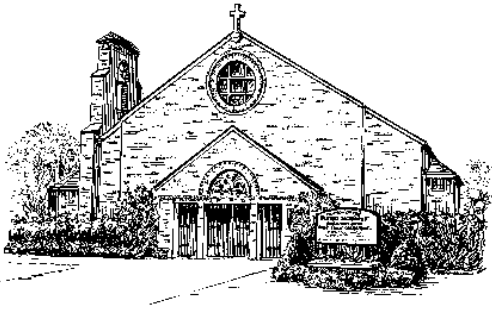
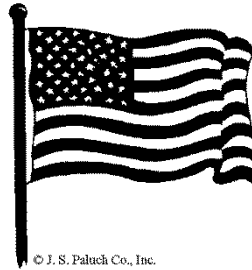


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Staten Island, New York



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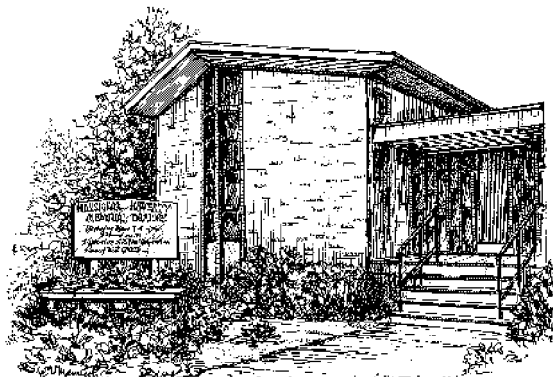
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As we begin the Summer of 2015, may we take the time to pray for the souls of all the men and women who have died in foreign wars. In thanksgiving for their service to our Country, the 9:30 A.M. Mass today will be offered in their memory and in gratitude for their sacrifice. Following the Mass there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Parish Veterans Memorial in front of the Church.

The Blessed Sacrament Titan League Breakfast Club will have a special Mass for all deceased members on Thursday, May 28th at 9:00 A.M. Following Mass, members will meet at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues) for breakfast.

The Holy Name Society Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 7th at Pepper Jack Restaurant (Manor Road) following the 8:00 A.M. Mass. For reservations please contact Greg DeForest at 718-442-7361 or Peter Siuzdak at 718-448-3582. Donation \$25/person.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6959.00 (Weekly)	\$6251.00 (Weekly)
\$1200.00 <Catholic NY >	\$1638.00
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
762 (Adults)	777 (Adults)
<u>139</u> (Children)	<u>157</u> (Children)
901	934

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DECEASED MEMBERS OF
GARRY SMITH**

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, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Danielle Ziegler, Brandon Toro and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Charlotte Anderson, Genevieve Giaccio and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY – MEMORIAL DAY

7:00 Rosemary Pacilio
9:00 Richard O'Connor

TUESDAY

7:00 Eileen Kerr
9:00 James Redmond (17th Anniv)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Robert Conroy
9:00 Pasquale Fusco

THURSDAY

7:00 Doris Russo
9:00 Holy Name Society Deceased Members

FRIDAY

7:00 Sr. Mary Ellen Downing
9:00 Coolen-Leadbeater Families

SATURDAY

9:00 Burton Cohen (16th Anniv)
5:00 James Deignan

SUNDAY

8:00 Michael L. Caccese (13th Anniv)
9:30 Peggy & John Ciano
12:30 Edith Zarrella

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish House office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 31, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	4
8:00 AM	Team	5
9:30 AM	Team	1
11:00 AM	Team	2
12:30 PM	Team	3

<u>LECTORS</u>
D. Maj
M. Peries
M. Semon
L. Pillarella
C. Tobias

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & K. Byrne
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
R. Gallop & P. Thomann
M. McKeever & E. Laub
E. & G. Checkett

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.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SPRING BLOOD DRIVE
TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND**

Donors can sign-up for Blessed Sacrament's Spring **BLOOD DRIVE** to be held on Tuesday, June 2nd following Mass on the following weekends: MAY 23 & 24 and 30 & 31. **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will meet on Wednesday, May 27th at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room.

Making Summer Vacation Plans? If you will be away from home during the summertime and wish to have your Offertory Envelopes sent to another address or put on *temporary hold*, please notify the Parish House Office as soon as possible. We ask that our parishioners continue to support Blessed Sacrament Parish during their vacation time.

FAMILY DAY – In celebration of our faith and family values, the Archdiocese of New York will be hosting the first **Archdiocesan Family Day on Saturday, June 27th** from 11:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at the San Silverio Shrine in Dover Plains, New York.

Enjoy a fun-filled event complete with food, games and Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne with Cardinal Dolan as Homilist. Admission is \$10 per person (children under 3 are free). For tickets and information please visit <https://archnyfamilyday.eventbrite.com>

Blessed Sacrament Mothers' Guild is sponsoring a **DINE OUT Fundraiser** on Wednesday, June 3rd at Jimmy Max (280 Watchogue Road). Please mention BSS! DINE IN ONLY! Open 11:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Call for reservations 718-983-6715. 50% of the food bill will be donated back to Blessed Sacrament School.

FROM THE PASTOR

Across the Nation, Veterans of Foreign Wars including our own Post 7172, at our 9:30 Mass today will remember their brothers and sisters gone to God and place a memorial wreath before the Statue of Our Lady of Victory at our Parish Shrine. Our Parish family, individually and collectively will celebrate with gratitude the sacrifices of those who saved freedom and strove to give us a brave, free, and hopeful world. Gratefully, but sadly, we shall pray especially for our wounded warriors, paralyzed veterans and gallant armed forces on duty across the globe. They are not and never have been in the history of our democracy perfect men and women but they have ever sought to overcome their individual imperfection and seek to serve and aid their brothers and sisters in need. For that goal our stars and stripes fly proudly seeking to always shine brighter in the enlightened inspired goals of our Founding Fathers and Nation always aware that In God We Trust.

There are countless records and accounts of heroic and outstanding efforts of our veterans of the past and service men and women of the present.

Among these accounts is the story of a soldier and veteran who is a marvelous example of what our Holy Father Pope Francis seeks to achieve with the forthcoming 2nd Section of the Synod on Marriage.

Dr. E. Wesley Ely, Professor of Medicine and Critical Care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center writes the following in the Wall Street Journal.....

LOVE, FAITH AND THE LOST BATTALION

When his wife's scream from the next room awakened him, Ford Callis leapt bolt upright out of bed. Then he fell, his left eye smashing the edge of the bed stand. As he hit the ground, the air gushed out of his lungs. Mr. Callis, who is 94 listened intently to the noise-monitor in the dark for any clues from his demented wife, Daisy, in the next room. He could hear his own heart throbbing, he would later tell me, but nothing more. He tried unsuccessfully to crawl to her.

The bleeding laceration on his eye, and his new shoulder and chest injuries, reminded him of the time 60 years ago that he'd been injured and trapped in a foxhole in the French Alps, a member of the famed World War II Lost Battalion. Rescue came then, and it would come now, since the morning phone call from his daughter had gone unanswered as he lay stranded on the floor hours later peering at the sunrise through the window.

Later that day Mr. Callis ended up on our ICU service. Lying helplessly on the floor after his fall, he had developed enough muscle breakdown on what he called the "death crawl" toward his wife that his kidneys shut down from toxic injury. He also developed a bleeding stress ulcer and a new blood clot in his left leg, all of which made for complicated medical circumstances that nearly ended his life.

Yet Mr. Callis kept asking only: "When can I return home to care for Daisy? She's waiting for me in Ridgetop" – in the rustic house in Tennessee she bought 71 years ago with savings from her job as a riveter making planes during the war.

In the hospital our team of white coats swooped in to "save" Mr. Callis. Yet we later learned from what he told us that his real rescue, the one that mattered most, had occurred on a much higher plane, through a sacramental promise made many decades earlier.

The story began before he became a soldier, when he was 20, and he and Daisy had married. Shortly thereafter, he went through military training and shipped off to Naples, Italy, with the 36th Infantry. The company made its way to the Vosges Mountains of the French Alps, where the Germans surrounded them and began starving them out. Following failed rescue attempts by the two other battalions of the 36th Infantry, they became known as the Lost Battalion. After eight days without food and water and stuck in foxholes drinking from a pond and eating worms, they were liberated by the 442nd Regiment of Nisei Japanese-Americans.

And now, decades later, Mr. Callis was determined to rescue Daisy. Sporting a black eye but smiling from his ICU bed, he said: "Doctor, I need you to get me home to my wife as soon as possible." His dutiful daughter stopped staring at the blood dripping into his IV and said, "Yep, that's his main mission in life, and he refuses to fail."

Through marriage, it became clear, Mr. Callis had undergone the type of indelible change in a soul that no personal injury or earthly event can undo. "Having someone believe in me and waiting for me back home, that is what gives me purpose. I am more than myself because of our marriage," he said, expressing his hope that people not give up on marriage even when the sparks of romance seem distant.

All this brought to mind the words of the German Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, when he wrote to his niece before her wedding: "Marriage is more than your love for each other...In your love you see only the heaven of your own happiness, but in marriage you are placed in a post of responsibility toward the world and mankind. Your love is your own private possession, but marriage is more than something personal—it is a status, an office."

The story of Ford and Daisy generated lots of discussion on hospital rounds that day. There was not a tale of military or medical rescue, as exciting and perhaps technically interesting as those were. It was one of marital rescue. This covenant has liberated their souls and given them a higher purpose. Each of us that day, married or not, caught a glimpse of where our true north lies and a reminder of when we are at our best—in serving another.

Mr. Callis eventually regained color and strength, and on the morning of his hospital discharge he once more explained, "You know, it takes three people to stay married: Daisy, me and God. This is not just a civil agreement; we are one." It was a beautiful echo of the closing line in Bonhoeffer's letter to his niece: "It is not your love that sustains your marriage, but from now on, the marriage that sustains your love."

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY AND MAY THE LOVE OF FORD AND DAISY; THE WISDOM OF DIETRICH BONHOEFFER AND THE SACRIFICES OF OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY BE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US!

**GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN**