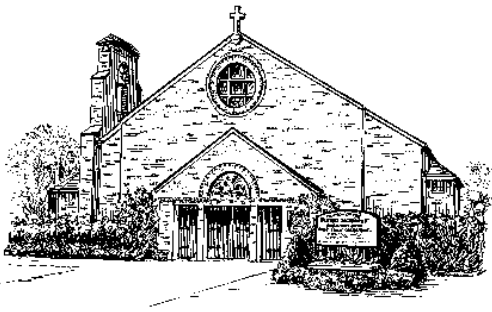


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

March 26, 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.

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

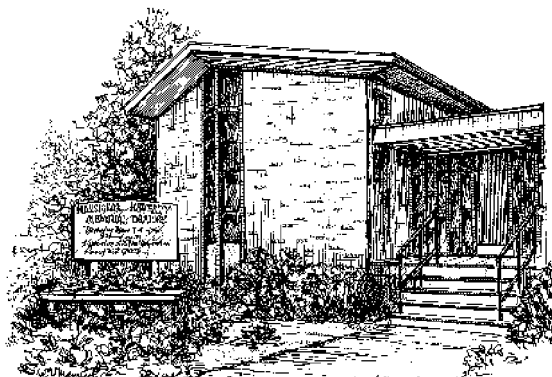
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



GOLDEN CROSS FOR EDUCATION BREAKFAST

Please join us in prayer and celebration as we honor the individuals who have supported Staten Island Catholic Schools, at the Golden Cross for Education Awards Breakfast, Sunday, **April 23rd**, Mass at **8:15am** at St. Charles, followed by award breakfast at the Excelsior Grand from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The 2017 Honorees will be Assemblyman, Michael Cusick for his sponsorship of the Education Tax Credit Bill and Rev. Msgr. Peter G. Finn, for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Staten Island Catholic elementary schools. Nominees from each of the 22 Catholic elementary schools will receive the 2017 Outstanding Catholic Community Award. Tickets are \$37 or \$350 for a table of ten. For more info visit: www.adny-si.org or email Diana Gatto@archny.org or order tickets online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-golden-cross-for-education-award-breakfast-tickets-32417167621

BUS TO CHRISM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S

The Chrism Mass will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th** 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. Please call 718-442-1581 if you are interested in attending.

BLOOD DRIVE

Blessed Sacrament's Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, **April 3rd** from 3pm until 9pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Call Peggy Smith, Parish Nurse 718-447-9657 for more information or to sign-up. **Save a Life - Donate Blood**

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,561 (Weekly)	\$8,286 (Weekly)
\$2,031 <Debt Reduction>	\$3,249
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
802 (Adults)	1,020 (Adults)
180 (Children)	289 (Children)
982	1,309

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY MAGLIOCCA**

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 Ribaldo, 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, and Michelina Farley

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Liz Connolly
9:00 Donald Tarasovis
7:00 Rose Marie Carino

TUESDAY

7:00 Arthur, Ann Dickman
9:00 Michael F. King
7:00 Dorothy Bolembach

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Carmela Buscema
9:00 Mary Wilson
7:00 Charlie Siedenburgh

THURSDAY

7:00 Rose Marie Carino
9:00 Burton Cohen
7:00 Rose Mary Marchese

FRIDAY

7:00 John P. Powers
9:00 Brett Greeley
7:00 Gerard Yates

SATURDAY

9:00 Dr. Reseitupo Domingo
5:00 John F. Ryan

SUNDAY

8:00 Sue Quinn (22nd Anniv.)
9:30 Michael McCarthy
12:30 Nicolina & Angelo DeLisa

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2, 2017

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9	K. Hanley	V. Donnelly & c. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team 10	F. Molanphy	J. Ryan & L. Ryan
9:30 AM	Team 6	E. Trentalange & Student	K. Falcone & M. Thomann
11:00 AM	Team 7	M. Boyd	J. Boyle & K. Boyle
12:30 PM	Team 8	D. Leddy	M. Conigatti & E. Laub

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Registration for **new** students only will be held on **Sunday, April 2nd** from **10:30am until 12:30pm** in the **Parish Center** Meeting Room. Requirements and proof for all **new** registrants:

1. All families must be registered with Blessed Sacrament Church. If you are not registered, kindly pick-up a registration form from the Parish House, 30 Manor Road or go to the website: www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org and fill one out online. This should be done prior to April 2nd.
2. A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.
3. Check or cash in the amount of \$30 representing the registration fee. Checks are to be made payable to "Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Program."

Sr. Anne Dolores, C.S JB.

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.

REVIVE: FAITH EVERY DAY

Last fall, the Archdiocese of New York launched an exciting mission and evangelization program called Revive: Faith Every Day, throughout the parish clusters. The three-day program will be led by a priest from one of our religious communities that specialize in preaching missions. For our cluster consisting of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, Holy Family, St. Teresa, St. Roch, Our Lady of Pity and St. Anthony it will be held on **Monday, April 24th - Wednesday, April 26th** at St. Teresa's from 6pm - 7pm. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss it!

FEAST DAY OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD

Come and join us celebrate Holy Mass in honor of the feast day of San Pedro Calungsod, April 2nd at 5pm. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Bernardito Auza, DD, Ambassador of the Vatican to the UN. Refreshments will be served.

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, March 30th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

POST ELECTION PRAYER CARD

The Adoration Chapel has produced a prayer card for the healing of our nation after the contentious election cycle. One side of the card contains a prayer to Our Lady Queen of Peace, the other is the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Cards are available at the entrance to Church.

FROM THE PASTOR

It is "Laetare Sunday" the Fourth Sunday midway to the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday. We pause to rejoice in anticipation and renewed vigor on our Lenten journey.

Several years ago, I had the pleasure at the annual Christophers Award Ceremony presenting awards to outstanding, films, books and television programs et.al. to meet a young, enthusiastic man being honored in the book category. His name, Mark Shriver. In many ways this young man is a reflection of his contemporary catholic generation. A fine husband, father and practicing Catholic he recently wrote another book which led to Colman McCarthy, director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington C.C. to write a column in the National Catholic reporter entitled:

"Mark Shriver - a Catholic in a funk,
seeks out Francis"

Thought provoking it is well worth a reflection and a prayer for all generations.

Call them Pope Francis refugees: Catholics raised in the church who, for one bleakness or another, bolted but are now back in the pews, drawn by the humble and merciful Jesuit from Argentina.

It's a short stampede, though. According to a 2015 report by the Pew Research Center; 77% of American Catholics who forsook the church said they won't be back, while only 19% reported they might.

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Include Mark Shriver in the latter group. But he confesses to being “skeptical, disillusioned, and uncertain whether the church remained a force for good in the world.” He laments, “I just couldn’t snap out of my funk.”

*The acedia didn’t lead to his skipping Sunday Mass or becoming a Buddhist or Wiccan, only that he realized his heart wasn’t in it. “I kept up my Catholic routine simply because my father and mother’s faith had had such a strong influence on me,” he recalls in the opening lines of the gracefully written and introspective account of his faith journey, *Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis*, published recently by Random House.*

The parents to whom he refers are the late Sargent and Eunice Shriver, whose beatitude-driven Catholicism moved them to lead Christ-centered lives that uplifted millions and millions, maybe more. Were they with us, it’s a surety they would be as heartened and inspired by the refreshing leadership of Francis as is their son. But it’s doubtful they would have gone beyond that, devouring the writings, homilies and interviews of Francis and then joining Mark, who headed south to Argentina to learn who and what shaped Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

Taking time from his work in Washington, D.C., as president of the Save the Children Action Network, Mark’s reportorial legwork won him a bounty of memorable stories. It took him to the Flores barrio where Jorge and his five siblings were raised by devout parents whose grace before meals included reciting the rosary; to his childhood schools; to his Jesuit novitiate in Cordoba; and to the Colegio Maximo for more studies and eventual ordination in December 1969. Fellow Jesuits were located, grilled for memories of Bergoglio as he rose in the ranks of his order and on the way up to hierarchical appointments as a bishop, cardinal and pope.

In an impoverished, dangerous and drug-infested neighborhood, Mark spent time with two parish priests assigned by Francis to minister to the poor. He writes that they and Bergoglio “were challenging my verify concept of what it means to be a good Catholic. The local church was more than a place for worship or other sacraments - it was the center of the community. Their behavior and views were very different from what I was accustomed to, yet there was a sense of solidarity in their parishes that I had rarely seen or experienced in a Catholic parish in the United States.

He learns that the future pope would say Mass in a shed or let “dogs lap water at the foot of the altar.”

“This was not the Catholic church that I knew,” he writes.

Mark’s narrative about Francis is buffed with candid reflections and questionings about his own spiritual life and the vocational choices he has made. “Yes,” he says, “I am trying to create systemic change for kids, but I am doing it from a comfortable office in Washington with a comfortable salary. I try to get children and parents involved with our work, but I am not living in a bare room, sleeping in a single bed. I am pretty darn comfortable and content in my job, pretty darn comfortable and content in my life. “Am I doing enough?”

By chance, Mark found something of an answer in a speech Francis gave in Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 2015, to a gathering of families: “Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith.”

To his disappointment, and after nearly three years of researching for the book, Mark’s request to interview Francis was declined. Not even a 15-minute quickie. As a consolation prize, a Vatican insider finagled an invitation for the Shriver family to attend a 7a.m. papal Mass in June 2016, along with about 40 others.

*I’ve been privileged to know Mark for decades. The honest and heartfelt prose in *Pilgrimage* confirms my long-held feelings that he is ably carrying on the idealism of his saintly parents.*

We are all pilgrims - pray, work, walk on.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN