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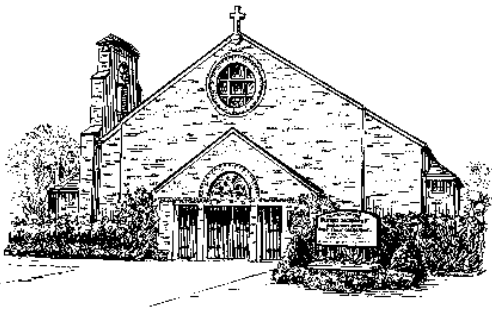
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BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

January 29, 2017



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

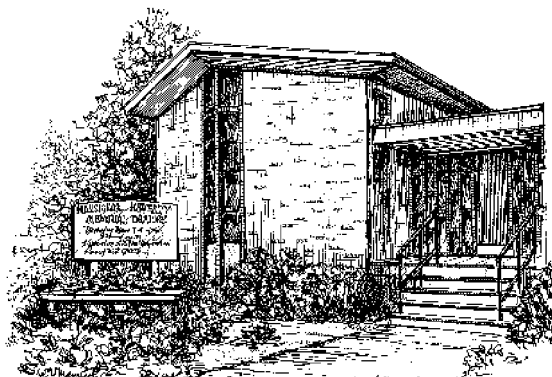
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Blessing of Throats will take place on Friday, Feb. 3rd following the 7:00am and 9:00am Masses.

ST. CLARE EMPLOYMENT GROUP

The St. Clare Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advisement to the unemployed and their families. The next meeting is Feb. 16th, the topic is: Keeping Your Job Search on Track and Overcoming Obstacles”, presented by Lou Maresca, Sr. Finance Manager, Canon Business Services. For more information or to make an appointment to meet with an advisor please call the St. Clare Rectory at 718-984-7873.

TITAN LEAGUE SWIM TRYOUTS

Swim tryouts for Grades 1 to 8 will take place on Saturday, Feb. 4th at 6:30pm at the JCC on Manor Road. Any questions call Deirdre Tirota at 646-773-6101.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week kicks off with a Mass on January 29th at 1:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 981 Castleton Avenue. Our Catholic schools are unique in the value they place on service to others. What better way to honor this commitment to social justice than by investing in serving students with disabilities in Catholic schools and developing a culture of inclusion. The Superintendent of School’s of the Archdiocese of NY is exploring how our Catholic schools can better serve families who have children with special needs. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRFDV5Y to take our Special Needs Survey.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,647 (Weekly)	\$863 (Weekly)
\$2,483	<Debt Reduction> \$340
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
750 (Adults)	138 (Adults)
178 (Children)	15 (Children)
928	153

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DONOR’S SPECIAL REQUEST THROUGH
THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

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, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino and Michelina Farley

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Elizabeth Gorman
9:00 Burton Cohen

TUESDAY

7:00 Roberta Pepe
9:00 Pedro Maghuyop

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Luigi Tirro
9:00 Victor Stacey

THURSDAY

7:00 Steven McDonald
9:00 Mary Teresa Finn

FRIDAY

7:00 Peggy Ciano
9:00 James Yates

SATURDAY

9:00 Kathleen Ryan
5:00 John Greany

SUNDAY

8:00 Pamela Groves
9:30 Michael McCarthy
12:30 Larry Puca

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2017

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
Sr. Anne Dolores
F. Molanphy
C. Wodzinski & Student
R. Helbock
D. Maj

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
E. Hodgenz & A. Morrell
P. Thomann & K. Falcone
J. & K. Boyle
K. Byrne & A. Castronovo

Dear friends in the Lord:

Soon our archdiocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

Pope Francis called to us in his 2016 Urbi et Orbi address, "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people." We are taking up this collection to be part of the Church's effort to promote a culture of encounter and justice. Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world by assisting those who suffer from war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the *Peter's Pence Collection* this year, as you have done in the past with my gratitude. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

We celebrate nationally Catholic Schools Week 2017 starting today. Statistically, our Catholic Schools are outstanding in providing young men and women from pre-K to University with the opportunity to be educated with Catholic identity and values. This long term American phenomena in the U. S. has contributed beyond measure to the strength of our nation. Sadly, the inability of Catholic parents and

others to meet the challenge of expense in educating their children in Catholic and non-public schools is in my opinion a "major loss" to our nation and its ideals. Without apology, I submit that failure to interpret "separation of Church and State in terms of support for non-public education is a deprivation to present and future of its worthy young citizens. And as such, our nation and society suffers.

Permit me to illustrate the power of parents in educating their children and the source of their impact on the lives of their young ones!

Once again, from *Light One Candle* of the Christophers an example first from Tony Rossi, Director of Communications and then Jerry Costello.

Pint Sized Prophets

Tony Rossi

Dr. Chuck Dietzen grew up wanting to be St. Francis of Assisi. In a way, he achieved his goal because "where there is despair," he brings "hope" – and "where there is darkness," he brings "light." At the same time, he shuns any self praise because he believes this is something that all of us can do. That message is clear in his powerful memoir "Pint-Sized Prophets: Inspirational Moments That Taught Me We Are All Born to Be Healers."

