

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

March 20, 2016



Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor
Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas
Reverend Albin Roby
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
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.J.B. - D.R.E.
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES**Reconciliation Monday – March 21**

The Church will be open from **2:00pm** beginning with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, followed at **3:00pm** by a **Penance Service**. **Confessions** will be heard from **3:00pm to 9:00pm**. **Mass at 7:00pm** and **Benediction at 9:00pm**

Tenebrae – The Triduum is the most important three days of the entire year in the Catholic Church and the Tenebrae signifies that great celebration, anticipating the Resurrection of Christ. We invite our parishioners and friends to share in this service on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9:00am** each morning.

Living Stations of the Cross – Our High School Teen Group will present the Living Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday at 7:30pm** in the Church.

Good Friday – March 25th**12 Noon – 7 Last Words of Jesus****3:00pm – Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord**

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Everyone from the age of 18 to 59 years of age is obligated to fast. Everyone from the age of 14 is obliged to abstain from meat.

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Easter Duty to receive the Eucharist extends from the First Sunday of Lent until the Most Holy Trinity Sunday, May 22, 2016

THE PARISH HOUSE OFFICE - will be closed on Good Friday, March 25th and Easter Monday, March 28th. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, March 29th at 9:00am.

ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

In his recent creation care encyclical, Pope Francis extends the pioneering work of the Second Vatican Council by drawing on the wisdom of other world religious leaders, for example, the Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. May Catholics everywhere join with members of the other world religions to demand an end to the destruction of our common home and of our impoverished brothers and sister. Pope Francis' encyclical was well received by leaders and followers of other faiths. Find out if there are other faith groups in your neighborhood or town with whom you might collaborate on a common project to better the local environment with a Care of Creation Committee. Watch an inspiring 21-minute video, **#LightTheWay**, on YouTube on the interfaith vigil in New York City organized to thank Pope Francis for *Laudato Si'* and his challenge to world leaders and to wish him well in addressing the United Nations on Sept. 25, 2015.

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, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, 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, Hugh Kiernan, 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 and Molly Cafaro

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Steven McDonald (Living)

9:00 Sabina Hickey (Living)

7:00 Michael Lenza, Sr.

TUESDAY

7:00 Arthur Fama

9:00 Beverly Casucci

7:00 Michael Manley

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Marcus Langle

9:00 Dionisia Calamba

7:00 Sr. Mary Ellen Downing

PLEASE NOTE:

- **There will not be any announced Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.**
- **There will not be a 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday is at 8:00pm.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
DICKS AND MAGNUSKI FAMILIES**

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 27, 2016, EASTER

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team TBA	Peries, Hanley, Sanders, Tobias Lagmay, Molanphy, Wodzinski, Thomann	W. Boyd & C. Wodzinski
8:00 AM	Team 8	C. Burns	A. Coscia & E. Hodgens
9:30 AM	Team 9	R. Semon	P. Thomann & R. Gallop
11:00 AM	Team 10	J. Pace	M. McKeever & E. Laub
12:30 PM	Team 6	K. Kelley	E. Checkett & G. Checkett

**EASTER OFFERING**

Our Parish relies on the special generosity of our parishioners at Easter. This Collection helps us to meet many of our major expenses. Thank you for your continued support to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00A.M. to 4:30P.M. If you wish to make an appointment with the Parish Nurse, Peggy Smith, please call her at 718-447-9657.

SENIOR GROUP

The Blessed Sacrament Seniors will meet on Monday, March 21st at 1:15pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. This will be the St. Patrick's Day Meeting, corned beef sandwiches will be served.

World Autism Awareness Day

The Archdiocese is collaborating with *Autism Speaks* to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day on Saturday, April 2nd. Please help by joining in as we celebrate *Light It Up Blue*. We ask parishioners to dress in blue to honor the more than 70 million people affected by autism around the world.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Please be generous!

FROM THE PASTOR

Palm Sunday alive with anticipation, full of marvelous opportunities during the Holy Week that follows to involve and engage us in the central wonder of the solemn mysteries of our faith.

We begin the week with Reconciliation Monday, where from 3:00pm to 9:00pm we have the wonderful opportunity to meet Our Father in the sacrament of Penance. We are all imperfect prodigal sons and daughters who Jesus awaits with open arms.

Tuesday's Mass of Chrism and Renewal of Vows of obedience by priests before their archbishop and blessing of the sacred oils for administration of the sacraments for the people of God fill the beautiful St. Patrick's Cathedral with the grace of God for all present, clergy, religious and laity – young and old alike.

Wednesday – Traditionally called Spy Wednesday is an interlude and preparation for the Triduum journey to Easter Glory that follows.

Holy Thursday – the Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet of 12, reminding us of Jesus on His knees as servant washing the feet of the twelve apostles. Our Holy Father Francis has enacted a change in this ancient ritual to be inclusive of all the faithful.

Rubrical Change for Holy Thursday

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has announced that the rubrics for the foot-washing rite in the Mass of the Lord's Supper have been altered. In a decree dated January 6, 2016 (Prot.N.87/15), the congregation indicated that the description of the rite given in the Roman Missal, "The men who have been chosen are led to the minister..." ("Mass of the Lord's Supper", 11), had been changed to read, "Those who are chosen from amongst the people of God are led by the ministers..."

The Congregation noted that this change, made at the request of Pope Francis permits pastors to select a small group of the faithful who represent a variety and

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unity of each part of the people of God to participate in the foot-washing rite. This small group “can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity.” In performing this rite, priests are invited to intimately conform themselves to Christ, who “came not to be served but to serve” (Mt 20:28).

It should be noted that the number of persons to be selected for the foot-washing is left up to the discretion of the pastor. As well, this rite remains optional within the celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and may be performed where pastoral reasons suggest its suitability. We shall exercise this option in the best way that we are able.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday will also offer the opportunity for Tenebrae, the office of Morning Prayer, recited daily by clergy and religious everyday and on these three days for and with all the faithful. Following the Mass of the Last Supper Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until midnight when the Church will be stripped bare in observance of the death of Jesus on Good Friday.

Good Friday will commence at 9:00am with Tenebrae, followed by The 7 Last Words of Christ from 12noon until 3:00pm when Good Friday Liturgy – adoration of the cross and communion will take place. In the evening, Living Stations of the Cross will be enacted by the parish teen club and conclude with solemn silence and vigil commemorating the death of Christ.

Saturday morning begins with Tenebrae, quietly anticipating the Easter Vigil which will commence at 8:00pm.

Enter the Drama

Erin Ryan, associate editor of Celebration reminds us that we all have a part to play in moving Lent into Easter.

Have you ever been part of a theater production? The sets have to be painted. Costumes have to be designed. Music rehearsed, lines learned. There’s a sense of solidarity as you all band together, working, practicing, laboring to build a living story. On opening night you hope it all comes together and weaves a spell, so that the audience, for two or three hours, will enter into the reality you create before them.

Soren Kiekegaard once wrote, “Only in subjectivity is there decision” (Concluding Unscientific Postscript to Philosophical Fragments, 1846). I think what he meant by this is that we do not really believe until we feel something. You can give all the rational arguments for something that you want, but no one will really decide, no one will really be convinced, if it all remains within your head.

Liturgy and performance (i.e. opera) have a lot in common. There’s music, singing, environment to design, gestures to memorize. There is no greater drama than the Triduum, with its processions and veneration and prostrations; the fire, the light low, the Exsultet, the story of salvation, and then the light rising upon lilies as “Alleluias” burst forth after a long Lent of fasting from this acclamation.

But despite the similarities, liturgy and performance are not the same thing. In liturgy, we are not just putting on a good show. We aren’t just sitting there watching performers act out a made-up tale. No, in liturgy, we are not trying to create a new reality from scratch. We are giving expression to a reality that already exists. We’re living it, not just acting it out. And when we do this, everyone plays a part.

Even if we are not lectors, or cantors, or preachers or musicians or being baptized this Easter, we all have a part to play. Lent is like our practice to enter the story fully.

At the Vigil, traditionally, there are seven readings from the Hebrew scriptures, one from Paul, and then the Gospel. There are psalm responses to each of the seven readings; then we sing the “Gloria” before we hear Paul’s proclamation of the Resurrection. Many congregations do not read the full gamut of Vigil selections – the rubrics allow them to be shortened, particularly when there are going to be baptisms. But whichever responses we sing, let us sing them with our whole heart:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, may God

And, finally:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayerful, Happy Holy Week
MSGR. FINN*