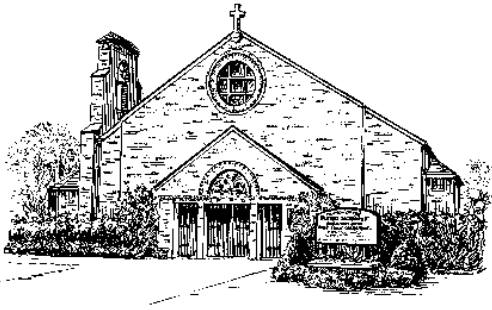


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

April 29, 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.

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



THANK YOU

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to **THANK** all of our parishioners for their generous donations of food, monetary and gift cards for our Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter Food Baskets. Also many **THANKS** to the many volunteers who donated their time to help deliver the food baskets and to the 8th graders who helped carry the bundles of food.

REMINDER

There will not be a **9am Mass on Saturday, May 5th** due to First Holy Communion.

GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14th.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, May 6th, 7:45 Rosary for World Peace; 8:00am Mass with meeting to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
\$4,872 (Weekly)	\$5,688 (Weekly)
\$1,904 (<) >	\$1,779
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
704 (Adults)	712 (Adults)
178 (Children)	170 (Children)
882	882

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN MORANO**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pfleging, Jr., Phyllis Ribaud, Ann Socci, Concetta Chicolo, Mary Kenny, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, 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, 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, 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, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferreira, Gina King, Anna Scampas, Kaitlyn, Elinor Walshe, Jerry Scully, Debra Olsen, and Joan Callahan.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Josephine & Joseph Cavallo
9:00 Nicholas Johs

TUESDAY

7:00 Dominick Victorio
9:00 Barbara Kenny (8th Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Noreen O'Mahony
9:00 John Cardinal O'Connor

THURSDAY

7:00 Anna Cataldo
9:00 Rita, Kevin, Russell & Howard Dronne

FRIDAY

7:00 Josephine & Salvatore Procaccini
9:00 Jovencio Politico

SATURDAY

5:00 John Morano

SUNDAY

8:00 Rose LoBello
9:30 Emily Marie McQuade
12:30 Eugene O'Mahon

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 6, 2018**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team 6
8:00 AM	Team 7
9:30 AM	Team 8
11:00 AM	Team 9
12:30 PM	Team 10

LECTORS

Sr. Anne Dolores
R. Griswold
D. Maj & Student
R. Helbock
R. Semon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

K. Byrne & C. Rooney
B. Collorec & A. Morrell
K. Falcone & H. Wodzinski
J. Spach & M. Spach
M. Hudson & M. Hudson

MOORE CATHOLIC HALL OF FAME

The Moore Catholic Hall of Fame Golf Outing and Dinner will be held on 3rd at Grand Oaks Country Club. Cost: \$225 per golfer including dinner; \$100 per person dinner only. Hall of Fame inductees: Annemarie Henderson, Sue Harnett and Nick Doscher. Please contact Gela Mikalauskas (718) 370-4114 or email gmikalauskas@moorechs.org

OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY

First Saturday, May 5th "You at Least Try to Console Me." World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Road East, Asbury, NJ invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. James Walling. Confessions 10am; Rosary w/15 minute meditation 11:30am; Holy Mass 12 noon; Enrollment in Brown Scapular, Confessions 1pm; Talk on Last Vision of Fatima, Fatima Video 2pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm. Bring your family and friends. For more info: www.bluearmy.com; (908) 689-1700 Ext. 210

ST JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**Mother/Daughter Dinner Reflection**

Thursday, **May 3rd** 6:00 to 8:30pm; facilitated by Pat Stephens; Fee: \$30 per person. You are invited to join us for dinner and a presentation centering on the relationship you share with each other. Come and notice where God enters into it all. Mary, our mother, will be featured as a focal point of the evening.

SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC OF AMITYVILLE

Join us on Friday, June 29th as the sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville host their 17th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. Our guests will enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles, as well as an inspirational lecture from a Sister keynote speaker. Tickets are \$75.00. Proceeds from the event benefit our retired Sisters - the beautiful and dedicated women who have spent their entire lives serving the tri-state area. For more info: www.sisterofstdominic.org

FROM THE PASTOR

Our Post-Easter Sundays continue in anticipation of Pentecost Sunday and the missioning of the Apostles and Disciples to proclaim the Gospel message to all creation. Two thousand years later the legacy rest with all of us.

Time and time again on that millennia journey we reflect on our obligation, our mandate, and remember who we are and what we are called to proclaim.

The following article in "The Tablet" earlier this year reminds us that

"Catholics are Witnesses And Not Social Workers"
by Christopher White.

Echoing Pope Francis' plea that the Church not become an NGO, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo kicked off the 2018 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering by urging those in attendance not to see themselves as social workers, but instead as "Catholic witnesses of Jesus' love."

"We are not socialists. We are not communists. We are trying to discover every single human being as a brother or sister in Jesus Christ," Bishop Elizondo said during his keynote address in Washington Feb. 3.

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is an annual conference organized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. The four-day event includes workshops on Catholic social teaching, followed by in person lobbying on Capitol Hill on behalf of Catholic legislative priorities.

Bishop Elizondo, who was born in Mexico and is an auxiliary bishop in Seattle, Wash., centered his talk on immigration by considering the question, "Where is your brother?" He spoke at a time when the U.S. bishops have made finding a solution for DACA, a program for undocumented migrants who were brought to the US as minors, their top legislative goal.

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Beginning his talk with a reflection on the Declaration of Independence, he said it was incumbent on those in attendance to go out and proclaim that “every single person has an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Immigrants “are looking for life,” he insisted.

Bishop Elizondo lamented the number of Christians who sleep through Church, literally and metaphorically, and fail to embrace the heart of the Christian message.

“We don’t need more numbers in the Church. We need disciples,” he said to thunderous applause.

He then offered an hour-long tour through the Church’s social encyclicals - linking together Pope Leo XIII’s 1891 “Rerum Novarum” to Pope Benedict XVI’s 2009 “Caritas in Veritate” to Pope Francis’ 2015 “Laudato si’.”

Citing Pope Benedict XVI’s reminder that “every migrant is a human person,” Bishop Elizondo said “that’s all we need,” as he tied Pope Benedict’s words to his opening reflection on the Declaration of Independence that all persons are possessed with inalienable rights. “What a revelation!” he said.

The whole discussion of immigration changes, he argued, when a human face is put on the debate. He then made an explicit connection to debates over abortion, where he decried the fact that so many people say, “we don’t want to see the baby,” and then discard it before confronting the realities of the situation.

The legality of abortion, he said, serves as a reminder that just because something is legal, it does not therefore make it just. The inverse, he said is also true, and there are times when laws over immigration are broken for reasons that are justifiable.

“Jesus was very much a law-abiding person,” said Bishop Elizondo, but “(Jesus) broke the law so many times because of charity.”

For the bishop, the practical application of the Gospel commandments begins with changing civil laws and recognizing that for Christians, “charity for us is the ultimate law.”

Today’s immigration debates, according to Bishop Elizondo, are defined by “too many legalities, too little charity.”

While adding a caveat that “every country has a right to craft their own laws, absolutely,” he said that “countries, however, were created by human beings. Ethnic backgrounds or race are God’s creation, but countries are our creation.”

“Human laws are all the time to be improved,” he said, once more making a connection to the spectrum of life issues that Catholics are called to address. “We have to put a face on the innocent ones: in the womb, or little children coming to our borders...civil laws are to be perfected,” he said.

Perfecting those civil laws - in a spirit of charity and love - were the marching orders he concluded with for the more than 500 individuals gathered in Washington from over 100 dioceses and 45 states for the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering.

“The more you love, the more you will be obliged,” he said. “Let us go out and be missionaries of that love.”

As Catholic Christians of whatever political entity God guide us.

*God bless you,
Msgr. Finn*