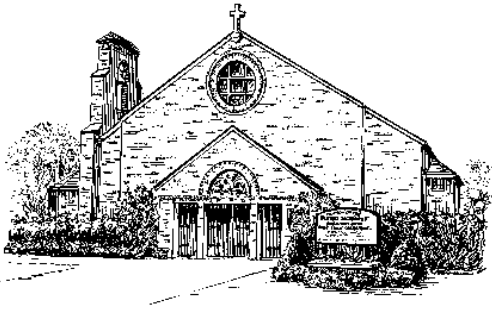


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

November 19, 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

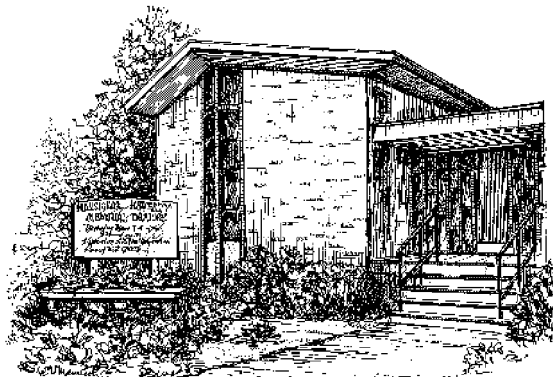
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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





Thanksgiving
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Msgr. Finn, Fr. Frank, Fr. Roland, Religious Education Program, School, Parish House and Maintenance Staffs wish all of our parishioners and their families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

The **Parish Family Thanksgiving Mass** will be **Tuesday, Nov. 21st at**

7:00pm. Light refreshments will be served following Mass in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

PRAYER FOR THE THANKSGIVING TABLE

Our Heavenly Father, kind and good,
We thank Thee for our daily food.
We thank Thee for Thy love and care.
Be with us Lord, and hear our prayer.
Amen.

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE

The Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

BEST ADVENT EVER

Join your fellow parishioners in the “Best Advent Ever.” Rediscover the gift of hope by signing up for this program. It’s easy. Just visit this link: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>. By providing your email address you will receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, and real-life stories that will help you prepare for a Christmas full of hope. Stay tuned for witness talks at Masses next weekend.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,385 (Weekly)	\$6,164 (Weekly)
\$2,194 <Debt Reduction>	\$2,041
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
757 (Adults)	823 (Adults)
172 (Children)	160 (Children)
929	983

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NORA & BERNARD BYRNE**

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, 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, Olympia Portabello, Debbie Caporale and Renee McRoberts

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Rose Marie Carino
9:00 Mary Tarasovis

TUESDAY

7:00 John E. Durr (Living)
9:00 Susannah Cusick
7:00 Charles McClaughry (20th Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anton More
9:00 Anna LoCasto

THURSDAY

7:00 Anton More
9:00 Carmela & Anthony Sofio & Larry Puca

FRIDAY

7:00 Maria Riggio
9:00 Alan Collorec

SATURDAY

9:00 Nora & Bernard Byrne
5:00 Nancy Sapienza

SUNDAY

8:00 Josephine Ciampi
9:30 Susannah Yates
12:30 Janet Schron

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>			<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	5	K. Hanley	V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team	1	R. Griswold	E. Hodgens & A. Morrell
9:30 AM	Team	2	M. Peries & David Maj	M. Thomann & K. Falcone
11:00 AM	Team	3	T. Sanders	J. Spach & M. Spach
12:30 PM	Team	4	R. Semon	E. Checkett & G. Checkett

BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS

Seniors will meet on Monday, November 20th at 1:15pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all who supported our Pasta Dinner. Many thanks to all our donors and especially our sponsors, Beyar's Market, Pastosa Ravioli of Forest Avenue and Alfonso's Pastry Shoppe. Congratulations to the winner of the one month's free BSS tuition was Leonarde Balaj.

MSGR. FARRELL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Msgr. Farrell High School, 2900 Amboy Road, will hold its Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 3rd from 10am till 5pm. 80+ vendors: jewelry, crafts, clothing, toys ornaments & more. Admission: \$3.00pp or \$5.00 per family (max 5 people) (includes one raffle ticket for door prize.

