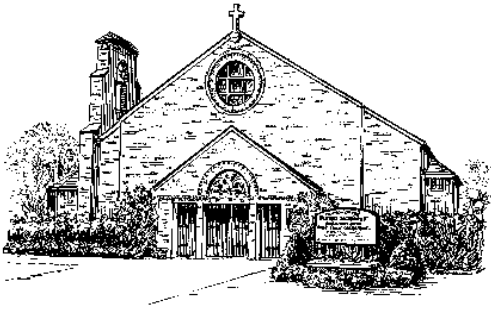


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

September 25, 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

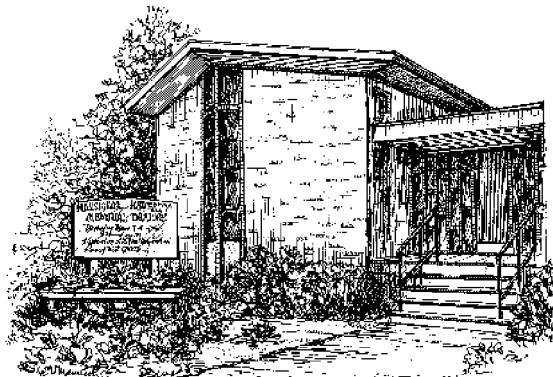
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



RECOVERY SUNDAY

Today our parish is celebrating RECOVERY SUNDAY. We wish to affirm and pray for all those individuals and their families who are struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses. There are many addictive illnesses, including addictions to alcohol, drugs, gambling, and pornography. Please join us today as we pray for healing, health, and freedom for all those affected by addiction.

PILGRIMAGE TO MARY'S SHRINE IN THE U.S.

Cardinal Dolan invites all members of the Archdiocese to join him on an upcoming pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 15th. There will be a tour of this magnificent church, the opportunity to pass through the Holy Door, go to confession and celebrate Mass. Buses will depart from several locations throughout the Archdiocese of New York. For more information and to register, please visit: www.archny.org/mercy

WHITE MASS

The White Mass for Healthcare Professionals will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12th at 7pm with reception to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Mass will include "Blessing of the Healing Hands." Presider: Msgr. Peter Finn

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th
 Mass at 6:30pm; 7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Recitation of the Holy Rosary; 9:30pm Benediction. All are welcome.
 Bible Series – 8 week series on the Gospel of St. Matthew. Sunday evening 6:30-8:00pm. Series runs from Oct. 2nd – Nov. 20th. Contact Fr. Eric Rapaglia at frrapaglia@yahoo.com for more info.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

St. Charles Church is offering Natural Family Planning Classes in the Murphy Faith Formation Center at 7:30pm on Friday evenings. Two session must be attended. Next session is Nov. 4th. For more info and future dates contact Deacon John & Judy Singler at djsjns@aol.com.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
2016	2015
\$6,542 (Weekly)	\$6,006 (Weekly)
\$2,291 <Debt Reduction >	\$1,882
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
2016	2015
829 (Adults)	805 (Adults)
189 (Children)	196 (Children)
1018	1,001

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, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Dolores Kerr, Madeline Murphy and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Gina Finn (Living)
 9:00 Victoria Magliocca

TUESDAY

7:00 Vincenza & Antonio Milazzo
 9:00 Dr. Frank Tellefsen (23rd Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anthony Cavallo
 9:00 Michael Vigliotti

THURSDAY

7:00 Tanya O'Rourke (Living)
 9:00 Burton Cohen

FRIDAY

7:00 Kathleen Langle (Living)
 9:00 Donald Pace

SATURDAY

9:00 Peter J. Finn, Sr.
 5:00 Emily Marie McQuade

SUNDAY

8:00 Emanuel Patti
 9:30 Fr. Leon Dicks
 12:30 Michael Discenza

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 MICHAEL LUZZO**

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2, 2016**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9
8:00 AM	Team 10
9:30 AM	Team 6
11:00 AM	Team 7
12:30 PM	Team 8

LECTORS

K. Kelley
F. Molanphy
M. Boyd
R. Helbock
T. Sanders

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
E. Hodgens & A. Morrell
C. Wodzinski & B. Collorec
M. Morgan & M. Conigatti
J. Spach & M. Spach

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.

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, Sept. 29th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

AVE MARIA GIFT SHOP

The Ave Maria Gift Shop is open:
Saturdays: 4pm – 7pm
Sundays: 8am – 2pm; 1st Sunday of the month: 5pm – 6:30pm. A variety of religious articles are available. Holy Child Parish, 4747 Amboy Road.

ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY ALUMNAE

The St. John Villa Academy Alumnae Association Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30th. Mass at 11:00am in the Main Chapel. Brunch to follow in Founder's Hall, 25 Landis Ave. Please feel free to wear your *Halloween Best* to Brunch. Contact Karen McSparran ('83) Burrofato via email at alumnaehs@sjva or call 718-605-0393 with questions. RSVP by Oct. 20th, \$35pp in advance; \$40pp at the door. Honoring and Celebrating Graduating Classes of:
1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011. Proceeds to benefit the SJVA Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund.

MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

Open House – Sunday, October 16th – 11:30am to 3:00pm., 2900 Amboy Road.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 10:00am in the Nurse's Office.

ST. JOSEPH GUILD

October 2nd 9:30am Mass with meeting to follow in the Parish House Meeting Room.

