

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

February 4, 2018

Staten Island, New York 10310



**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



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

8:00am Mass next Sunday, Feb. 11th with meeting to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room. All are invited to gather prior to Mass at 7:45am to recite the rosary for world peace.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that helps children of all backgrounds get the best start in life. Our students have outperformed NY State and City Schools in ELA and Math proficiency scores three years in a row. And over 99% of our high school seniors graduate and 99% of them go on to college or post-secondary education. Our schools offer a secure learning environment, where respect, courtesy and service to others are always part of the curriculum. Tuition is now more affordable than ever: Financial Assistance and Scholarships are available for qualifying families. To book a personal tour, or for help with your admissions or financial assistance application, visit [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org).

<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
<b>\$5,142 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$5,654 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$1,702 &lt;Debt Reduction&gt;</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
<b>665 (Adults)</b>	<b>780 (Adults)</b>
<b><u>169 (Children)</u></b>	<b><u>169 (Children)</u></b>
<b>834</b>	<b>949</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
SISTER MARY ELLEN AND  
CONSECRATED WOMEN**

***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, 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, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowsinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbie Caporale, Renee McRoberts, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferriera and Gina King

***SYMPATHY***

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Tringali Family  
9:00 Beverly Casucci

**TUESDAY**

7:00 John Schwarz & Estelle Ohnmeiss  
9:00 Tito Calamba

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Lea Diaz  
9:00 Anthony & Louise Magnuski

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Msgr. Charles McAuliffe  
9:00 Robert & Angela Laureno

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Msgr. Vincent Julian  
9:00 Larry Puca

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Dr. Louis Grecco  
5:00 Daniel Leddy

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Dominick & Angelina Librizzi  
9:30 Jeanne Helbock  
12:30 Anthony & Victoria Magliocca

**SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

	<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 4	Sr. Anne Dolores	D. Vigliotti & J. Wright
8:00AM	Team 5	R. Griswold	E. Hodgens & A. Coscia
9:30 AM	Team 1	C. Wodzinski & M. Meagher	J. Ryan & L. Ryan
11:00 AM	Team 2	R. Helbock	J. Spach & M. Spach
12:30 PM	Team 3	D. Leddy	E. Laub & W. Boyd

**STATEN ISLAND ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

Sign-up for the Staten Island St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in the Parish House Meeting Room from 1:30pm to 4:00pm next three Sundays, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
CHINESE AUCTION**

St. Peter's Parent's Club will sponsor its Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the School Gym, 200 Clinton Avenue. Doors open at 6:00pm. There will be numerous raffles, refreshments and prizes. Admission: \$5.00 - anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SEMINAR**

The Archdiocese of New York Office of Liturgy is presenting a Eucharistic Adoration Seminar at St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers) on Friday, February 16th at 7pm. Presentation by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". For more info and registration: contact [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914-968-6200, x8177.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS**

The Seniors have arranged a trip to the Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA to see "Jesus, The Greatest Rescue Story of All Time!" on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, cost is \$136 which includes: Admission ticket, Lunch at Shady Maple, Deluxe Motor coach Transportation, and all taxes & tips. Open to all, but seats are limited. Interested, contact Denise Coppola at 718-727-9262

**TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP**

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in his infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

Today is for some a somewhat sad day with Boston Patriots in the NFL Super Bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles, both arch rivals of sorely disappointed N. Y. Giant fans. Oh well - always next year.

Permit me if you will to remind you and me of a topic more important than football and so many other enjoyable distractions. As we watch the athletic encounters in our culture today may we reflect on "The Culture of Encounter" in light of Pope Francis establishing a "World Day for the Poor."

*From the moment of the papal election on March 13, 2013, Pope Francis has been at work re-branding and reshaping both the papacy and Catholicism at large. Much of his work has focused on making the church more attuned to Gospel values that are so crucially needed in today's world.*

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*Aware of both our personal and communal shortcomings as disciples, Francis has consistently highlighted God's mercy for all people, most especially those who are alienated from the church and from the human community. Francis challenged the church in general and the hierarchy in particular to go to the peripheries and take on the smell of the sheep.*

*As disciples, we too are called to preach at all times, using words if necessary. As disciples, we are called to be signs and instruments of God's grace and mercy in the world as well as sacraments of Christ to all whom we encounter. In all our encounters, we are to be the living presence of Christ, real and active among us. We are to pay attention to how God is acting in the world and learn how to become better disciples from those encounters. As disciples, Francis challenges us to cultivate a consistent culture of encounter, which hopefully leads to more effective evangelization and discipleship.*

*To further engage the worldwide church, Francis inaugurated a Special Jubilee Year of Mercy which began on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ended on November 20, 2016, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. By spending a whole year focused on God's mercy and love for all, Francis invited the church to encounter others in the context of God's mercy and love.*

*As that extraordinary year of mercy came to a close, Francis issued an apostolic letter, *Misericordia et Misera*. Therein, he spoke of his desire to establish a World Day of the Poor. ...as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year... This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy. It would be a way to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes, there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.*

*As promised, Francis officially declared the first World Day of the Poor to be celebrated on November 29, 2017, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In a message to the world entitled "Let us love, not with words but with deeds," Francis invites the church and all people of good will to reach out, encounter and touch "all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity". Such an encounter is sorely needed in light of the current and global refugee and immigrant crisis.*

*Francis suggested that on "this Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be favorable moment to encounter the God we seek."*

*The week before November 19, Francis asked all Christian communities "to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance" to the poor, the alienated, the stranger and the foreigner. Inviting the poor to our community gatherings and sharing a meal with them afterwards is the model that Francis himself offered by inviting over 500 poor people to lunch at the Vatican on Nov. 19. For Francis, "this Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste and to embrace the culture of encounter".*

*Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor ends with this profound and insightful observation: "The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel".*

*How will you and I make time and space to encounter the poor, not just today but every day?*

The poor, lonely, alienated troubled, et.al. are always with us. And, we must always try, however imperfectly, to respond.

God bless our St. Vincent de Paul Society humble volunteers and all who support them.

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN