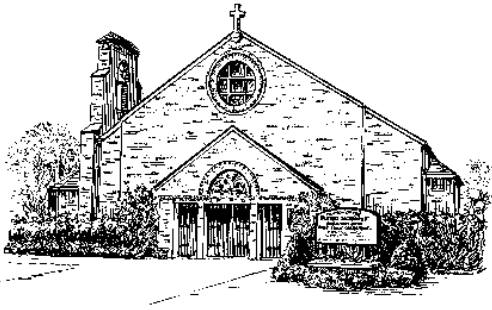


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

December 3, 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>

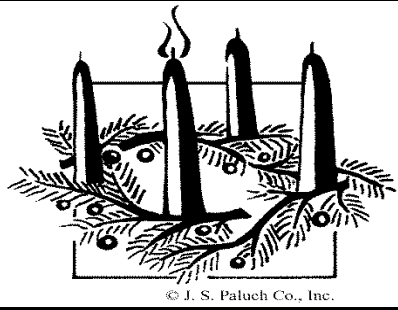
SCHOOL

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





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. The program encourages us to be bold and dynamic Catholics. It challenges us - not to be perfect - but, how to help each other to be the best version of ourselves, each uniquely made in His image.



Everyone is invited to visit the Sacred Heart Altar and take an ornament and give a Christmas gift to someone in need. Your gift will bring joy to a child or adult this Christmas season. Please bring your new, wrapped gift with the original tag ornament back to the Sacred Heart Altar or the

Parish House Office. Thank you!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - 8:00am Mass next Sunday, Dec. 10th followed by meeting in the Parish House Meeting Room.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$ 5,782 (Weekly)	\$5,246 (Weekly)
\$1,904 <Debt Reduction>	\$1,846
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
796 (Adults)	765 (Adults)
177 (Children)	159 (Children)
973	924

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LOUIS & MICHAEL CACCESE**

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, 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 Roskowinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, 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 Gerald Cocozello
9:00 Joan & Jack Martin

TUESDAY

7:00 Joan Froehlich (Living)
9:00 Elisa Saluta

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Peter Miluk, III
9:00 Louis & Mary Ellen Buscemi

THURSDAY

7:00 Annunziato Carino
9:00 Christopher Brennan
7:00 Thomas Boylan, Sr.

FRIDAY

7:00 Mary Teresa Finn
9:00 Mildred & William O'Shea
11:00 Fr. Malcolm Martin
7:00 Mannino, Dogolin & LoCasto Families

SATURDAY

9:00 Georgia McLoughlin
5:00 William S. McKinney

SUNDAY

8:00 Gloria De Jesus
9:30 Michael McCarthy
12:30 Mary Deignan

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	4
8:00 AM	Team	5
9:30 AM	Team	1
11:00 AM	Team	2
12:30 PM	Team	3

<u>LECTORS</u>
Sr. Anne Dolores
R. Griswold
C. Wodzinski/Meghan Meagher
K. Hanley
D. Leddy

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
E. Hodgens & A. Coscia
J. Spach & M. Spach
K. Boyle & J. Boyle
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

LESSONS & CAROLS

The festival of Lessons and Carols is an Advent service of scripture and song that dates back to the late 19th century and is followed around the world. Through readings from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with beautiful music, the congregation is invited to pray and reflect on the birth of Jesus as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lessons and Carols will take place on Tuesday, December 17th at 7pm in the Church.

THE EMMAUS MINISTRY

Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. The Emmaus Ministry: for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please join us. All are welcome. Saturday retreats offered throughout the Archdiocese in 2018. Call 646-794-3191 or register online: www.emfgp.org/2018-archny. Cost: \$25pp; \$40per couple. Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner. Scholarships are available.

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 a retreat weekend, **Jan. 12 - 14, 2018** entitled: **New Beginnings with God**. Facilitated by Kathy M. Irr. This weekend will give participants the quiet, space and opportunity to ponder, pray and encounter God. Reflective experiences during retreat will sustain a deeper relationship with God throughout the year. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by January 5th.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Times for the holy day are as follows:
Vigil Mass, Thursday, Dec. 7th - 7:00p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8th - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

COFFEE SUNDAY - Join us next Sunday, Dec. 10th for a cup of coffee, a donut and some friendly conversation in the Parish Center Meeting Room after the 8, 9:30 and 11am Masses.


