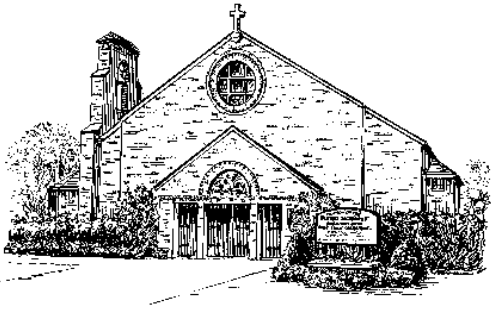


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 23, 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

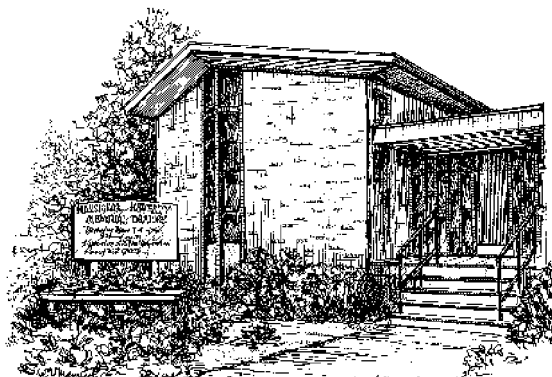
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



THANK YOU FROM CORONA SELF-HELP

Msgr. Peter G. Finn,

This is a letter of appreciation and gratitude for this past weekend of July 9, 2017 for giving us the chance to provide our services of help and prevention from Drug & Alcohol Addiction to those that might be in need. It's also a letter to express our feelings toward the benevolence of people like yourself.

As we stay sober, we can face almost anything with the help of others. We are very grateful to you, your team of servers and community for the generosity, kindness and charity with which you have treated us every time we have visited your parish.

Thank you for your time and your trust in us. We have been reborn; therefore, we are in debt with God primarily in life, because we died emotionally and spiritually, many times, some of us nearly physically. Every day we make the decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand him. We are survivors, all we have is our life experience than can be an inspiration for others to make the decision to change their way of acting, being and thinking which will directly change their way of living.

Your example of making a difference serving others is also an encouragement that we appreciate and value. For these reasons, our wishes for you are that we pray to God to keep blessing you and everyone around you, today and always.

Sincerely,

Giovanni Scuotto, Raydel Taveras & Jose Guevara
The Corona Self-Help Center, Inc.
Public Relations/Church Outreach

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$4,719 (Weekly)	\$6,515 (Weekly)
\$1,540 <Debt Reduction>	\$1,897
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
670 (Adults)	742 (Adults)
111 (Children)	112 (Children)
781	854

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SANDRA GARGALONE**

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, 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, Eileen Doran and Phyllis Morrell

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Maria Appari Rana

9:00 Michael Kane

TUESDAY

7:00 Anne Marie Zustovich

9:00 Michael F. King

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anthony & Victoria Magliocca

9:00 Msgr. John G. Woolsey

THURSDAY

7:00 Tommy Boyland, Sr.

9:00 John Trabisco

FRIDAY

7:00 Dr. Joventino Naval

9:00 Mary Patricia Peters (29th Anniv.)

SATURDAY

9:00 Deceased Members of the Jacobsen Family

5:00 Nora Ryan

SUNDAY

8:00 Burton Cohen

9:30 Patrick McCarthy

12:30 Maureen Driscoll

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 30, 2017

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 4	K. Hanley	K. Byrne & N. Mata
8:00 AM	Team 5	C. Burns	J. Hansen & D. Vigliotti
9:30 AM	Team 1	M. Boyd	A. Morrell & B. Collorec
11:00 AM	Team 2	R. Helbock	M. Hudson & M. McKeever
12:30 PM	Team 3	D. Leddy	E. Checkett & G. Checkett

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming events:

“Through the Eyes of Love” Sat., July 22nd from 10am to 12pm, facilitated by Sr. Barbara Ann Gondek, SSC. Fee: \$25 When Jesus looks into the eyes and hearts of women in the New Testament, his look of love changes everything. Come apart by yourself for awhile and be transported back in time to see for yourself how love changes everything.

“12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life”, Held the first Tuesday of each month, from 7-9pm.

Facilitated by Grace Conte. Fee:\$25.00 One does not have to have a substance addiction to join.

Each month’s session stands alone and will focus on a Step from the 12 Step Recovery Program.

“Friendship with God: A Spirituality for Living Now!” Guided Retreat facilitated by Fr. Paul R. Fagan, C.P. Sun., August 13 at 4pm to Fri.,

August 18th at 10:30am. Fee: \$450 single; \$400 Double (a deposit of \$50 is due by Aug. 7th). This retreat will explore the tradition of friendship with god as found in scripture and in the history of Christianity. Contact Ronnie Keane, Coordinator at 718-720-1097 for more info on any of the events.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Those of us old enough to recall fascism and Hitler in Germany in the 1930’s, as well as anyone who can reread the history of the period, are aware of the horror that the crimes of Dr. Mengele et. al. performed in eradicating human life as a matter of course and with an unbelievable toll. Can one be surprised then that such witness to history are shocked and amazed at the determination to enshrine Assisted Suicide and a matter of choice freely or otherwise determined.

Stephanie Packer and her husband Brian, member of the Knights of Columbus and with four children

are recounted by Clara Fox in Columbia Magazine. Here is their story:

Stephanie’s Fight to Live (Part One)

Seven-year-old Savannah is eager to talk about how she takes care of her mother, Stephanie Packer, 34 who has a terminal disease affecting her lungs and other organs.

“I’m her nurse. I help her and bring her medicine when she asks me to,” Savannah said as she balanced on an exercise ball at her grandmother’s house in Orange, Calif., last November.

“I’m my mom’s favorite,” she added with a smile, prompting a good-humored uproar from her siblings: Brian 13, Scarlett, 12 and Jacob 10.

Stephanie’s husband, Brian Packer, 38 is Stephanie’s caregiver during the week. A member of Father Peter J. J. Juba Council 4922 in Orange, he works weekends as a handyman at Holy Family cathedral to keep the family financially afloat.

Brian’s fellow council members occasionally provide groceries or drop by the house to help, and life insurance would never have been an option for Brian and Stephanie if the Knights hadn’t stepped in and paid for both of their policies. “The Knights are a lifeline,” Stephanie said.

Faced with Stephanie’s terminal prognosis, the tight-knit family from Santa Ana has been determined to do everything possible to keep her around.

One week after California’s physician-assisted suicide law went into effect June 9, 2016, the Packers encountered a major hurdle when Stephanie received a disturbing letter from her health insurance company. Stephanie was told her Doctor-recommended chemotherapy treatment that the company had previously promised was now being denied. However, she was later informed that her plan would cover a lethal dose of suicide

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pills - at the incredibly low cost of \$1.20.

"It was like someone hit me in the gut," Stephanie recalled. "The most cost-effective solution was now assisted suicide."

Hearing this news, a reporter friend set out to cover the story and asked the insurance company for comment, which they declined.

"The next morning I got a phone call saying the drug was now approved," Stephanie said. While grateful for her victory, she was well aware that "most dying patients don't have media contacts" and became determined to become an advocate.

Until 2014, the movement to legalize physician-assisted suicide in the United States had succeeded in only four states - by referendum in Oregon and Washington, a state legislature vote in Vermont and court decision in Montana. Its main proponent was the Hemlock Society, which rebranded itself Compassion & Choice in 2004.

In 2014, Brittany Maynard, a 29 year old from California with terminal brain cancer, became the face of the so-called "right-to-die" movement. Funded by wealthy donors and groups such as billionaire George Soros and his Open Society Foundations, Compassion & Choice launched a multimedia campaign promoting Maynard's "right to die on her own terms."

In the words of Stephanie Packer, "It glamorized suicide as a heroic event."

On Nov. 1, 2014 Maynard swallowed a lethal dose of narcotics in Oregon. At the time of her death, an estimated 100 million people had heard her story, and soon some 25 jurisdictions in the country were considering physician-assisted suicide, including California, where momentum was growing.

In early 2015, Stephanie Packer stepped into the media spotlight as a reverse image of Brittany Maynard. When Stephanie was diagnosed in 2012 with scleroderma, an autoimmune condition that was attacking her lungs, she was told she had three years to live - a prognosis she has outlived.

Like Maynard, Stephanie was also 29 when she found out that she had a terminal illness. But rather than advocate for suicide, Stephanie joyfully spoke of her choice to live and enjoy her remaining time with her family, while speaking out for the vulnerable who would be victimized if assisted suicide were legalized.

"Compassion & Choices," she said, "doesn't acknowledge the value that a terminal patient has, especially after they are sick."

Stephanie's outspokenness soon brought her to the attention of the national media. NPR, CNN, The Washington Post and other news outlets covered her story, and one media executive told her that her story had sent their ratings "through the roof."

However, some responses were brutally unkind; after NPR ran Stephanie's story, her husband received death threats. "They just ate us alive after that. It was just comment after comment of nasty stuff," Stephanie said. "People told me that I should just off myself and that they feel bad for my kids."

Brian and Stephanie were unfazed by the negative comments online, but they did make sure that their children stopped reading them.

Less than a year after Maynard's death, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the End of Life Options Act into law Oct. 5, 2015. The next day, a signature-gathering campaign backed by California's bishops was launched to place a referendum on California's November 2016 ballot to overturn the bill. Campaign leaders had 90 days to collect 365,880 signatures.

Mark Padilla, the culture of life chairman for the California State Council, coordinated the parish-based signature-gathering drive. "Ours was an effort run all by volunteers," Padilla explained. "And the Knights gave it a wonderful shot."

Although more than 200,000 signatures were collected, the effort fell short of the goal.

To be continued in next's week's bulletin.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN