

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

June 18, 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
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Happy Father's Day
A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

All the Masses this weekend will be offered for the intentions of all fathers both living and deceased.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - OUTDOOR ROSARY

On **Wednesday, June 21st**, the Knights of Columbus will pray an outdoor rosary at the front Grotto of Blessed Sacrament starting at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Knights will also be attending scheduled Masses on **June 24 & 25th** to disseminate information and speak to those interested in learning about our Order.

TRUST IN JESUS

Today's feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God's word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$4,527 (Weekly)	\$5,847 (Weekly)
\$2,222	<Monthly Offering> \$2,063

ATTENDANCE

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
661 (Adults)	747 (Adults)
<u>140 (Children)</u>	<u>172 (Children)</u>
801	919

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 HANK FABISENSKI**

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, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, Michelina Farley and Cara Healy

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Edna Fama (Living)
 9:00 Anthony Mazza

TUESDAY

7:00 Kevin O'Rourke (Living)
 9:00 Matthew Reinhardt

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Edward Klingele
 9:00 Ansel Martin

THURSDAY

7:00 Eileen Iammartino (Living)
 9:00 June McCarthy

FRIDAY

7:00 Sr. Virginia Valerio
 9:00 Ann Marie Rung

SATURDAY

9:00 Catherine McKeever
 5:00 Mary, Tom & Martin O'Keefe

SUNDAY

8:00 Anton More
 9:30 Mary O'Dea
 12:30 Edward Gilliland

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 25, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>			<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	8	K. Hanley	J. Wright & N. Mata
8:00 AM	Team	9	R. Griswold	E. Hodgens & J. Hansen
9:30 AM	Team	10	R. Salayic & Student	M. Thomann & B. Collorec
11:00 AM	Team	6	J. Pace	J. Spach & M. Spach
12:30 PM	Team	7	M. Semon	M. Conigatti & E. Laub

ART CLASS EXHIBIT/COFFEE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 25th we will have Coffee Sunday and our Art class will exhibit their work in the Parish Center Meeting Room. All are welcome, after the 8, 9:30 and 11am Masses to come see their beautiful work and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut.

OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY SHRINE

July 1st - First Saturday, "You at Least Try to Console Me." World Apostolate of Fatima USA, 674 Mt. View Road, Asbury, NJ . All invited to honor the plea of Our Lady & Our Lord Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five First Saturdays of Reparation. Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon. Visit www.bluearmy.com for full schedule or call 908-689-1700 ext. 210.

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.

**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 bills and responsibilities. Please don't forget to keep up your contributions by dropping them in the basket before you leave, when you return home or by using our online donation option. Your continued support of our parish is most greatly appreciated.

Whatever your plans might be, we pray you have a safe and happy summer.

FROM THE PASTOR

It is close to 30 years ago that I met an extraordinary couple, Tom and Lyn Scheuring, PhDs and Directors of LAMP - Lay Apostolic Ministries with the Poor. As then Communications Director for the Archdiocese of New York for John Cardinal O'Connor I met many extraordinary people. Tom and Lyn were at the top of the list and we have kept contact ever since.

Ever appreciative of the wonderful outreach of our own parishioners to every call of the poor, I am moved to share the work of these apostles and disciples of 2017 so similar to many of you. "This Catholic Canonical Missionary Service" called Lamp services evangelization with the poor and is consecrated to the beating hearts of Jesus and Mary. This is their story.

In a correspondence to friends Lyn and Tom writes of sharing the joy of the gospel.

Dear Friends,

In the days of 1917, before the blessed Mother began to appear to the three children of Fatima, an angel appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, and taught them this prayer, "Jesus, I believe in you, I hope in you, I trust I you, I love you, and I pray for all who do not believe, do not hope, do not trust, do not love." The angel was expanding their hearts to care for and spiritually help those finding it difficult to live the life of grace. It was only then that Mother Mary came to reveal her beating Immaculate Heart to these little apostles, two of whom are being canonized by Pope Francis during this Centennial Year.

Expanding our hearts to move with the beating Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the poor, who are forgotten and neglected, is the focus of the LAMP Missionaries and yet we are all challenged to have a missionary heart. A few years ago, Pope Francis wrote a document called The Joy of the Gospel. He speaks of the Church being "missionary," and how she has to go forth to everyone without exception.

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In paragraph 48, he states: "But to whom should she go first?" He looks for the answer in the Gospel and concludes: "...above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, "those who cannot repay you" (Lk14:14)."

These are the persons the LAMP Missionaries specifically seek out. We recently began a new site for the LAMP café in the S. Bronx, near a homeless shelter. We need more LAMP Missionaries to serve them! Also, in your kindness please pray for and assist LAMP financially as you are able. We need your support. With you in the beating Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Tom and Lyn also recount the story of:

"God's Cop" and LAMP

In September, 1994, we received a note from Steven McDonald asking for information about LAMP. That was the beginning of a special and blessed relationship with NYPD Det. Steven McDonald, who in 1986 was shot in Central Park as a rookie cop and hung on the precipice of death for months. As he miraculously recovered, he had to learn to live as a quadriplegic. His doctors thought he would live for only a few years. His relationship with God is what gave him the strength to recover, and he publicly forgave the incarcerated teenager who shot him. (He and his wife Patty were friends of another friend of LAMP, Cardinal John O'Connor, who baptized their son Conor, a few months after Steven was shot.) Steven's message of forgiveness took him all around the world. He also continued to serve the city as a detective. Steven served as a LAMP Missionary for many years, giving his witness of God's love and mercy, and the power of forgiveness, to parishes, hospitals, schools and shelters where LAMP was serving. He was a strong witness to LAMP Missionaries also, showing there is no excuse not to share the joy of Jesus with others.

This past January, Steven went to eternal life, 30 years after being shot. His funeral tied up the midtown area of Manhattan and other roads as the streets were filled with police from around the country and countless citizens who loved him.

If you are from the New York City area, you probably know Steven's story well. We want to share with all our friends about Steven, because he was so much a part of LAMP. Steven, please pray for LAMP.

Finally, a LAMP Missionary Kevin Wright recounts a life lesson, never to be forgotten. He writes of"

A "Precious" Encounter

I was sitting alone at a table near the inside entrance of a NYC Midtown café, silently reciting morning prayer while sipping coffee. It was a cold blustery day, and standing next to my table was a homeless woman momentarily sheltering herself from the weather while busily reorganizing all of her worldly possessions packed into a handcart.

After fixing her belongings she attempted to leave the café, but couldn't get past my table with her cart. She kindly asked me to pick up my coffee so as not to spill it while gently moving aside the table. Upon passing, she again very gently and conscientiously replaces the table to its original position while thanking me. Her gentle kindness touched my heart so much so that I offered her some money for her to buy something to eat. I reached into my wallet for cash and for my ever ready "You are precious ..." card. I noticed her rummaging around in one of her bags and before I could give her the card, she brought out a rather wrinkled small white piece of paper and gave it to me. It read: "You are precious in God's eyes!" It was a copy of the card I was going to give her, but on plain paper. I was amazed when I saw it and further amazed to see that it was a photocopied version of the card we hand out. In astonishment, I offered her my more sturdy "authentic LAMP Precious card, but she refused it saying she had a steady supply of her own and was not in need of more. Once again the evangelist had become the evangelized!

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God bless you

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