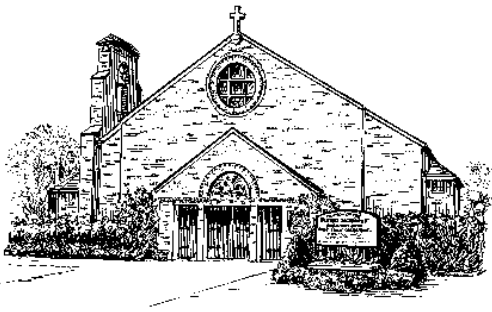


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

May 21, 2017



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

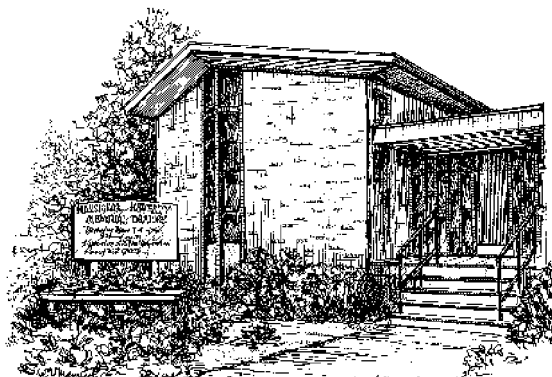
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



ASCENSION OF THE LORD is Thursday, May 25th.
 Masses are: Wed., May 24th 7pm vigil. Thurs.: 7am,
 9am, 11am and 7pm.



**TRAVELING? MAKING SUMMER
 VACATION PLANS?**

If you'll be away from home during the summertime **please** notify the Parish Office providing us with your leave and return dates so we can adjust our mailings for the summer months. Six to eight weeks advanced notice is needed to place a *Temporary Hold* or forward on your Offertory Envelopes.

A great summertime or anytime option is Online Giving. You can contribute from wherever you are...you can easily set up payments in advance. When you give online, it helps us make our budget, even when attendance is a bit lower in the summer months. Visit blessedsacramentchurchsi.org for the ParishPay online donation link to sign-up at anytime.

Welcome New Parishioners

The Blake Family

Ms. Maureen Bolembach

The Bruno Family

Ms. Angela Campitello

The Casale Family

Ms. Mary Cavorley

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 in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2017	2016
\$5,180 (Weekly)	\$6,346 (Weekly)
\$2,329 (Monthly)	\$2,105 (Debt Reduction)

ATTENDANCE

2017	2016
772 (Adults)	805 (Adults)
202 (Children)	208 (Children)
974	1,013

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 DECEASED MEMBERS OF
 THE DICKS FAMILY**

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 Bishop Thomas V. Daily
 9:00 Margaret Lynch

TUESDAY

7:00 Ramon Alvarez
 9:00 Jacqueline Wedt

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Rosemary Pacilio
 9:00 Edward Anastasio
 7:00 Maura Bridget Gallagher

THURSDAY

7:00 Jenait Miral
 9:00 Michael Signorile
 11:00 James Redmolnd (19th Anniv.)
 7:00 John, James, Vincent Hooks

FRIDAY

7:00 Salvina Vella
 9:00 Anthony & Victoria Magliocca

SATURDAY

9:00 Roy Smith
 5:00 Alfred D'Elia

SUNDAY

8:00 RoseMary Marchese
 9:30 Eileen Kuhn
 12:30 Concetta Maccarone

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 28, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	10
8:00 AM	Team	6
9:30 AM	Team	7
11:00 AM	Team	8
12:30 PM	Team	9

<u>LECTORS</u>
J. Hansen
C. Burns
R. Salaycik & Student
M. Boyd
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
J. Wright & N. Mata
A. Coscia & A. Aponte
M. Thomann & K. Falcone
M. Conigatti & M. McKeever
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB - will meet on Thursday, May 25th at the Dakota Diner at 10am.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on Friday, May 26th at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION

Please join us in celebrating the Cross Road Foundation's 30th anniversary of promoting the culture of life on Staten Island. The 4th annual **Garden of Life Brunch** will be held on Sunday, **June 11** from 11am - 1pm at the Excelsior Grand. Tickets are \$30pp, with family pricing available. Councilman Joseph Borelli will be the keynote speaker. Call 718-556-3474 or visit www.crossroadfoundation.org to reserve your seats.

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.

LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP

Letters of Sponsorship can be issued only to members of our parish, who are registered at least three months, regularly attend Mass, and receive the sacraments. Regular use of envelopes indicates attendance at Mass. Sponsors are to be Baptized, Confirmed, and if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church. Out of town college students should receive a letter from their campus minister. People in the military should receive a letter from their Chaplain.

OUR LADY BLUE ARMY SHRINE

First Saturday, June 3rd "You at least try to console me..." Honor the plea of Our Lady on Dec. 10, 1925 requesting 5 consecutive First Saturdays. Confessions: 10:30am-1:30pm, Rosary 11:30am; Holy Mass at 12 noon. Celebrant Rev. James Kyrpczak. Visit www.wafusa.org for full schedule or call (908) 689-1700 ext. 2210.

FROM THE PASTOR

Our reflection on the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three young children in 1917 continues as we reflect on a vision of Sr. Lucia in 1929.

On June 13, 1929, when Sister Lucia was in residence at the Dorothean convent in Tuy, Spain, she had a remarkable vision of the Most Holy Trinity with Jesus on the cross and the Blessed Virgin at his side. After this vision, Our Lady spoke to Sister Lucia, telling her: The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means."

For a variety of reasons, the consecration of Russia as requested by Our Lady did not occur until March 25, 1984. Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Oct. 31, 1942, following the requests of sister Lucia, the bishops of Portugal and Blessed Alexandrina da Costa (1904-1955). On July 7, 1952, he also consecrated the Russian people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

These consecrations, however, were not done in communion with all the bishops of the world. After the assassination attempt of 1981, Pope St. John Paul II decided to carry out the consecration as Our Lady of Fatima had requested. On Dec. 8, 1983, he sent out letters inviting all Catholic and Orthodox bishops to join him in prayer for the act of consecration, which took place at St. Peter's Square on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1984, before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. In this act, St. John Paul II said: "In a special way we entrust and consecrate to you those individuals and nations which particularly need to be thus entrusted and consecrated."

Although some have argued that St. John Paul II did not consecrate Russia properly, Sister Lucia herself confirmed that the 1984 consecration corresponded to what Our Lady requested. In a letter of Nov. 8, 1989, she wrote: "Yes it has been done just as Our Lady asked, on 25 March 1984." She confirmed this again in 2001.

The following is a chronological account of the impact on and response of the Popes and Fatima.

Pope Pius XII

- Was ordained a bishop on May 13, 1917, the very day of the first Fatima apparition.

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- *Consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1942 and stressed devotion to Mary's Heart throughout his pontificate.*
- *Explained how devotion to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of God is closely joined to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in his 1956 encyclical *Haurietis Aquas*.*

Blessed Pope Paul VI

- Renewed Pius XII's 1942 consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Nov. 21, 1964, and sent a golden rose to Fatima as a sign of his devotion.
- Became the first pope to visit the Fatima shrine on May 13, 1967, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the apparitions. On that date, he also issued an apostolic exhortation, *Signum Magnum* ("The Great Sign") urging all the members of the Church "to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church."

Pope St. John Paul II

- Credited Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life from the assassin's bullet on May 13, 1981. A year later, he made a pilgrimage to Fatima in thanksgiving for Our Lady's intervention.
- Carried out on March 25, 1984, Our Lady's request in the Fatima apparitions to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in union with the bishops of the world. It is widely believed that the collapse of Soviet communism five years later was linked to this consecration.
- Returned to Fatima on May 12-13, 1991, on the 10th anniversary of the assassination attempt. He returned again for the beautification of Francisco and Jacinta Marto on May 13, 2000, and the public disclosure of the third part of the secret of Fatima.

Pope Benedict XVI

- As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, he published on June 26, 2000 a commentary on the third part of the secret of Fatima.
- Made a papal pilgrimage to Fatima in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the beatifications of Francisco and Jacinta.
- In 2008, reduced the 5 year waiting period to start a canonization cause following the 2005 death of Lucia dos Santos.

Pope Francis

- Led a formal "act of entrustment" to Mary, the Blessed Virgin of Fatima, on Oct. 13, 2013, at the conclusion of a special Marian day.
- Has confirmed he plans to go to Fatima for the May 13, 2017, celebration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions.

And so the Church prepared to make Saints of the two children from Fatima as reported by Junno Aneho Esteves for CNS.

Pope Francis has approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of two of the shepherd children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, thus paving the way for their canonization. Pope Francis signed the decree for the causes of Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marto during a meeting March 23 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican said.

The recognition of the miracle makes it likely that the canonization ceremony for the two children will be scheduled soon. The cardinals and bishops who are members of the congregation must vote to recommend their canonization and then the pope would convene the cardinals resident in Rome for a consistory to approve the sainthood.

Many people are hoping Pope Francis will preside over the canonization ceremony during his visit to Fatima May 12-13.

The pilgrimage will mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions, which began May 13, 1917, when Francisco and Jacinta, along with their cousin Lucia dos Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

A year after the apparitions, both of the Marto children became ill during an influenza epidemic that plagued Europe. Francisco died April 4, 1919, at the age of 10, while Jacinta succumbed to her illness Feb. 20, 1920 at the age of 9.

Francisco and Jacinta's cause for canonization was stalled for decades due to a debate on whether non-martyred children have the capacity to understand heroic virtues at a young age. However, in 1979, St. John Paul II allowed their cause to proceed; he declared them venerable in 1989 and beatified them in 2000.

Their cousin Lucia entered the Institute of the Sisters of Dorothy and later, obtained permission to enter the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, where she resided until her death in 2005 at the age of 97. Following her death, Pope Benedict XVI waived the 5 year waiting period before her sainthood cause could open. Bishop Virgilio Antunes of Coimbra formally closed the local phase of investigation into her life and holiness Feb. 13, 2017, and forwarded the information to the Vatican.

These past three weeks have provided us with an opportunity in Mary's Month to reflect on the miraculous appearances she has made throughout the world in history and in our century in Fatima.

Our Lady of Fatima

Pray for us!

God bless you

MSGR. FINN