

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

February 19, 2017

Staten Island, New York 10310



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

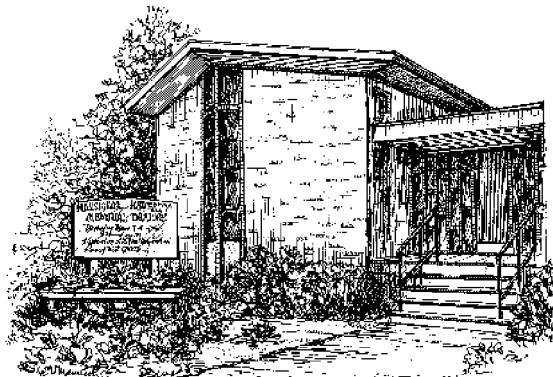
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



Welcome New Parishioners

- Ms. Alexis Abbruzzese*
- The Amalfitano Family*
- The Benedict Family*
- The Biggs Family*
- The Bisceglie Family*
- The Carroll Family*
- The DiDonna/Racanello Family*
- The Dolce Family*
- The Domalanta Family*
- The Fleschner Family*

Moving/Change of Address: Please help us keep our records up-to-date. Be sure to notify the Parish Office if you are moving or have a new phone number. Thank you.

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE will be closed Monday, Feb. 20th for the President's Day holiday.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS

The Seniors will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 1:15pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Wed., Feb. 22nd at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,115 (Weekly)	\$4,658 (Weekly)
\$2,258 <Monthly >	\$2,849
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
806 (Adults)	690 (Adults)
250 (Children)	173 (Children)
1,056	863

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN O'CONNELL**

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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino and Michelina Farley

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Edward Sorensen
9:00 Anton More

TUESDAY

7:00 Evelyn Morio
9:00 Michael F. King

WEDNESDAY

7:00 John Joseph Cavallo
9:00 Patricia Polidore

THURSDAY

7:00 Bishop Patrick Ahern
9:00 Anna Plumb (7th Anniv.)

FRIDAY

7:00 William McCormack
9:00 Felicidad Tobias

SATURDAY

9:00 Christopher Maccarone (Living)
5:00 Mary Patricia Peters

SUNDAY

8:00 Grace Ward
9:30 Peter J. Saldi (13th Anniv.)
12:30 Peter R. Palladino, Sr.

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2017**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team 8
8:00 AM	Team 9
9:30 AM	Team 10
11:00 AM	Team 6
12:30 PM	Team 7

LECTORS

M. Peries
C. Burns
M. Boyd & Student
M. Conigatti
T. Sanders

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

J. Wright & K. Byrne
J. Hansen & E. Hodgens
C. Wodzinski & A. Morrell
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
A. Aponte & W. Boyd

ST. RITA'S ANNUAL LENTEN SERIES

A series of free lectures and performances presented during Lent at 7:30pm in St. Rita's Church, 281 Bradley Avenue. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following each presentation. First lecture: Why do we sing at Mass? Friday, March 3rd at 7:30pm

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00pm/ Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, March 3rd in the school gym, 200 Clinton Avenue. Doors open at 6pm, admission is \$5.00. Anyone under 18yrs of age must be accompanied by an adult, No children under 12 admitted.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

An Information Session for anyone interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degree, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wed., Feb. 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30pm in Prusmack Center, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY. For more info: www.dc.edu.

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, Feb. 23rd at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Happy President's Weekend! As we honor George Washington, "Father of Our Country"; and Abraham Lincoln, "The Great Emancipator" we pay tribute to two models of national integrity, courage and leadership.

When we define a truly great person, we do so recognizing that they are truly human and imperfect. However, greatness is realized when such a person climbs above their imperfection and strives to seek the ideal properly defined as love of God and neighbor as oneself. History consistently lists these Patriot Presidents among 45 to date as outstanding examples of sacrifice and service with integrity and love of country and all its citizens.

As we reflect today on these servants of god and all his people, we pray and plead that with God's help today's civic and national leaders, male and female will rise to the challenge of dedicated service committed to all God's sons and daughters.

As we celebrate Black History Month, this February permit me to present two very special people in difficult time zones - centuries - who emulate and lived the example of Washington and Lincoln.

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The publication entitled: *Give Us This Day for Today's Catholic*; Collegetown Press under the title Blessed Among Us relates the story of a remarkable woman, Servant of God Mary Elizabeth Lange, Founder, Oblate Sisters of Providence (ca 1784-1882)

Uncertainty surrounds the origins of Elizabeth Lange. Most likely she was an emancipated Haitian slave who came to the United States in 1791 and settled in Baltimore, a city swollen with other refugees of the Haitian revolution. Observing there to be no available public education for black children in the city, Elizabeth opened a school in her own home. Later, with the support of the Sulpician Fathers, she established an academy for black girls. Though her confessor encouraged her to enter religious life, she could find no congregation that would accept a black sister. Hence, she decided to start one of her own: the Oblate Sisters of Providence - the first religious congregation for women of African descent. In 1829, with support from the archbishop, she and three others pronounced their vows. Taking the name Mary, she became the order's first superior.

Eventually, the sisters also opened an orphanage and a home for elderly widows, and they nursed the sick during an outbreak of cholera. They faced constant financial insecurity. At one point, shocked by the sisters' poverty, the archbishop ordered them to close their home, but Mother Lange refused. Aside from hard work and hardship, the sisters also endured various expressions of overt racism - even from fellow Catholics, who were scandalized by the sight of black women clothed in religious habits.

Mother Lange died on February 3, 1882.

"We believe the suffering that has been intrinsic to our congregation from its beginning enables us to reach out to others with tenderness and compassion.

Creedal statement of the Oblate Sisters of Providence

In yet another century, the 20th, in the defense of the nation like President Washington two centuries before, as related in *Three Minutes A Day* for Thursday, February 23, 2017 - The Christophers - we read of:

A Tuskegee Trailblazer

When Calvin Spann was a senior at New Jersey's Rutherford High School, he left one month before graduation to enlist in the Army. He went on to become 1st Lt. Spann, a member of the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen, the black pilots group who fought in World War II. In 2015, at age 90, he was called home to the Lord in his adopted hometown of McKinney, Texas.

The Tuskegee Airmen paved the way for integration of all the U. S. Armed Forces, but it wasn't easy. Spann himself, as did other volunteers from the North, experienced segregation as never before - and he never forgot it.

He flew 26 missions during the war, but rarely talked about his combat record. He was a regular at the group's annual get-togethers, though, and according to Todd South of The Record in Hackensack, was a favorite among his comrades.

"He was a very self-effacing person," said Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., of Riverdale, New York, former commander of the 100th Fighter Squadron. "Very kind, smart and considerate."

God bless America
and God bless you
MSGR. FINN