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 RETREAT CENTER

The St. Joseph Retreat Center, 850 Hylan Blvd. is offering Advent: A Silent Directed Retreat on Dec. 1st - 3rd. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by Nov. 24th. Facilitated by Sr. Gerie Contento, MPF and Pat Stephens.

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the "Church Year." We will take this weekend opportunity to give our minds and hearts to the Lord as a promise to be with Him, who is always present to us. This weekend will gift us the time and space to enter into silence, to pray, reflect and to be guided by a spiritual director.

Visit: SJRetreatCenter.org or call 718-720-1097 for details and to reserve your spot.

*Welcome New Parishioners**The Berreta Family**The Chapman Family**The Paredes Family**The Piscicelli Family**The Reardon Family*

If you 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Our Fantastic Christmas Fair concludes today; the Poor People's Supper at the Hilton is tomorrow evening; our important and special Thanksgiving Family Mass is Tuesday at 7:00pm and Turkey Day, Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 23rd; Friday, November 24th is Recovery day for body and soul.

And so, allow me if you will to offer an annual dose of "Food For The Soul".

Through the kindness of Mary Ellen Robinson, President of the Christophers, we have had the generous availability each year of the forthcoming annual volume of "Three Minutes A Day."

Volume 52, the current issue for 2018 is truly "Food For The Soul" for 3 Minutes a Day, 365 days a year. I know many of you join me in truly appreciating its value.

There is no charge for this copy but the Christophers invite your support for all their good work. Consider assisting their efforts to spread the "Word" with their excellent materials which help you and me to "Light One Candle" and curse the darkness.

For our reflection this week permit me to turn your attention to Tony Rossi, Director of Communication, for the Christophers who in "Light One Candle" addresses:

Food For The Soul

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Those words of Jesus from Matthew 4:4 perfectly reflect the work we do at The Christophers, the work of feeding people’s souls and spirits with gospel values. Along those lines, one of the hallmarks of our ministry has just been published: Volume 52 of our “Three Minutes a Day” book.

With stories, reflections, and Bible quotes for each day of the year, the book is an ideal source of prayer and meditation for today’s fast-paced world because, let’s face it , we can all find at least “Three Minutes A Day” for God. The book’s entries are meant to help you live a life more fully grounded in faith and love and, of course, light a candle rather than curse the darkness. Consider this story that serves as a reminder of Psalm 71:9, “Do not cast me off in the time of old age.”

Marleen Brooks found an unexpected letter when she arrived at her California home one day. It was from a woman named Wanda, and read, “Would you consider to become my friend. I’m 90 years old - live alone. All my friends have passed away. I’m so lonesome and scared. Please I pray for someone.

Only someone with a heart of stone could resist that plea, so Brooks headed over to Wanda’s house, bringing along some cupcakes the two could enjoy together. Thrilled by the company, Wanda revealed that she suffers from a myriad of health problems, and no longer knows any of her neighbors. Brooks knew she could do something about that last part, so she assured Wanda that she would be happy to visit her from time to time.

Commenting on the story, writer Sarah Hosseini of the website Scary Mommy concluded, “One effort here and there can make a huge difference in the lives of our seniors, whether they’re your family, your neighbor, or just someone you met at the grocery store. Connecting matters, it’s what keeps us going as humans.”

Kindness is often at the heart of the stories we feature, such as this one titled “Finding Jesus in Cincinnati.” Aleteia blogger Deacon Greg Kandra noticed a homeless man standing outside a Cincinnati hotel on a cold winter day, so he stopped to chat for a few minutes. The man’s name was Jesse, and he said that he had moved to the city with his wife to help his best friend with a failing business. But then the friend and his wife ran off together, leaving Jesse to his own devices. Deeply touched by the sad story, the deacon gave him a few dollars and promised to pray for him.

Deacon Kandra was then reminded of a story about the iconic Catholic television evangelist Bishop Fulton Sheen and his niece. When she was young, she’d often walk around with her famous uncle and people would stop to say hello and ask for money, which he gave them. When she questioned his prudence, he responded, “One of those poor people might be Jesus.”

“But uncle,” his niece replied, “one of them could also just be a bum and a con artist.”

Bishop Sheen answered her, “I know. But I don’t want to take that chance.”

If you’d like to make stories like these a part of your daily life, you can order “Three Minutes a Day” for \$10 by calling 1-888-298-4050 or visiting our website at www.christophers.org.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN