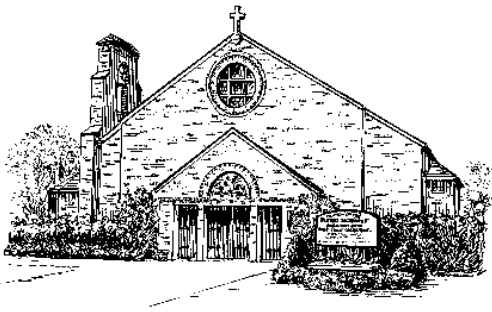


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 16, 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



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The second collection next Sunday will be for the Propagation of the Faith. Rev. Rapheal Innasi of the Missionary Society of Heralds of Good News, India will speak to us about their Missionary activities and challenges.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

During the past year we had a wonderful group of volunteer catechists and aides who gave of their time and talents as we worked together to pass on our faith.

If you have a love of children and wish to help in the mission of passing on our Catholic faith, we ask you to consider joining our Faith Formation team. I know you will find this ministry very rewarding.

As we begin preparation for our 2017/2018 Faith Formation Program, we ask you to consider volunteering in our program as a catechist or office-aide.

To volunteer or to discuss this invitation, please call me at our Faith Formation Program Office (718)448-0378. Thank you.

Sr. Anne Dolores, C.S.JB.

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.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$4,457 (Weekly)	\$5,384 (Weekly)
\$2,179 <Monthly>	\$2,244
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
649 (Adults)	704 (Adults)
<u>125 (Children)</u>	<u>154 (Children)</u>
774	858

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

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, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy and Eileen Doran

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Joseph Meskovic
9:00 Gladys Henry

TUESDAY

7:00 Michael Ralph Tamborra
9:00 Anton More

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anna Cataldo
9:00 Peggy Ciano

THURSDAY

7:00 Buddy & Joan Sclafani (Living-50th Wedding Anniv.)
9:00 Elisa Saluta

FRIDAY

7:00 Richard Decker
9:00 Victor Siuzdak, Sr.

SATURDAY

9:00 Amanda Durut & Ilja Durut
5:00 Edward Lunny

SUNDAY

8:00 Thomas McCarthy
9:30 Marie DiCostanzo
12:30 Concetta Maccarone

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 23, 2017

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
F. Molanphy
C. Wodzinski
M. Conigatti
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
J. Wright & N. Mata
D. Vigliotti & A. Aponte
K. Byrne & A. Morrell
J. Boyle & K. Boyle
H. Wodzinski & E. Laub



**100th ANNIVERSARY OF
BLESSED SACRAMENT
SCHOOL**

Save the date for our
Centennial Celebration at

the Excelsior Grand, September 21st.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

An Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th from 5:50 to 7:30pm in Prusmack Center, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY.

VENDORS NEEDED

Five Flags Flea Market at Holy Child Gym, August 19th from 9am to 5pm. Tables are \$25.00 For more information call Marjorie Pugliese at 347-600-6237.

CHILDREN'S CORNER**The Parable of the Sower**

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a (NIV)
Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



- _____ A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- _____ The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- _____ Covered with stones
- _____ Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- _____ A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- _____ Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- _____ To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- _____ Not deep
- _____ The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow
- _____ A way made by or for people walking on the ground

farmer	seed	rocky	shallow	soil
sow	path	thorns	root	crop

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Because life and death, as well as the minutes, hours, years in between are central to human existence and our understanding of creation and the world we occupy, it is so important for us who call ourselves Christians and believers, to be constantly aware of life issues and our response to them as human beings.

Permit me to share with you a poignant reflection by husband and father, Ryan Verret a Knight of Columbus who with his wife Mary Rose are founders of "Witness to Love" a Catholic Marriage preparation and enrichment program from Columbia Magazine entitled:

*Always With Us
A father honors the memory of his child
lost through miscarriage*

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When I held my fourth child for the first time, the experience was much different from what I had felt with our first three children. Little John Paul had passed away in my wife's womb, and I was carrying the boy's remains in a pathology lab jar that I had wrapped in a blue receiving blanket.

The word "miscarriage" sounded strange to me. True, something had gone wrong with the pregnancy, but as a father I was doing everything I could, with help from my wife, to "carry" this child home.

Many fathers have asked me about coping with such a loss. I advise them not to disengage just because they never held the child in their arms. I urge them to take up their fatherly role by naming the child, paying for the child, and keeping him or her as part of the family. This is what my wife Mary Rose and I have done together.

In the early stages of her fourth pregnancy, we looked forward to the ultrasound, when we would see the baby's heartbeat for the first time. After our doctor searched for signs of life, he switched off the machine and turned toward us. "Mary Rose and Ryan," he said, "I'm sorry, but I think you've had a miscarriage.

We were shocked and confused. Was the joy that we that we had felt the previous weeks - and even minutes before - really over? The doctor said there was nothing we could do until after another ultrasound in a few days.

As a father and a man, not being able to do something or fix a problem was difficult. But we had no choice but to wait.

During our next visit, the doctor confirmed that my wife's pregnancy hormone levels had dropped significantly. However, when he performed the ultrasound, we saw a very faint flicker on the screen that looked like a heartbeat. The doctor had no explanation. He prayed with us, advised us to put this tiny life in the Lord's hands and scheduled for us to come back in three days.

When we returned again, it was confirmed that little John Paul had died. I believe that previous flicker of a heartbeat was a brief sign that we were parents of a child who was no longer with us but with God. Still, the loss hurt deeply. I never even considered the well-meaning advice to just move on and focus on our other three kids. Rather, I resolved to take every opportunity as a husband and father to give thanks for the mother of my child and honor the memory of our John Paul.

The night before the D&C procedure, I held Mary Rose with my hand over her womb, praying together for our deceased child as we had done throughout his short life. After receiving the precious remains the day after the surgery, I left in tears. I wanted to be alone with John Paul, hold him as best I could and carry him home.

Mary Rose greeted me outside our home with a candle. She led me to the temporary altar set up for the Mass that would be offered before the burial in the prayer garden we had prepared for him. This was a difficult but meaningful time for our family, and I am glad that I remained connected to my wife and children throughout the ordeal.

A father has a great opportunity to express in service and kind words what many mothers feel intuitively after experiencing a miscarriage: that this little life, though brief, was truly a human being and is forever one of our children,. Each night, I look at the glowing little light we placed in John Paul's garden, thanking God for each of our children and remembering John Paul's time with us.

As a father, I join my wife in keeping alive his memory until the day when we all hopefully will be together in heaven.

*St. Joseph
Pray for us*

*God bless you
MSGR. FINN*