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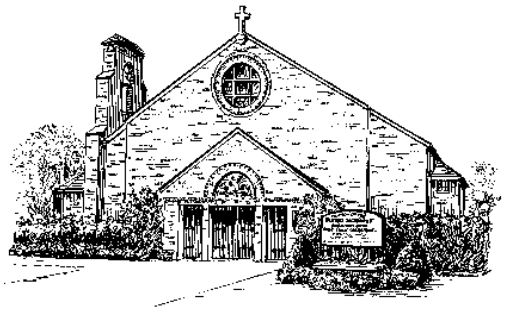

Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor
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Reverend Roland Antony Raj, MMI
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MASSES:

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.

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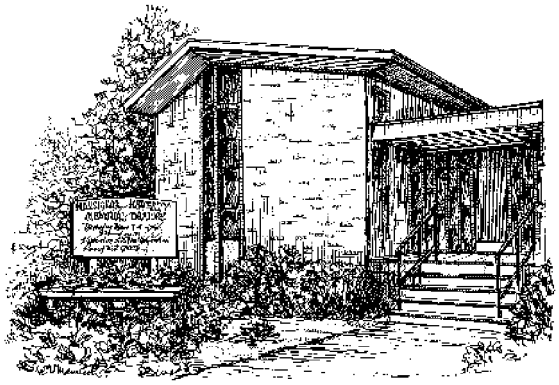

COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us next Sunday, Sept. 23rd after the 8, 9:30 and 11am Masses in the Parish Center Meeting Room for coffee, a donut and some friendly conversation.

50th & 25th ANNIVERSARIES

On **Sunday, September 30th** the 11:00am Mass will be for all couples celebrating their 50th or 25th Wedding Anniversary. If you would like to be included in this celebration, please contact the Parish House at (718) 442-1581

COLUMBUS DAY MASS

Please join us on Monday, Oct. 8th at 9:30am for the 41st Annual Columbus Day Mass with our Italian brothers and sisters. Celebrant: His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. To reserve tickets, please visit adnycolumbusday.eventbrite.com. Last day to request tickets is Sept. 17th.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, will hold its Open House for students and their parents, on Columbus Day, October 8th from 1pm to 4pm. For additional info: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1199 X2057

BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS

The Seniors will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 18th** at 1:00pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2018	2017
$4,968 (Weekly)	$5,591 (Weekly)
$1,963 (Debt Reduction)	$1,568 (Home Missions)

ATTENDANCE

2018	2017
698 (Adults)	753 (Adults)
137 (Children)	160 (Children)
835	913

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The Bread & Wine this week is in memory of Pat McCarthy.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pfleging, Jr., Phyllis Ribaudo, 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, 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, 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, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbie Caporale, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferriera, Gina King, Anna Scampas, Kaitlyn, Elinor Walshe, Joan Callahan, Roy Yates, Joyce McDonough, Mary Magnuski, Ed Checkett and Tom Boyd.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY
7:00 Deacon Arthur Dickman
9:00 Thomas R. McGlyn, Sr.

TUESDAY
7:00 Lady Julie Jamito
9:00 Fred Tanachion

WEDNESDAY
7:00 Tierney O'Rourke (Living)
9:00 Madeline Murphy

THURSDAY
7:00 Mary Cavallo
9:00 John Dogolin

FRIDAY
7:00 Paterna Calamba
9:00 Eileen Ford (6th Anniv.)

SATURDAY
9:00 Mildred & John J. McKinney
5:00 David Callaghan

SUNDAY
8:00 Francis Pauciulo
9:30 Francis DeLeo
12:30 Gregory & Jean Cavallo, Sr.

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

	ALTAR SERVERS		LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	6	J. HANSEN	J. WRIGHT & N. MATA
8:00 AM	Team	7	R. GRISWOLD	A. MORRELL & B. COLLOREC
9:30 AM	Team	8	L.PILLARELLA	K. FALCONE & K. BYRNE
11:00 AM	Team	9	J. PACE	W. BOYD & M. MCKEEVER
12:30 PM	Team	10	M. CONIGATTI	J. SPACH & M. SPACH

Announcement from the Archdiocese of New York

In October 2016, the Archdiocese of New York launched the *Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program* (IRCP), to assist victim-survivors of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon of the archdiocese achieve a sense of resolution and healing for the suffering they have endured. Although the IRCP is administered by outside experts, Mr. Ken Feinberg and Ms. Camille Biros, the archdiocese also pledged that, if an allegation of abuse was brought concerning a priest or deacon who was still alive but had no previous complaints about him, the allegation would be reported to the proper District Attorney for whatever action they wished to take; it would also be handled according to archdiocesan protocol and procedure, which includes an investigation by an independent team of investigators, all former Federal agents, and reviewed by the *Archdiocesan Lay Review Board*, made up of judges and other attorneys, psychiatrists and psychologists, parents, child care experts, and others, who would render a decision on whether the allegation was credible and substantiated.

During the IRCP process, allegations of abuse were brought against Msgr. Francis V. Boyle who served here at Blessed Sacrament, from 1991 to 2004. The *Lay Review Board* has concluded that the allegations were credible and substantiated. Msgr. Boyle has been suspended, and may not function or present himself as a priest. The Holy See will decide an appropriate penalty, which could include dismissal from the clerical state or imposing a life of prayer and penance. However, it is certain that Msgr. Boyle will never serve as a priest again.

If anyone has any allegations or concerns about Msgr. Boyle please contact the Staten Island DA. We also encourage you to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator at victimsassistance@archny.org, so that we might also offer our support to you.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road is holding a Day of Recollection on October 13th from 9am to 2pm. Fr. Angelo J. Micciulla speaks on the topics about **The Four Last Things, Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell**. Adults $20, Teens $10. Please RSVP by Sept. 28th. Rectory: 718-761-6663

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Permit me to share with you an article I received from a good friend and member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. We are members of this association with a long tradition of service to strengthen and support Christianity in the Holy Land.

But first:

A Brief History of the Order

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jersualem is an association within the Church of Christian faithful whose members include both laypeople and ecclesiastics. Tradition traces the historical origins of the Order to the First Crusade. The first documentary evidence of an investiture of Knights referred to as “of the Holy Sepulchre” dates to 1336.

Mission of the Order

The special mandate given by the Holy Father to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is to strengthen the Christian Life of its members and to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

The Order, in addition to its concern for the Holy Places, sustains and aids the religious, charitable, cultural and social works and institutions of the Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of and in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem with which the Order maintains historic and traditional ties. The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is the Latin Catholic diocese whose territory includes Israel/Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus. The bishop of this diocese enjoys the title of Patriarch.

My friend, Joe, a former Staten Islander writes of an article in Catholic of November 29, 2017 entitled:

Age of Jesus Christ's Tomb, Confirmed by Archeologists

Church of the Holy Sepulchre confirm the age of Jesus Christ's tomb to align with the fourth-century construction of the Edicule that houses it.

Prior to the publication of the report, architectural evidence from within and around the tomb complex could only provide a confirmation of the tomb's age dating back to the early years of the Crusades. This aligns with the tomb's destruction in 1009 A.D. and its subsequent rebuilding.

However, in October 2016, a team of researchers from the National Technical University of Athens in Greece opened the tomb for the first time in centuries as part of a restoration effort of the Edicule, Latin for "little house," which houses Christ's tomb within. They took samples from various locations within the Edicule for testing and confirmed that the mortar dates back to the year 345 A.D.

Catholic tradition says that the tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was Christ's burial place after His Crucifixion. In 325, Emperor Constantine sent Church representatives to Jerusalem to find the tomb. They were directed to a shrine to a pagan Roman god, which Constantine ordered to be destroyed. The tomb was discovered beneath it, carved into a limestone cave. Constantine had the Edicule built around it and sealed with marble.

The dating of the mortar between the limestone cave and marble slab align perfectly with the date for the construction of the Edicule, lending credence to the tradition of it housing the tomb of Christ.

> *"It is interesting how mortars not only provide evidence of the earliest shrine on the site, but also confirm the historical construction sequence of the Edicule." - Antonia Moropoulou, leader of the restoration team.*

Not only does it confirm the age of the Edicule, it confirms that for nearly 1700 years the tomb of Christ has remained untouched throughout the destruction of the original church and complex built around it.

> *"We finally have scientific proof that this site, the tomb of Jesus Christ, one of the holiest sites in Christianity has been unbroken for seventeen hundred years" - Kristin Romey, author of results article*

Today, the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Armenian Apostolic churches have equal rights to the interior of the tomb. All three celebrate Mass their daily, and use the location occasionally for ceremonies.

The current Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem appointed by the Holy Father is a Priest of the Archdiocese of NY, Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, Class of 1965, St. Joseph's Seminary.

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Msgr. Finn

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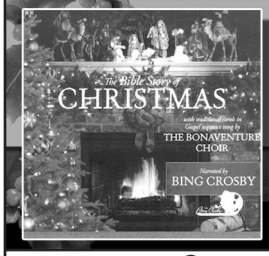

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