MOORE CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Moore Catholic's Holiday Fair, 100 Merrill Ave. will be held on December 10th from 10:30am to 4:30pm. Vendors, Raffles, White Elephant Table, Santa's Café and Baked Goods by our own elves! Admission is \$1.00

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mark 13:33-37 - "Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming."

S	H	P	E	E	L	S	A	R	T	GUARD	AWAKE	ASLEEP
W	M	O	R	E	V	E	N	R	H	ABROAD	HOME	SERVANTS
O	O	E	M	O	H	R	A	I	G	TASK	EVENING	MIDNIGHT
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FROM THE PASTOR

Today we begin a renewed journey with Jesus. The First Sunday of Advent 2017 is a journey in faith as we reflect on the Gospel of Mark unfolding the life, death, Resurrection and Redemption of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls all of us today "Be Watchful! Be Alert! and maybe "Listen." The following account of an ESPN Producer Responds to God's Voice from Light One Candle, Toni Rossi, The Christophers is an inspired response for all to hear and reflect upon.

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The wrestling team at Cleveland, Ohio's Lincoln-West High School was bad. So when assistant coach Torry Robinson heard what he believed to be God's voice telling him, "Your champion is upstairs," he went upstairs. There, he found African American student Dartanyon Crockett and recruited him immediately. With a natural aptitude for wrestling, Dartanyon started earning small victories. That's why it came as a shock when everyone discovered that he was legally blind due to several congenital conditions.

A wrestling team with a blind student was already unique. Then, Leroy Sutton entered the picture. At age 11, Leroy lost both his legs when he was hit by a freight train. After his recovery, he took up wrestling because it's a sport in which amputees can find success. When he transferred to Lincoln-West, he joined their team. For both Dartanyon and Leroy, it was a way to have other people look at them as competitors and equals instead of young men to be pitied.

A bond soon developed between the two, especially as they were heading to a match in which there was no wheelchair-accessible way to get onto the team bus. Dartanyon told Leroy, "Just get on my back and I'll carry you." And Leroy did. From then on, Dartanyon carried Leroy wherever he needed to go. The story of their friendship spread, and found its way to ESPN producer Lisa Fenn, who saw her job as a ministry. Every day, she would say, "Lord, use me where You can." This was one of the times He did.

Fenn discovered that Leroy's drug-addicted mother couldn't handle his disability, so she often abandoned him and his younger sister for long stretches of time. She also learned that Dartanyon's mother died when he was eight, his father struggled with addiction issues, and he stayed with friends and family because he didn't have a place to call home. And after every match, Dartanyon would point at the sky and dedicate his win to his mom.

During a "Christopher Closeup" interview about her book "Carry On: A Story of Resilience, Redemption, and an Unlikely Family," Fenn recalled, "After his last match, he pointed at the sky, and I sensed this voice of God in my heart saying, 'Take care of my son.' It was powerful."

Fenn shot Dartanyon and Leroy's story over five months and they all grew closer. She was "heartbroken by the depth of need in their life," especially since they had big dreams: Dartanyon of going to law school, and Leroy of being a video game designer. And they both wanted to go to college, but had no idea of how to accomplish that in light of their poverty and academic deficiencies.

ESPM viewers donated enough money to get the teens to college. But that didn't result in the happy ending everyone had hoped for. Fenn now realizes that Dartanyon and Leroy didn't have the life skills to handle it, so she took it upon herself to navigate them through everything.

Over time, Fenn and her husband wound up "absorbing [the teens' into our family," which they see as a spiritual adoption. They also adopted an African American infant from Cleveland so he could grow up with family bonds he would have otherwise missed. Fenn concluded, "It's beautiful how God has knit our family together...Where we once thought family was having two kids and a dog, we now see that family is what just keeps growing when you open yourself up to what the Lord has for you."

The forthcoming season is a celebration of family - Jesus' family - yours and mine. Advent is preparation! Make this "Your Best Advent Ever" for Jesus - for family.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN