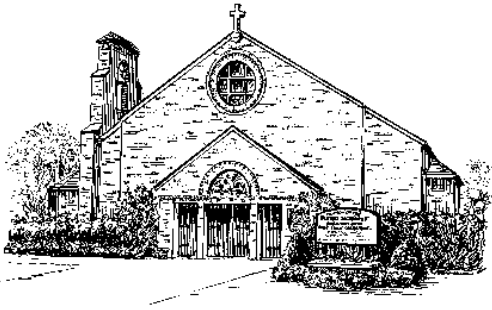


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 17, 2016



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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

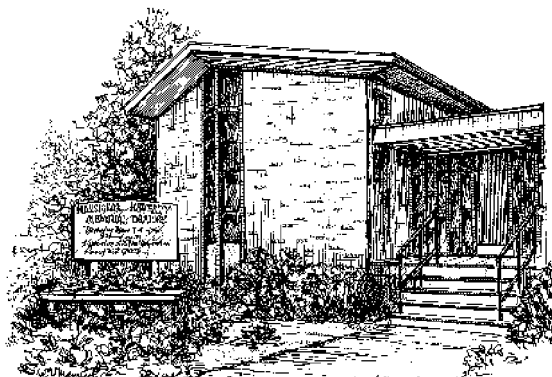
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



**SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION
OF THE FAITH**

JOIN in the worldwide mission of Jesus!

By our Baptism, we are all missionaries – called to share our faith in Jesus Christ with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Propagation of the Faith.

In making this commitment, we pledge to...

Pray daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.

Offer regular financial help and support of those who bring the “Good News” of Jesus to our brothers and sisters throughout the Missions.

Please say “yes” to this special missionary call next weekend. Thank you very much.

SUPPORT THE CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

Your action is needed to urge Congress to protect the rights of healthcare professionals, Catholic hospitals, and all people of goodwill who object to participating in abortion.

The Conscience Protection Act of 2016 (HR4828) gives these conscientious objectors a means for protecting their conscience rights through legal action. A vote on this critical legislation in the House of Representatives is imminent. Contact your member of Congress today and ask them to support this legislation.

Immediate action is necessary. Right now, Catholic schools, churches, and other faith-based organizations are being forced to cover abortion – even late-term abortion – in their health plans. Right now, Catholic health professionals are being forced to provide and participate in abortions.

Contact your elected representative, Daniel Donovan today and ask him to support the Conscience Protection Act. Thank you for doing your part to protect conscience rights and to build a Culture of Life.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$5,384 (Weekly)	\$6,034 (Weekly)
\$2,244	<Monthly > \$2,491
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
704 (Adults)	721 (Adults)
154 (Children)	128 (Children)
858	849

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 Victor L. Prevosti
9:00 Tom Taccetta

TUESDAY

7:00 Anna Cataldo
9:00 John & Peggy Ciano

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Daniel P. Tully
9:00 Elisa Saluta

THURSDAY

7:00 Carl Walshe
9:00 Jeremiah John Bullen, Sr.

FRIDAY

7:00 Agnes Quinlan
9:00 Mario Di Costanzo

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary Rita Vreeland
5:00 Audrey Gartrell

SUNDAY

8:00 Patricia McQuade
9:30 Peter C. Bjorklund
12:30 Michael P. DeMato

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANNA CATALDO**

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 24

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9
8:00 AM	Team 10
9:30 AM	Team 6
11:00 AM	Team 7
12:30 PM	Team 8

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
E. Trentalange
M. Peries
M. Conigatti
M. Boyd

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
J. Wright & E. Laub
J. Hansen & R. Gallop
J. Pace & E. Hodgens
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
C. Wodzinski & C. Rooney

REMEMBERING FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL

Join us for special Mass remembering this holy priest. At this mass special intentions are for those afflicted by mental health issues and those in poverty. **July 22 at 7:30pm** at Our Lady of Help of Christians, 7396 Amboy Road. Celebrant: Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, Co-founder of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Author, Well-known Speaker and television guest.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Fridays 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.

WATCH YOUR POSTURE

Our posture is often a tip-off to our hospitality and reverence for the Lord. Note the actions of Abraham as he greeted the Lord in the presence of three men who appeared near his tent. He ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them. He bowed to the ground as he met them. He and Sarah, his wife, hastened to prepare a meal and bring food and water to their guests.

In the Gospel story, Jesus' friend Mary sat at his feet in order to listen to him speak.

How do we welcome and reverence the Lord? What do our actions show? Do we remember the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament? How do we welcome the Lord in the scripture readings? How do we acknowledge his presence in our brothers and sisters, both at Mass and afterwards?

Whether we kneel, stand, or sit in the Lord's presence, may our hearts and minds always be attuned to him.

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MARIAN SHRINE

The Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY is one of the designated sites for the Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of New York. The Shrine is open from 9:00am to 3:30pm each day. Confessions are heard from 11:00am to 12:00noon. Mass is celebrated at noon, followed by rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.


OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY

Saturday, August 6th – "You at Least Try to Console Me." World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Road, Washington, NJ, invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Special Guest Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, IMC. Confession 10:30am; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:00 Holy Mass; 1:30 Benediction; 2:00 Holy House: Confessions, Children's Video, Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends. For more info: www.bluearmy.com; 908-689-1700 ext. 210

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Can you find these words about Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary?

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FROM THE PASTOR

As the Year of Mercy continues we continue to seek wisdom, guidance, direction and resolve in our efforts to respond to the call of Our Holy Father Francis. Herein lies another lesson in the Year of Mercy by Peg Ekerdt for Celebration.

The Voice Within

Each year for the past four, our faith formation team has selected a book for the parish to read. This year the choice is Austen Ivereigh's biography of Pope Francis, The Great Reformer. There is no shortage of books about Francis. And on nearly a daily basis, I read articles that detail every utterance and action of our amazing pope. So I sincerely doubted that another biography would tell me anything I did not know.

Turns out it had plenty to tell me. The book is a good read on several counts, providing context that illuminates the themes and actions of Francis' papacy. But there is one part of the book that gripped my attention.

By May of 1986, Jorge Bergoglio had completed terms of leadership as Argentinean Jesuit provincial and rector. Change was at hand, and new leadership had been appointed by Rome. To allow that new regime to take hold, Bergoglio's Jesuit superiors sent him to Germany to pursue a doctorate. Ivereigh takes an entire chapter to detail the internal politics that led to this assignment. Suffice to say, Jorge Bergoglio was banished to Germany by his Jesuit brothers.

In obedience, he departed for Germany. Once there our future pope boned up on his German and diligently spent the first months doing research to develop a thesis. But he was profoundly miserable. During solitary walks at night, so the story goes, he would wave to the Argentina bound planes taking off from the Frankfurt airport. He longed to be on one of those planes and to return home. And soon he did. In December, he packed his bags and notified the province that he was coming home—a couple of years early.

The book chronicles his devotion to "Mary the Untier of Knots" that takes root during this time of exile and the process of faith-filled discernment that led to his early departure. But the bottom line is Jorge Bergoglio made a decision that contradicted the orders of his Jesuit superiors. As I read about the experiences that brought him to this departure, I could not turn the pages fast enough as I figured out what he was doing.

Perhaps I found the story riveting because I am a first-born whose first inclination is to follow the rules. Perhaps I was stunned as the story unfolded because the vow of obedience is an essential requirement of Jesuit life. Perhaps it is because I work and live within a church top-heavy with authority and I could not believe that the man who now occupies the chair of highest authority in the Catholic Church once defied his own superiors.

Or perhaps it is because I know that decisions of conscience take courage and grace. I know this because I have made them. And I know the loneliness and judgment that endures when a decision is made that challenges the voice of authority. I suspect that many of you know this too.

Like gold tested in fire, decisions of conscience set us apart. They do not ensure an easy time to come, nor do they resolve conflict; often they provoke or intensify conflict. In Bergoglio's case, that was certainly true. But such decisions are nonetheless ours to make. The catechism teaches that a human being must always obey the certain judgment of conscience (1800), and it reminds us that conscience is humanity's most secret core and sanctuary where God's voice echoes in the depths within (#1795). Prayerful discerned and informed conscience is the authority to which we must answer. Ultimately, to obey is to listen to the movement of God's spirit in our hearts.

When we are tempted to ignore the voice within and avoid making waves, the pope's story reminds us that we have a responsibility to listen, to hear, and to obey the authority of conscience. And it reminds us that, although decisions of conscience are often misunderstood and leave us standing alone and misjudged, we do not really have a choice. In such times we can hold on to Francis' subsequent advice: "You've got to live your own exile. I did. And afterwards you'll be back. And when you do come back, you will be more merciful, kinder and you are going to want to serve your people more.

From pain comes new life. It is a familiar theme. Be of good courage and do not be afraid of living in exile. Know that those who live in exile because of decisions of conscience will one day be back. Until then, believe that God accompanies us each day, and works through our loneliness and pain so we may be instruments of mercy and grace. There it is – another Francis lesson in this Year of Mercy.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN