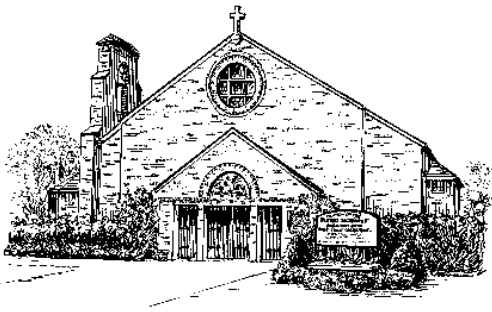


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

October 8, 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





Online Giving News

To help us maintain and grow as a parish we will be in the process of transitioning to a new online giving tool-WeShare on October 9th. The entire process will take just a few days. During this transition, our online donors will continue their usual donations uninterrupted through the system. New accounts or one-time donations will not be able to be accommodated until Friday, October 13th, once the full transition process has been completed. If you run into any issues accessing your account, please contact WeShare's Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option 1.

CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 X2949. Sister may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS)

The TACHS, the entrance test for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York, will be administered on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Students may register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-618-2247. It should be noted early applications have a better chance of being assigned to test site of their choice.

| <u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| \$5,922 (Weekly) | \$6,145 (Weekly) |
| \$2,123 <Seminary > | \$2,012 |
| <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | |
| <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| 720 (Adults) | 798 (Adults) |
| 202 (Children) | 234 (Children) |
| 922 | 1,032 |

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LOUIS J. CACCSE**

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, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowsinski, Barbara Braisted and Jeff Orr

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Eileen Braun
9:00 Carmela Buscema

TUESDAY

7:00 Xavier Lambert (Living)
9:00 Michael Hayes

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Edward Klingele
9:00 James Townsley

THURSDAY

7:00 Muriel Basile
9:00 Nerissa Mata (Living-56th Birthday)

FRIDAY

7:00 Peter Miluk III
9:00 Louis J. Caccese

SATURDAY

9:00 Mickey Tosic
5:00 Guillermo Comme

SUNDAY

8:00 Raymond Celentano
9:30 Michael McCarthy
12:30 Lawrence Maccarone

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SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 15, 2017

| | <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM Vigil | Team 10 | K. Hanley | M. McKeever & N. Mata |
| 8:00 AM | Team 6 | C. Burns | A. Coscia & E. Hodgins |
| 9:30 AM | Team 7 | M. Boyd & Student | J. Ryan & L. Ryan |
| 11:00 AM | Team 8 | R. Helbock | W. Boyd & B. Conigatti |
| 12:30 PM | Team 9 | D. Leddy | J. Spach & M. Spach |

EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Archdiocese of New York is looking for deacons or bereavement facilitators or past participants, who might be interested in a training program scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Drive, Yonkers. Call or email Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191 or susan.disisto@archny.org to register.

IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP

Holy Family - Saturday, Oct. 14th in the basement meeting room of the church, 366 Watchogue Road. We gather after the 8:30am Mass and begin prayer at 9:30am. We will be praying with Psalm 139...for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

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.

REMEMBER BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

October 16-22, 2017 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. Estate planning is a way to continue your life's work. It is vital that you invest some time to insure that your life's efforts will continue to promote the causes and people who will most treasure your gifts.

Remember Blessed Sacrament in your will. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include Blessed Sacrament in your will or living trust, call (646) 794-3317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org.

ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY

St. John Villa Academy High School, 25 Landis Avenue, will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 21st from 11am until 3pm. Empowering young women to realize their full spiritual, intellectual, moral and social potential for over 80 years.

Welcome New Parishioners

The Cavagnaro Family
The Carnesecchi Family
The Gagliardi Family
The Lorenzana Family
The Marchi Family
The McCabe Family
The McElduff Family
The Molfino Family
The O'Gara Family
The O'Herron Family

If you are new to the area and are considering Blessed Sacrament as your Parish Family, please stop by the Parish Office to register. Or, go to our website, click on the Parish Registration form link, print out a form and return it to us in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

ST. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the St. Clare's Employment Group will be Thursday, Oct 19th at 7:30pm. The topic and speaker will be: "My Perspective on a Successful Job Search" - John Donnelly, VP of Operations, JP Morgan Chase. All job seekers and their family members are invited. One on one advisement is also available on an appointment basis. Please call the Rectory Office at 718-984-7873 for further information from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

L.O.A.H. DIVISION 2 - CHANGE OF VENUE

The location of the **Italian Past Night**, Friday, Oct. 20th from 7 till 11pm has been changed to **Hillside Swim Club**, 151 Signs Road. Cost \$35pp, \$16 per child 10-17years old. RSVP by Oct. 13th. Call Eileen Hayes (718) 727-9869 or Noreen Hansen (718) 351-5856.

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FROM THE PASTOR

As I pick up my pen to write this column, I am saddened and shocked at the slaughter in Las Vegas that floods the media on a beautiful Fall morning on Staten Island.

It is the Feast of the Holy Angels, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Respect Life Month. Children, old and young alike will gather on Thursday, October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for blessing of animals and Bishop O'Hara will confirm our 8th graders in our School and Faith Formation program on Saturday.

All of these current events are abounding in happiness, joy, celebration and wonder wrapped in gratitude and thanksgiving for life, faith and love of God and neighbor and so it should be!

And yet the world about us and many of our brothers and sisters are filled with anger and complaint about many things and often everything. Perhaps this malady is suffered at least some of the time even by you and me? Maybe we need to accept the fact and deal with it like brothers and sisters in Christ.

From Tony Rossi, Directory of Communications, The Christophers:

Tips on Dealing with Unhealthy Anger

My friend Abby once told me, "Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, but some people hide it really well." Who could disagree? We've all encountered people in life or online who get on our nerves and even stir up genuine anger. Healthy anger moves us toward Christ-like love and positive action. Unhealthy anger turns into a seething hatred of "the other," whoever that might be.

Catholics aren't immune, with many "I'm a better Catholic than you because..." arguments going on. The bickering doesn't always result in civil, reasoned debate, but rather descends into personal insults. Why?

Social media allows us to experience community, which is a good thing. But when we mock a person or opinion we disagree with, it can produce a mob mentality where everyone piles on, creating a "dark glee," as Pope Francis describes the feeling we get when gossiping about someone. As humans, it's natural to fall into this trap. But as Christians, we're called to be better. Jesus said in Matthew 7:3, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?"

Sometimes, we justify our anger by noting that admonishing the sinner is a Spiritual Work of Mercy and that Jesus could speak harshly, too. Jesus, however, was the Son of God, who knew people's hearts, minds, and souls. Since you and I don't have that ability, we need to be more diplomatic in admonishing the sinner, especially if it's someone on social media we don't personally know. After all, the goal is to change someone's mind, which requires the person you're talking with to be receptive to your ideas. When someone feels attacked, they become defensive, not receptive, so your chances of accomplishing something decrease.

So how can we deal with anger? If you read something online that you disagree with, say a prayer for the person to become more open to God's mercy and truth. In a supernatural sense, it will have more effect than a snarky online comment. And make sure the prayer is humble, not like the Pharisee's prayer from Luke 18 in which he praises himself for not being like the tax collector. If you do choose to respond, follow St. Paul's example from Acts 17, talking to the pagans in Athens. He praises them for being religious, instead of condemning them for worshiping idols. Then he introduces the ideas of the one true God and His Son Jesus.

Also, consider Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10. This story has become neutered in the modern world to refer to anyone doing a good deed. But there is a lot more going on. The Jewish people hated the Samaritans because of religious differences, yet Jesus specifically chose to make one the hero of His story. The message, it seems, is that there is divine goodness even in the people you can't stand.

If being on social media leaves you angry, take a break. Reach out to people in the real world in a way that involves helping them and building them up. Those actions will produce a healthy joy and fulfillment. If you don't want to give up social media, choose your battles wisely, and engage in them with Christian civility and responsibility. And make sure that any anger you experience is short-lived and moves you toward positive action. The only person that long-term anger will change over time is you.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN