

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 2, 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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>

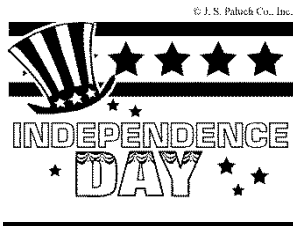
### **SCHOOL**

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





**PARISH HOUSE OFFICE** will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day Holiday.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown"—a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.

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<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	
<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>\$5,126 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$5,275 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$2,125 &lt; Debt Reduction &gt;</b>	<b>\$1,855</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>682 (Adults)</b>	<b>745 (Adults)</b>
<b>135 (Children)</b>	<b>152 (Children)</b>
<b>817</b>	<b>897</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
SANDRA GARGALONE**

**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 Edward Finn Family  
9:00 Msgr. Anthony Bogdziewicz

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Evelyn Mullins (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 Richard Decker (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Christopher Biggs  
9:00 Natalie A. Finn (Living)

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Lucia Langle (Living)  
9:00 Stephen O'Hare

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Catherine Tulli  
9:00 Bill Murphy

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Kathleen Ward  
5:00 Rosemary McClaughry

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Catherine, Fran & Frank Molanphy (Living)  
9:30 Nancy Bahil  
12:30 Dolores Kerr

**SCHEDULE FOR JULY 9, 2017**

<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>
M. Peries
C. Burns
E. Trentalange
L. Pillarella
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
C. Rooney & N. Mata
A. Coscia & D. Vigliotti
M. Thomann & B. Collorec
J. Boyle & K. Boyle
H. Wodzinski & E. Laub



Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye!

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

On **September 21<sup>st</sup>** we will hold a Gala at the Excelsior Grand celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament School. Any alumnus willing to assist with

the planning should contact Mothers' Guild President, Maria Giambrone at [Maria.Giambrone@blessedsacramentsi.com](mailto:Maria.Giambrone@blessedsacramentsi.com) or contact the Parish House Office at 718-442-1581

**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA**

Take a break from the hectic days of summer, and come to the beautiful Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mt. View Road, East, Asbury, NJ. Join us July 13-16 for "A Weekend of Eucharistic Reparation" in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. Come before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray the Rosary each hour, celebrate Holy Mass and join in round-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration. Go to our website: [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) for more info. Or call 908-303-8859.

**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.

**IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP**

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road, in the basement meeting room. We gather after the 8:30 Mass and begin prayer at 9:30. We will be praying with the beginning passage of the Prologue to John's gospel, John 1 .1-5 and Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1.15-20.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

On a beautiful morning nine days before the "Glorious 4<sup>th</sup> of July, reflecting on the news item announcing the awakening of the dormant silence of the mighty bells of St. Patrick Church in New Brighton, I share with you this reflection.

A nation lost in the fog of derision and divisiveness might consider that time when blood covered the terrain of the union and our people "recognized that faith could sustain liberty and self government".

Jonathan Den Hartog, a professor of history at the University of Northwestern - St. Paul reminds us that:

*'In God We Trust,' Even at Our Most Divided*

*On April 22, 1864, Congress approved a significant revision to the nation's coinage: the addition of "In God We Trust" on several U. S. coins. This was more than a small change for small change: Governmental officials believed it would help America through a time of crisis. As the country continues to slog through an era of deep division, it's worth studying the ideals that informed this refinement of American currency.*

*April 1864 was not necessarily an auspicious time for the U. S. The Civil War was raging. Bloody battles took place at Sabine Crossroads and Pleasant Hill, and free African American soldiers were massacred when they were overrun at Fort Pillow in Tennessee. Southern secession left the nation physically and spiritually fractured.*

*With political life frayed and the war effort faltering, adding a new motto to American coinage might have looked like desperation or propaganda. It was neither, Abraham Lincoln and Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase had known about the idea for years. In an 1861 letter, the Rev. M. R. Watkinson of Pennsylvania asked Chase to consider recognizing "the Almighty God in some form on our coins."*

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*Chase, an abolitionist Ohio republican, had liked the idea for years. "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense," he wrote to the director of the U. S. Mint in 1961. "The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins." Some three years later the motto was approved by Congress and stamped on coinage in Philadelphia.*

*The change fit the mood of the time. Facing the dissolution of the Union, many Americans looked for divine aid to help heal the national divisions. They recognized that faith could sustain liberty and self-government. This echoed the acts of earlier generations of Americans, who during the Revolutionary War had flown battle flags bearing the motto "An Appeal to Heaven."*

*Does using the language of faith on currency constitute another example of "civil religion" perverting traditional religion for secular ends? As historian John D. Wilsey argued in "American Exceptionalism and Civil Religion," such public religious appeals aren't necessarily destined to become unhealthy derivatives of serious religious ideals. They can create an open ideal that broadens the circle of citizenship and invites participation - which the "In God We Trust" stamp did.*

*President Lincoln channeled these religious concerns during his Second Inaugural Address in 1865. His reflections were brief but profound, drawing heavily on biblical language. The president rejected the south's claims, but he did so with humility. "It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged." He asserted, building off Matthew 7:1-2.*

*Rather than assume a morally superior position, Lincoln used the moment to call for self-reflection. The North had also been entangled in slavery and the violence of the Civil War, and it was in no position to claim perfect conduct. "The Almighty has His own purposes," Lincoln said. And, no matter what, "so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether,'" evoking Psalm 19:9*

*If both North and South stood under divine judgment, then a new attitude was demanded, one of humbly working for the common good. In his peroration, Lincoln called his hearers to steady service: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."*

*The most important of these tasks was "to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." Lincoln was calling to mind the good Samaritan from the Gospel of Luke, who, finding an injured man, "bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine." Similarly, his injunction to help the widow and the orphan echoed the Book of James, which taught that "pure religion" consists at least partly of visiting "the fatherless and widows in their affliction.*

*Lincoln concluded that this vision could be a global one, as they would "do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." The 16<sup>th</sup> president thus demonstrated that the best religious reflection in public life could lead to humility, self-criticism, care for fellow citizens, and renewal of civic ties. And that seems like a beneficial reminder from the random coins jangling in our pockets.*

Can we not do more? Kneeling in worship, Rising in Faith, Trusting in God, Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu et. al. on this 4<sup>th</sup> of July and evermore acknowledge, proclaim and insist we are now and forever more One Nation Under God With Liberty and Justice for All.

Let us ring the bells and insist Washington get to it!

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and  
God bless you  
and all of the United States

MSGR. FINN