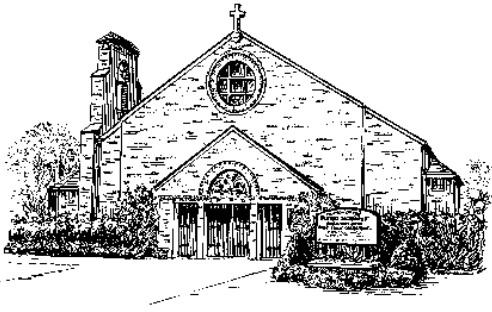


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

August 14, 2016



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

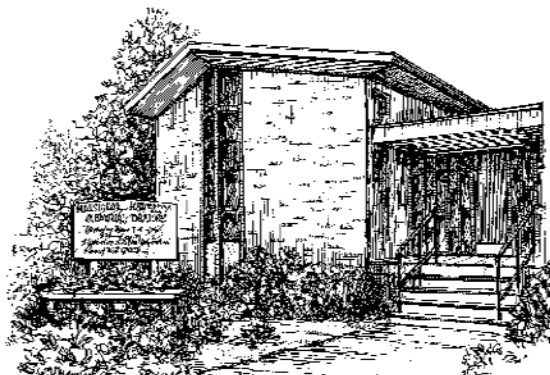
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



**Blessed Sacrament School Class of 1966
50th Reunion Plus All Years from 60s**

We are looking for any students of the 60's who had some association with the class of '66 – including siblings, friends, and those who were involved in our class (through theatrical productions, clubs, sports teams or any other association) as we join together to reconnect with old friends and relive common memories of our early teen years.

For more information and photos, Google "Blessed Sacrament School Class of '66 50th Reunion PLUS All years from 60s."

Celebration Date: Sunday, October 9th

- 11am Sunday Mass
- 11:45am "Kids" from the 60's will take a tour of the old school building
- 12:30pm Celebration and Dinner at LiGreci's Staaten, 697 Forest Ave.
- 5:00pm "AfterParty" at Jody's Club Forest, 372 Forest Ave., for continued good cheer

Interested in joining us, please send your name and contact info in an email to:

BSSsixtiesreunion@gmail.com

THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT of the Archdiocese of New York cordially invites you to its annual Ultreya del Campo, August 21st at the Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Land, Stony Point, NY. Mass: 11am

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.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

**Sun., Aug. 21 – Fri., Aug. 26th; \$450 single/\$400 double
Mercy: The Face of God**

Arrive Sun. at 5pm for a light supper
Depart Fri. 10:30am, after Mass and breakfast
As the summer begins its silent journey into fall, give yourself the gift of quiet time to be with yourself and with the Lord. This silent, guided retreat will nourish your faith life. Each day the presenter will offer a reflection and daily Mass with a homily. Opportunities for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a penance service and confession will be available. \$50 non-refundable deposit.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
2016	2015
\$5,109 (Weekly)	\$6,182 (Weekly)
\$1,445 <Latin America/Home Mission>	\$1,129
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
2016	2015
689 (Adults)	682 (Adults)
132 (Children)	87 (Children)
821	769

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, 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 and Molly Cafaro

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul of Mary O' Dea and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Adele Quinn, Alphonse Lamb & Frank Duff
9:00 Ansel & Mary Martin

TUESDAY

7:00 Edward Josephine, Edward Powers
9:00 Richard Aiello

WEDNESDAY

7:00 William V. Cortese
9:00 Barbara J. Doherty

THURSDAY

7:00 Gaetana Scimeca
9:00 Bibiana Jay

FRIDAY

7:00 Dr. V. A. Passignajen
9:00 Catherine Greene

SATURDAY

9:00 John E. Finn, Sr.
5:00 Beverly Casucci

SUNDAY

8:00 Michael McCarthy
9:30 The Carro Family
12:30 Paterna Calamba

The **2017 Mass Book** will open on **Tues., Aug. 30th** at 9:00a.m. Intentions for the Living and Deceased, Anniversary Masses, Masses of Thanksgiving, Special Intentions and Intentions of the Sanctuary Lamp can be arranged at that time. Announced Masses are \$15, Unannounced are \$10.
No Phone Call requests will be taken until after the 30th.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 21, 2016

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	7
8:00 AM	Team	8
9:30 AM	Team	9
11:00 AM	Team	10
12:30 PM	Team	6

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
P. Thomann
L. Pillarella
K. Hanley
R. Semon

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
J. Wright & N. Mata
K. Byrne & J. Hansen
A. Morrell & R. Gallop
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
M. Conigatti & M. Morgan

CATECHISTS FOR THE 2016/17 YEAR

We are blessed to have wonderful Catholics who are willing to give of their time and share their faith with the children in our religious education program. Each year there are a few openings in our catechetical program. As a catechist you will learn new things about the Catholic faith and relearn things you might have forgotten. You will have the opportunity to learn more about your own prayer life and share the reasons for your beliefs with your students. You will have an opportunity to help the children develop their prayer life and their relationship with Jesus. I hope you will think about being a catechist, a classroom assistant or even a substitute. Come forward and do not wait for someone to personally ask you. If interested call Sr. Anne Dolores at the CCD Office (718-448-0378).

We have 2 classes open in the lower grades and look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at 347-466-2476.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for the 2016/17 year will begin on Sept. 7th at 6:30pm in the school gym for the Confirmation class. All other grades will begin on Sept. 14th – Grades 1-5 2:00pm to 3:30pm; Grades 6&7 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Release time cards, necessary for grades 1 thru 5 can be picked up at the Church on Sunday, Aug. 21st from 9am to 12pm or on Sept. 7th from 5:30-6:30pm in the school gym.

FROM THE PASTOR

When my brother John and I were very young boys during World War II and then young students in the first and second grades at Immaculate Conception School in Stapleton, we would walk home for lunch every day at 62 Osgood Ave. Dad was in defense work at Bethlehem Steel in Port Richmond. Our family Mother, Dad, John and I had moved to Stapleton to be with our grandmother who was alone when her two sons, our uncles, were at War in the Pacific and Near East – a soldier and a sailor. Even for two young kids, 2nd and 1st graders these were anxious days, weeks and months.

At any rate, every day at exactly noon as we ate our lunch, quiet filled the kitchen as mother, grandmother and kids listened attentively to the radio and an icon and patriot.

Andrew Paul Mele in "Memories" in the Staten Island Advance wrote the following on July 3, 2016 which we all

should read, treasurer and share with young and old alike today, tomorrow and always.

*Celebrating America's birthday with the legendary
Kate Smith*

There is a myriad of symbols that represents our great country: Betsy Ross stitching the stars and stripes at the behest of General Washington; the Doughboys of World War I; Rosie the Riveter of World War II; and the noble bald eagle soaring from sea to shining sea. Another symbol is a lady whose countenance holds a unique spot in America's patriotic culture.

Kate Smith – born Kathryn Elizabeth Smith – was a rather large woman, both in size and in voice. She was a star of radio, television, theater and nightclubs over a span of nearly 50 years.

She recorded almost 3,000 songs, introducing more than a thousand, about 600 of which made the hit parade.

When she passed away on June 17, 1986, of respiratory failure at Raleigh Community Hospital in North Carolina at the age of 79, President Ronald Reagan, in expressing sorrow over her death said, "Kate Smith was a patriot in every sense of the word."

Smith was born in Greenville, Va., and grew up in Washington, D.C. By the time she was 8 years old she was singing for the troops at Army camps in the area during World War I.

Smith was well known for a single composition which she introduced on radio on the night of Nov. 11, 1938.

The song was "God Bless America." It was written by the nation's premier composer, Irving Berlin.

It was actually written in 1918 while Berlin was at Camp Upton in Yaphank, NY. He wrote it for a show called, "Yip, Yip, Yaphank" but decided against using it. It sat in his files for 20 years before he gave it to Smith.

Both artists eventually agreed to waive all royalties to the song, instead turning them over to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America.

While performing in the play "Flying High" at the Apollo Theater in New York City Smith was seen by Ted Collins of Columbia Records. The night began an

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association that lasted 34 years until Collins died in 1964

Smith's role in the show was to be the butt of jibes, often cruel fat jokes, by the show's comedian, Bert Lahr. She said later she often wept with humiliation after the show. Collins advised her to forget about comedy and concentrate on her wonderful voice.

Her radio debut came on her 22nd birthday. When Collins booked her at the Palace Theater, she broke the record for a single performer when she lasted 11 weeks.

The Kate Smith Hour, which aired on radio from 1937-1945, was a variety show and the show's resident comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello introduced their hilarious comedy routine, Who's On First, on the show in March 1938. Throughout the 40s, Smith recorded such evergreens as, "Dream A Little Dream of Me," "The Last Time I saw Paris," "Seems Like Old Times," and "I Don't Want to Walk Without You." Her theme song, which she co-wrote, was "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain."

It was, however, "God Bless America" that Smith was most closely identified with to a point that for a time she held exclusive rights to perform the song in public.

The composition was so popular that it soon supplanted "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the nation's most popular patriotic song.

There were even attempts to adopt it as the new national anthem. Her popularity soared during the war years. In one 18-hour stint on CBS, Smith sold \$107 million worth of war bonds; her overall total for a series of broadcasts was more than \$600 million.

In her career, Smith made over 15,000 radio broadcasts. She went into television in 1950 with The Kate Smith Variety Hour and in later years made many guest appearances on some of the top variety shows; "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Dean Martin Show," "The Hollywood Palace," "The Andy Williams Show" among them.

In a bit of an odd twist she ended her career when the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team began to play "God Bless America" before some of their home games. It became a good luck charm and the team's record when the song preceded the games was 94 wins, 26 loses and 4 ties.

The team erected a statue of Kate Smith outside their arena, at the time, it was the Philadelphia Spectrum.

Before important games the club runs a video of Smith singing the song. In what could be termed a respectful jibe, Flyer fans said before games, "It ain't begun 'til the fat lady sings!"

Smith, who never married, kept an apartment in New York City, a home in Raleigh and one in Lake Placid.

After attending services at a Roman Catholic Church for 25 years, she converted to Roman Catholicism in 1965.

Her illness in later years was a result of diabetes. She suffered brain damage and the amputation of her right leg. Her legacy is monumental.

Among the special happenings in her career was a command performance for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at the White House in 1939.

She was awarded the Legion of Valor medal, the only private citizen ever to receive it, and in 1982 President Reagan presented Miss Smith with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

President Roosevelt introduced her to King George VI of England by saying, "This is Kate Smith. Miss Smith is America."

Fittingly, the last song she sang was "God Bless America" on the occasion of the bicentennial in 1976.

Happy Birthday, America, and God bless!

God bless you and please pray for America
Msgr. Finn.