

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

June 26, 2016

Staten Island, New York 10310



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 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



Dear friends in the Lord:

The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Church in Africa journeys with people gifted with a vibrant spirituality and is a source of hope and faith. *The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa* supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. Pope Francis challenges us "Touched by Christ's infinite mercy, may all the faithful be signs of the reconciliation, justice and peace that God wills for...all of Africa" (April 16, 2015).

With so many people in Africa on the move, providing pastoral care to meet their spiritual needs is often difficult. In Angola, this is true for migrant and refugee communities, as well as for people whose livelihoods keep them moving, such as fisherman and truck drivers. Creating fellowship among various groups, ethnicities, and tribes is crucially important in order to avoid tribalism, discrimination, and racial violence.

To address these needs and foster growth in the communities, and with a grant from *the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*, the bishops are providing training and formation for lay leaders in every diocese. These leaders attend seminars and workshops that equip them to return to their communities to welcome immigrants and help them find a home in local parish communities. After attending a seminar, one participant expressed his gratitude saying, "Thank you for yet another moment of grace."

With your help, the *Church in Africa* can continue to play an active role in the evangelization of the world. Projects like this one care for the spiritual needs of the African people, allowing Africans to continue giving the world their vibrant expression of faith. Please give generously to *the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
 Faithful in Christ,
 Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
 Archbishop of New York

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$5,087 (Weekly)	\$5,248 (Weekly)
\$2,507	\$2,330
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<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
726 (Adults)	728 (Adults)
140 (Children)	142 (Children)
866	870

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, Kathryn Haring, 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, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Amy Mezzacappa, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown and James McGarrigue.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 William Gennity (Living)
 9:00 Special Intention

TUESDAY

7:00 Linda Magnusson (Living)
 9:00 Ella McQuade

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Burton Cohen
 9:00 Pankratz Broenner

THURSDAY

7:00 Dotty Scotti (Living)
 9:00 Thomas F. Kenny, Sr. (21st Anniv.)

FRIDAY

7:00 Natalie Finn (Living)
 9:00 Michael McCarthy (1st Anniv.)

SATURDAY

9:00 Jeremiah Bullen
 5:00 Salvatore Giorgio

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade
 9:30 Msgr. Anthony Bogdziewicz
 12:30 Joan Gulbin

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 Caroline Nasella & Micheal Nasella**

SCHEDULE FOR

	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 10	J. Hansen	R. Gallop & J. Jansen
8:00 AM	Team 6	F. Molanphy	A. Coscia & A. Aponte
9:30 AM	Team 7	R. Salaycik	J. Pace & P. Thomann
11:00 AM	Team 8	J. Pace	E. Checkett & G. Checkett
12:30 PM	Team 9	L. Pillarella	M. Conigatti & K. Byrne

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) of Staten Island invites ALL public and private high school students interested in planning and attending Youth Fest 2017 to a barbecue at Msgr. Farrell High School on Tuesday, June 28th from 4pm to 8pm. This is a great way to get involved in your school and community as well as gain valuable leadership and service experience. Please email Deacon Steve Tobon at cyminsi@gmail.com for more information.

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.

THE TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB will meet on Thursday, June 30th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

REMEMBERING FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL

Join us for special Mass remembering this holy priest. At this mass special intentions are for those afflicted by mental health issues and those in poverty. July 22 at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Help of Christians, 7396 Amboy Road. Celebrant: Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, Co-founder of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Author, Well-known Speaker and television guest.

WEEKLY PRAYER VIGIL TO PROTECT & HEAL OUR YOUTH FROM THE DRUG EPIDEMIC ON STATEN ISLAND

A weekly prayer vigil to protect and heal our youth from the drug epidemic has begun on Staten Island. We are invited to join this group that will be praying a special prayer to end drug trafficking and the victimization of our children followed by a decade of the rosary. When two or more are gathered in the name of Jesus, He is present and the prayer is more powerful. We will join together every Friday evening from 9pm-9:30pm at the Adoration Chapel behind Alba House on Victory Blvd. All are invited to participate. Come join us in this mission to protect our Youth and bring your rosary beads!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE BENEFITS FOR INSURANCE and DMV POINTS

July 23, 2016, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** (1265 Castleton Avenue). We will be hosting a 6 hour NYS Department of Motor Vehicle approved defensive driving course that will get you a 10% reduction of your liability and collision insurance rates for 3 consecutive years plus a reduction of 4 moving points from your driver's license. The course includes several movies and breaks. You need to pre-register and pre-pay for the course. The course is being offered for \$40.00. Please call the parish office at 718-442-3411 to indicate your interest in the course and then visit the office to pre-pay.

