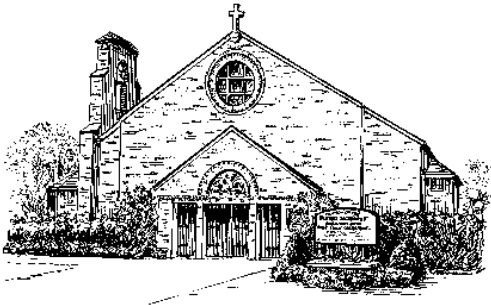


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 3, 2016



Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor
Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas
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

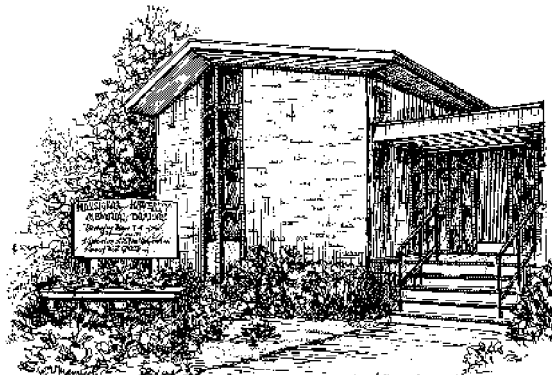
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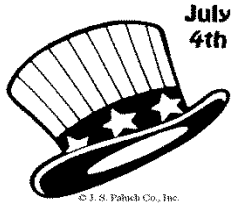
SCHOOL

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





The Parish House Office will be closed Monday, July 4th in honor of the Independence Day Holiday.

FAMILY LIFE/RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week 2016 will be celebrated nationally from Sunday, July 24th – Saturday, July 30. The 2016 theme is: Love, Mercy, Life! NFP gives you the tools to:

- Achieve or postpone pregnancy in a natural and effective way
- Build a deeper emotional connection with your spouse
- Cultivate respect and awareness for the gift of marital sexuality

To connect with great doctors, nurses and fertility practitioners and to learn about our programs available on site, via Skype and online visit our website: nyfamilylife.org.

ENCOURAGE is 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

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$5,275(Weekly)	\$5,615 (Weekly)
\$1,855 <Debt Reduction >	\$1,716
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
745 (Adults)	748 (Adults)
<u>152 (Children)</u>	<u>154(Children)</u>
897	902

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NAZZARENO VELLA**

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, 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, 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, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigue and James Finnigan

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Dean Negri
9:00 Mary & Ansel Martin

TUESDAY

7:00 Irene Techky
9:00 Christopher Biggs

WEDNESDAY

7:00 John Cotter
9:00 Paul Skoblicki

THURSDAY

7:00 Lucia Langle (Living)
9:00 Bill Murphy

FRIDAY

7:00 Christopher O’Rourke (Living)
9:00 Rosemarie McCloughry (8th Anniv.)

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary Connors
5:00 Gladys Henry

SUNDAY

8:00 Catherine M., Frank & Francesca Molanphy (Living)
9:30 Margaret Fontaino
12:30 Msgr. James Dorney

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 10, 2016

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	4
8:00 AM	Team	5
9:30 AM	Team	1
11:00 AM	Team	2
12:30 PM	Team	3

<u>LECTORS</u>
M. Peries
C. Burnse.
E. Trentalange
R. Semon
P. Thomann

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
C. Rooney & A. Talaid
E. Hodens & A. Castronovo
R. Gallop & K. Byrne
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
C. Wodzinski & A. Talaid

IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP

Holy Family – Saturday, July 9th in the meeting room in the basement of the church at 366 Watchogue Road. We gather after the 8:30am Mass and begin prayer at 9:30am. If the front door of the church is locked walk around left of the church and enter the door on the right, across from the rectory. Come down the stairs and walk across to the other side and make a right and we are in the room at the end of the corridor.

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.

NUNSENSE

The Harbor Lights Theater Company (a local non-profit, professional theater company) presents NUNSENSE, July 29th to Aug. 14th at Snug Harbor. Tickets range from \$35 to \$45 and are available at www.hlhc.org or Ovationtix 866-811-4111. Dinner and a Show packages are also available with *Celebrate* at Snug Harbor! Group discounts are available by calling 718-273-7516.