As a child, Dietzen and his siblings were exposed to children in need because their parents took in approximately 150 foster children over 20 years. They even adopted two of them: Vince and Connie. It was the 1970's and Vince suffered from hemophilia. When Dietzen's dad discussed the possible adoption with the family, he explained, "It may take every bit of money I make to keep him alive." Everyone – even the kids – agreed that whatever sacrifices may be called for, it would be worth it to save Vince and give him a good home. It might seem unusual for the selflessness in a family to run so deep, but this family was Catholic. And as Dietzen told me during a "Christopher Closeup" interview. "My parents didn't preach giving and caring for others. They demonstrated it on a regular basis...Children learn what they live. Thankfully, my parents had a great home for us to practice what we were learning on Sunday."

The Catholic faith is also what exposed Dietzen to

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St. Francis and his love of animals. The saint made him want to be a veterinarian, though that dream eventually transformed into him pursuing a medical career in pediatrics. Dietzen's background in sports led him to physical rehabilitation as a specialty, working with kids who are disabled. His mission expanded even more in 1997 after an encounter with Mother Teresa during a trip to India. From her, he learned, "Be ordinary, but have an extraordinary mission."

That experience prompted Dietzen to ask himself, "Why did God put me here?" The answer he came up with was, "I'm here to save every child I can, do what I can to relieve suffering. But the other part of that is revealing to others that we weren't all born to be doctors and nurses, but we were all born to be healers."

Soon after, Dietzen founded Timmy Global Health, named after his brother who died a few days after birth. The group supports and encourages high school and college students, making them part of the mission to bring healthcare to those in need around the world.

Dietzen remains focused on the connections he forms with his patients, who, as his book title states, are "Pint-Sized Prophets." He concludes, "I think the beauty of this work is when you allow yourself to get close enough to these kids, your heart will be broken and, at the same time, healed, if you actually allow that to happen. What you discover is the spiritual part of this life. Body image, physical ability disappears. The connection is so remarkable when you're around these gurus. They have the most important mission of all of us. They're not the fastest; they don't throw the hardest balls. They're not incredible mathematicians or movie stars. What they are though, they are incredible souls who were sent here to make us better, to make us more compassionate, to make us more kind, to make us more human."

McConaughey's Mom Planted Seeds of Service Jerry Costello

With the school year now under way in earnest, it seemed a good time to point out that movie star Matthew McConaughey gives a huge shout-out to America's teachers in a recent issue of Parade Magazine. Not only does he cite "gifted teachers" who have made a difference in his life and those of several others, but he provides details on a foundation he established that's having an impact on the lives of some lucky young people across the country.

McConaughey, a native of Longview, Texas, told writer Allison Ashton that he has especially warm memories of a favorite teacher: his mom, Kay, who taught kindergarten and was a sub in the area. He credits her with inspiring his desire to give back (and even do some teaching himself at his alma mater, the University of Texas at Austin.)

"She started us with Meals on Wheels, where you go take food to the elderly," he said. "She made that a weekly ritual for us." That, along with going to church regularly, established a pattern – a pattern he admits that he ignored at first but in time became a way of life, of doing good things for other people. "It planted a seed," he said.

He also recalls with a chuckle one vivid memory. "Mom was a bit of renegade. She was always like 'Let's get out of this classroom! Why are we talking about trains when we could ride one?' And she'd take us down to Amtrak – without asking permission." (Everyone got back safely, he said.)

Now, about that foundation. It's called Just Keep Livin' (JKL for short) and it's for inner-city high schoolers living in Washington, D. C., and three other areas. So far it's attracted 2,400 members. Designed as an after-school program, it focuses on fitness, nutrition, gratitude, and community service.

McConaughey says of the JKL project: "Students who participate say it provides a safe haven from street violence and a respite from the isolation of sitting at home. It's a place for kids who aren't on a team to have a team."

The foundation is ringing up some impressive results, too. School attendance, grades and behavior all show a marked improvement and JKL kids have an 88% graduation rate (as opposed to the typical dropout rate of 40% for other students). All this is no accident, he insists, crediting exceptional teachers as the heart and soul of his foundation's work.

Writer Ashton cites other "favorite teachers" in her article, including a num named by Ann Patchett, a bookstore owner and author. "My favorite teacher was Sister Nena, who taught me how to read and write," Patchett says. "She's 83 now and my best friend. Without reading and writing, it wouldn't have been much of a life for me."

Professionally, McConaughey is riding high with the recent release of "Kubo and the Two Strings," which features co-star Charlize Theron. She had some kind words about teachers, too, from her South African heritage.

Great teachers, like great performers, know how to play to their audience, she told writer Ashton. "If you have the capability of bringing a few of those dynamics into a room," she said, "you're a very powerful teacher."

God bless you
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