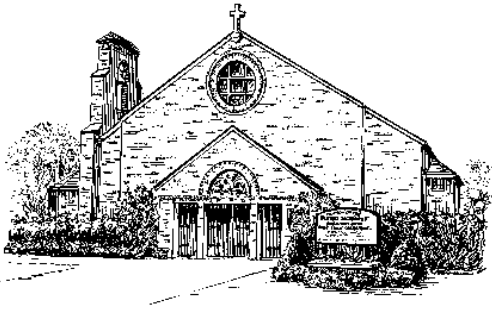


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

May 20, 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

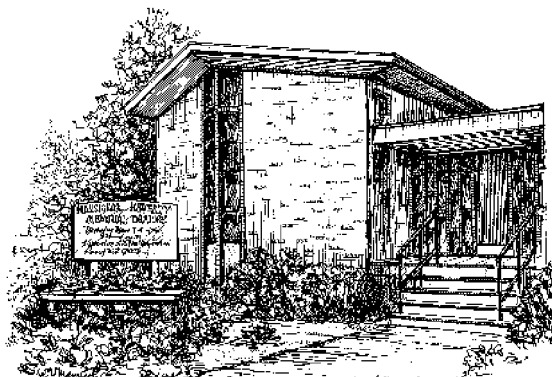
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS

The next meeting of the Blessed Sacrament Seniors will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at 1:30pm. Please enter through the school parking lot on Greenleaf Avenue at the double doors to the school. We are looking for Senior men and women who would like to share cake & coffee, some good conversation, interesting trips and fun! All are welcome!

Welcome New Parishioners

- The Calvo Family*
- The Kelly Family*
- Ms. Susan Kennedy*
- Ms. Jessica Lydon*
- Miss Ashley Vogel*
- The Anderson Family*
- The Calvello Family*
- The Cortes Family*
- The Long Family*
- Mr. Neil Murphy*

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 by email, mail or drop it in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
\$5,366 (Weekly)	\$5,180 (Weekly)
\$2,323 <Monthly >	\$2,329

ATTENDANCE

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
770 (Adults)	772 (Adults)
<u>96 (Children)</u>	<u>202 (Children)</u>
866	974

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RICHARD O'CONNOR, JR.**

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, 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 Roskowinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbie Caporale, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferriera, Gina King, Anna Scampas, Kaitlyn, Elinor Walshe, 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 George Froehlich
- 9:00 William J. Ford (38th Anniv.)

TUESDAY

- 7:00 Phyllis Prevosti
- 9:00 Raymond Magnuski

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 Theresa Gordon
- 9:00 Joseph Fealey, Jr.

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Patricia Ann Whitehouse
- 9:00 Rosemary Pacilio

FRIDAY

- 7:00 Jenavit Miral
- 9:00 James Redmond (20th Anniv.)

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Robert Conigatti
- 5:00 Carol Cavanaugh

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Robert McNamara
- 9:30 John Hesterhagen
- 12:30 Serafina Defiglia



The Bread and Wine this week are offered for a special intention in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux.

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 27, 2018

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1
8:00 AM	Team	2
9:30 AM	Team	3
11:00 AM	Team	4
12:30 PM	Team	5

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
C. Burns
M. Boyd & D. Maj
M. Peries
K. Hanley

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
K. Byrne & C. Rooney
J. Ryan & K. Ryan
A. Morrell & B. Collorecc
M. Thomann & C. McNab
A. Aponte & M. McKeever

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**June Programs:**

Tuesday, June 5th **12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life** 7:30-9:00pm Fee: \$20 per person
 Tuesday, June 12th: **A Pilgrimage Through Assisi with St. Francis and St. Clare**, 6:00-8:30pm Fee: 25 per person
 Tuesday, June 19th **Walking with Faith** 6:00 - 8:30pm Fee: \$25 per person
 Visit SJRetreatCenter.org or call 718-720-1097 to register or for more information.

RICHMOND CHORAL SOCIETY

The Richmond Choral Society presents Northern Lights on Sunday, May 20th at 4:00pm at St. Peter's Church, 53 St. Marks Place. Ticket prices are as follows: General Admission: \$20; Seniors: \$15; Students with ID: \$10; Children under 12: Free
 Your fellow parishioner and choir member, Ginny McKeever sings with RCS and appreciates your support.

ACADEMY OF ST. DOROTHY CARNIVAL

The Academy of St. Dorothy, 1305 Hylan Blvd. is holding a carnival on May 25th - May 27th. Rides - Games - Food. Starts Friday at 5pm, Saturday and Sunday at 4pm.

REQUEST FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

In September 2017, we announced that Centene Corp., at national leader in providing managed care insurance plans, had agreed to buy the assets of Fidelis Care, so that the Church could continue to meet the health care needs of New Yorkers throughout the State. The Catholic Bishops have approved the creation of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, to undertake the mission of caring for New Yorkers in need. The transaction has been approved by the NY Department of Health and the NY Dept. of Financial Services. A review by the NY Office of the Attorney General marks the final phase of approval. I kindly ask that you go to: <https://www.votervoice.net/NYSCATHOLIC/campaigns/59123/respond> to send an e-mail to the Attorney General asking them to approve this foundation. **Deadline is May 23rd.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The disciples gathered on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection were not keeping their first Pentecost. For them, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after Passover, a feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It was the second most important feast of the year. Today, Jews gather on the eve of the feast to study scripture and the law, and after the feast begins at sundown, spend the day in joyful social gatherings. The meaning of the celebration is the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, so for Christians the connection to the gifts of the Holy Spirit is obvious. In Sicily and in the Pantheon in Rome, today the descent of the Holy Spirit is enacted with a stunning ritual. Some churches there have an "eye" in the roof open to the sky, called an *oculus*. After the Gospel today, thousands of rose petals fall from the *oculus* onto the assembly. Churches and homes are decked in greenery and flowers to express the new life the Holy Spirit brings on this, the "birthday of the church."

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FROM THE PASTOR

"Come Holy Spirit Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful and enkindle in them the Fire of Your Love!"

It is Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church, the commissioning of the Apostles and Disciples 2000 years ago and of you and me 2019 to Go Forth and Baptize all the Nations, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Where do we begin? May I suggest let us start with ourselves and then radiate by example, commitment and lifestyle our belief in Jesus, His message, love, forgiveness and eternal refusal to never give up on any one or all of us. If? We just try. If? We do our best. If? We never give up on ourselves or anyone no matter how difficult. We can't save everyone, but hopefully ourselves but for God's sake, we can sure try. Can't we?

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One of the most difficult virtues to cultivate is Patience. But to adequately respond to the goal of Pentecost Sunday the virtue of patience was a key ingredient Christ sought to instill in the Apostles and Disciples 200 years ago and in us today.

In Light One Candle for the Christophers, Fr. Ed Dougherty MM writes:

Patience Keeps Us Connected to God

Helen Keller once said, "We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world." After contracting an illness in childhood, Keller was left deaf and blind for the rest of her life. With the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan, she broke through the isolation that her condition imposed upon her and went on to become a writer and lecturer. Her amazing resilience is a testament to the power of the human spirit to remain patient throughout a lifetime of struggle.

Patience is one of those intangible virtues that we can only gain through perseverance in the face of trials. Keller's line about suffering providing opportunity to build character traits such as bravery and patience demonstrates how much she came to value the strength of spirit she cultivated in taking on personal challenges. Patience provides endurance amidst suffering and the wisdom to know how and when to take action.

The early Christian theologian Tertullian once said, "Hope is patience with the lamp lit." What beautiful insight into the path that patience can lead us along when we allow the fire of the Holy Spirit to kindle within our hearts. That fire can direct our thoughts towards God in spite of the hardships of life, resulting in a heart filled with the hope of Christ.

Life often does not go the way we want it to, and we all face moments of profound frustration and disappointment. It takes patience to remain connected to God throughout the trials we face in order to be guided along the path we are intended to follow. The Christophers have a beautiful meditation on patience that highlights the importance of this virtue. It reads:

"Patience is a stillness that reaches deep within the human soul. It connects us with God by allowing us to pause and reflect on our actions. A patient heart waits for the resurrection that Christ effects in our lives, reviving us to a life of joy. Patience is the tender reaction of one heart to another. It is the essence of love."

The patience we cultivate in waiting on God to guide us through difficult times prepares us to reach out to others in a loving manner. This mercy that we extend to the world is one of the great fruits of the Holy Spirit. God wants to work through us to bring good into the world, and it is only through patience that we are able to recognize the needs of others and realize the call to serve.

Patience enables us to deepen the bonds of friendship, family and community life. These are the treasures that await all who have a clean heart in their interactions with others. Christ said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasurer is, there your heart will be also."

We store up treasures in heaven when we put the good above all else, and it takes patience to do that in this world where temptation and adversity await us at every turn. So remember to be patient amid the struggles of life so that we can recognize the treasures of heaven and allow God to guide us along the path of true and lasting joy.

Forward in Faith.

God bless you
Msgr. Finn