

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

October 15, 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.

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

<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



COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us next Sunday in the Parish Center Meeting Room for coffee, a donut and some friendly conversation.

ST. JOSEPH GUILD

The guild is looking for new members. Any questions or to sign up please call 718-816-7350 or see them after Mass at Coffee Sunday next week in the Parish Center Meeting Room. They will be selling raffle basket chances.

REMEMBER BLESSED SACRAMENT IN YOUR WILL

Include Blessed Sacrament as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. This is a terrific way for you to support the parish. Please call a gift planning specialist at (646) 794-3317 to discuss this interesting opportunity or email plannedgiving@archny.org.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PASTA DINNER

Save the Date: Sunday, Nov. 5th

Discounted tickets for this annual fundraising event will be sold next weekend after all the Masses. Discounted tickets are 2 for \$35. Tickets at the door will be \$20pp and \$15 for seniors.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience of the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The upcoming "Days of Prayer and Healing" will be held on the following Saturdays, Nov. 11th and Jan. 27th. For locations and registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$4,101(Weekly)	\$4,375 (Weekly)
\$2,284 <Monthly >	\$2,388
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
591 (Adults)	645 (Adults)
142 (Children)	112 (Children)
733	757

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
VINCENT CATALDO**

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, 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, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowsinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr and Olympia Portabello

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Peter Miluk III
9:00 Carmel Mangan

TUESDAY

7:00 Virgil M. Talaid
9:00 Mary Martin

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Frances Policar
9:00 Salvina Vella

THURSDAY

7:00 Margie Galicia
(Thanksgiving for recovery from surgery)
9:00 Louise Vigliotti

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

9:00 Vincent Cataldo
5:00 John Ciano

SUNDAY

8:00 Tino Buscema
9:30 Helen & Harry Bavaro
12:30 Anthony Mazza

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 22, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 3	K. Kelley	V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team 4	F. Molanphy	D. Vigliotti & B. Collorec
9:30 AM	Team 5	C. Wodzinski & Emma Delvin	K. Falcone & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team 1	T. Sanders	K. Boyle & J. Boyle
12:30 PM	Team 2	M. Conigatti	E. Laub & H. Wodzinski

JESUIT FRIENDS & ALUMNI MASS

Join fellow Jesuit educated grads for Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday 2017 on Oct. 22nd at 10am at O.L. Mt. Carmel Parish. It's geared toward gathering Jesuit graduates of all ages for fellowship, community building and more. The Mass will also feature a reception afterward, where attendees can learn about volunteer programs, spiritual development opportunities and other ways to take part in the many offerings of Jesuit ministries. For more information please visit www.JesuitsEast.org or call 718-442-3411.

OPEN HOUSES

St. John Villa Academy, 25 Landis Ave., Saturday, Oct. 21st from 11am to 3pm.

Notre Dame High School of Manhattan - Sunday, Oct. 29th from 2:30 to 5:00pm for 7th and 8th grade girls. Notre Dame is located at 327 West 13th Street. Call 212-620-5575 for more information.

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.

TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS)

The TACHS, the entrance test for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York, will be administered on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Students may register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-618-2247.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 37 will be holding its Annual Pancake Breakfast and Raffle Basket Bash on Sunday, Nov. 5th from 8am to 1pm at Conran Hall, St. Teresa's Gym, 1634 Victory Blvd. Entrance Fee is \$7.00 or \$5.00 with flyer (includes Mystery Prize Raffle Ticket. "All You Care to Eat" - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Pastry, Coffee & Tea. Many other raffles available, tickets sold separately.

FROM THE PASTOR

During the coming weeks priests of the Archdiocese of New York will gather in Spring Lake, New Jersey for the Annual Priests (Pastors) Conference of prayer, discussion and planning. Various topics will be discussed, daily Mass, conference with Cardinal Dolan and other speakers will seek to inform, update the clergy in attendance. Hopefully, good weather will enhance brisk walks and exercise as well.

During these challenging days for Christianity in so many areas of the world where persecution, hatred and suffering abound we are encouraged by the ongoing progress of the Roman Catholic-Lutheran dialogue as we examine:

The Reformation: 50 years Later, reported by Biagio Mazza, author and faith formation coordinator at St. Sabina Parish in MO.

The year 2017 commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, which coincides with Luther's supposed posting of his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. On October 31, 1517, one of the most monumental days in Christian history, this public act set into action what is acknowledged as the beginning of reformation across Europe in the 16th century. Since then, divisions within Western Christianity have multiplied, creating a variety of Christian denominations that have consistently differed with one another as to what discipleship entails and how to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus.

Acknowledging the scandal that such divisions created within Christianity, many efforts were made by various denominations to address the divisions. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is still actively celebrated each year on January 18-25, was established in 1908 by the Catholic Graymoor religious congregation to devote prayer and practical energy toward Christian unity. Each year, an international team of churches provide

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prayers and activities that the worldwide Christian Churches can use for Christian unity. The World Council of Churches, established in 1948, is an organization “dedicated to the search for Christian Unity.” This international fellowship of Christian churches, commit themselves to strive for Christian unity based on mutual encounter, dialogue and collaboration.

While individuals and organizations within the Catholic church prayed and worked for Christian unity, the institutional Church remained rather hesitant and slow to move in the direction of promoting it. Often, Christian unity was understood to mean that other Christians would eventually recognize the error of their ways and join the Catholic church, the one and only true church. Only with Pope John XXIII and his call for a Vatican council to promote and work towards Christian unity, did the Catholic church take seriously the work involved. Unitatis Redintegratio, the Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism, promulgated on November 21, 1964, was the first serious attempt by the Catholic church to address in a positive manner both ecumenical relationship and the need for dialogue.

Many ecumenical dialogue groups with various Christian denominations were formed during and after the council ended in 1965, to focus seriously on those things that unify us as Christians while actively working on the things that still separate us.

One of the most fruitful dialogue groups has been the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue which for over 50 years has been actively engaged in working toward Christian unity. As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, it is important to assess the progress resulting from this dialogue.

Beside the most significant agreement on justification between the Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation, in which both churches in 1999 acknowledged significant agreement on the issue of justification, many other important documents have been issued by the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue since its beginning in 1964.

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, two very important documents have been issued to address the various topics still prevalent in the dialogue:

The Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity Issued From Conflict to Communion, Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation In 2017 along with a guide to help facilitate study sessions using the document. Published in 2013, This document assesses where Lutherans and Catholics are today in light of recent history of ecumenical dialogue. It also assesses how to best commemorate the Reformation in light of the positive work accomplished since the Second Vatican Council.

In 2015, the U. S. Bishops’ Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America issued Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist. This significant document articulates in detail 32 basic agreements between Lutherans and Catholics around three key issues: Church, Ministry and Eucharist. The document also lists areas of “remaining differences” around these topics and suggests steps to move toward reconciliation.

Immersing ourselves in the immense and significant work of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue is an ideal way to educate ourselves on what Christian unity entails. It shows what can be accomplished if both sides are open to dialogue, leading to mutual understanding and respect. What better way to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation than to educate ourselves on the issues, to discuss them within our respective communities, and to reach out to the other, with whom we have so much in common.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN