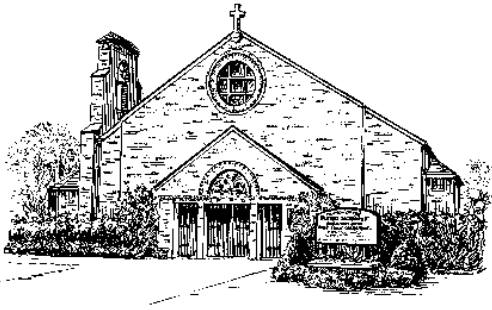


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

July 30, 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.JB. - D.R.E.
830 Delafield Avenue
448-0378



**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S
100th ANNIVERSARY**

Alumni (ae) be on the lookout for your invitation to the Centennial Celebration to be held on September 21st at the Excelsior Grand. Tickets are \$100, checks should be made payable to: Blessed Sacrament Centennial Fund. Consider taking a journal ad and/or participating in our raffle. Raffle tickets are \$100 for a chance at a Grand Prize of \$10,000, First Prize of \$5,000 or Second Prize of \$2,500. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. Please call the Parish House at 718/442-1581 for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing first to thank the many of you that have chosen to participate in our parish's online giving program. Your generous giving is appreciated by so many and helps our church thrive, streamlines our administrative process and enables us to accurately budget.

To help us maintain and grow as a parish family, Blessed Sacrament is in the process of transitioning to a new online giving tool—WeShare. WeShare makes it easier than ever for you to manage your online contributions and will save our church time and money.

To make this transition as seamless as possible and to ensure our records are up-to-date, we need a few minutes of your help. Please visit our parish website, click the ParishPay link, and log into your online giving account. Review your contact information, address, payment method, and current giving for accuracy. Make any necessary changes and *that's it!*

If you run into any issues accessing your online account, please contact WeShare's Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option #1 or feel free to call the Parish House.

Thank you again for your help and for your commitment to our parish. We greatly appreciate everything that you do for our community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Msgr. Peter G. Finn

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$4,664 (Weekly)	\$5,592 (Weekly)
\$1,653 <Debt Reduction>	\$2,465
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
670 (Adults)	678 (Adults)
119 (Children)	112 (Children)
789	790

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, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran and Phyllis Morrell

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Florence Madden
9:00 Peter J. Palladino

TUESDAY

7:00 Colin O'Rourke (Living)
9:00 Christopher Keag

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Cecilia B. Finn
9:00 Sr. Mary Ellen Downing

THURSDAY

7:00 Joan Gulbin
9:00 Judy Blake (5th Anniv.)

FRIDAY

7:00 Neven Milosevich
9:00 Sam LoCasto

SATURDAY

9:00 Gerald Byrne
5:00 Alfred D'Elia

SUNDAY

8:00 Catherine McKeever
9:30 Mary O'Dea (1st Anniv.)
12:30 Violet McHale

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERALD BYRNE**

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 6, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	10
8:00 AM	Team	6
9:30 AM	Team	7
11:00 AM	Team	8
12:30 PM	Team	9

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
F. Molanphy
C. Wodzinski
J. Pace
D. Leddy

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
J. Ryan & L. Ryan
B. Collorec & K. Byrne
M. Hudson & M. Hudson
H. Wodzinski & E. Laub

IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for our Ignatian Spirituality Prayer Group for August. We will be praying with the Self-Emptying of Jesus in the passage from Philippians 2:1-11. Saturday, Aug. 5th at St. Clare's in the Presentation Center on Lindenwood Road. We gather after the 9am Mass and begin prayer at 10am.

128th ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ROCCO

On Sunday, August 20th come celebrate 128 years of faith in glorious St. Rocco, helper of the sick and Saint of miracles. Program begins with High Mass at 12noon; 1:30pm Procession of St. Rocco through streets of Little Italy; 5pm DJ, Refreshment and Raffle Drawing. For more information visit the St. Rocco Society of Potenza, Inc. at stroccosociety.com.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Fridays 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

We continue today last week's presentation on those seeking to define and decide the value of human life 2017.

Clara Fox, staff writer for angelus News the multimedia platform of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles writes:

*Stephanie's Fight to Live
Part Two*

On the day before the assisted suicide bill went into effect, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles reflected on its devastating ramifications.