*Welcome New Parishioners**The DeSimone Family**Ms. Mary Courtney Ryan**Ms. Scarselli & Ambrosino Family**The Stumbo & Ciccotto Family*

OUR VISITORS: We thank you for celebrating the Holy Eucharist with us this weekend. If you are visiting, we pray that you had a wonderful visit. If you are new to the area and are considering Blessed Sacrament as your Parish Family, please stop by the Parish Office to register. Or, go to our website, click on the Parish Registration Form link, print out a Registration Form and return your completed form to us in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Fourth of July! An historian once wrote: If we do not know history, we are bound to repeat it.

This weekend we celebrate in many ways the history of our unique, unparalleled Democracy in these United States of America.

For all our imperfections, we thank God for the land of the free and home of the brave. But, in these challenging and chaotic days at home and abroad, it is time to look back in history in order to understand history, and so go forward, today and tomorrow, faithful always to the principles upon which our nation was founded – UNDER GOD!

Recently, I received a letter from the Eisenhower Foundation under the signature of Mary Jean Eisenhower, granddaughter of Dwight David Eisenhower, President of the United States 1952-1960. In her letter for support of the foundation she writes in honor of the 72nd Anniversary of D-DAY a personal story of General Eisenhower and how he cared for the boys under his command.

Mary Jean Eisenhower writes: "It was 1952 in Chicago, and Ike had just accepted the Republican nomination for president of the United States. The morning after the convention, Eisenhower emerged from his hotel and started walking up Michigan Avenue alone. No aides, no driver, no body guards...alone.

He entered the Congress Hotel and headed to the ballroom where the 82nd Airborne was holding a reunion.

The 82nd Airborne was one of the units parachuted behind enemy lines the night before D-Day. They were sent in to prevent German reinforcements and supplies from arriving.

In the days leading up to D-Day, General Eisenhower's advisors pleaded with him not to send in the airborne division. They warned that they would suffer a 75% casualty rate.

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But my grandfather knew that unless he could block German reinforcements from arriving, the 156,000 young men storming the beaches would be gunned down with nowhere to retreat.

General Eisenhower often said that the decision to send those paratroopers behind enemy lines was the hardest decision he made during the War. Ultimately, it paid off – and our boys won that epic battle, though at great cost.

Eight years later, as my grandfather entered the ballroom where the 82nd Airborne was holding its reunion; the room erupted into rousing cheers from the men he once commanded. Ike approached the podium and began to address the crowd

As he looked at the gathering of young veterans, his thoughts turned back to that night when he watched those same boys take off into the dark sky, knowing that many of them would not return.

*In the ballroom, to everyone's surprise...
General Eisenhower's eyes began to swell with tears.*

My grandfather was not the type of man to wear his heart on his sleeve. He was a tough...he was a soldier.

But the love he had for those men – and the gratitude he felt for their selfless sacrifice – was enough to bring him to tears.

Unfortunately, more than seven decades have passed since the D-Day landings.

And with each passing year, the sacrifices that were made by those heroic young men fade further from our nation's memory.

It's gotten to the point where less than half of American students even know who we fought during World War II.

It's not the children's fault. These young people would gladly learn about the heroes who stormed the beaches of Normandy...if only someone would teach them."

All war is tragic and the 20th century was replete from Sarajevo to the Middle East and across the globe with the terror and terrible consequences of war! War! War!

In 1965 Pope Paul VI cried out in the United Nations for Peace – No More War. And his successors, Vicars of Christ all, John XXIII, Benedict XVI; Francis echo his plea and prayer to a world too often preoccupied with self not selfless. When will we listen?

Now, is the time to heed the lessons of the past; and accept the challenge of the granddaughter of a General and President; to teach our children the lessons of history. Let us never forget the sacrifices of today's millions, of all God's children, and heed the biblical plea to turn our weapons into plow shares, and let us begin to convert belligerency into brotherhood from sea to shining sea, across the face of God's creation.

Let our Fourth of July celebration ring out with renewed resolve to maintain, preserve and proclaim Faith – Family – Justice – Peace and Freedom, proclaiming to all our brothers and sisters at home and across the globe as our solemn commitment to God and Country and for all God's people everywhere.

*God bless you and
God bless and protect America*

MSGR. FINN