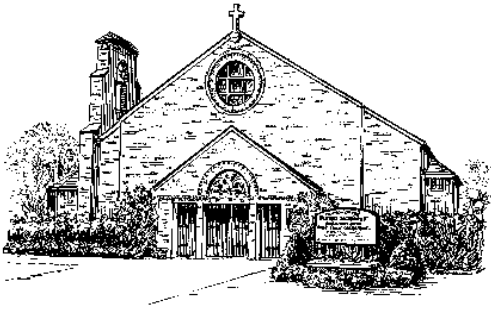


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

September 18, 2016

Staten Island, New York 10310



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

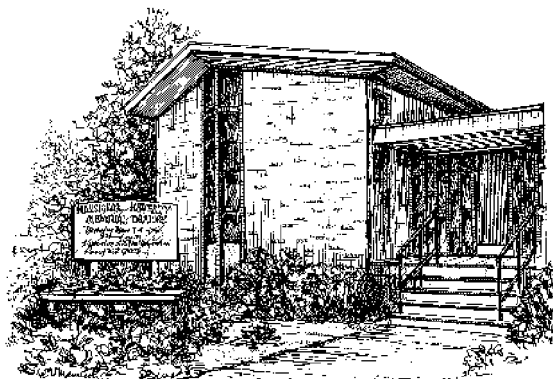
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.J.B. - 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 “After Party” 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

SENIORS

The Seniors will meet on Monday, Sept. 19th at 1:15pm in the Parish House Meeting Room.

RECOVERY SUNDAY

Next weekend our parish will celebrate RECOVERY SUNDAY. This is a day of prayer for all those struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses. Recovery Sunday was inaugurated in 1999 by Cardinal O’Connor and continues under the leadership of Cardinal Dolan. Please join us! Mark your calendar!

31st ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

Join the Staten Island Catholic Schools, Staff and Families as we come together and celebrate as one on Sat., Sept. 24th from 9am-2pm Rain or Shine at the Dolphin Fountain on the Boardwalk.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$6,487(Weekly)	\$9,656 (Weekly)
\$ 499 (Debt Reduction)	\$549 (Seminary)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
778 (Adults)	682 (Adults)
139 (Children)	152 (Children)
917	834

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, 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, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake and Estelle Ohnmeiss

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

- 7:00 Ann Marie Denisi
- 9:00 Nazzareno Bella (Birthday)

TUESDAY

- 7:00 Mary Cavallo
- 9:00 John Dogolin

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 Paterna Calamba
- 9:00 Eileen Ford (4th Anniv.)

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Mildred & John J. McKinney
- 9:00 David Callaghan

FRIDAY

- 7:00 John E. Finn, Sr.
- 9:00 Dorothy & Martin Byrne

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Michael Luzzo (1st Anniv.)
- 5:00 Edward Lunny (9th Anniv.)

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Peggy McNamara
- 9:30 Matthew J. Reinhardt (1st Anniv.)
- 12:30 Maria Ciollo

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
*Dorothy & Martin Byrne***

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 25

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>			<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	3	J. Hanson	K. Byrne & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team	4	C. Burns	D. Vigliotti & J. Hansen
9:30 AM	Team	5	C. Wodzinski	E. Hodgins & W. Boyd
11:00 AM	Team	1	D. Leddy	E. Checkett & G. Checkett
12:30 PM	Team	2	P. Thomann	A. Morrell & A. Castronovo

37th ANNUAL PADRE PIO DAY

Saturday, Sept. 24th at World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury NJ. Come to honor St. Padre Pio, Spiritual Father of the Blue Army. 11am confessions; 12:00 Angelus & announcements; 12:15pm Blessed Sacrament Procession; 12:30pm Holy Hour – Rev. Andrew Apostoli; 1:30pm Holy Mass – Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Gerald Walsh D.D. For more info: www.bluearmy.com

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.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Overwhelmed by God's Mercy, Monday, Sept. 26th, 6:30-9pm, Fee \$25. Facilitated by Sr. Gerrie Contento, MPF This presentation will open our eyes to see intimate glimpses of the merciful face of God. It will open our ears to listening a new way to the stories of healing and forgiveness in scripture. This day will open our hearts to receive the unconditional love of God. For info call 718-720-1097

SAN LORENTZO RUIZ DE MANILA

Come and join us celebrate the feast day of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila with a concelebrated Mass. Archbishop Bernardito Auzo, D.D., Vatican Envoy to the United Nations will be the main celebrant. Wednesday, **Sept. 28th** at 7pm at St. Rita's Church, 281 Bradley Avenue. Bring your family and friends!

SETON FOUNDATION

Next weekend representatives from the Seton Foundation for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 Savings Bond or \$5,000 cash following each Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Please give your support to this very worthy program.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

An **Information Session** for anyone interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 28th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm in the Hennessy Center, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY.

7th ANNUAL BRAVEST BBQ

Saturday, Oct. 8th 12pm at Hillside Swim Club, 151 Signs Road, rain or shine. Cost is \$20 pp if purchased online or \$30 at the door. Children under 14 are free. All you can eat/drink, music, raffles, Chinese Auction and children's activities. All proceeds will go to Building for America's Bravest, a program that builds specially adapted SMART homes for our nation's most catastrophically injured service members. Buy tickets at www.bravestbbq.eventbrite.com. Call 718-986-4587 for more information.

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION

The Cross Road Foundation will hold its 23rd Annual Fall Fashion show on Thursday, Oct. 13th at 7pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. The theme for the evening will be *Get On Your Feet*. Tickets are \$65 per person. This includes dinner, musical entertainment, fashion show and a raffle of beautifully prepared gift baskets. Call 718-556-3474 to reserve a seat.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Regis High School, (55 East 84th Street) an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, will hold its open house for students and their parents on Columbus Day, Mon., **October 10th** from 1-4pm. For information please email or call Eric Di Michele, Dir. Of Admissions at edimichele@regis.org or 212/288-1100 ext. 2057.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry** is in need of restocking for the coming months. They are in need of the following items: **CANNED**-milk, potatoes, tuna fish, tomato sauce, pasta, soup, fruit; **BOXED**-macaroni & cheese, rice-a-roni, hot and cold cereals, pancake mix, hamburger helper, noodle mixes, instant potatoes **AND** peanut butter & jelly, coffee and tea. **PLEASE NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY AND CHECK EXPIRATION DATES. WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE EXPIRED FOOD.** Thank you for your continued help.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets every Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish House Meeting Room. Come join us!

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FROM THE PASTOR

This week is a continuation of our celebration of our excellent Catholic Elementary Regional and Parish School. We do so by presenting the second Catholic Identity Essay Contest winner of 2016. In fact this Essay and last week's tied for 1st place.

Today we present "Following Jesus, I Forgive."

Catholic Identity 8th Grade
2016 Essay Winner
First Place Tie

God bless you
MSGR. FINN

What is forgiveness? According to the dictionary, to forgive is to stop feeling angry or resentful toward someone for an offense, flaw, or mistake; the act of forgiving or being forgiven. Forgiving is a decision of the will. Jesus said we should forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. We as humans must also try to forgive as Jesus directs us to and as He Himself forgave. Forgiveness is such an important part of Christianity that Pope Francis announced a "Year of Mercy" beginning December 8, 2015 and ending November 20, 2016. Pope Francis wants all to know that God always forgives and we should "never tire of asking for forgiveness". We should also be merciful to others like God is merciful to us. Pope Francis is calling upon all to be compassionate and give consolation to everyone.

Forgiveness is important because it is not healthy to hold on to bad feelings. Buddha has said "Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die". By asking for forgiveness, you admit what you did was wrong and ask for the chance to get it right next time. We get a second chance, a chance to start anew. Each act of forgiveness is like our very own resurrection, whether we are asking forgiveness or giving it. By giving forgiveness, you let go of the offense against you and you not only give the offender peace, but yourself. "Forgive others not because they deserve your forgiveness, but because you deserve peace." - Unknown. Forgiveness is free, and yet priceless. It is a glue that holds the world together. Without it everyone would be holding a grudge against everyone. Everyone would be mad and no one would want to help anyone. God constantly forgives us for our sins and we should follow his example and do the same. "Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realizing you were the prisoner." - Max Lucado.

Forgiving can be extremely difficult at times. Though forgiving makes you feel better, and even happier, people often let their anger and arrogance get the better of them. People often forget that none of us are perfect and cling to their pride. Forgiveness was the last human act Jesus offered before He died in His last moments by saying 'forgive them Father, for they know not what they do.'

Forgiveness has been shown in many ways in this world, such as in the case of Rachelle Friedman. At her bachelorette party, she was pushed into the pool by a friend playfully. Unfortunately her friend had failed to realize how shallow the water was in that end of the pool. Rachelle hit her head at the bottom of the pool and broke her neck, instantly paralyzing her from the collarbone down. She forgave her friend. Rachelle later said "I'm not saying it's right, but I've horse played by a pool and pushed people. I've pushed her. What happened was an accident." Rachelle is an amazing example of forgiving. She looked past the fact that her friend caused her life to be changed drastically and realized that it was an accident. Most people hold a grudge for someone spilling their drink or something small and stupid like that. If more people were like Rachelle, the world would be a better place.

I hope that I will be able to look past the petty things that I sometimes get upset over knowing that people have endured way worse and still forgiven. In the end it all comes down to seeing that what happened was most likely something very small and then realizing it could have been much bigger and that there is something even bigger in this world- love, Jesus- love. I hope that in this Year of Mercy we can all use this opportunity respond to Pope Francis' and God's call and "forgive those who trespass against us" as we pray that God forgives us our trespasses.