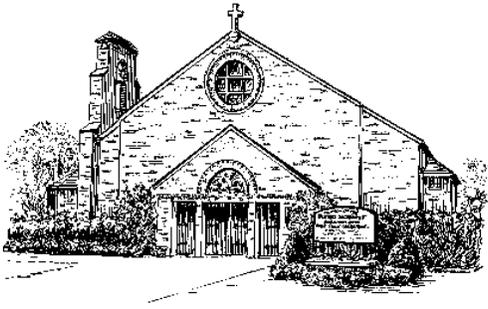


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

June 4, 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

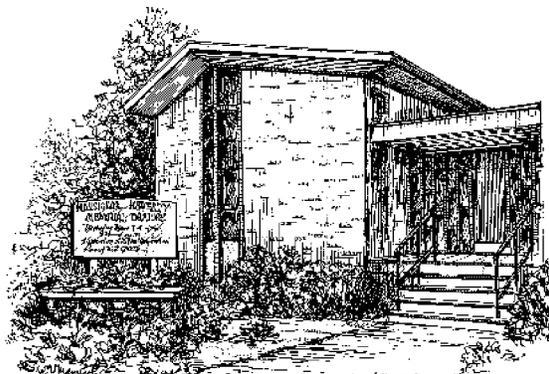
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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



**ST. JOSEPH GUILD** - 9:30am Mass next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by meeting in the Parish House Meeting Room.

**SENIOR SPIRITUALITY GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NY CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT**  
 Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Discover new insights on Sacred Scripture with international Bible scholars and keynote speakers, Thomas Cardinal Collins of Toronto and Carlos Cardinal Osoro Sierra of Madrid. Join Archbishop Christophe Louis Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the US for the opening Mass. Meet Dr. Roy Peterson, President of the American Bible Society, and enjoy a preview of the soon to be open Museum of the Bible. Fee: \$25pp for details and registration, visit [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org).

**ENCOURAGE**  
 A Catholic Apostolate for those who have family members with same sex attraction. A new website has been created to help the faithful who are searching for information about Encourage, the Church's teachings on same sex attraction and spiritual support: [www.encourageny.com](http://www.encourageny.com).



**VACATION/TRAVEL PLANS?**

As you plan your summer vacation please remember your Sunday obligation to attend Mass. For nationwide Mass times and locations

call 1-800-Mass-Times or check the internet at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

We ask that you also remember that although you won't be attending Mass here at Blessed Sacrament all summer long, our parish still has bills and responsibilities. Please don't forget to keep up your contributions by dropping them in the basket before you leave, when you return home or by using our online donation option. Your continued support of our parish is most greatly appreciated.

*Whatever your plans might be, we pray you have a safe and happy summer.*

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	
<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>\$5,248 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$5,165 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$1,848 &lt;Debt Reduction&gt;</b>	<b>\$2,581</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>707 (Adults)</b>	<b>691 (Adults)</b>
<b>136 (Children)</b>	<b>176 (Children)</b>
<b>843</b>	<b>867</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 JUNE LEE**

**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 Anthony Gargiulo  
 9:00 John & Doris O'Toole

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Theophilus Diaz  
 9:00 Helen Kennedy

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Salvina Vella  
 9:00 Anastasio McGrath & Daly Families

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Michael McCarthy  
 9:00 Grace Mulvaney

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Louis F. Farese, Jr.  
 9:00 Narciso Lim

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Dr. Reseitupo Domingo  
 5:00 Erin O'Connor

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Martin Laffey  
 9:30 Vincent J. sportiello  
 12:30 Edith Zarrella

**SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 11, 2017**

<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>			<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	9	K. HANLEY	N. MATA & V. DONNELLY
8:00 AM	Team	10	F. MOLANPHY	E. HODGENS & A. COSCIA
9:30 AM	Team	6	STUDENT	K. BYRNE & B. COLLOREC
11:00 AM	Team	7	T. SANDERS	J. BOYLE & K. BOYLE
12:30 PM	Team	8	D. LEDDY	J. SPACH & M. SPACH

**OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Legislation has been introduced in the NYS (the so-called "Medical Aid in Dying Act", A.2383/S.3151) that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that suicide is acceptable and lead to an increase in suicides. It will leave people with depression and other mental illnesses untreated. And it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers into killers. We encourage you to contact your state legislators and urge them to oppose assisted suicide legislation. Go to: <https://archny.org/assisted-suicide> or <http://noassistedsuicideny.org/> for more info.

**CATHOLIC GUIDANCE FOR END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING**

End-of-Life decisions, for ourselves and for loved ones, are among the most challenging we will ever face. There is a movement in our nation to legalize assisted suicide, but that is a false answer and is a dangerous experiment. Our church offers comfort and practical guidance to live and die with dignity. Visit [www.CatholicEndofLife.org](http://www.CatholicEndofLife.org) to watch the video and read the NYS Bishop's document "Now and at the Hour of Our Death." Learn why the Church favors compassionate medical care and why the Church opposes physician-assisted suicide.

**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.

**OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY SHRINE**

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 100 Anniversary - Join in celebrating Our Lady of Fatima's Second Apparition. All are welcome at the Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road east, Asbury NJ. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm by Rev. Michael Venditti. Visit: [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) for more details.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

As I compose this bulletin, it is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, just a few days short of Pentecost Sunday and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples. That historic event in Christianity inaugurates the missionary vocation of all baptized, confirmed disciples of Jesus Christ witnessing his Gospel of faith, hope and love down through 20 centuries and into the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Today is also a sad time for all men and women of faith. Yet another horrible destruction of human life in Afghanistan, ongoing turmoil throughout the world and tragically a divided and sorry state of debate and distrust in our own nation. The latter condition terribly portrayed by a photo of the President of the United States horribly decapitated. How terrible, disgusting and unacceptable to citizens of a democracy that historically treats the office of President with respect while appropriately applauding, criticizing, and addressing all matters at the ballot box and/or legislative action. Shame on those who do otherwise.

An e-mail received for Memorial Day  
*As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car, with the door open. The old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in the car and continued to watch the old gentlemen from about twenty-five feet away.*

*I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm walking toward the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too, and took a few steps towards him. I saw the old gentleman point to his open hood and say something. The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade. He then turned back to the old man...I heard him yell at the*

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old gentleman saying: 'You shouldn't even be allowed to drive a car at your age.' And then with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot.

I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief, and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine. He then went to his wife and spoke with her; he appeared to tell her it would be okay. I had seen enough, and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight, and as I got near him I said, 'Looks like you're having a problem.' He smiled sheepishly and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself, and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me. Looking around, I saw a gas station up the road, and I told the old man that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside. I saw three attendants working on cars. I approached one of them, and related the problem the old man had with his car. I offered to pay then if they could follow me back down and help him.

The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem (overheated engine), I spoke with the old gentlemen.

When I shook hands with him earlier, he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it, telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question, 'What outfit did you serve with?' He had mentioned that he served with the first Marine Division at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal...

He had hit all the big ones and retired from the Corps after the war was over. As we talked we hear the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us as the old man reached for his wallet, but was stopped by me. I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card. He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed has his name and address on it and I stuck it in my pocket. We all shook hands all around again, and I said my goodbye's to his wife.

I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station, I told them that they had interrupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I said I wanted to pay for the help, but they refused to charge me. One of them pulled out a card from his pocket, looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands and as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me. I said I would and drove off.

For some reason I had gone about two blocks, when I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long time. The name of the old gentleman was on the card in golden leaf and under his name was written: 'Congressional Medal of Honor Society.'

I sat there motionless, looking at the card and reading it over and over. I looked u from the card and smiled to no one but myself and marveled that on this day, four Marines had all come together because one of us needed help. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage and an honor to have been in his presence. Remember, OLD men like him gave you FREEDOM for America. Thanks to those who served and still serve and to all of those who supported them, and who continue to support them.

America is not at war. The U. S. Military is at war. America is at the Mall. If you don't stand behind our troops, PLEASE feel free to stand in front of them! Remember, Freedom isn't Free. Thousands have paid the price, so that you can enjoy what you have today.

LET'S DO THIS: Just 19 words:

GOD OUR FATHER, WALK THROUGH MY HOUSE AND TAKE AWAY ALL MY WORRIES; AND PLEASE PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS, AND WATCH OVER OUR TROOPS, WHO ARE DEPENDING THOSE FREEDOMS. AMEN

The future of our faith and the challenges of the 21st century calls for our reconnection to our baptismal and confirmation gift of the Holy Spirit, to intensify our efforts as Apostles and Disciples of the 21st century on this Pentecost Sunday, calling on Almighty God to save, preserve and protect His faithful sons and daughters at home and throughout the world.

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN