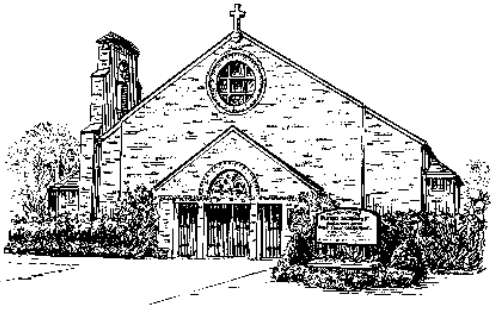


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

May 7, 2017

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





Our Parish will offer a Mother's Day Novena of Masses throughout the month of May. Mother's Day Novena Cards are available at the entrances to the Church. This Mother's Day Novena is a truly spiritual way of

remembering our loved ones and friends at the Altar of the Lord during this special month. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all mothers, both living and deceased.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY

In recognition and gratitude to all mothers, and especially to give honor and praise to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, The Legion of Mary will be praying a special rosary following the 9:30am Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. A basket will be available to place your prayers and petitions before Our Blessed Mother. Everyone is invited to join us in this tribute to our mothers.

MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear friends in the Lord:

The completion of the Trinity Dome, in preparation for the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the National Shrine in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the bishops of the U.S. have approved a special one-time collection to take place this Mother's Day.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly one hundred years ago. Mary's Shrine, also known as America's Catholic Church, is an authentic reflection of the diversity of the cultures of the U. S. and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church as evidenced in the more than eighty chapels and oratories dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

This one-time national collection for the Trinity Dome offers all of us an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by honoring our Catholic heritage and entrusting ourselves and our families to the Mother of God.

Please be as generous as you can.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithful in Christ.
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, Michelina Farley and Cara Healy

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Teresa Volturo
9:00 Barbara McClaughry (5th Anniv.)

TUESDAY

7:00 Rose Lo Bello
9:00 Frank Miller

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Christopher Sickierski
9:00 William Yates

THURSDAY

7:00 Patricia Smith
9:00 Robert Trost

FRIDAY

7:00 Gerard S. Durr (Living)
9:00 Edith & Louis Rich

SATURDAY

9:00 Helene Hall
5:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

SUNDAY

8:00 Mother's Day
9:30 Novena
12:30 Intentions

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,673 (Weekly)	\$6,715 (Weekly)
\$1,500 <Central & Eastern Europe >	\$1,772
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
717 (Adults)	783 (Adults)
143 (Children)	176 (Children)
860	959

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. AMBROSE**

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 14, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
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

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
F. Molanphy
C. Wodzinski & Student
R. Helbock
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
K. Byrne & J. Wright
A. Coscia & E. Hodgson
M. Morrell & A. Castronovo
J. Boyle & K. Boyle
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, May 13th at Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road in basement meeting room. After the 8:30 Mass and begin prayer at 9:30, we will be praying with Mary Magdalene and Jesus at the tomb, John 20:1, 11-18

100th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 2017, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima there will be a Mass at 12pm followed by the Holy Hour and Eucharistic Procession at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 51st Street & 5th Ave. The UN International Pilgrim Statue of the World; Apostolate of Fatima and first class relics of Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta Marto will be present at the Cathedral for prayer and veneration from 10am-12pm and 2-4pm. You may also leave prayer petitions which will be delivered to the apparition chapel in Fatima, Portugal.

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.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

The HNS is hosting a Discount Defensive Driving class on Sat., June 3rd from 9am -3:30pm at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. This DMV approved course entitles NY drivers to a 10% auto insurance discount for 3 years, as much as 4 violation points reduced from your NY driving record. The cost is \$39 for those who register on or by Wed., May 31st. \$44 after May 31. Seats limited. Catered lunch, refreshments included. To register, send your name, phone number, and payment to: Defensive Driving, 174 Woolley Ave., 10314. Make check payable to Holy Name Society. Questions: call 718-637-3934.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group received the following thank you. *Thank you ladies for your generosity to the women and children at Good Counsel! May God bless you and your beautiful ministry.* The group's next meeting is May 26 at 10am all are welcome.

FROM THE PASTOR

It was labeled, "The War To End All Wars" 100 years ago, in a conflagration that eliminated a generation of youth throughout Europe. In the midst of the battle God sent His Beloved Mother to 3 young and simple children to pray the rosary to end the war appearing each month from May 13th until October 13th.

Today we might look at the world at home and abroad and ask the question: What have we learned? Where are we at? Where are we going?

We shall begin to ponder these questions by remembering and reviewing the miracle of the Sun and the "Beautiful Lady".

Robert Fastiggi, a professor of systematic theology at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit writes in Our Sunday Visitor of "Our Lady's apparition to three children in Portugal.

The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 12, 1917.

The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a refuge of maternal love for us all and a sure path that leads us to God. In the end, Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph because Mary is full of God's graced and all pure. She has the heart of a mother who cares for her children and wishes them to be saved by her divine Son, Jesus.

Although 2017 marks the centenary year, the Fatima apparitions began with the three apparitions of the Angel of Peace (also called the Angel of Portugal) in 1916 and extended beyond 1917 with subsequent apparitions given to Sister Lucia dos Santos in Pontevedra, Spain (1925-1927) and Tuy Spain (1929).

Fatima is one of the most significant of all Marian apparitions. Along with Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and Lourdes (Feb. 11), it is one of three Marian

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apparitions honored with a feast day. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added the May 13 feast of Our Lady of Fatima to the general Roman calendar, May 13 was the day of the first Fatima apparition of 1917, and May 13, 1981 was the day when St. John Paul II survived an attempt on his life in St. Peter's Square. John Paul II credited his survival to the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima. The assassin's bullet that narrowly missed killing the pope now is inserted in a crown of Our Lady housed at the Fatima shrine. Fatima is also linked with the collapse of Russian communism more than 25 years ago.

It is estimated that some 4-5 million people visit Fatima each year, and more are expected for the centennial year, including a visit by Pope Francis, who plans to travel to Portugal to celebrate the 100-year anniversary.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

The 6 Apparitions of 1917

There were six Marian apparitions to the shepherd children from May 13 to Oct. 13, 1917. All of these apparitions took place on the 13th of the month except for the August apparition.

May 13, 1917

The children were tending their sheep near the Cova da Iria in Fatima, a few miles from their home. A beautiful young woman dressed in white appeared to them over the holm oak. The Lady said she was from heaven and wanted the children to return to the same place at the same hour on the 13th of each month for six months. She asked the children to pray the Rosary every day.

June 13, 1917

Our Lady again asked the children to pray the Rosary every day and she asked Lucia to learn to read and write. She revealed that Jacinta and Francisco would die soon, but Lucia would live longer. She then revealed that God wished to establish in the world devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and her heart would be a refuge and a way to lead people to God.

July 13, 1917

The Lady disclosed a three part secret to the children.

Aug. 19, 1917

The children missed their scheduled meeting with the Lady at Cova da Iria on Aug. 13 because they were detained by the anti-clerical authorities. The children resisted efforts to have them deny the apparitions. They were put in prison and released on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption. The Lady then appeared to the children a few days later, on Aug. 19 at Valinhos near their home in Aljustrel. The Lady asked the children to continue to come to the Cova da Iria on the 13th of each month and to pray the Rosary every day. She told them that she would perform a miracle the last month. (October).

Sept. 13, 1917

The Lady asked the children to continue to pray the Rosary for the end of the war. She told them that Jesus as well as St. Joseph would appear in October.

Oct. 13, 1917

The most dramatic of the apparitions. Some 55,000 people gathered on a rainy day near Cova da Iria in Fatima and witnessed the "miracle of the sun." Some 20,000 other people witnessed the miracle from as far away as 25 miles. The sun started spinning and grew larger. It looked like it was going to fall on the earth. People fell to their knees in fear. The people then noticed that their clothes were completely dry even though they had been standing in the rain for some time. Even unbelievers and skeptics witnessed the phenomenon. The secular newspaper, *O Seculo*, had a front page story on "How the sun danced at midday in Fatima."

While the people were looking at the miracle of the sun, the three children saw a sequence of apparitions. St. Joseph was seen with the Christ Child, and they appeared to bless the world. The Blessed Mother was seen robed in white with a blue mantel; then she appeared as Our Lady of Sorrows and then as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The Lady revealed her identity to the children as "Our Lady of the Rosary." She asked them to pray the Rosary every day and to have a chapel built at Cova da Iria, the site of the apparitions.

On Saturday, May 13th we shall celebrate Our Lady of Fatima and the commencement of the 6 Apparitions of 1917.

Next week we continue our presentation and encourage recitation of the Rosary every day in May 2017 and beyond.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN