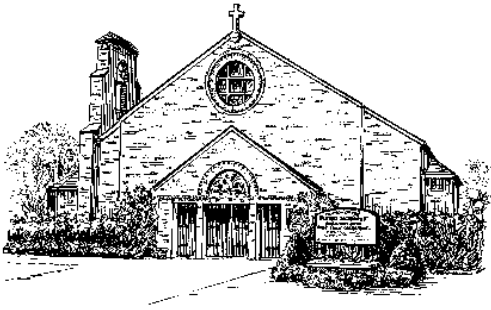


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

January 21, 2018

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



**TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB**

Will meet on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Dakota Diner.

**SENIORS**

The Blessed Sacrament Seniors have cancelled their February meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room.



**TAX STATEMENT DETAILS. IF YOU REQUESTED A STATEMENT FOR YOUR 2016 OFFERINGS PLEASE KNOW THAT ONE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE MAILED TO YOU ONCE ALL OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017 HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO THE PARISH DATA BASE. IF YOU DID NOT REQUEST A STATEMENT LAST YEAR AND WISH TO OBTAIN A STATEMENT OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017, PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO THE PARISH HOUSE OFFICE. ALL STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF JANUARY.**

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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
\$5,122 (Weekly)	\$6,435 (Weekly)
\$1,579 (Debt Reduction)	\$2,562 (Monthly)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
685 (Adults)	760 (Adults)
162 (Children)	134 (Children)
847	894

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

***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 Soggi, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Mary Kenny, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmady, 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, 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, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbie Caporale, Renee McRoberts, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr and John G. Ferriera.

***SYMPATHY***

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Anton More  
9:00 Mary M. Tighe

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Lionel Severtius Silva  
9:00 Mary Deigman

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Emidio S. Lenza  
9:00 Salvatore Guarino

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Eileen M. Strom (Living)  
9:00 John Cardinal O'Connor

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Miguel Calamba  
9:00 John O'Toole

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Vincent & Mary Torras  
5:00 Raymond Rogers

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Amelia Dimauro  
9:30 A. Grace Leddy  
12:30 Marie Massa

**SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 28, 2018****ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team	5
8:00 AM	Team	1
9:30 AM	Team	2
11:00 AM	Team	3
12:30 PM	Team	4

**LECTORS**

Sr. Ann Dolores
F. Molanphy
M. Boyd & S. Ferreria
D. Leddy
M. Conigatti

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
E. Hodgens & A. Coscia
J. Ryan & K. Ryan
J. Spach & M. Spach
M. Hudson & M. Hundson

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SEMINAR**

The Archdiocese of New York Office of Liturgy is presenting a Eucharistic Adoration Seminar at St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers) on Friday, February 16th at 7pm. Presentation by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". For more info and registration: contact [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914-968-6200, x8177.

**ANNUAL RETREAT DAY FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 1:30pm at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to help defray the cost. For more information: contact Regional Office at [Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org](mailto:Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org) or 914-965-0490.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS**

The Holy Name Society is hosting a Discount Defensive Driving Class on Sat., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3:30pm at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. This DMV approved course entitles NY drivers a 10% auto insurance discount for 3 years and up to 4 violation points reduced from your NY driving record. Cost is \$39 for those who register on or before Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. \$44 after Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Seats limited. Catered lunch, refreshments included. To register, send your name, phone number and payment to Defensive Driving, 174 Wooley Ave., 10314. Make checks payable to Holy Name Society. Questions? Call 718-637-3934.

*"It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."*

Pope Francis

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Our celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King and the ongoing effort to seek justice and unity for all people that comprise the fabric of American society in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium must be anchored not only in the hoped for accomplishment of these noble goals, but realized as the intent and desire, yes the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sure and certain efforts to this end encourage our hope. Not too many realize but we all should be aware of such efforts underway in the past 50 years after 500 years of religious separation.

In Celebration publication this Fall Biagio Mazza writes:

***Commemorating the Reformation  
Moving from conflict to communion***

*On October 31, 2016, Pope Francis traveled to Lund, Sweden to begin the yearlong commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. October 31, 2017 will mark 500 years since the day that Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, disseminated his 95 theses to various church bishops and officials, symbolically represented by nailing them on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He asked for a debate on certain church issues that he felt were abuses contrary to the Gospel and Jesus' teachings.*

*At the center of much religious controversy, conflicts and persecution over the centuries, Sweden seemed an appropriate place to pray together as Lutherans and Catholics commemorate the Reformation and the common path traveled together since the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue began during the Second Vatican Council.*

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*Pope Francis' willingness to reach out to Lutherans is a manifestation of the progress that Lutherans and Catholics have made in attempting to admit mistakes on both sides and seek reconciliation and unity. In his homily at the ecumenical prayer service at the Lutheran Cathedral in Lund, as well as the joint statement made on this same occasion, Francis states that:*

*We too must look with love and honesty at our past, recognizing error and seeking forgiveness, for God alone is our judge. ... With this new look at the past, we do not claim to realize an impracticable correction of what took place, but "to tell that history differently."*

*Francis also acknowledges that Martin Luther and the Reformation helped all Christians see and understand the central role that Scripture has in the life of the church. He goes on to say that the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue has benefitted greatly from the close and shared reading of the Scriptures, leading both parties to move forward since the dialogue began in 1964. One of those significant steps occurred in 1999, when Lutherans and Catholics issued the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. Francis specifically refers to this in his homily:*

*With the concept "by grace alone", [Luther] reminds us that God always takes the initiative, prior to any human response, even as [God] seeks to awaken that response. The doctrine of justification thus expresses the essence of human existence before God.*

*The joint statement issued at Lund emphasized the reality that in the process of over 50 years of dialogue we have learned to grow in mutual understanding and trust of one another. We are no longer strangers to one another and "have learned that what unites us is greater than what divides us."*

*Such a relationship enables us to move from conflict to communion. This shift is reflected in the title of the document jointly issued in 2013 by the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. From Conflict to Communion commemorates the Reformation and gives guidance on what local churches can do to move forward.*

*The document analyzes the current state of affairs in the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue, along with the historical and theological issues that flowed both from the Reformation, and the Catholic response to it. It lists five ecumenical imperatives that will greatly aid the commemoration of the Reformation as well as continued fruitful dialogue. All Christians need to take these ecumenical imperatives to heart, since they must guide all ecumenical dialogue:*

- *Catholics and Lutherans should always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced.*
- *Lutheran and Catholics must let themselves continuously be transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith.*
- *Catholics and Lutherans should again commit themselves to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps, and to strive repeatedly toward this goal.*
- *Lutheran and Catholics should jointly rediscover the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our time.*
- *Catholics and Lutherans should witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.*

*Taking these ecumenical imperatives as starting points and guideposts along the continued route of dialogue leads to mutual trust, understanding and respect. This path, guided by the Spirit, would lead us from conflict to communion. With Francis, let us strive to learn from our past, so that we can tell our stories differently and enter into the communion for which Jesus prayed and for which we continually yearn.*

*"It would seem there are lessons to be learned from this faith dialogue today in that of our national efforts for peace and unity."*

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN