

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

April 1, 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.

**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





We wish to welcome all those who are with us on this Easter Sunday. Whether you are new to the Parish, visiting relatives or friends for the Holiday or returning to church after some length of time, we would like to invite you to share the love and joy of belonging to God's family.

Wishing you and your loved ones  
A Blessed and Happy Easter!

Msgr. Finn  
Fr. Frank & Fr. Roland

**PARISH HOUSE OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Registration for **new** students will take place on **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am until 12:00pm** in the Parish House Meeting Room. You must be a registered parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church and must supply us with your envelope number at the time you are registering a new student in our Faith Formation Program.

Kindly bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate; and for an older child, please bring the date of First Reconciliation and a copy of the First Eucharist Certificate. Registration fee will be \$35.00 per family and can be paid by check (made payable to Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Program) or in cash.

Sr. Anne Dolores, C.S.JB.



### **BLESSED SACRAMENT BLOOD DRIVE**

Help save a life. Come and donate at our Annual Blood Drive, Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 8:00pm. Sign-up sheets are located at the entrance to Church.



This week's Altar Flowers are in memory of

Anthony Mazza  
and  
Galt & Marlene Mac Dermot

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ANTHONY MAGLIOCCA**

## **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, Concetta Chicolo, Mary Kenny, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, 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, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Brian Nelson, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowsinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbie Caporale, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferriera, Gina King, Anna Scampas, Millie Shea, Kaitlyn, Elinor Walshe, Jerry Scully, Debra Olsen and Gail Whitman.

## **SYMPATHY**

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

### **MONDAY**

7:00 Sue Quinn (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

9:00 John F. Ryan

### **TUESDAY**

7:00 Dr. Restituto Domingo

9:00 Beverly Casucci

### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Intention of Jesus' 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour on the Cross

9:00 Brian Colgan

### **THURSDAY**

7:00 Special Intention

9:00 Camille Buscema

### **FRIDAY**

7:00 Rose De Vito, (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

9:00 Sandra Gargalone

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 Lawrence & Larry Puca

5:00 Martin Doherty, Jr.

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 Nicholas Johs

9:30 Anna LaLima (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

12:30 Anthony Mazza

**SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 8, 2018**

<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	8
8:00 AM	Team	9
9:30 AM	Team	10
11:00 AM	Team	6
12:30 PM	Team	7

<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>
Sr. Anne Dolores
R. Griswold
C. Wodzinski & Student
R. Helbock
D. Leddy

<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
J. Wright & N. Mata
W. Boyd & K. Falcone
J. Ryan & K. Ryan
M. Hudson & M. Hudson
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

8:00am Mass next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> followed by a meeting in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

**ST. JOSEPH GUILD**

9:30am Mass next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> followed by a meeting in the Parish House Meeting Room.

**FR. JOHN COMISKEY MEMORIAL MILE**

The Holy Name Society of Monsignor Farrell High School will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Msgr. Farrell High School. We ask that all former students attend this event in order to honor this stellar educator, who dedicated over 40 years of service to our school and the community. Anyone interested in participating and/or donating to this event should go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/6thcomiskeymemorialmile> in order to download and complete the registration form. Please contact John Fox at Msgr. Farrell at [jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org](mailto:jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org) for further details.

**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.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and proclaim Alleluia!" Happy Easter one and all!

Permit me to share with you reflections of many down through the centuries about the fulfillment of God's promise to our first parents, in the hearts of saints, popes, women and men for millions of believers.

***The Joy and Hope of Easter***

*Listen to the opening words of an Easter sermon preached by St. John Chrysostom, patriarch of Constantinople, in the fourth century and you'll understand why he is called "Chrysostom" - 'golden-mouthed' in Greek.*

*"Let us celebrate this greatest and most shining feast, in which the Lord has risen from the dead. Let us celebrate it with joy, and in equal measure with devotion. For the Lord has risen, and together with Him He has raised the whole world. He has risen, because He has broken the bonds of death."*

*This great Doctor of the Church concludes with a promise of eternal happiness for those who serve God by thought, word, and deed on earth: "May it be granted to each one of us to reach this happiness, through the grace and mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be there glory and adoration, world without end. Amen."*

*Imitate the spirit of St. John and the early Christians in bringing the love and truth of the risen Christ into the world.*

*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above. (Colossians 3:1)*

*O Risen Savior, let me recall that You died and rose again for everyone.*

***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***

*"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know 'the room where exiled love lays down its victory.' He himself is this place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world...God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."*  
(Pope Benedict XVI!)

*Christ's resurrection from the dead 2,000 years ago is astonishing beyond words. And the resurrection that awaits us at the end of our earthly journey? As it is written: "Eye has not seen and ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him" (and those who like God too!) But if we focus all our*

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attention on the past event and the future glory, we miss the promise right in front of us - the resurrection within us. It's our Easter attire for heaven's sake, and for earth's sake too.

We proclaim Christ's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. In the meantime, the world awaits our resurrection dance, our spontaneous movement to bring life and love and hope to every corner of this blessed world. This venue is not at all too vast or too problematic for us - because we are clothed with Christ, and we like God.

Christ is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Mary Stommes, editor of Give Us This Day)

### **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Easter Sunday is a special day for all Christians because we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the fact that He made our salvation possible. But that's a reality we should carry with us throughout the year.

For instance, Brian Bird, the Christopher Award-winning executive producer of the Hallmark Channel series "When Calls the Heart," shared the following memory on Facebook:

"When I was young, my maternal grandparents would visit us from time to time. One morning, I heard Grandpa Benson humming a hymn while he was shaving. He invited me to join him. I asked what he was humming and he replied an Easter song called 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today.'"

"I was confused. It's not Easter, I said. This man, who was no theologian, no scholar, just a hard-working jack of all trades, had to smile. 'Son, for people who call themselves Christians, every day is Easter.'"

As all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:22)  
Thank you Jesus, for the gifts of eternal life and love with You and those I care about the most.

### **Christ is Risen!**

Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: "Jesus is Risen!" But why is this? Peter, John, the women went to the sepulcher and it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, the One whom they loved so much, had been put to death; he is dead. And there is no return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, He is not here, he is Risen.

It is the first announcement: "He is Risen." And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed and fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is Risen." But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, and hatred? Where is the Lord then?..

Yesterday I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, and while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross. God did this to his Son, and there is no other explanation." And he answered: "Yes, but he asked his Son and the Son said 'yes.' I was not asked if I wanted this." This moves us. None of us is asked: "Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?" And the cross goes forth and faith in Jesus comes down from it. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop. Jesus is Risen." And this is not a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone which becomes the foundation of our existence. Christ is Risen. This is what it means.

In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used and disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone - Jesus the source of life -, is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on this earth of pain, tragedy, acquire meaning amid so many calamities. The sense to look beyond, the sense to say "Look, there is no wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead, do not close within yourself. You pebble, acquire meaning in life because you are a pebble near that rock, the stone which the evil of sine discarded." What does the Church tell us today before so many tragedies? Simply this: the discarded stone is not really discarded. The pebbles which believe and stick to that stone are not discarded. They have meaning and it is with this sentiment that the Church repeats from the bottom of her heart. "Christ is Risen."

Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies, and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it." Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts "Christ is Risen."  
Pope Francis (His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of St. Peter in 2013)

God bless you  
Msgr. Finn