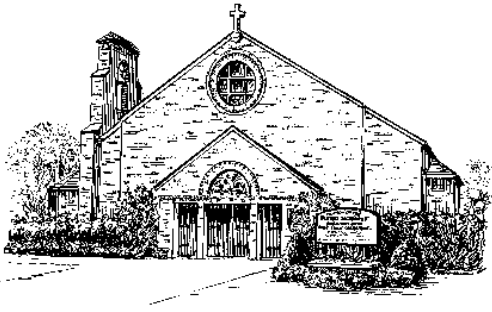


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

January 7, 2018

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

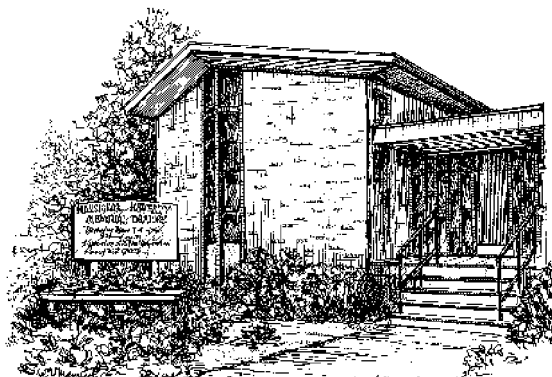
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The Archdiocese of New York is hosting a prayer vigil for all parishes of the archdiocese to come together to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. St. Pope John Paul II has said that **“prayer is the most powerful force in human history!”** The prayer vigil will be at **St. Patrick’s Cathedral** on **Sunday, January 21st**, beginning with Holy Mass at 5:30pm , followed by Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life. For those who could not be present at the March for Life in Washington D.C., this event offers a local pilgrimage for the building up of the culture of life in our nation. The event is open to all parishioners, families, parish groups, the young and the young at heart.



TAX STATEMENT DETAILS. IF YOU REQUESTED A STATEMENT FOR YOUR 2016 OFFERINGS PLEASE KNOW THAT ONE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE MAILED TO YOU ONCE ALL

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017 HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO THE PARISH DATA BASE.

IF YOU **DID NOT** REQUEST A STATEMENT LAST YEAR AND WISH TO OBTAIN A STATEMENT OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017, PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO THE PARISH HOUSE OFFICE. ALL STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF JANUARY.

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YOUR NAME _____
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PLEASE MAIL MY STATEMENT TO MY/OUR HOME ADDRESS _____
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BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
VITA LONG**



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**Offering of Bread & Wine for this week’s celebration of the Eucharist is in honor of:
Amelia Martin**

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, Renee McRoberts, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr and John G. Ferriera.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Jennifer Ann Keady
9:00 Linda Heller

TUESDAY

7:00 Rosalee Manitta
9:00 Mary Sardano

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anthony Magloicca
9:00 Salvatore Piazza (45th Anniv.)

THURSDAY

7:00 Jay Hartmann
9:00 Donna & Steven Ancona

FRIDAY

7:00 Bernardina Cabotaje
9:00 Patricia Dillon (Living)

SATURDAY

9:00 Maureen Zumbo
5:00 Kay Rogers

SUNDAY

8:00 Eileen Tierno
9:30 Michael Salaycik
12:30 Fr. Ambrose Madu (Living)

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14, 2018

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 1	K. Kelley	N. Mata & D. Vigliotti
8:00 AM	Team 2	C. Burns	E. Hodgens & A. Coscia
9:30 AM	Team 3	C. Wodzinski & K. McLoughlin	H. Wodzinski & K. Byrne
11:00 AM	Team 4	R. Helbock	J. Spach & M. Spach
12:30 PM	Team 5	L. Pillarella	M. Hudson & M. Hudson

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 9-11, 2018. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

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.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**THURSDAY, JAN. 18, 2018**

The Staten Island Council of Churches 20th Annual Service of Worship marking the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Zion Lutheran Church, 505 Watchogue Road. Praise Songs: 7:00pm; Worship Service: 7:30p.m.; Preacher: Rev. Msgr. Richard Guastella, The Church of St. Clare.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Staten Island Right to Life Committee is proud to sponsor the annual trip to Washington D. C. to stand up for life! Friday, January 19th we will depart from Sacred Heart Church, 981 Castleton Ave., Mass at 6:30am, load on to bus after. Cost of the bus, round trip: \$30.00. Donations will be used to defray the cost of the trip, secure buses, pay for parking, etc. Please join us for this wonderful, peaceful, prayerful, pilgrimage! For information and reservations, call Elisa at 347-874-3346 or 718-815-4267 or email: BRUCEBIGGINS@HOTMAIL.COM.

FROM THE PASTOR

The "New Year 2018" has begun. Today we celebrate the "Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", the arrival of the Magi, "Wise Men" and the Communication of the Christ Child present in the world for all peoples everywhere!

It is also the annual opportunity for the Holy Father to address World Communications relating to the spreading of the Gospel Message and the efficacy communication should present truth and justice to the whole world.

2018 uniquely presents a challenge for all as aptly described by an ICON of Catholic Communication, Russell Shaw.

In *Our Sunday Visitor*, as Guest Columnist recently he addresses:

Post-truth culture?

Polarization that breeds routine defamation and all-or-nothing views is at the heart of 'fake news'

Has America become home to a post-truth culture? I ran into that phrase - "pot-truth culture" - casually applied to the United States, in something I was reading, and it brought me up short. Have things really gotten that bad, I asked myself, or was the writer only saying something attention-grabbing for effect?

Assuming a bit of both, I nevertheless knew immediately what he meant, and that in itself tends to suggest that there's a real problem here. A post-truth culture is first cousin to fake news, and everyone has heard of that, thanks to President Donald Trump, whose critics say he's no mean practitioner of this line himself.

The Vatican presumably was not trying to grab attention recently but only alluding to a widely recognized problem in setting the theme for next year's World Communications Day: "The Truth Will Set You Free" - Fake News and Journalism for Peace." A statement by Pope Francis is expected in January, with the "day" itself to be observed in many places in May.

In a brief explanation accompanying the announcement, the Vatican's Secretariat for Communication said the aim was to promote reflection on what it called "the causes, logic and consequences of misinformation in the media.

Herewith a few unsolicited thoughts about that from an American perspective.

First of all, here's hoping the pope doesn't fall into the trap of lambasting mainstream media. Having spent many years working in an around the news business, I know that serious journalists aren't really the problem.

Yes, news people do make mistakes, but knowingly passing off fiction as fact isn't one of them. Honorable journalist (there are plenty) work hard to get facts straight, and when they do get something wrong, it's usually due to human error or the difficulty of covering complex stories under the twin pressures of competition and time.

That said, though, the unconscious ideological bias of journalists is a real problem, visible in much of the coverage, both pro and con, of President Trump. The best defense against it for readers and viewers and listeners lies in constant self-examination and self-criticism - of media by media - although the voluntary creation of independent evaluation boards to review and critique journalists' performance might also help.

But it's essential to realize that the heart of the problem of fake news (and the post-truth culture, if there really is one) doesn't reside in the traditional media but in the proliferation of ideologically polarized websites and social media in recent years. If you want to view something with alarm, start here.

And here, one might add, is where "peace" in the Communications Day theme becomes relevant. The polarization in this sector of the media world - the sector inhabited by countless blogs and Twitter and the like - is now visible in the demonizing of persons and the distorting of issues, the projection of a black and white world where it's forever "us" (good guys) vs. "them" (bad guys constantly trying to catch us with our guard down), and the routine practice of rumor-mongering and defamation. To dignify this by calling it fake "news" would be to give it more credence than it deserves.

Short of state censorship, which would be a pseudo-remedy worse than the disease itself, the solution evidently resides in the wisdom of "caveat emptor" - let the buyer beware. News consumers must be judicious in their selection of information sources and should make a habit of consulting multiple ones of varied ideological hues. Hard work, yes, but this is what getting to the truth requires in a post-truth world.

For all of these reasons "Stay Tuned". Indeed "The Truth Will Set You Free - Fake News and Journalism for Peace" will be important to review. And, also as former Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of New York, support this year's collection for Catholic Communication and read Catholic New York - faithfully.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN