

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

October 16, 2016



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

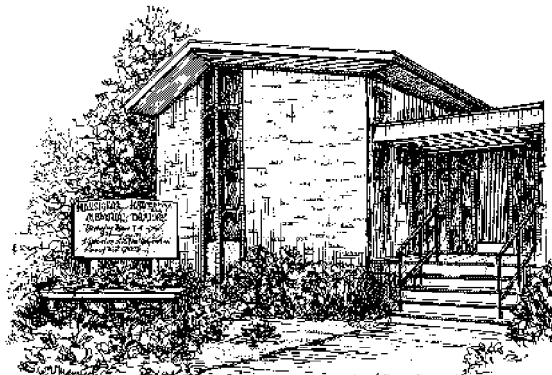
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



CONFIRMATION

We wish to congratulate the boys and girls of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Oct. 8th. We will continue to pray for them that they may use the gift of the Holy Spirit fruitfully! A special "Thank You" to Sister Anne Dolores and the teachers who prepared the children for this Sacrament.

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

FLU SHOTS will be available after the Masses on Sunday, Oct. 23rd in the breezeway of the Church. Please bring your insurance card.

FALL FESTIVAT AT THE MOUNT

Catholic Charities of Staten Island is hosting their Second Annual Fall Festival on Oct. 22nd and 23rd at Mount Loretto. Festival featuring the Island's largest pumpkin patch, rides, games, food, music, vendors and scarecrow making. Admission is free.

LEGION OF MARY

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Legion of Mary gathers every Sunday at 10:30am to pray the rosary. All are invited to join in this powerful prayer which is needed now more than ever. Our Lady of Fatima told us to pray the rosary daily for peace in the world. Please pray with us.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

All are invited to attend the Staten Island Council of Churches Fall Assembly/Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 3rd at 6pm at All Saints Episcopal Church, 2329 Victory Blvd. Admission is \$30pp, food catered by Canlon's Restaurant. Honorees: Msgr. Peter G. Finn, Pastor Dave Beidel and Mr. Edward Craig

CHAPEL DEDICATION

Chapel Dedication in honor of Msgr. Dorney, Oct. 23rd. Mass will be held at Noon in St. Peter's Church, 53 St. Marks Place. Celebrant is Bishop O'Hara. Reception to follow in Farrell Hall. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Richmond Division

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$4,375 (Weekly)	\$7,581 (Weekly)
\$2,388 (Monthly)	\$ 482 (All Souls)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
645 (Adults)	691 (Adults)
112 (Children)	141 (Children)
757	832

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, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Amy Mezzacappa, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Betty Costello
9:00 Mary Martin (16th Anniv.)

TUESDAY

7:00 Michael King
9:00 John Paul Riley (Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Grace Perosi
9:00 Louise Vigliotti

THURSDAY

7:00 John Abbate, Sr.
9:00 Mary & James Deignan

FRIDAY

7:00 Alice M. Finn
9:00 Vincent Cataldo

SATURDAY

9:00 Tino Buscema
5:00 John & Peggy Ciano

SUNDAY

8:00 Michael McCarthy
9:30 Helen & Harry Bavaro
12:30 Anthony Mazza

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE KOVACS**

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 23, 2016**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

LECTORS

K. Hanley
C. Burns
R. Salaycik
R. Semon
M. Semon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

K. Byrne & N. Mata
B. Collorec & e. Hodgens
P. Thomann & C. Wodzinski
M. Conigatti & A. Castronovo
E. Laub & A. Aponte

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

St. Joseph by the Sea, 5150 Hylan Blvd.

Girls – Oct. 16th 1-4pm

Boys – Oct. 23rd 1-4pm

St. Joseph Hill Academy, 850 Hylan Blvd. will hold its Open House on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

St. Peter's Boys, 200 Clinton Ave., Sun., Oct. 30th from 1 to 4pm

St. John Villa, 25 Landis Ave., Sat., Oct. 29th from 11am till 3pm

Today, Oct. 16th in Rome, Blessed Alfonso Maria Fusco, Founder of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, who teach at Villa, will be canonized a "Saint" by Pope Francis. The Catholic Television station "EWTN" will be broadcasting the canonization ceremony from St. Peter's Basilica.

Letter from the Cardinal

Dear friends in the Lord:

On this 90th World Mission Sunday, our archdiocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world who will gather at the altar to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor.

"Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity."

Message for World Mission Sunday 2016

I echo these words of our Holy Father, asking you to open your hearts as you connect with World Mission Sunday in every corner of the globe...with the Americas, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families; with Europe where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities; with Asia, where six million children receive an education from religious sisters in sixteen thousand Church-administered elementary schools; with Pacific Islands, where one thousand young men are preparing for the priesthood to bring the Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need; and with Africa, where the sick are provided loving care at more than six thousand Catholic hospitals and small clinics.

Please be as generous as you can be to the appeal. We are all called to be missionaries, by service, prayer and financial support.

*With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,*

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York*

FROM THE PASTOR

Today is Vocation Awareness Sunday. In addition to praying for and asking God to strengthen vocations to Priesthood; consecrated Life, Religious Women and Men; Diaconate and Laity, married and single, Catholics are called to create a culture that prioritizes and protects the most innocent among us. This goal we are called to always vocalize and support everyday but in a special way during this Respect Life Month of October, 2016.

Certainly one of the most dedicated proponents of Life was the remarkable St. Teresa of Kolkata – Mother Teresa to the world. Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight of Columbus writes the following in Columbia Magazine.

Mother Teresa and the Transformation of Politics

Mother Teresa knew poverty inside and out. Having devoted her life to those living on the streets in Calcutta, India – and around the world – she daily ministered to those most would consider the poorest people on earth.

The poor were her passion and her life's work. No one was more identified with the destitute than she was. So when she spoke to the Harvard graduates of 1982, they were well within their rights to expect her to speak of the poor – of a poverty most of them could not even imagine.

She did speak that day of poverty, but it was not the poverty of a faraway place.

Mother Teresa explained that the poorest of the poor weren't in the slums of India; they were our neighbors right here in America. Calling abortion "one of the greatest poverties," the humble saint added: "A nation, people, family that allows that, that accepts that, they are the poorest of the poor."

Those who knew her were not surprised.

The previous year, I had the privilege of spending an entire day with Mother Teresa in Washington, D.C. There, she had spoken movingly about her work in Calcutta and especially about helping the unborn. She related "a very bad case, "when one of her sisters found eight babies that had survived abortion in a bucket outside a clinic. She said she was able to save six and find loving homes for them.

She then said "God has given your country so much. Do

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not be afraid of the child now. Do not turn your back to the little unborn child. Stand by that innocent one. My prayer for you and for your whole country is that we may realize the greatness of God's love for us and, with that love, protect the unborn child, the greatest gift of God for each of us and for the world."

Such language conveyed a consistent theme of hers. In 1979, upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa said, "To me, the nations who have legalized abortion, they are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the little one, they are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die because they don't want to feed one more child, to educate one more child."

Concern for unborn life was part of – indeed central to – her concern for the poor and the marginalized.

In 1994, at the National Prayer Breakfast, attended by congressional leaders of both parties and by President and Mrs. Clinton, Mother Teresa made a direct plea to the American people: "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

Many consider her the patron of the poor, for such she always was. Many also point to the obvious similarities between her love for the abandoned and that of Pope Francis. But it would be an incomplete analysis of either Mother Teresa or the pope who canonized her if we overlooked how fundamental the plight of the unborn is to their broader discussion of poverty, marginalization and human dignity.

Indeed, Pope Francis has said things that easily could have been said by the woman he raised to the honor of the altars. For instance, in a 2014 address he said, "It is therefore necessary to express the strongest possible opposition to every direct attack on life, especially against the innocent and defenseless, and the unborn in the mother's womb is the example of innocence par excellence."

And while some argue that societal ills, such as poverty, cause abortion, Mother Teresa saw abortion as the greatest poverty and as the cause of other social problems, including violence.

I have called for withholding our votes from pro-abortion candidates of any party. In prioritizing the many issues in the United States this election season, I suggest we follow Mother Teresa and place abortion above every other consideration. It merits such priority – both as the unparalleled killing of 50 million innocents in this country, and as what Mother Teresa called the "greatest poverty" and the "greatest destroyer of peace."

Consistent with Catholic thought on the issue, during my annual report to last month's Supreme Convention I said that I felt called as a matter of conscience to repeat what I had stated to delegates eight years ago when the Supreme Convention met in Quebec City.

Once again we meet during a presidential election campaign in the United States and once again we face the question: "How should Catholics exercise their responsibilities as citizens?"

Catholics often confront a dilemma in deciding how to vote: Can we support a candidate who may be attractive for many reasons but who supports abortion? Some partisan advocates have sought to excuse support for pro-abortion candidates through a complex balancing act.

They claim other issues are important enough to offset a candidate's support for abortion. But the right to abortion is not just another political issue; it is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.

Imagine for a moment the largest 25 cities in the United States and Canada suddenly empty of people. This is what the loss of 40 million human beings would look like. In fact, 40 million is greater than the entire population of Canada. What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation?

The answer, of course is that there is none.

Abortion is different. Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale. We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates. It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.

We will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death. Catholic voters have the power to transform our politics.

We could start by heeding the words that St. Mother Teresa spoke while receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979: "And so today, let us here make a strong resolution: We are going to save every little child, every unborn child, give them a chance to be born...Let us all pray that we have the courage to stand by the unborn child, and give the child an opportunity to love and to be loved, and I think with God's grace we will be able to bring peace in the world."

Vivat Jesus!

Much for us to think about.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN