\$1,799 <Debt Reduction>	\$1,318
ATTENDANCE	
2016	2015
625 (Adults)	733 (Adults)
130 (Children)	162 (Children)
755	895

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 Ribaud, Ann Socci, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, 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 McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Richard Decker
9:00 James Redmond

TUESDAY

7:00 John Donofrio
9:00 Helen Fairweather & Helen Sigman

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Marie D. Guzzi
9:00 Victoria Magliocca

THURSDAY

7:00 William V. Cortese
9:00 Frank Reilly

FRIDAY

7:00 James D. Finn
9:00 Kathy Adams

SATURDAY

9:00 Andrew Schron
5:00 Charles McKeon

SUNDAY

8:00 Burton Cohen
9:30 Concetta Maccaroni
12:30 Edith Zarrella

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY MAZZA**

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 30, 2016

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 7	M. PERIES	J. WRIGHT & N. MATA
8:00 AM	Team 8	R. GRISWOLD	A. COSCIA & J. HANSEN
9:30 AM	Team 9	C. WODZINSKI	A. MORRELL & M. MORGAN
11:00 AM	Team 10	J. PACE	T. SANDES & J. PACE
12:30 PM	Team 6	L. PILLARELLA	J. SPACH & M. SPACH

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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, October 27th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Wed., Oct. 26th at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

FROM THE PASTOR

World Mission Sunday is celebrated today and we call our attention to the gift of the Holy Spirit received by our young men and women in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is the rite of passage from child to young adult that challenges us by the gift of the Holy Spirit to "WITNESS" JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL MESSAGE...Go forth and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May I suggest that our missionary work can and should begin right here at home in the USA for all of us young and old.

Fundamental to that mandate of Jesus is the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Foremost in the search to secure that right in our own nation are the Knights of Columbus.

In their national magazine COLUMBIA is an article entitled:

America's Pro-Life Consensus

On Feb. 1, the Office of General Counsel of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops filed an amicus curiae brief in the supreme court on behalf of the USCCB, the Texas Catholic Conference and several Christian partners in support of a 2013 Texas state law, H.B.2, mandating health and safety standards protecting women who undergo abortions. Specifically, the law required abortion facilities to abide by the same standards that apply to similar surgical centers, and required abortionists to have admitting privileges at hospitals within 30 miles of the businesses where they worked.

The Texas law, together with similar state statutes enacted across the country, marked an effort to tighten regulations governing abortion businesses following the grisly case of Kermit Gosnell, who in 2013 was found guilty of murder in the deaths of babies born alive during abortions in his Philadelphia facility.

On June 27, the Supreme Court issued a 5-3 ruling in the Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt case, overturning the Texas law. Justice Stephen Breyer, who wrote the opinion, said the restrictions on the abortion facilities "provided few if any health benefits for women, pose a substantial obstacle to women seeking abortions and constitute an 'undue burden' on their constitutional right to do so.

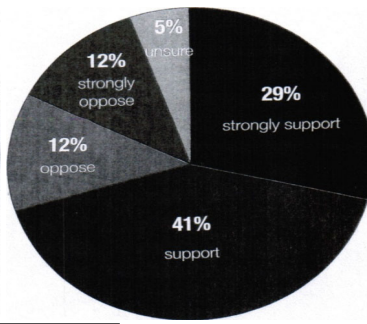
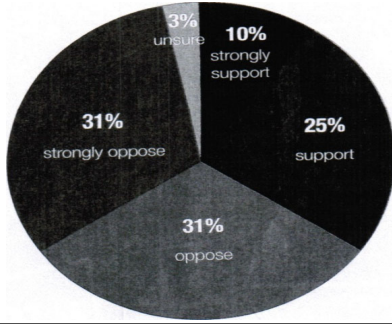
Following the court's decision, a statement by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities said, "The court has rejected a commonsense law protecting women from abortion facilities that put profits above patient safety. Abortion claims the lives of unborn children and too often endangers their mothers as well. This ruling contradicts the consensus among medical groups that such measures protect women's lives.

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) a co-chairman of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, stated that this ruling "shields the abortion industry from accountability and minimal medical standards. He added: "Abortionists should not get a free pass on commonsense safety standards. Women deserve better than this decision that prioritizes the abortion industry's profit margin."

Pro-life advocates and legislators understand that similar health and safety statutes enacted in other states will now be at risk. Currently, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Kansas Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama maintain similar restrictions on abortion businesses.

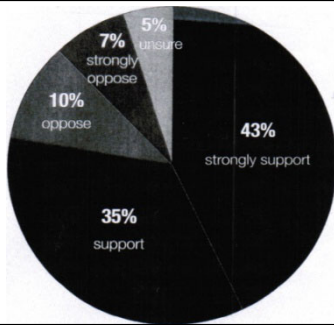
Despite the court's decision, the Marist Poll findings show that nearly 8 in 10 Americans (78%) believe abortion facilities should be held to the same standards as any outpatient surgery center. This bipartisan supermajority includes 77% of all women polled and nearly 75% of those individuals who identify as pro-choice. Likewise, 70% of Americans want doctors who perform abortions to be required to have hospital admitting privileges. This includes 71% of women and 70% of those who identify as pro-choice.

The new polling data is a reminder that the amplification of "pro-choice" rhetoric common during an election season rings all the more hollow as abortion advocates cheer a court decision that effectively insists on lowering the standards of medical care for women.



“Requiring doctors at abortion clinics to have admitting privileges to a hospital or emergency room within 30 miles.”

“Using tax dollars to pay for woman’s abortion.”



“Doctors, nurses or organizations who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortions.”

“Requiring all abortion clinics to meet the same standards as other outpatient surgery centers.”

While most polls will only ask whether an individual is “pro-life” or “pro-choice,” the new Marist poll dug much deeper into opinions on abortion. The survey found that while 51 percent of Americans describe themselves as pro-choice, 78 % of all Americans support limiting elective abortion to at most the first three months of pregnancy. This number includes two-thirds of those individuals who had identified themselves as pro-choice.

These numbers are noteworthy given the rhetoric of the campaign season that would have us believe that a sharp divide exists among voters and that it is only a stubborn few who hold a pro-life view. Not only is this not the case today, but it has not been the case in at least the last five election cycles.

“The majority of Americans in favor of abortion restrictions has been consistently around 8 in 10 for the better part of a decade,” said Dr. Barbara Carvalho, the director of the Marist Poll. “Though self-identification as ‘pro-life’ or ‘pro-choice’ can vary substantially from year to year, the support for restrictions is quite stable.”

In addition, taxpayer funding for abortion is opposed by 62% of Americans. This includes 45% of those who say they are pro-choice and 61% who identify as “independent.” Likewise, 56% of Americans do not believe that health care providers should be forced to perform abortions against their conscience or religious beliefs. Such statistics indicate a strong consensus in the US for policies that favor a more pro-life position than is reflected in federal law and by many candidates for public office.

Most Americans support simple and commonsense legislation proposals currently under consideration by the US Congress, including the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7), which would permanently ban taxpayer funding for abortion across all federal government programs. Similarly, the Conscience Protection Act (H.R.4828) would allow doctors, nurses and health insurance plans that object out abortion to stay out of the business. Although both of these pieces of legislation have passed the House of Representatives, they have never received a vote in the Senate and have received threats of presidential veto.

Legislation, outreach and other factors have contributed to a relative decline in the number of abortions and abortion facilities in the US in recent years. However, many legislators seek to reverse this trend, even as the number of abortions nationwide since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973 approaches 60 million and the abortion laws in the US remain among the most liberal in the world. In many states, as in Canada, China and North Korea, abortion is legal at any time and for any reason.

In the face of ongoing legislative battles and challenges to a culture of life, year after year, larger percentages of Americans respond to polling with a clear consensus in opposition to the abortion on demand regime of *Roe v. Wade*. While the labels “pro-life” and “pro-choice” may be manipulated by news reports and political stump speeches, the reality of the situation is undeniable: Americans of both sexes and of all races, creeds and ages believe there should be greater legal protection of unborn human life. Additional information and polling data is available at kofc.org/polls.