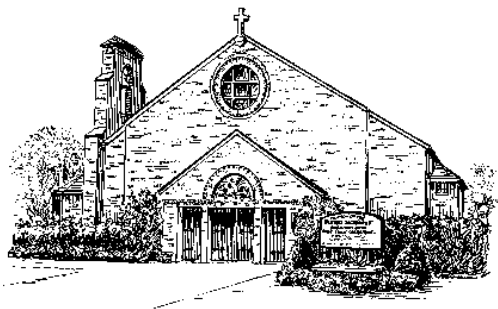


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MASSES:

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.

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.

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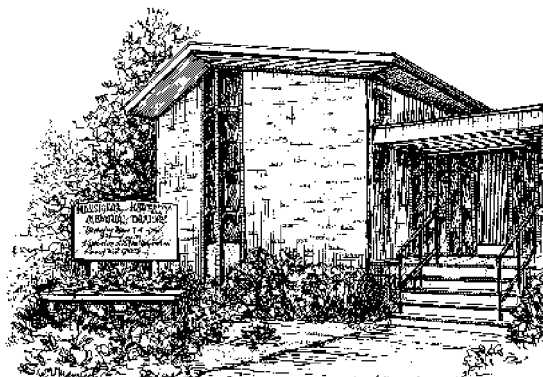
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TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 31st at 10am at the Dakota Diner.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise is Sunday, Feb. 3rd. Since it falls on a Sunday, the blessing of throats will take place on **Monday, Feb. 4th** after the 7am and 9am Masses.

BEREAVMENT SESSIONS

If you have recently lost a loved one and are interested in attending a group with others who share your pain, a bereavement group is beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 5th at 7:30pm at St. Joseph/St. Thomas, 6097 Amboy Road. Call Pat Monahan at 718-317-7544 for more information. The group will meet for 8 weeks on Tuesday evenings.

LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP

Letters of Sponsorship can be issued only to members of our parish, who are registered at least three months, regularly attend Mass, and receive the sacraments. Regular use of envelopes indicates attendance at Mass. Sponsors are to be Baptized, Confirmed, and if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church. Out of town, college students should receive a letter from their campus minister. People in the military should receive a letter from their Chaplain.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
\$4,821 (Weekly)	\$5,029 (Weekly)
\$1,802 <Monthly >	\$2,476

ATTENDANCE

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
656(Adults)	719 (Adults)
170 (Children)	170 (Children)
826	889

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SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Special Intention to St. Joseph
9:00 Mary & Vincent Torras

TUESDAY

7:00 Fr. Frank Lanzaderas (Living)
9:00 Victoria M. Finn

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Rose Marie Murino (Living)
9:00 Mary McCauley

THURSDAY

7:00 Josephine Ciampi
9:00 Pedro Maghuyop

FRIDAY

7:00 John Pierce
9:00 Mary E. Bernabei

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary Teresa Finn
5:00 Josephine & Salvatore Procassini

SUNDAY

8:00 Thomas Boyd
9:30 Mary Fink
12:30 Santana Coscia

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2019**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1
8:00 AM	Team	2
9:30 AM	Team	3
11:00 AM	Team	4
12:30 PM	Team	5

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2019 NEW YORK ENCOUNTER

The 2019 New York Encounter, Something to Start From, will take place Feb. 15-17 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a 3 day, free cultural event organized by members of Communion and Liberation featuring panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. This year's Encounter will feature a presentation on Pope Francis' vision for a new evangelization with Fr. Julian Carron, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, Austen Ivereigh, writer and journalist, and Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. Another highlight: The life of Servant of God, Chiara Corbella, presented by her husband Enrico. Chiara died at 28 of a rare cancer that was discovered while she was pregnant with her third child. She chose to give birth to Francesco, having rejected treatment that would have endangered her unborn son's life. These events and many others can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>. All are invited!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is leading a pilgrimage to Italy, June 2 - 14th with Holy Mass Daily. Visiting: Venice, Florence, Bologna, Siena, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome. Breakfast and Dinner daily. \$3,899 per person with air, non-stop from JFK. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

CONSECRATED LIFE SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 10th a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating all consecrated religious on Staten Island will be held at 2:00pm at St. Teresa's Church, 1634 Victory Blvd. All are invited to join in this Mass of gratitude for our consecrated religious



"Mrs. Pendicle, even if you were wearing a turtleneck, it doesn't ruin the blessing on the feast of St. Blaise."

FROM THE PASTOR

The month of February in the history of our beloved Catholic Faith will provide an historic gathering of Bishops from all over the world with our Holy Father Francis to address the terrible abuse crisis in our society and church and seek to provide justice for all involved.

We are all in need of storming Heaven with prayers for the intercession of the Holy Spirit to enable justice, love and charity to guide their efforts.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, retired, gave a talk in 1969 before he was Pope. The following is an excerpt from that talk found in the November issue of "Restoration" a Madonna House publication entitled:

A Vision of the Future Church

From the crisis of today the Church of tomorrow will emerge - a Church that has lost much. She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning. She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity.

As the number of her adherents diminishes, so she will lose many of her social privileges. In contrast to an earlier age, it will be seen much more like a voluntary society, entered only by free decision.

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As a small society, it will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members. Undoubtedly it will discover new forms of ministry and will ordain to the priesthood approved Christians who pursue some profession.

In many smaller congregations or in self-contained social groups, pastoral care will normally be provided in this fashion.

Along-side this, the full-time ministry of the priesthood will be indispensable as formerly.

But in all of the changes at which one might guess, the Church will find her essence afresh and with full conviction in that which was always at her center: faith in the triune God, in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, in the presence of the Spirit until the end of the world.

In faith and prayer she will again recognize the sacraments as the worship of God and not as a subject for liturgical scholarship.

The Church will be a more spiritual church, not presuming upon a political mandate, flirting as little with the Left as with the Right.

It will be hard going for the Church, for the process of crystallization and clarification will cost her much valuable energy. It will make her poor and cause her to become the Church of the meek.

The process will be all the more arduous, for sectarian narrow-mindedness as well as pompous self-will have to be shed.

One may predict that all of this will take time. The process will be long and wearisome as was the road from the false progressivism on the eve of the French Revolution - when a bishop might be thought smart if he made fun of dogmas and even insinuated that the existence of God was by no means certain - to the renewal of the nineteenth century.

But when the trial of this suffering is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church.

Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty.

Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.

And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times.

The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already, but the Church of faith.

She may no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death.

Fifty years after that speech, retired Pope Benedict XVI in the 90th decade of his life spends much of his time and energy in prayer. So it is very necessary for all of us, as we strive to set straight the course of Christ's Church in imitation of Jesus and all His faithful disciples - God willing, imperfect you and me!

God bless you
Msgr. Finn

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