**VACATION/TRAVEL PLANS?**

As you plan your summer vacation, please remember your Sunday obligation to attend Mass. For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1-800-Mass-times or check the internet

at www.Masstimes.org. We ask that you also remember that although you won't be attending Mass here at Blessed Sacrament all summer long, our parish still has to take care of bills and responsibilities. Please don't forget to keep up your contributions by dropping them in the basket before you leave or when your return. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We pray you have a safe and happy summer.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Headlines in our daily newspapers; newscasts on nightly, early morning and mid-day television, billboards, emails, facebook, texts and on and on seem filled with daily, endless negativity. And, I am not even referring to a national, state or location election cycle.

Every segment of human existence appears to be inundated with a culture gone ballistic. And all of imperfect society including men and women of faith are affected. And yet.....

The Church's Wisdom

In 1968, in the midst of the sexual revolution that was in large part launched by the invention of the birth control pill, the last thing the world wanted to hear was a condemnation of it by the Church. It was at this pivotal moment that Pope Paul VI published Humanae Vitae, in which he upheld the Church's staunch teaching on contraception and sterilization. The justification given by the Church was rooted in the Church's moral teachings but also modern in its pastoral concern and its support of abstinence-based programs such as natural family planning. The uproar from many Catholics who had been led to believe there would be a change was acute. Nearly 50 years later, however, the United States has seen a growing trend in the popularity of natural family planning due to increased reports on the toxicity of artificial birth control pills. Indeed, the American Cancer Society has labeled oral contraceptives as a known human carcinogen. Though the reasons for objecting may differ, the Church was proven to have been ahead of societal thinking on this issue.

Humanae Vitae is not an isolated incident. Though often perceived as being out of step with mainstream culture, the Church – always firmly based in tradition, Scripture, the teachings of Jesus and natural law – often is miles ahead, particularly in the moral arena. Pornography is another such example. The viewing of sexually explicit material has long been condemned by the Church for moral reasons, but it is now widely accepted by society as a matter of no great consequence. But society may be starting to catch up; to the wisdom of the Church. A secular-based anti-pornography movement is growing as the first generation of young men who had unlimited access to internet pornography are finding that overexposure has rewired their brains to such an extent that it is making them unable to engage in sexual activity when not viewing porn. Similar to those with changing attitudes about natural family planning, these young men may not see pornography as a moral evil, but rather recognize that their physical and mental health is being negatively affected by it.

Where pornography is concerned, the stakes are high – and growing more so every day. With the advent of the internet, personal computers and now smartphones, sexually explicit content is available to anyone at anytime, even potentially on school issued laptops or tablets. According to statistics provided by Covenant Eyes, a Christian-based internet filtration system, the average age of the first exposure of young boys to pornography is 11 to 12 years old. On average, 83 percent of boys and 57 percent of girls have viewed group sex online. With the highly addictive quality of pornography and its ready availability, parents can no longer afford to wait to address this topic with their children even as young as 11.

Last fall, the US bishops issued the pastoral letter "Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography" in which they issued a call to action to all people of goodwill seeking to combat the scourge. "May we work together for laws and for a culture that remove pornography from its prominent and privileged place and counter its numerous injustices," they wrote, "building instead a culture that honors the true dignity and meaning of human sexuality."

The Church, in its wisdom, is speaking out on the issue, even when it is unpopular to do so. Catholics are encouraged to support its efforts, support one another and work to combat pornography for the sake of our children and for the sake of society as a whole.

With the editorial staff of [Our Sunday Visitor](#), we can also speak out with our Church, our Faith for our kids and all of us!

God bless you
MSGR. FINN