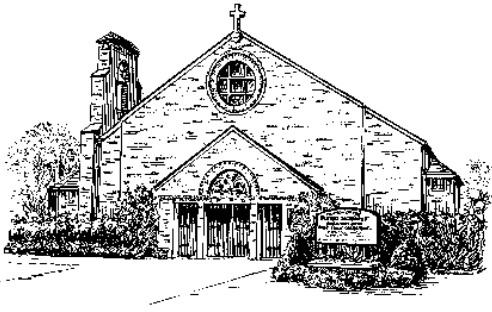


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

December 4, 2016

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.

**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

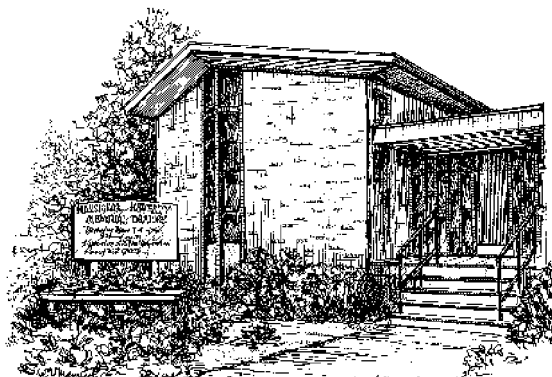
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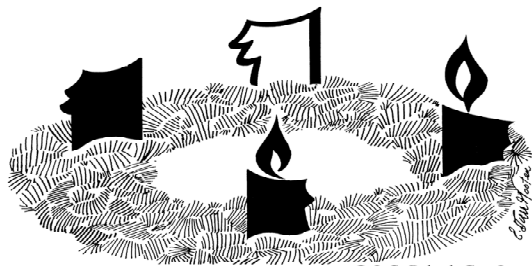
### **SCHOOL**

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





**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

**TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB**

The Titan League Breakfast Club will hold its **Annual Christmas Luncheon** on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at O'Neill's, 1614 Forest Avenue. Questions – call Harry Bavaro at 718-442-7317.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

8am Mass next Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by a meeting in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for our annual toy drive for Staten Island Administration of Children Services (ACS).

**IGNATIUS PRAYER GROUP**

Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. Gather after the 8:30am Mass and begin prayer at 9:30am in the basement meeting room. We are going to be praying with St. Ignatius's Contemplation on the Incarnation which will include the Annunciation passage from Luke 1:26-38.

**RICHMOND CHORAL SOCIETY** presents Realms of Glory. Holiday selections and the RCS traditional holiday sing-a-long. Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at St. Clare's Church, 110 Nelson Ave. Admission: \$20 – Seniors \$15 – Students with ID \$10, Children under 12: Free. Blessed Sacrament parishioner, Ginny McKeever sings with Richmond Choral and appreciates your support.

<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>\$5,246 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$6,834 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$1,846 &lt;Debt Reduction&gt;</b>	<b>\$1,880</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>765 (Adults)</b>	<b>805 (Adults)</b>
<b>159 (Children)</b>	<b>190 (Children)</b>
<b>924</b>	<b>995</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Emily Marie McQuade**

**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 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, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran and Gail Kees

**SYMPATHY**

Remember the soul of Mary Jane Van Pelt and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

**MONDAY**

7:00 Joan Frochlich (Living)  
9:00 Elisa Saluta

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Renato Gomez  
9:00 Ellen Shaunessey

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Dante Santos  
9:00 Deceased Members of Carino Family  
7:00 John J. Riley

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Mary Teresa Finn  
9:00 Anna Giorgio  
11:00 Fr. Malcolm Martin  
7:00 John & Rose Dogolin

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Riley O'Rourke (Living)  
9:00 Gloria DeJesus

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Carmine & Nancy Alfano & Family  
5:00 Mary Deignan

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Frank Falzetta  
9:30 Vito & Catherine Lucatorto & William & Lucy Pollard  
12:30 Mary & Ansel Martin

**SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 11, 2016**

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

<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>
L. Pillarella
R. Griswold
E. Trentalange
J. Pace
M. Conigatti

<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
D. Vigliotti & A. Coscia
K. Falcone & W. Boyd
A. Morrell & B. Collorec
K. Byrne & M. Morgan

**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.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

The festival of Lessons and Carols is an advent service of scripture and song that dates back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and is followed around the world. Through poignant readings from the Old and New Testament interspersed with beautiful music, the congregation is invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history. There are nine scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. We invite you to pray and reflect with us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lessons and Carols, hosted by the adult choir, will be held on Tuesday, **Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.

*Dear friends in the Lord:*

*Next week, our parishes will take up the annual archdiocesan collection for the thousands of retired Catholic sisters and brothers whose hard work, prayers, and sacrifices helped build our Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. These dedicated women and men gave – and give – their lives in extraordinary and exemplary service to the archdiocese, and now, as they move into their senior years, we are able to offer them in return our love and support through this annual collection that helps to provide for their needs.*

*Be assured that I am fully aware of the many good causes which you are asked to support and, at the same time, that many of us are faced with trying financial situations at home. As the Christmas season of generous giving approaches, please do whatever you can to assist our retired religious.*

*With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Advent season, I am,*

*Faithfully in Christ,*

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York*

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Advent is here! December is filled with excitement and anticipation! Christmas is almost upon us!

Reflecting on the joy which was our celebration of Thanksgiving and the ongoing "discussion" of the recent election, I was moved by an article in the Wall Street Journal by Rabbi Rubinstein, director of Jewish community at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York City, entitled:

Thinking About Charity on Black Friday

Following a bruising presidential election, some Americans are afraid of the future. Others feel that the tumult of the campaign was necessary to disrupt business as usual. Multitudes feel that the country has lost its way, while just as many believe that the nation has finally found its footing. No doubt millions of people have witnessed these divisions at their own Thanksgiving feasts.

Many of us in the religious world wonder: How can we bridge this chasm and unify our body politic? How does the country close the fault line that divides the U.S. in half? Is it possible to stand for what we believe is right while still being civil toward the friends, family and neighbors who supported the "wrong" candidate? The way forward lies not in politics, but in something that binds us together as human beings: the simple act of giving to others.

Giving has long been invoked as a healing counterpoint to the darker sides of human nature. Tzedakah – the Jewish concept of donating at least 10% of one's income to charity – comes from the Hebrew word for justice, or righteousness. *Generosity is also at the heart of Christianity, and it is one of the five pillars of Islam.*

Giving was a ritual at the heart of my grandfather's faith. When he died, my father's family discovered a drawer full of receipts in his home. Half of the

receipts were from charities to which my grandfather had donated, and the other half from a moneylender. My grandfather, a poor tailor in New York, had borrowed money every Friday afternoon to fulfill the commandment of giving tzedakah before the Jewish Sabbath. He then repaid the debt the following week, once he had the money in his pocket.

*Celebrating these ordinary moments of generosity will be critical to helping the nation heal.* Instead of reducing people to voters for a particular cause, think of them instead as the family that serves in a soup kitchen; the teenager who volunteers to read to seniors; the couple who donate to their local house of worship; the community leader who brings together those from very different worlds.

In Judaism, we think of simple acts like these as tikkun ha-nefesh, the healing of a human's soul in a time of need. We each have the power to make another person's life better through acts of intentional kindness. We can feed them when they're hungry, hug them when they're hurting, stand by them when they're afraid. *Ordinary acts of generosity may not by themselves "heal" the country. But giving forces us to see others as human, regardless of differences.*

A perfect opportunity to do this will come on Giving-Tuesday, which takes place this year on Nov. 29. This ritual was started by New York's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in 2012. After Black Friday and Cyber Monday, we could all benefit from a day that elevates the practice of giving during a season of significant commercialism. Individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world have come together to support and champion this day of giving.

Faith groups have played a role in GivingTuesday from the start. World Relief, which partners with local churches to help the vulnerable, is encouraging people to donate a welcome kit to a newly arriving refugee family. *The iGive-Catholic campaign encourages the Catholic community to support hundreds of parishes, schools, ministries and not-for-profit organizations.* United Muslim Relief is raising funds to provide 1,000 Syrian refugees with winter coats. The Associated, a Jewish philanthropic organization in Baltimore, is raising funds to provide food for the hungry and shelter for the homeless. The list goes on.

Americans won't have resolved all their differences over turkey and stuffing. And as we continue to navigate and negotiate the country's new political and social terrain, we should appeal to the most noble aspirations of America – and of religious thought.

*We ought to hold fast to the kind of generosity and kindness that binds us together. Repairing the country, and the world, can best be done one soul at a time. It's a good time to get on with it.*

Generosity is at the heart of Christianity, Islam and Judaism and is very evident in our own faith community.

Thanks to all who reach out with hearts, heads and hands to the hurting, needy, lonely – young and old in our midst.

Year round your generosity reflects your goodness and commitment to Jesus Christ and our brothers and sisters.

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN