

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

October 29, 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





Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 5th

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Oct. 31st - 7pm Vigil Mass
 Nov. 1st - 7, 9 & 11am and 7pm

MOTHER'S GUILD THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Let Holtermann's Bakery do the baking this year!
10 Inch Pies: \$16.00 - Pumpkin, Coconut Custard, Apple, Apple Crumb & Blueberry
Mini Loaves: \$6.00 - Corn, Pumpkin or Apple Crumb
 Pies will be available for pickup on Tues., Nov. 21st from 12-2:25pm and 7-8pm in the Gym. Orders must be received no later than Mon., Nov. 13th. Contact Lori Cataldo 929-333-1509 or Kari Byrnes 917-846-8315.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 7pm.

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Family would like to invite the families, and friends who have lost a loved one during this past year to attend a special Bereavement Mass on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 7pm. in our Church. Anyone who wishes to remember their beloved deceased in prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is welcome to attend. Following Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

GORETTI GROUP EVENT

Chastity in Art - Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Music and confession at 6:30pm, followed by 7pm Mass, Dinner and Talk by Alejandra Cetrangolo, award winning photographer.

| <u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u> | |
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| <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| \$4,893 (Weekly) | \$5,937 (Weekly) |
| \$1,990 <Debt Reduction> | \$2,273 |
| <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | |
| <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| 698 (Adults) | 745 (Adults) |
| 183 (Children) | 116 (Children) |
| 881 | 861 |

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 JEANNE HELBOCK**

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 James D. Finn
 9:00 Burton Cohen

TUESDAY

7:00 John O'Rourke, Sr. (Living)
 9:00 Felicidad Tobias (1st Anniv.)
 7:00 Catherine & Maurice Fitzgerald

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Sr. Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.JB. (Living)
 9:00 John & Doris O'Toole
 11:00 Charles Savron (55th Anniv.)
 7:00 Thomas Hyland

THURSDAY

7:00 Frances Aviles
 9:00 Nicholas & Elizabeth Borrelli

FRIDAY

7:00 Marie McCormack
 9:00 Alex Roskowsinski

SATURDAY

9:00 Salvina Vella
 5:00 Thomas F. Kenny, Jr. (10th Anniv.)

SUNDAY

8:00 Rose Marie Carino
 9:30 Christopher Kelts
 12:30 Gertrude Morrissey

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2017

| | <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM Vigil | Team 2 | R. Semon | V. Donnelly & C. Rooney |
| 8:00 AM | Team 3 | R. Griswold | J. Ryan & L. Ryan |
| 9:30 AM | Team 4 | C. Wodzinski & Emma Devlin | A. Morrell & B. Collorec |
| 11:00 AM | Team 5 | R. Helbock | K. Boyle & J. Boyle |
| 12:30 PM | Team 1 | M. Conigatti | H. Wodzinski & E. Laub |

ST. JOHN VILLE BINGO FUNDRAISER

St. John Villa Academy Alumnae Association Bingo Fundraiser is Friday, Nov. 3rd in the Mother Alberta Stango, C.S.JB. Gymnasium located at 8 Narrow Road South. Doors open at 7pm. Total cost is \$20 (\$10 admission fee and \$10 gift certificate) which includes bingo boards, coffee and cake. Bring your own food, snacks and drinks (alcoholic beverages permitted). Lucky bingo balls and 50/50 will also be sold. Reservations are strongly advised. For more info contact Toni Ann Tobin at sjvabasketauktion@gmail.com

THE EGER SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 4th at Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, 140 Meisner Avenue, 9am to 4pm. Free Admission. Featuring Astrid's homemade waffles, cheeses from Norway, Norwegian Jewelry, handmade crafts and much more.

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.

ST. JOSEPH GUILD

Thank you to all who supported the St. Joseph Guild's 50/50 and raffles. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Luminous Seeing - , Wed., Nov. 15th from 9 to 11am, Facilitated by Grace Conte. Fee: \$25

The whole ministry of Jesus was a gradual cure for human blindness. You are invited to learn how to see in insightful ways that make you "...radiant at what you see..." (Isaiah 60.6). As we awaken, with eyes wide open, through prayerful encounters with God, we will solidify a vision of and for life, so we too, may proclaim, "...for my eyes have seen your salvation..." (Luke 2:30).

FROM THE PASTOR

This coming week the pages of our calendar turn to the month of November. It is a special month of falling leaves, pumpkin pie, Thanksgiving and early Christmas Preparations.

But at the very outset of the month we celebrate and remember All Saints, November 1st; All Souls, Nov. 2nd; and what I like to refer Nov. 3rd as "the rest of us!" - completing the circle of love - Saints in Heaven, Souls in Purgatory, Pilgrims on Earth.

We have the privilege and obligation to participate at Mass on All Saints Day, a day of obligation and on All Souls Day to attend Mass and pray for our beloved deceased and every other day during any given week to pray for all the rest of us.

Every All Souls Day we offer the opportunity at a very special celebration remembering our beloved dead with a special invitation to all who had a loved one buried from Blessed Sacrament Parish to participate in a Remembrance Mass and Lighting Ceremony. All members of families and friends are invited to pray together and remember. It is a truly moving and very special evening that we hope will be consoling to all.

The following article that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* is one that I believe you will appreciate.

The Town I Live In
By Jon Merksamer

I go to a lot of funerals.

I never gave it much thought until a good friend pointed it out that I always seem to be either attending a funeral or visiting a cemetery to put stones on the gravesite of a relative - an honored Jewish tradition. Did I have an excessive preoccupation with mortality? Wasn't it depressing? Should he be a little nervous being so friendly with me?

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Not to worry, I replied - I am merely a cultural oddball, living in the same community I grew up in. I actually know and socialize with many of the same people my parents did more than 30 years ago. We serve on many of the same philanthropic committees and attend numerous social functions together.

Whenever I feel like it, I can visit the house I grew in or walk the grounds of my old elementary school. Childhood memories are no more than a drive across town. This may not seem like much at first glance, but the emotional implications are considerable.

What is truly remarkable about living in the world of your childhood is that it is virtually impossible to deny the inexorable progression of time. You are being exposed to it continually in the lives of your grandparents, parents and their friends. The images and faces of your past that are indelibly etched in memories are constantly being assaulted by present realities. It is as though there is a movie running in your mind, a vivid reminder of how a 12 year old views the world, in which all of the characters and places have been fast-forwarded 30 years. Our penchant for denial about our ultimate fate, cultivated so assiduously is continuously being challenged.

I often think of my father, with whom I was in business and had lunch almost every day for eight years before his death. Whether it was the quasi-military inspections he relished in performing after my nightly shower when I was a child, or the nightly walks we would take when I was single and living close by, my memories continue to be tinged with a sadness undiminished by the passing years.

It seems like only yesterday that my brothers and I delighted in our once-a-week dinners at my grandparents' house; we were fortunate enough to live down the street from them throughout our lives. When I was grown, my grandfather would call me every day, just to check in and see if everything was OK. And here was my mother-in-law, who never had a complaint or bad word to say about anyone, even as she lay paralyzed in bed for over a year, her bones ravaged by cancer.

They are all gone now. All that remains are warm memories and feelings of the intimacies we once shared. But strangely, even though I am unalterably changed by their absence, the scenery around me remains the same. The houses, the schools, the parks, even the heat of the Sacramento summers all remain unchanged. It is odd, as though somehow with their passing there should be other momentous transformations, physical ones that match the severity of the intangible ones.

My friend was right; I do go to a lot of funerals. And they all fill me with a tremendous sense of sadness and loss. And yet there is something very profound and valuable to be learned from them. All but a fortunate few of us will eventually experience pain and suffering. Death is inescapable. It is neither morbid nor neurotic to acknowledge this. It is a fact of life that we all avoid contemplating to our own detriment.

Maintaining connections to your past compels you to confront the universal burden of mortality; life assumes an urgency not otherwise easily obtained. It becomes much easier to distinguish between what is really important and what is largely inconsequential. And that in turn makes it possible to replace our complacency and attachment to so many silly distractions with something we are all sorely lacking - a little perspective.

November - A time to remember something very profound and valuable to be learned

God bless you
MSGR. FINN