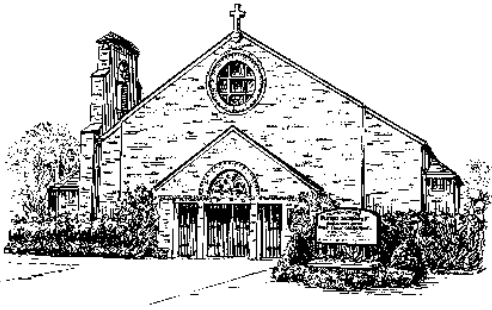


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

November 27, 2016

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

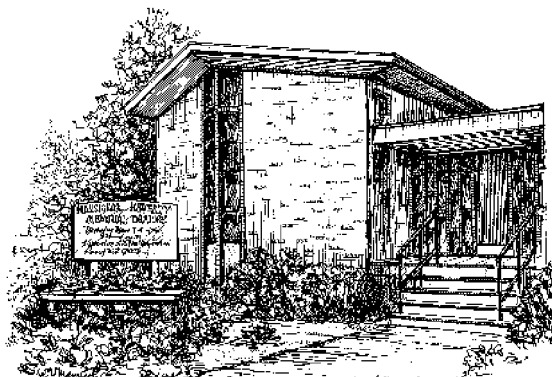
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### **SCHOOL**

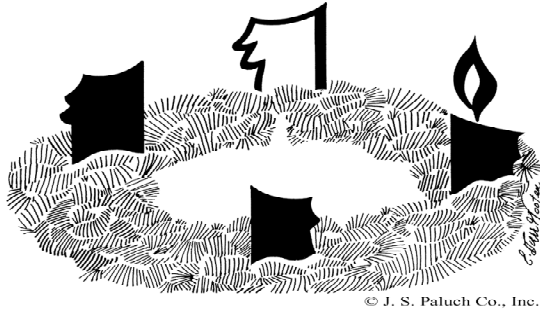
Mr. Joseph Cocozello  
Principal  
830 Delafield Avenue  
442-3090

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.J.B. - D.R.E.  
830 Delafield Avenue  
448-0378



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**ADVENT ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Advent Ecumenical Worship Service sponsored by the Staten Island Council of Churches will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the Brighton Heights Reformed Church, 320 St. Mark's Place. Speaker: Pastor Wolfgang Laudert, Christ Lutheran Church. Music directed by Ms. Bea Jay and provided by the Staten Island of Churches Combined Choir. Refreshments will follow the service.

**ST. JOSEPH GUILD**

9:30am Mass next Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> followed by a meeting in the Parish House Meeting Room.

**Heading to a Warmer Climate?**

If you are one of our lucky snowbirds please notify the Parish Office of your leave and return dates so we can adjust our mailings for the winter months. Two months advanced notice is needed to forward your Offertory Envelopes to a different address or to place a temporary hold on them. Please contact the Parish House by phone or at [Bldscrt@aol.com](mailto:Bldscrt@aol.com) to let us know if you plan to be away for an extended period of time this coming winter. Thank you.

**Please know our parish will get charged for mail that is sent to your home and returned to us.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Nora & Bernard Byrne**

***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, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, 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, Dina Menjivar and Lelia Moran

***SYMPATHY***

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 William Strom (Living)  
9:00 Grace Giordano

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Burton Cohen  
9:00 Marie Kenny Halbert (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Jessica O'Rourke (Living)  
9:00 Francisco Tobias (101<sup>st</sup> Birthday)

**THURSDAY**

7:00 John O'Rourke, Sr. (Living)  
9:00 Catherine & Frederick Cucio

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Vincent & Anna Cataldo  
9:00 Irene Salaycik

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Alice Magri  
5:00 Michael Manley

**SUNDAY**

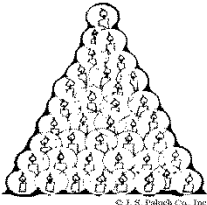
8:00 Emily Marie McQuade  
9:30 John Martin  
12:30 Concetta Maccarone

**SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 4, 2016**

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9	K. Kelley
8:00 AM	Team 10	F. Molanphy
9:30 AM	Team 6	M. Boyd
11:00 AM	Team 7	R. Helbock
12:30 PM	Team 8	T. Sanders

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

V. Donnelly & N. Mata  
 E. Hodgens & A. Coscia  
 P. Thomann & K. Falcone  
 E. Checkett & G. Checkett  
 E. Laub & W. Boyd



**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Please join us in kicking off the Christmas Season with a Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** following the 5pm Mass. The Ceremony will include caroling, prayer and light refreshments. All are welcome to attend!

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

**Advent: A Silent Directed Retreat**, Friday, Dec. 2 to Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, facilitated by Sister Gerrie Contento, MPF and Pat Stephens. Arrive Friday at 4pm (light supper); Depart Sunday, after 2pm closing prayer. Fee: \$250 Single, \$200 Double. The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the "Church Year." Take this weekend opportunity to give your minds and hearts to the Lord as a promise to be with Him, who is always present to us. This weekend will gift you with the time and space to enter into silence, to pray, reflect, and to be guided by a Spiritual Director. \$50 non-refundable deposit due by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. See website: [sjretreatcenter.org](http://sjretreatcenter.org) for more information and other events.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**St. Peter's Boys High School  
 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Eucharistic Celebration, October 22, 2017 at 3pm,  
 Celebrant: Timothy Cardinal Dolan  
 Reception: Hilton Garden Inn

**BE PREPARED**

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

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We are at the Beginning of the Year of Grace 2017. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, 2016.

In the "Spirit of Advent", Assembly Vol. 7:1 Notre Dame Center for Liturgy we find"

Advent

*"Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have know; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.*

*But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would e turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, and an end to suffering, pain and misery.*

*Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world."*

*And so: "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight" (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar.*

*The use of the organ and other musical instruments and he decorating of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of Christmas. The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Matrimony.*

*The official color for the season of Advent is violet. The use of blue vestments for Advent is not approved for the United States.*

PN Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: Maranatha! "Come, Lord Jesus! A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation according to Rite II of the Rite of Penance is one way of assisting the people of God in preparing for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Such a liturgy might best be celebrated during the later part of the Advent Season and so we shall have an Advent Day of Recollection and Reconciliation on Monday, December 19, 2016.

Likewise, the Advent Wreath, a popular symbol in many churches, may be placed in the narthex or gathering area or near the ambo. Each Sunday the candles of the wrath will be lit prior to the Mass

May the weeks of this Advent season enlighten and enflame our appreciation and desire for the spiritual rewards of a Holy, Happy, Joy-Filled Christmas Day.

God bless you

MSGR. FINN