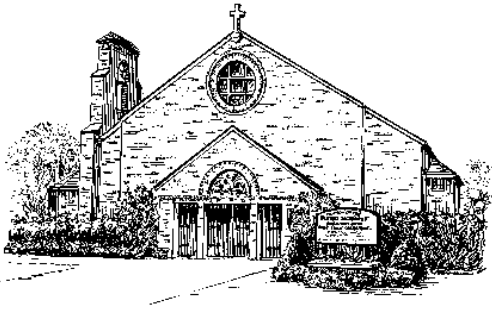


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

April 9, 2017



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

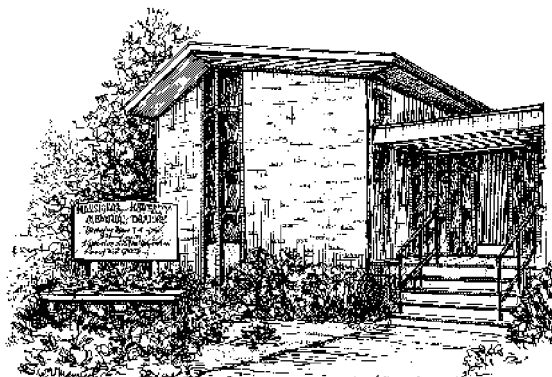
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
RECONCILIATION MONDAY, APRIL 10

2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:00pm Penance Service
 3:00pm - 9:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 7:00pm Mass
 9:00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:00am Tenebrae
 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Visits to Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:00am Tenebrae
 12 Noon 7 Last Words of Jesus
 3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord
 7:30pm Living Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00am Tenebrae
 12:00 - 1:00pm Confession
 4:00 - 5:00pm Confession
 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

TENEBRAE - The Triduum is the most important three days throughout the entire year in the Catholic Church and the Tenebrae signifies that great celebration anticipating the Resurrection of Christ. We invite our parishioners and friends to share in this service on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9:00am each morning.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14th is a day of fast and abstinence. Everyone from the age of 18 to 59 years of age is obliged to fast. Everyone from the age of 14 is obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Our High School Teen Group will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:30pm in the Church. All of our parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be no announced Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.
- The Parish House Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00am.

EASTER OFFERING

Our Parish relies on the special generosity of our parishioners at Easter. This Collection helps us to meet many of our major expenses. Thank you for your continued support of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 EDWARD ANASTASIO**

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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, and Michelina Farley

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Anne Powers
 9:00 June Hayden (2nd Anniv.)
 7:00 Erin O'Rourke (Living)

TUESDAY

7:00 John Vincent Abbate
 9:00 Msgr. John J. Sheehan
 7:00 Finn P. O'Rourke (Living)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anne Powers
 9:00 Nazzareno Vella (8th Anniv.)
 7:00 Peggy Smith (Living)

THURSDAY

7:00 No Mass
 9:00 Intentions

FRIDAY

7:00 No Mass
 9:00 Intentions

SATURDAY

9:00 No Mass
 5:00 Intentions

SUNDAY

8:00 No
 9:30 Mass
 12:30 Intentions

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 16, 2017

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
8:00 PM Vigil	Team 8	M. Conigatti, K. Hanley, J. Hansen, K. Kelley, D. Maj, D. Leddy, M. Boyd, C. Wodzinski, P. Thomann	J. Wright & N. Mata D. Vigliotti & A. Morrell
8:00 AM	Team 9	R. Griswold	M. Thomann & W. Boyd
9:30 AM	Team 10	E. Trentalange & Student	K. Falcone & V. Collorec
11:00 AM	Team 6	J. Pace	E. Checkett & G. Checkett
12:30 PM	Team 7	M. Semon	

REVIVE: FAITH EVERY DAY

Looking forward to Revive? We are too. We encourage you to bring a friend. Invite a neighbor, a cousin, or coworker. Our evenings of reflection will be on Monday - Wednesday, April 24 to 26th from 6-7pm. Please visit www.FaithEveryDay.com for more information and to register.

LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear friends in the Lord:

Each year on Good Friday, as we contemplate the passion and death of Our Lord in Jerusalem, our Holy Father asks all of the parishes throughout the world to take up a special collection to assist the Holy Land Mission.

Specifically, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection enables the Franciscan Fathers, who have been entrusted with the care of the holiest sites of our faith, to continue their splendid maintenance of and service to these sacred sites.

Please be as generous as possible in assisting the Franciscan Fathers in their important work for the Lord and His Church.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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.

MARIAN CONFERENCE

Join us in trusting in the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Benefits to Aid Good Counsel Home and Pro-Life Elderly and Homebound Club, Inc. May 20th at Notre Dame H. S. Academy, 134 Howard Ave. from 9am to 5:30pm. Rosary and May Crowning; Saturday Mass; followed by speakers, lunch; visit vendors; confession; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Stations of the Cross and Vigil Mass. Adults: \$35pp, children free. For more info: 646-662-3914

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Easter Duty to receive the Eucharist extends from the First Sunday of Lent until the Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 11th

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**

The superintendent of School's Office of the Archdiocese of New York is exploring how our Catholic schools can best serve families of children with special needs. Currently, our schools serve students with mild to moderate learning disabilities. However, there is a strong interest and desire to learn what other types of programs they should be considering. In order for our schools to better serve your present needs, I hope you will take time to complete a brief confidential online questionnaire, which you can access at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ADNY-special>. The survey will remain open until April 17.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Visit SJRetreatCenter.org to see our April/May Programs. Programs include: Rediscovering Your Inner Child, April 10th, Fee: \$20 and The Mind of God "Non-Believers, April 26th Fee: \$25 per session. St. Joseph Retreat Center is located at 850 Hylan Blvd., Call 718-720-1097 for more info or to reserve a seat.

FROM THE PASTOR

Palm Sunday! Today inaugurates the most special time of the year for Christians! It is Holy Week! It is the most solemn, and important personal time for all believers in Jesus Christ to recommit their lives as true disciples of the Son of God. What a challenge! What a privilege! What an opportunity! What a blessing! Where to begin?

"Stumbling on the Road to Salvation," Light One Candle from the Christophers relates the all too familiar human struggle of a "pilgrim" like you and me who asks the question "How long am I gonna do this?" The perennial question for all of us is an excellent meditation and call for action as we embark on the special journey of inquest, request and plea which is the wonderful possibility of a fulfilling and meaningful Holy Week.

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Tony Rossi for the Christophers writes...

Stumbling on the Road to Salvation

It's not always easy to wrap our heads or hearts around the concept of God's unconditional love and His willingness to help us carry our burdens. Sometimes music can help us better absorb those truths. That's the kind of music that Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Sarah Hart creates on a regular basis, writing songs for artists like Amy Grant, Matt Maher and Audrey Assad. But she also does the same thing on her own albums; including her latest "Til the Song is Sung."

I've interviewed Hart many times on "Christopher Closeup," and she's always a delightful and honest guest with a lot of wisdom to share. Our most recent conversation was no exception. Though she's grounded in her Catholic faith, she admits that she struggles with doubt and runs from God at times, a topic she addresses in the song "Constant."

Hart explains, "I am comforted by the knowledge that all of the saints that we know and uphold in the Catholic Church have been runners, and have found themselves, at times, reluctant. That's such a gift to us as Catholic Christians. If I stopped doubting and I stopped making mistakes and then coming back and asking God's forgiveness, it means I'm no longer in a relationship with Him. So I bless the doubting and the stumbling because it's all part of working on my salvation."

Scripture is one of Hart's greatest inspirations, both in terms of her spiritual life and her songwriting. The song "Good," for instance, issues a wake-up call about how long humanity has kept messing up, and how God keeps giving us another chance. Interestingly, a lot of atheists' arguments against God hinge on the idea that He's a vengeful bully in the bible. Hart, meanwhile, points out how great God is throughout Scripture.

She said, "In all those circumstances where you see God's wrath in the Old Testament, you also see a God who, over and over again, loves. After the people are wandering in the desert, God says, 'I love you and you're starving. Let Me give you some manna, and I'll lead you to the Promised Land.'...I always equate the Old Testament God with a father who puts his kids in timeout. [That] doesn't mean He's banished them forever. He puts them in timeout to learn a lesson and then goes into their room, puts them on his lap, gives them a hug and says, 'I really love you so much.'"

I pointed out to Hart that a Christopher-type theme runs through "Til the Song is Sung," because her lyrics promote an attitude of lighting a candle rather than cursing the darkness. She laughed and said that when she told her mother she was going to do an interview with The Christophers, her mom started singing our old 1950's theme song, "One Little Candle." Then, Hart agreed that the idea of that light appeals to her.

She said, "This is my ninth record, and I thought to myself, 'How long am I gonna do this?' I felt like God said to me, 'Sarah, you will do this till your song is sung.'...But the song's not sung yet, so I'll continue to do music and ministry and traveling until God says otherwise. I think that's the point of sharing the Gospel. Even when music stops for me, I will still be sharing the song because I'll be doing what you guys do: lighting one little candle and carrying the light of God as long as I live, until my song is completely sung."

Brothers and Sisters - Holy Week is a "timeout" for you and me. Let us take advantage of it and then -

Have a Happy Easter
God bless you
MSGR. FINN