GOOD COUNSEL

Good Counsel's 24th Annual Communion Lunch for the benefit of our mothers and babies on Staten Island will be held on Sat., Oct. 15 at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. Mass – 11am, Lunch to follow. Honoree: Msgr. Peter G. Finn, Dean of Staten Island. Reservations are \$20pp, call 201-795-0637 for more info.

FROM THE PASTOR

We conclude our series of winning essays featuring the topic "Following Jesus, I Forgive" during the Jubilee year of Mercy declared by His Holiness Pope Francis which concludes in November. Our final essay in the Catholic High School Division, First Place is as follows.

Following Jesus, I Forgive

Life comes with good times and bad times. As human beings, it is inevitable that we will experience hardship. So many times, we fall, and it feels as if the world is our enemy, completely against us, beating us down and showing no mercy. Event after event, it seems like things just get worse and worse, to the point of no return. When this happens, we get upset, distressed, angry and resentful. Then we tend to place blame: we blame other people who have done us harm: we blame ourselves, regretting our choices: we blame God, questioning if He is even there for us. It is difficult for us to forgive those who hurt us, or forgive ourselves for making mistakes, or forgive God when it looks like He doesn't care. Will the world ever show us the face of mercy? More importantly, will we be able to show mercy to the world?

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Pope Francis stated this year a "Year of Mercy." In my opinion, this is a time for us to exercise our gifts of mercy and forgiveness. We should, more than usual reflect on what these things mean to us and how, we can better apply them in our lives. We should be more willing to accept mercy from those offering it to us. We should be going to confession more often, asking for His forgiveness, and accepting it. Where would we be if God didn't show us mercy? There would be no hope and no happiness. There would be no point for life. We should look at Jesus, the perfect example of this virtue and how He forgave on so many occasions when it seemed so hard. We should ask God for help to follow this example. We should be easier on ourselves, knowing that we are not perfect and we should be able to forgive ourselves for this. Each Catholic should go into this "Year of Mercy" aimed toward one specific goal: to evolve into a better person and exit the year being able to naturally show mercy to all.

In order to achieve these goals, it is important to have a clear sense of what exactly mercy is and what it means. To show mercy means to show compassion. Being merciful means when we have the power to do harm to someone, we should choose to show them love instead. We should never be the cause of anyone's pain. How can we do this? Think if it was the other way around for example. The same way you would want someone to show you mercy is the way you should show them mercy. Mercy is when love is superior to anger.

Forgiveness is when we are not resentful towards someone. We cannot forgive without first being merciful, because these two work together. Jesus is the perfect example of forgiveness. He forgave sins in the name of God many times. He forgave those who persecuted him and crucified him, and even asked God to forgive them as well. Jesus was not angry at the people who were so cruel and unjust to him. He did this out of love and mercy.

Humans can ask for forgiveness. We should not be afraid to do this. This is why the Church offers the sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a great way for us to admit our sins and ask for God's forgiveness. He is always willing to offer it, so we need to be willing to accept it. If we feel like we have hurt someone, it is important that we ask that person to forgive us. We need to make people understand that we are truly sorry for hurting them. If we don't, we can be overcome by the feeling of guilt. By asking God for forgiveness, we can avoid guilt. However, as important as it is that we ask for forgiveness, it is even more important for us to show forgiveness to those who hurt us. Forgiveness brings good into the world, and, when we forgive, we can love. It is important for us to forgive ourselves when we make mistakes because if we don't, we begin to regret our actions. Humans make mistakes all the time; it is okay because we learn from them. Humans need to forgive and be forgiven. Of course, this is difficult at times. Sometimes we are too hard on ourselves, or it seems impossible to forgive those who have done harm. We hold grudges and seek revenge. It is hard to let go of all the anger. We just need to replace this anger with love.

Someone I personally know who has shown a great act of forgiveness is my father. Recently, he was in a terrible car accident in Pennsylvania that included several vehicles because there was a bad snowstorm and the road was slick with ice. My dad was crushed by two tractors trailers and had to be rushed to the hospital. He suffered a terrible leg injury and needed many operations. He is still recovering in the hospital which is a three hour drive from where I live. It is very difficult for my family and I because he is so far and we can't see him every day like we are used to, and it is very difficult for him as well because he has never been in a situation like this before. When I heard what had happened. I was angry. I looked for someone to blame. I tried to blame God for causing the bad weather. I tried to blame the other cars and trucks on the road. I tried to blame myself; like there was anything I could have done to prevent this from happening. I found it hard to forgive. Then I realized my dad isn't like this. He is enduring so much pain and he found forgiveness in his heart. He is not angry, or holding a grudge, or looking for someone to blame, and this affected me. Now I understand that it was all an accident and it could have happened to anyone. It is nobody's fault that this happened. I am learning to forgive. I am showing mercy to the world.

Forgiveness is something beautiful. Without it, the world would be in an evil terrifying state. I am happy that I am learning to forgive. I am happy that mercy exists in the world. Perhaps eventually, all humanity will be able to eliminate the vices that prevent mercy, such as anger, fear, hatred and hopelessness. I hope that one day, with enough practice and help from God, everyone will let go of their anger and be able to forgive. It is a difficult goal, almost impossible, but I believe that we, as humans, can achieve worldwide mercy, peace, and love. We just have to take one small step at a time.

I hope you are as impressed as I and many others have been by the quality and appreciation of the young Catholic students who are our future and twenty first century apostles and disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ which is His mandate for all of us.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN