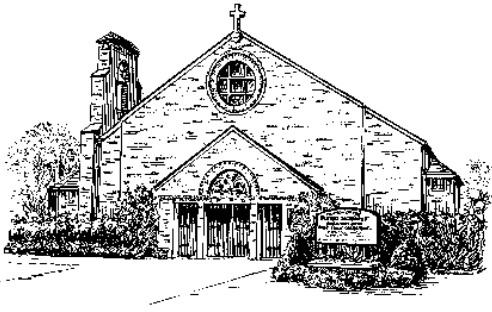


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

March 5, 2017

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.

**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

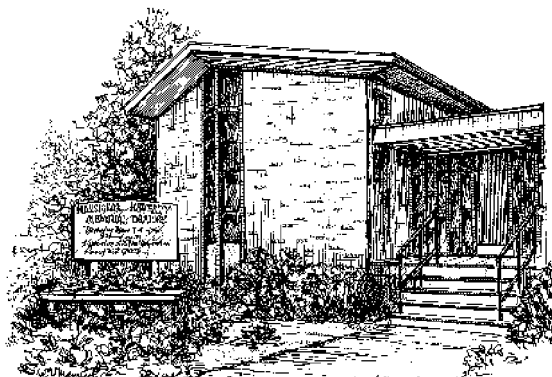
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **SCHOOL**

Mr. Joseph Cocozello  
Principal  
830 Delafield Avenue  
442-3090

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.J.B. - D.R.E.  
830 Delafield Avenue  
448-0378



**MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL**

Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays are important Lenten obligations for every Catholic bound by age and health.

This year, **the solemnity of St. Patrick**, our patron falls on a Friday, and I have decided to **dispense our people from abstaining from meat**.

**ST. JOSEPH GUILD** - 9:30am Mass next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> with meeting to follow in the Parish House Meeting Room.

*Welcome New Parishioners*

*The Beswick & Drummond Family*

*Mr. & Mrs. John Driscoll*

*The Ferraioli Family*

*The Gagliardi Family*

*Ms. Teresa Gangemi*

*The Geissler Family*

*The Griggs Family*

*Mr. Timothy Hally*

*The Hillery Family*

*Ms. Teresa Hollywood & Mr. Richard Collett*

*The Jones Family*

*The Kennedy Family*

*The Lambert Family*

*Mr. Thomas Larsen*

*The Martin Family*

**Moving/Change of Address:** Please help us keep our records up-to-date. Be sure to notify the Parish Office if you are moving or have a new phone number. Thank you.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$6,268 (Weekly)	\$7,012 (Weekly)
\$1,834 <Debt Reduction>	\$2,035
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>  	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
753 (Adults)	927 (Adults)
<u>199 (Children)</u>	<u>203 (Children)</u>
952	1,130

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THERESA & DAVID DE MARZIO**

**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 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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, 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, Michelina Farley and Rose Marie Carino

**SYMPATHY**

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Victoria Finn (Living)  
9:00 John Flanagan  
7:00 Ralph Uriguen

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Kathleen Burns  
9:00 Felicidad A. Tobias  
7:00 Francis X. Dee

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Sacred Heart of Jesus  
9:00 Elizabeth Gorman  
7:00 Sarah McDermott

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Vincent Cataldo  
9:00 June Lee  
7:00 St. Bernard's Memorarae

**FRIDAY**

7:00 John & Madeline Murphy  
9:00 Gligor Muntean  
7:00 Christina Corso (Living)

**SATURDAY**

9:00 James Dowling  
5:00 John O'Toole

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Amy Mezzacappa  
9:30 Joseph Morrell (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
12:30 Anthony Mazza

**SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 12, 2017****ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team	7
8:00 AM	Team	8
9:30 AM	Team	9
11:00 AM	Team	10
12:30 PM	Team	6

**LECTORS**

Sr. Anne Dolores
F. Molanphy
J. Pace & Student
M. Peries
D. Leddy

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

V. Donnelly & C. Roney
A. Aponte & A. Coscia
J. Spach & M. Spach
J. Boyle & K. Boyle
K. Byrne & E. Laub

**CHRISM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

The Chrism Mass will be held on **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This special Mass is open to all our parishioners and friends. A bus will leave from the front of the Church at 1:30pm. Donation is \$25/pp and the check should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church and sent to the Parish House.

**YOUTH FEST 2017**

All high school students on Staten Island are invited to attend Youth Fest 2017 on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5pm at Moore Catholic High School. This is a day of fun, faith, friends, food and free cash raffles. The day ends with a 4pm Vigil Mass with Bishop O'Hara.

**LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. CLARE'S**

Please join us at St. Clare, 110 Nelson Ave., for a four week Lenten Retreat in Daily Life in the Spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola. The meetings will be held on Thursdays: March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at 7:30pm in the chapel. Each session will last an hour and will be comprised of music, prayer with a gospel passage, some points about Ignatian Spirituality, discussion and suggestions for your prayer during the week.

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

The St. Joseph Retreat Center, 850 Hylan Blvd. is offering the following programs in March.

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm **12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life**, Fee: \$20

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm, **Meditation Monday**, Fee:\$20

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, **St. Joseph, the Gentle Giant**, Fee: \$25

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30-3:30pm, **In the Footsteps of Mary**, Fee: \$25

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, **Lenten Guided Retreat**, Fee: \$250 single/\$200 double, non-refundable deposit of \$50 due by March 17<sup>th</sup>

Visit: SJRetreatCenter.org or call 718-720-1097 for details and to reserve your spot.

**DAYLIGHT**

Begins next **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to move your clocks forward.

**STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION**

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

This spring's "40 Days for Life" campaign will be held March 1 - April 9<sup>th</sup>. "40Days for Life" is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**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.

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### **FROM THE PASTOR**

And so we begin! It is the First Sunday of Lent. We have received our Ashes proclaiming our faith in Jesus and willingness to journey with Him during the next 5 Sundays of Lent to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday.

Steve Mueller, Editor of *Lent: A Time of Grace and Renew Our Hearts: A Personal Invitation to Lenten Conversation with Pope Francis* shares the following:

“Lent is a time of renewal for the whole church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a time of grace.” “So our task this Lent is to let ourselves be touched by God’s grace, to be changed, and thus to become more like Christ so we can reach out to become benefactors to others by sharing our experience of God and Christ and the Holy Spirit at work in us.” Pope Francis reminds us “this is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing. And with the grace of Baptism and Eucharistic communion we can become instruments of God’s mercy.”

Pope Francis, referencing (Hebrews 3:12), “take care, brothers and sisters that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God,” warns us of overcoming the temptation of indifference.

All too often we are tempted by indifference, flooded with news reports and troubling images of human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness? First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer. Second, we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church’s many charitable organizations. Lent is a favorable time for showing this concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family. Third, the suffering of others is a call to conversion, since their need reminds us of the uncertainty of our own life and dependence on God and our brothers and sisters. If we humbly implore God’s grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God’s love holds out to us. We will also be able to resist the diabolical temptation of thinking that by our own efforts we can save the world and our selves.

And so, the question we might ask ourselves is “How might I show greater concern for the needs of others today?”

### **A Prayer for Lent**

Stay with me Lord,  
because I am weak  
and I need your strength.  
You are my life and without you  
I am without fervor.  
You are my light  
and without you  
I am in darkness.  
Stay with me, Lord  
for I desire to love you  
and always be in your company.  
Stay with me, Jesus,  
in life with all its dangers,  
I need you. Amen  
St. Padre Pio

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God bless you  
MSGR. FINN