

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

December 11, 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.

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>

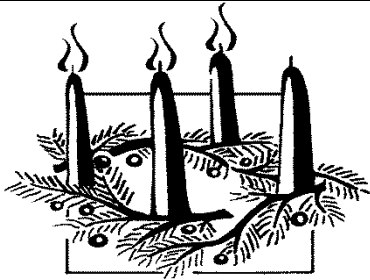
SCHOOL

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





Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The festival of Lessons and Carols is an advent service of scripture and song that dates back to the late 19th century and is followed around the world. Through poignant readings from the Old and New Testament interspersed with beautiful music, the congregation is invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history. There are nine scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. We invite you to pray and reflect with us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lessons and Carols, hosted by the adult choir, will be held on Tuesday, **Dec. 13th** at 7pm.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, December 19th is Advent Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 4 to 8pm. Our annual Advent Penance Service will begin at 7pm.

SENIOR SPIRITUALITY

The Senior Spirituality Group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
2016	2015
\$8,016 (Weekly)	\$5,560 (Weekly)
\$1,819 <Monthly >	\$2,999
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
2016	2015
879 (Adults)	790 (Adults)
244 (Children)	183 (Children)
1,123	973

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TINO BUSCEMA**

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 Elmady, 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, 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, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran and Gail Kees

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Estelle Ohnmeiss, Nicholas Giannatasio and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Tino Buscema
9:00 Felicidad Tobias

TUESDAY

7:00 Renato Gomez
9:00 Mary Reilly, Lt. Joseph Gullickson

WEDNESDAY

7:00 William V. Cortese
9:00 Louis J. Caccese (7th Anniv.) & Michael Caccese (Birthday)

THURSDAY

7:00 Kristine Durr (Living)
9:00 Joseph Wodzinski (12th Anniv.)

FRIDAY

7:00 Thomas Farrell (16th Anniv.)
9:00 Beverly Casucci

SATURDAY

9:00 Maria Lilla Stanzione
5:00 Erin O'Connor

SUNDAY

8:00 Michael McCarthy
9:30 Mary McAloon Kenny (22nd Anniv.)
12:30 Anthony Mazza

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 18, 2016

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 8	M. Peries.	C. Rooney & N. Mata
8:00 AM	Team 9	P. Thomann	E. Hodgens & A. Aponte
9:30 AM	Team 10	C. Wodzinski	P. Thomann & K. Byrne
11:00 AM	Team 6	J. Pace	M. Morgan & A. Morrell
12:30 PM	Team 7	T. Sanders	H. Wodzinski & E. Laub

FORMED

His Excellency, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, has a very important letter of encouragement to all of us as we prepare for Christmas during the Holy Season of Advent.

His letter is as follows:

*Can I suggest one way you might fit some Advent preparation into your busy schedule? Spend some time on FORMED.org, if you haven't already signed up. Thanks to a generous benefactor, all parishes in the Archdiocese of New York are currently signed up for this online platform that provides Catholic content such as movies, E-books, audio talks, Bible studies and more! There is an Advent study as well as a new program on the Sacrament of Confession, called Forgiven. I especially encourage you to watch this and prepare for Archdiocesan-wide **Reconciliation Monday** on December 19.*

FORMED.org is a website that you log into with a parish code that allows you to view all the content. This means that you can view this great Catholic material anywhere you have the internet access. All you need to do is enter the access code that your parish has provided, I know most parishes put this information in their bulletin and on their website, but if you do not know your access code, please email formed@archny.org and include your name and home parish to receive it.

Whether it is an activity at your parish or sitting down at home to watch something on FORMED.org, the season of Advent is an opportunity to receive many graces and keep our focus on what really matters. We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and it is good for us to show our gratitude to God by spending some time reflecting on His great act of love - sending us His Son to be our Savior.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York*

Here's how it works:

Go to FORMED.org
Click on register
You will be asked for the parish code. Blessed Sacrament's code is DZHHXP.
You will be asked to Register
Enter your E-mail address.
Create a password, then go to your in-box and open the email from FORMED.org to verify your password.
You will then be log-in.
Any questions call the parish office 718-442-1581 ask for Fr. Frank or Fr. Roland. Thank you and God bless you.

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.



Online giving with ParishPay is a safe and convenient way to contribute. Interested in getting started, just go to our church website, click the Online Giving link and follow the easy steps. The set up takes just a few moments. When you participate, you can view your giving history at any time just by logging in to your secure account.

FROM THE PASTOR

With all the discussion on the course of our nation in light of our national, international, religious and societal challenges perhaps it is an opportunity to reflect on what the Christmas Season 2016 might really mean. For me, it's Faith – Family – Freedom. To that end please indulge me as I reprise my memories of the past, my prayers for the present and the future for all of us. And now:

Christmas Memories
Part One

They said he was an old man, a retired District Attorney for Richmond County who lived up on Ocean Terrace in a sprawling ranch style home set far back from the roadside with a large circular garden in between that was filled with beautiful flowers spring, summer and fall. In the eyes of youngsters passing by in a car they were nice and pretty but so what. We cried out, keep driving dad until we get to the Zoo or Clove Lakes Park or whatever.

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However, when the dark, cold and windy chill of winter howled atop this Todt Hill Road (the highest point on the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida) Ocean Terrace took on a mighty powerful appearance. Unlike today where the road is surrounded on both sides from Todt Hill Road to Petrides School with beautiful large and Christmas decorated homes and the hustle and bustle of many of our 500,000 people on Staten Island, in the 1950's Ocean Terrace was one of many country like roads throughout Staten Island.

Nevertheless, magic moments of memory also paint an entirely different picture in the beginning of winter long ago.

Unlike Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge, the elderly distinguished retired Staten Island District Attorney discovered Christmas and its real meaning long before Christmas Eve and without the assistance of the ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future.

The kind, elderly gentleman could look out his picture window and smile happily at the congestion on Ocean Terrace in front of his home; at the crowds of people gathered in front of his property and especially the radiant, awestruck, happy faces of children of every age as they gazed and prayed before the handsome Nativity scene set up on the lawn, with real, live sheep, lambs and goats grazing before the images of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

For many years, time and time again, the people of Staten Island and their children would come to see the crib, the Holy Family and the live animals. Close to the Nativity scene was a container soliciting free will donations which were collected and distributed to the Children's Wards at the St. Vincent's Hospital on Bard Avenue; Staten Island Hospital on Castleton Avenue and Richmond Memorial Hospital in Prince's Bay.

Yes Virginia there is a Santa Clause and his name was Mr. Fach, Retired District Attorney of Staten Island and with Tiny Tim all could say then and God willing today – God Bless Us All!

Some 70 years later Staten Island was a very different town. Yet, it is still in the words of former Borough President, Ralph Lamberti "Our Town".

In our Parish and throughout "Our Town" Jesus Christ is and always will be the true meaning of Christmas for all Christians and understood as such by our good friends of different religious beliefs. In spite of the crass commercialism that too often colors, our celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ, our good people still find time, like Mr. Fach, to display the Nativity scene, prepare our lives spiritually during Advent for the great Feast of the Incarnation and in imitation of Jesus reach out in generosity and service to our brothers and sisters in need at home and abroad.

- That is what the real meaning of the hustle and bustle is all about.
- So go shop till you drop – for others especially those in need
- Shape up and get back to our loving Baby Jesus and crucified and resurrected Messiah at Reconciliation Monday, at Mass, in Church and at home in prayer – thankful and loving.
- Patch-up any and all disunity among family, friends and neighbors.
- Make your greeting to everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, but forget Happy Holidays.

And when December 25, 2016 arrives and throughout the Christmas Season, God will bless us all Tiny Tim says because He loves us so much.

Merry Christmas One and All
Msgr. Finn