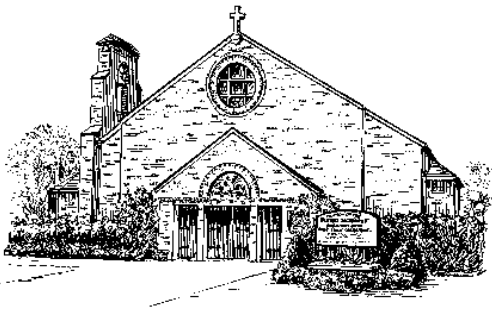


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

August 6, 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

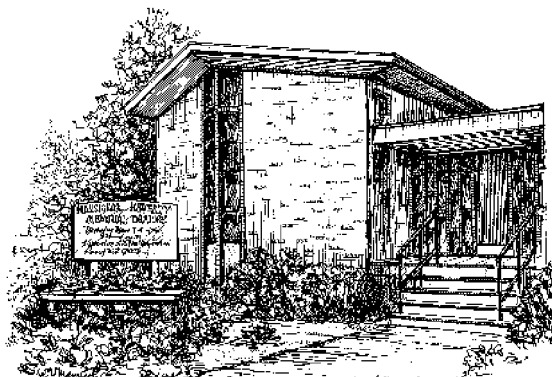
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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



**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

A Celebration Mass will take place on Sunday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 11am with refreshment to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

Invitations have gone out to our alumni (ae) for our Centennial Celebration at the Excelsior Grand on Thursday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you have not received one and would like to attend please contact the Parish House at 718-442-1581. Please consider taking a chance on our raffle: cost \$100 for a chance at a grand prize of \$10,000; first prize \$5,000; second prize \$2,500. Journal ads are also available.

**EVE OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE**

The Notre Dame Club Sponsors the Eve of Solemn Remembrance on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Pity Church, 1616 Richmond Ave. Msgr. Edmund Whalen will be the Main Celebrant and Homilist. The event will begin at 7pm with sacred music by Maura Molloy followed by concelebrated Mass at 7:30pm. All Staten Islanders are invited to participate in this service.

**RESURRECTION CEMETERY**

Resurrection Cemetery has postponed the July 1<sup>st</sup> price increase (the first price increase in 4 years), until September 1, 2017. We are currently taking appointments over the phone to discuss 'Pre-Need Planning' options available for ground burial, interior/exterior mausoleum crypt space or niches for the memorialization of your loved ones. Please contact our office or stop in to schedule an appointment before quality space is gone. Thank you.

Resurrection Cemetery Staff (718) 356-7738

<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
<b>\$5,038 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$5,815 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$1,866 &lt;Debt Reduction&gt;</b>	<b>\$1,977</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
<b>635 (Adults)</b>	<b>677 (Adults)</b>
<b>110 (Children)</b>	<b>137 (Children)</b>
<b>745</b>	<b>814</b>

**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, 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, Phyllis Morrell and Marion Coolen

***SYMPATHY***

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Anthony Gargiulo  
9:00 Rosemarie Carino

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Cremelda Costa  
9:00 Kathleen Ward

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Helen Sigman  
9:00 Eileen Braun

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Helen Sigman  
9:00 Kathleen & Lynn Ward

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Domenica Votto  
9:00 Catherine McKeever

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Judy Blake  
5:00 Marguerite Gartrell

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Michael McCarthy  
9:30 Brett Greeley  
12:30 Ariadna Palucios

**SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 13, 2017**

	<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 3	J. Hansen	C. Rooney & N. Mata
8:00 AM	Team 4	F. Molanphy	A. Coscia & E. Hodgens
9:30 AM	Team 5	E. Trentalange	M. Thomann & K. Byrne
11:00 AM	Team 1	J. Pace	E. Checkett & G. Checkett
12:30 PM	Team 2	T. Sanders	M. McKeever & T. Sanders

**IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us at Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road, basement meeting room on Sat., August 12<sup>th</sup>. We gather after the 8:30am Mass and begin prayer at 9:30am. Praying with the Self-emptying of Jesus in the passage from Philippians 2:1-11.

**OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY**

Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's 1917 Apparition. World Apostolate of Fatime, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ Experience the 150 acre scenic beauty and serenity of our outdoor Shrine. Visit [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) or call 908-689-1700 for day's schedule.

**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**

As we commence August 2017, I am reminded of 1945 and the events at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Bill O' Reilly's work entitled *Killing the Rising Sun* recounts the horror of war and the consequences of the dawn of nuclear warfare. Earlier in the same century the "Guns of August" preface the futility of human pursuit of power and dominance in the catastrophic loss of literally a whole generation of human life, the youth of all nations involved.

The consequences of these two epics, is a prelude to the second half of the century that continued the slaughter in Korea, Vietnam, and the Near and Far East. Never in the history of humankind has humanity turned its back on the face of God, peace, love, justice and freedom with greater consequence.

Today, the pride and prejudice of a world is so self-centered that it looks down in darkness and is blinded to the light of the face of her Creator. Foolish humanity, and too often each and every one of us is blinded to the wonders of God's

creative love for all of us and the cry of the Gospel to love god and each other every day in every way.

To that end, permit me to attempt this month to cite heroes and heroines who have, or are challenging, the darkness by the light of their goodness.

Peggy Noonan, a favorite columnist of mine recalls the heroic witness of one of my heroes and mentors. She writes of Pope John Paul II's game-changing pilgrimage of 1979 to his beleaguered homeland.

*We Want God*

*The greatest speeches given in Poland in the modern era were delivered in June 1979 by a pope. Ten months into his papacy, John Paul II sweetly asked the government of Poland for permission to journey home from Rome to visit his people. Europe was divided between the politically free and the unfree, on one side the democracies of Western Europe, on the other the communist bloc. Poland had been under the Soviet yoke since the end of World War II.*

*John Paul knew his people: They did not want dictatorship and a primary means of resistance was through their faith. Every time you took communion it was a rebellion, a way of reminding yourself and others that you answered to a higher authority. The Catholic Church of Poland survived precariously, within limits, under constant pressure, as John Paul well knew, having been a cardinal in Krakow for 11 years.*

*What would happen when the first Polish pope went home? If Warsaw refused his request it would be an admission of weakness: They feared his power to rouse and awaken the people. But if they invited him they risked rebellion, which would bring on a Soviet crackdown and could bring in Soviet troops. They chose to invite him, calculating that as a sophisticated man he would, knowing the stakes, play it cool. He happily accepted their terms: It would be a religious pilgrimage, not a political event.*

*The Polish government did everything it could to keep crowds down. Parade routes were kept*

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*secret or changed. State media would censor word of what was said and done. Grade school teachers told pupils he was a wicked man in gold robes, an enemy of the state.*

*And so it began. On June 2, in Victory Square in the Old City of Warsaw, John Paul celebrated Mass. Halfway through the crowd began to chant: "We want God! We want God!" He asked: What was the greatest work of God? Man. Who redeemed man? Christ. Therefore, he declared, "Christ cannot be kept out of the history of man in any part of the globe, at any longitude or latitude...The exclusion of Christ from the history of man is an act against man." Even those who opposed Christ, he said, still inescapably live within the Christian context of history. And Christ is not only the past for Poland, He is also the future, "our Polish future."*

*The chant turned to thunder: "We want God!"*

*John Paul was speaking not only to the faithful but to the rulers and apparatchiks of an atheist state. He did not explicitly challenge them. He spoke only of spiritual matters. And yet he was telling the government that Poland is the faith and the faith is Poland, and here is nothing communism can ever do to change that.*

*More, he was saying God is real. And God sees one unity of Europe. He does not see "East" and "West" divided by a wall or a gash in the soil. In this way as I once wrote, he divided the dividers from God's view of history.*

*The next day he spoke outside the cathedral in the small city of Gniezno. Again, he struck only spiritual themes - nothing about governments, unions, fights for political freedom. "Does not Christ want, does not the Holy Spirit demand, that the pope, himself a Pole, the pope, himself a Slav, here and now should bring out into the open the spiritual unity of Christian Europe...?"*

*On yes, he said, Christ wants that. At both events he was telling Poles that they should see their position differently. Don't see Europe divided between free and unfree, see the wholeness that even communism can't take away. The map makers think they're in charge. We know who's really in charge.*

*At the end of the trip, at Krakow's Blonie Field, a muddy expanse just beyond the city, there was again a public mass. The government refused to publicize it but word spread. Two million people came, the biggest gathering in the history of Poland.*

*It is possible, John Paul said, to dismiss Christ and all he's brought into the history of man. Human beings are free and can say no. But should they say no to the one "with whom we have all lived for 1,000 years? He who formed the basis of our identity and his himself remained its basis ever since?" He was telling the communist usurpers: You'll never win.*

*He extended his hands in an apostolic gesture. "I speak for Christ himself: 'Receive the Holy Spirit,'" he said. "I speak again for St. Paul" 'Do not grieve the spirit of God.'" He urged Poles: "Be strong, my brothers and sisters! You must be strong with the strength that faith gives."*

*It sounded like he was telling them to be strong in their resistance to communism.*

*"Today more than in any other age you need this strength." Love, he said, is stronger than death. Seek spiritual power where "countless generations of our fathers and mothers have found it."*

*This was a reassertion of the Polish spirit, and those who were there went home seeing themselves differently - not as victims of history but as fighters within a new and promising reality. At home they turned on state-run TV, which did not show the crowds and the chants but only a few words by the pope and a few pictures. They were offended by the lie of it. It was another blow to the government's claims of legitimacy.*

*Years later I asked Lech Walesa about the impact of the pope's trip. Poland, he said, always knew that communism could not be reformed but could be defeated. "We knew the minute he touched the foundations of communism, it would collapse."*

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN