

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

May 14, 2017



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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*"The Loveliest Masterpiece Of The Heart
Of God Is The Heart Of A Mother."*

St. Therese of Lisieux

Members of the Holy Name Society will be distributing flowers to all Mothers at the front of the Church.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We wish to congratulate our Parish children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 6th. A special "Thank you" to Sister Anne Dolores, Direct of Religious Education and the teachers who prepared the children so well for this most special Sacrament.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Name Society's Annual Communion Breakfast will be Sunday, June 4th, following the 8am Mass in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Cost:\$20 (Elementary School Children ½ price.)

ST. PAUL'S BOOKS & GIFTS

Come and visit us, for all your religious needs for all seasons. St. Paul's is located at 2187 Victory Boulevard. Store hours: Mon. to Fri. 10am to 6pm and Sat. 10am to 4pm. Tel: 718-761-0085, email: BookcenterStatenIsland@stpauls.us

BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS will meet on Monday, May 15th at 1:15pm.

COFFEE SUNDAY - Next Sunday, May 21st

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,841 (Weekly)	\$6,224 (Weekly)
\$1,910 (Debt reduction)	\$2,888 (Monthly)
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
688 (Adults)	881 (Adults)
<u>187 (Children)</u>	<u>184 (Children)</u>
875	1,065

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EMILIA O. PERALTA**

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

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Catherine McKeever
9:00 Dionisia Calamba

TUESDAY

7:00 Sabina Hickey
9:00 Arthur Dickman (Living)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Don Fahey
9:00 Beverly Casucci

THURSDAY

7:00 Barbara Kenny
9:00 Antoinette Crimmons

FRIDAY

7:00 Blessed Sacrament Seniors (Living)
9:00 Mary Kuhhorn

SATURDAY

9:00 James Dowling
5:00 James Deignan

SUNDAY

8:00 Georgie McLoughlin
9:30 Michael McCarthy
12:30 William J. Ford (37th Anniv.)

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 21, 2017

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 4	Sr. Anne Dolores	V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team 5	F. Molanphy	J. Ryan & L. Ryan
9:30 AM	Team 1	J. Pace & Student	K. Falcone & B. Collorec
11:00 AM	Team 2	M. Peries	W. Boyd & M. Thomann
12:30 PM	Team 3	D. Leddy	M. Morgan & E. Laub

RICHMOND CHORAL SOCIETY

"Bach to Broadway", Saturday, May 20th, 8:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 505 Watchogue Road. General Admission: \$20, Seniors \$15, Students with ID: \$10, children under 12 years of age free. Choral adaptations from Bach, plus contemporary choral settings of songs by the Beatles, John Denver and others, as well as Broadway hits from Fiddler on the Roof and Carousel, to name a few. Please support your fellow parishioner, Ginny McKeever by attending this concert.

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.

STATEN ISLAND CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Invites you to join us to come pray, be still ad rest in God's presence. St. Joseph's Retreat House, 850 Hylan Blvd. we will meet twice per month, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 7:30 - 9:00pm. Guest speaker on May 24th: Lindsay Boyer, Co-coordinator of NYC's Contemplative Outreach Program & adjunct professor at General Theological Seminary. Topic: "How Centering Prayer Will Benefit You".

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Mother's Day

This weekend, Saturday May 13 marks the actual 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the apparitions to three young visionaries. Borrowing from the recent *Our Sunday Visitor* on Fatima, I invite you to read on: *The apparitions of the Blessed Mother of 1917 took place at the Cova da Iria (Cove of Peace) over a holm oak tree in the small village of Fatima, Portugal, a few miles from the children's home Aljustrel. The village was named Fatima after a young Muslim woman captured by the Portuguese following a military victory over the Muslims in 1158. Fatima became a Catholic and married one of the Portuguese knights named Goncalo Hermingues. Unfortunately, she died soon after her wedding. Heartbroken, Goncalo eventually entered a monastery. He did, though have a small chapel built over the site where his young bride's body was buried. This site came to be known as Fatima.*

Today, there is not only a Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, but also the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary (completed in 1953), where the tombs of Blessed Francisco, Blessed Jacinta and Sister Lucia are located. There is also the larger and more modern Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity, which was completed in 2007.

Looking back at that first decade of the 20th century we find that:

The Fatima apparitions occurred during World War I, which was also a time when secular movements such as Freemasonry and communism were manifesting open hostility to the Christian faith.

In 1911, the Freemasons in Portugal passed a law separating Church and State. One of their leaders, Alfonso Costa, even predicted that in two generations Catholicism would be completely eliminated in Portugal. The apparitions of Fatima, therefore, occurred during a critical time in the life of Portugal and the world.

Who were these three young children - "Visionaries" if you will who are viewed 100 years later as candidates for sainthood.

Lucia dos Santos

Born: March 28, 1907 - Died: Feb. 13, 2005

The oldest of the three visionaries of Fatima, Lucia was the youngest of seven brothers and sisters. She received harsh criticism after telling family and friends about the visitations, so much so that she was reluctant to return to the Cova da Iria on July 13, 1917. The other seers convinced her to go back. Following the deaths of her cousins, at 14 years old, she was sent to the Dorothean Sisters of Villar and in 1928 became a Sister of St. Dorothy. In 1946, she entered the convent of the Carmelite Sisters of Coimbra and was known as Sister Maria Lucia of the Immaculate Heart. She was visited by Mary on several more occasions. Following her death in 2005 at the age of 97, Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 waived the normal 5 year waiting period before the start of canonization cause.

Blessed Jacinta Marto

Born: March 11, 1910 - Died: Feb. 20, 1920

Jacinta was just 7 at the time of the apparitions. After seeing the vision of hell, the young girl dedicated herself to praying for the salvation of souls. She refused water during the hot summer. Like her brother, Francisco, Jacinta fell ill with influenza but her suffering was even greater than his. She underwent surgery and several other minor procedures in order to try to save her life. Her pain was offered for the conversion of sinners.

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She suffered from pneumonia and tuberculosis, which forced her hospitalization, during which she was visited by the Blessed Mother 3 more times. The hospital chaplain refused to give her Communion saying he would return the following day, but she died shortly after. She was beatified the same day as her brother, May 13, 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II.

Blessed Francisco Marto

Born: June 11, 1908 - Died: April 4, 1919

Francisco was 9 years old at the time of the apparitions, during which he saw the Blessed Mother but could not hear what she was saying. Described in Lucia's memoirs as a musically gifted boy, pensive and easygoing, Francisco chose to "console Jesus for the sins of the world" in private prayer following the apparitions. He fell ill during an influenza outbreak just one year after the apparitions at Fatima, and he embraced his suffering, reciting the Rosary daily as instructed by our Lady. He received his first Holy Communion on his deathbed. In her memoirs, Sister Lucia wrote, "He flew away to heaven in the arms of our Heavenly Mother."

And what are "the Secrets of Fatima?"

The first part of the secret shared by Our Lady was a vision of hell, after which she taught the children a prayer to be recited after each decade of the Rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of thy mercy."

The second part of the secret concerned the end of World War I and the warning of a worse was during the pontificate of Pope Pius XI if people did not cease offending God. (Pius XI was not elected until 1922). There was also the warning that if people did not convert, Russia would "spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecution of the Church." Moreover, "the good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated." The Lady, though, told the shepherd children: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

The third part of the secret was kept hidden by Sister Lucia until she was ordered by the bishop of Leiria, Spain, on Jan. 3, 1944, to write it down. This letter was placed in the secret archives of the Holy Office in 1957.

Pope St. John XXIII in 1959 and Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1965 read the letter but declined to publish it. After the May 13, 1981, attempt on his life, Pope St. John Paul II asked for the letter. He later authorized the disclosure on the secret in conjunction with the May 12, 2000 beatification ceremony for Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

The secret describes an angel with a flaming sword in his left hand crying out: Penance, penance, penance." Then a bishop dressed in white (thought to be the Holy Father) joins other bishops, priests and men and women religious in ascending a steep mountain with a big cross on top. On the way to the mountain, the Holy Father goes through a city half in ruins, and "he kneels before the cross and is killed by a group of soldiers who fire bullets and arrows at him. Other bishops, priests and women religious and laypeople are also killed. Then two angels gather up the blood of these martyrs into a crystal aspersorium and sprinkle the souls on their way to God.

Some have claimed that the full third secret of Fatima has not been revealed. Sister Lucia, however, has confirmed the full text of the secret in two meetings with the secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the bishop of Leiria-Fatima. In the second meeting, Sister Lucia made it clear that "everything has been published; no secret remains."

And then:

On Dec. 10, 1925, the Holy Virgin, together with the Christ Child, appeared to Sister Lucia in the convent of the Dorothean Sisters in Pontevedra, Spain. The Christ Child asked Sister Lucia to "have compassion on the heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."

Then the Blessed Mother spoke to Lucia, and she promised "to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess their sins, receive holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Next week, we shall conclude our presentation on the 100th Anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima relating to its impact on the Holy Father of the 20th Century and of our current Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Our Lady of Fatima

Pray for us!

God bless you

MSGR. FINN