"The logic of assisted suicide leads inevitably to the

government and corporate administrators essentially deciding which lives are worth saving and caring for and who would be better off dead," the archbishop said. "The criteria for such decisions will always be arbitrary and the process will always mean the strong and powerful deciding the fate of those who are weak and less influential in society. This is the beginning of tyranny."

The following day, Pope Francis addressed health care professionals with these words: "We cannot give in to the functionalist temptation to apply quick and drastic solutions, stirred by false compassion or by simple criteria of efficiency and economic saving. The dignity of human life is at stake; the dignity of the medical vocation is at stake."

Colorado became the sixth state to legalize physician-assisted suicide after Proposition 106 passed on the November 2016 ballot. Despite the efforts of the Knights of Columbus to raise awareness, the End of Life Options Act passed 65 to 35 percent.

"The TV commercials funded by Compassion & Choices sank us," said Colorado State Deputy James D. Caffrey.

Less than a week earlier, on Nov. 2, the Washington D. C. city council voted 11 to 2 to legalize assisted suicide.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York and chairman of the U. S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, noted that this was the most extreme assisted suicide legislation in the United States.

"It goes beyond assisted suicide by allowing third parties to administer the lethal drugs, opening the door even further to coercion and abuse," Cardinal Dolan said in a November statement. "Every suicide is tragic, whether someone is young or old, healthy or sick. But the legalization of doctor-assisted suicide creates two classes of people: those whose suicides are to be prevented at any

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cost and those whose suicides are deemed a positive good.”

In November 2016, Stephanie Packer flew to New Jersey and testified before legislators, asking state senators to reject the proposed Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act.

Her testimony in Trenton made the state legislators think twice about the issue, according to Marie Tasy, the executive director for New Jersey Right to Life, the organization that funded Stephanie’s trip.

“She has an indomitable spirit, and she wants to do everything she can to live and to spend as much time with her family as possible,” Tasy said.

New Jersey state senators have until January 2018 to vote on the assisted suicide measure, which could be scheduled for a vote at any time.

The United States is far from the only country where the movement promoting “medically assisted suicide” has grown. In June 2016, Canadian lawmakers passed legislation legalizing the practice nationwide.

A recent policy left doctors and nurses in Ontario under pressure to either perform assisted suicide or make an “effective referral,” sending the patient to another physician who is willing to assist. A similar law is in place in Vermont.

According to Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, this referral is the moral equivalent of participating in the act.

Many countries around the world feel increased pressure to legalize not only physician-assisted suicide, but also euthanasia - the intentional killing of one person by another. “You have this new attitude that it’s OK for a doctor to kill a patient just because they are suffering,” said Schadenberg, who is a member of Rev. John McMaster Council 6495 in West Lorne, Ontario, and former culture of life chairman for the Ontario State Council. “But suffering is part of the human condition. The question is how do we as a society deal with those who are going through a difficult time in their life?”

Colombia, Switzerland and Luxembourg now allow euthanasia. In the Netherlands, where the Dutch Supreme Court legalized euthanasia in 1984, the government is pushing to expand euthanasia to people who are neither sick nor dying, but merely think their “life is complete.”

It was in the Netherlands that a Catholic nun was euthanized against her will by a doctor in 2004. The doctor argued that his patient was dying of cancer and was hindered by her religious beliefs from making the best decision - so he made it for her.

Belgium has the most liberal euthanasia laws, allowing mentally ill patients to receive lethal injections. It is also the first country to allow terminally ill children to request euthanasia.

Eighty-one year old Christine Nagel in Calgary, Alberta, saw where the laws were going and decided to get her first tattoo: the words “Don’t euthanize me.” She told Canadian news outlet GobaInes.ca, “It’s drastic, but this very clearly says, ‘I’m going to live until God’s ready for me.’”

Nagel said the cost of caring for the aging population, known as the Silver Tsunami, was behind the government’s push for assisted suicide.

“Our government and Supreme Court do not of course mention anything about money,” Nagel said. “But they do warn us that within a few years, seniors will outnumber the rest of the population and will need an army of caregivers to cope with them.

*Although Compassion & Choices has never raised the financial issue, Hemlock Society founder Derek Humphry openly wrote in his book *Freedom to Die* that “in the final analysis, economics, not the quest for broadened individual liberties or increased autonomy, will drive assisted suicide to the plateau of acceptable practice.”*

Meanwhile, Stephanie Packer stays focused on her family and her fight to keep herself - and others - alive. “I just want to see tomorrow,” she said.

St. Teresa of Calcutta
Pray for us
God bless you
MSGR. FINN