BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York



Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas Reverend Albin Roby 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 Wednesday 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

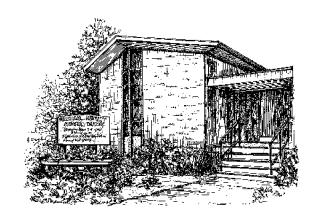
30 Manor Road 442-1581 http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello Principal 830 Delafield Avenue 442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.JB. - D.R.E. 830 Delafield Avenue 448-0378



Remembering Father Benedict Groeschel

Everyone is invited to attend a special Mass remembering this holy priest and co-founder of The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on July 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church (7396 Amboy Road). The Celebrant will be Bishop John O'Hara. At the Mass special intentions are for those afflicted by mental health issues and for those suffering in poverty. For further information please call Dr. Constance Salhany at 347-273-1290 or visit csalhany@aol.com

Poetry Inspired by St. Francis & St. Clare Wednesday, June 24, 2015 3:00 P.M.

St. Francis College-Founders Hall 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn

Acclaimed author, Franciscan Priest and Poet, Murray Bodo will read poems inspired by St. Francis and St. Clare. He will read from several of his books of poetry including *Of Francis and Clare*, a collection of poems about St. Francis, his parents Pietro Bernardone and Lady Pica, and St. Clare.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>2015</u> <u>2014</u>

\$6101.00 (Weekly) \$5742.00 (Weekly)

\$1164.00 < 2nd Collection > \$2830.00

ATTENDANCE

2015 2014

713 (Adults) 776 (Adults)

142 (Children) 173 (Children)

855 949

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN NAPPI, SR.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pfleging, Jr., Phyllis Ribaudo, Ann Socci, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, 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, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, 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, Bruce McKee and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Robert Conroy 9:00 Ansel Martin

TUESDAY

7:00 June Hayden 9:00 Eugene Esposito

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Jack Murphy 9:00 Eugene Esposito

THURSDAY

7:00 Joan Krakower

9:00 Stephen Salaycik (4th Anniv)

FRIDAY

7:00 Bill Gennity (Living Intention) 9:00 Linda Magnusson (Living Intention)

SATURDAY

9:00 Michael DeMato 5:00 Special Intention

SUNDAY

8:00 Louise & Michael Vigliotti

9:30 Ella McQuade

12:30 Joan Gulbin

SCHEDULE	FOR	JUNE	28,	2015

	ALTAR SEF	RVERS	<u>LECTORS</u>	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	2	L. Lagmay	A. Aponte & M. McKeever
8:00 AM	Team	3	F. Molanphy	B. Collorec & L. Lagmay
9:30 AM	Team	4	R. Salaycik	K. Byrne & P. Thomann
11:00 AM	Team	5	C. Wodzinski	J. & M. Spach
12:30 PM	Team	1	J. Pace	M. Conigatti & A. Talaid

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.

<u>The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group</u> will meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room.

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, June 25th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues).

Interfaith Summit
Mount Sinai United Christian Church
Community Center
382 Jersey St., Staten Island
June 30, 2015
5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Join Public Advocate, Letitia James at her inaugural Interfaith Summit as she shares her plans for New York City and how we can improve quality of life on Staten Island.



THE WIND AND THE SEA

Living along the shores of Lake Superior-the "big lake," as the locals call it-you can often hear the advice, "Respect the lake; don't take it for granted." People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

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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 27**th 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

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Father's Day! It is a privilege and honor to take this day to celebrate, thank, prayer for and appreciate all of our fathers, dads, poppy, et.al. who gave us life and are or have sacrificed so much for your and me. In this troubled world, I am aware that children are too often absent one or more parent. But, I also know that all of us deep down prayer for our father and mother and ask God's blessing upon them. And so join me in celebrating our dads living or deceased and thank them for the gift of life on this day dedicated to them.

Now permit me to share with you the remarkable story of Two Fathers Saving Lives in Uganda in Africa, a country suffering so much from civil strife and health care needs. Tony Rossi, Director of Communications for The Christophers reports this remarkable story.

TWO FATHERS SAVING LIVES IN UGANDA

You likely know Bonnie Hunt from her years as a talk show host and her roles in popular movies like Cheaper by the Dozen, Jumanji, Return to Me, and more. Well, it turns out that Bonnie has a brother who is quite accomplished too, just in a different field.

Dr. Kevin Hunt practices Internal Medicine in Chicago and serves as a faculty member at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. In 2005 he attended a Mass in which his sons were altar servers. That Mass was celebrated by Father Sam Okori, a Catholic priest from Northern Uganda who was in the United States taking pre-med classes.

As Father Sam recalled on The Bonnie Hunt Show, he told his parents when he was 12 years old that he wanted to be both a priest and a doctor. They told him he couldn't do both; he would have to choose one. But the hardships Father Sam faced, including six miles to and from school barefoot each way every day for seven years, taught him about hardship and discipline. He decided to pursue both endeavors anyway, first becoming a priest, then setting his eyes on medical school in the United States. Once he received his degree, he would return to Uganda to help his countrymen medically and spiritually.

When Dr. Hunt met Father Sam after Mass, he told the priest that if he needed a letter of recommendation for medical school, he'd be happy to write one. Dr. Hunt started walking away, when Father Sam called after him, "By the way, can you do me a favor? Can you go to Uganda with me? I'd like you to see my people and what health care is like there. My people are very poor."

After discussing it with his wife, Dr. Hunt decided to follow his heart and accept Father Sam's offer, In conjunction with Uganda's Catholic Diocese of Lira, the two traveled there in 2007, and were met by unsanitary conditions along with a lack of beds, ambulances, emergency rooms, and basic medical supplies. Women giving birth would do so on concrete floors.

As a result, Dr. Hunt and Father Sam created a foundation called "Medical Aid to Northern Uganda" (MANU) to raise funds. Their website states, "Manu is reaching out to the international community for help in terms of providing help to fund medical equipment, personnel and health care supplies to Northern Uganda. The people of Northern Uganda have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of the rebel activity of the LRA since 1986 which made the people victims of poverty, diseases, ignorance and the ravages of guerilla warfare."

Fundraising over the past several years has already provided many medical supplies to the people of Lira, and helped build a Radiology wing onto a hospital there. Now, Dr. Hunt and Father Sam are raising money for an X-Ray machine, and will shortly be taking another trip to Uganda to personally help the people there.

It's obvious that Dr. Hunt and Father Sam are both being Christophers, or Christ-bearers, through their work. Father Sam told Bonnie Hunt, "It's important for the people there to know that someone is listening to their story. I'm here to be their voice."

Dr. Hunt said, "Going somewhere that's foreign to help somebody else, you have to just take that leap of faith and do it. That's what I did and I was happy. It's one of the best things I ever did in my life."

GOD BLESS ALL DADS, MSGR. FINN