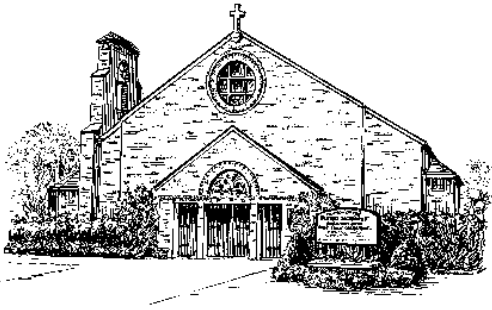


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York



Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor
Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas
Reverend Albin Roby
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 Wednesday 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

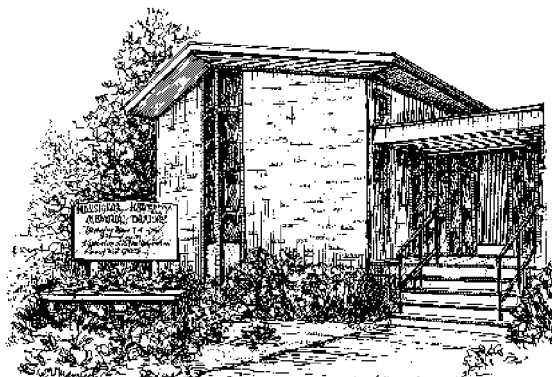
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

An Archdiocesan-Wide Drive to Replenish Food Pantries

Sunday, January 25, 2015 to Sunday, February 1, 2015

Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Do your part to make sure no hungry neighbor is turned away. Please contribute non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry from Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st for the Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
2015 MEN'S CONFERENCE
Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**Fordham Rose Hill Campus
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Admission Fee-\$45 (includes breakfast, lunch and t-shirt)

Timothy Cardinal Dolan-Keynote Speaker

To register and for further information, please visit www.nymensconference.com

Help Us Keep Catholic Education within Reach!

Since 1971, Inner-City Scholarship Fund has changed lives for the better by providing thousands of families with demonstrable financial needs the opportunity to give their children a quality, values based K-12 Catholic education with the Archdiocese of New York. The impact a Catholic school education has on a child's future in astonishing: 98% of high school seniors graduate, and 96% pursue higher education. And just as importantly, students learn values that last a lifetime. Please consider donating to this fund by visiting www.InnerCityScholarshipFund.org

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$4646.00 (Weekly)	\$7736.00 (Weekly)
\$1462.00(DebtReduction)	\$2103.00(Energy&Elect)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
627 (Adults)	932 (Adults)
168 (Children)	227 (Children)
795	1159

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, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Eugene Esposito, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Harvey Minars, , Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Margaret King, Joseph D'Amico, Infant Twins, Allison & Adrianna, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias.

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Pasqualena Tirro, Sally Leotta, Robert Tummino, Sally Sekulo, Obdulia Renkowski and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Miguel Calamba
9:00 John O'Toole

TUESDAY

7:00 George O'Connell
9:00 Mary Torras

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anthony Troiano
9:00 William Farley

THURSDAY

7:00 Benito & Emiliana Lanzaderas
9:00 Michelle Connors Tellefsen (3rd Anniv)

FRIDAY

7:00 John Benterella
9:00 Burton Cohen

SATURDAY

9:00 Pedro Maghuyop
5:00 Maria, Josephine & Salvatore Procaccini

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade
9:30 Special Intentions for the Pierre Toussiant Scholars
12:30 Marian Borkowski

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
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

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Hanley
F. Molanphy
M. Semon
L. Pillarella
K. Kelley

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
R. Gallop & C. Rooney
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
K. Byrne & A. Morrell
N. Mata & Y. Mata
A. Talaid & H. Wodzinski

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.

SENIOR ART LESSONS

Art Lessons are being offered for any interested Seniors at Blessed Sacrament Parish (30 Manor Road) on Wednesdays from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. BEGINNIERS WELCOME!! Fee - \$10/PERSON! Please call 718-447-9657 to enroll.

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, January 29th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues).

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STATEMENT OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014, PLEASE RETURN THE BELOW FORM TO THE PARISH HOUSE OFFICE. STATEMENTS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED UPON REQUEST AND WITH PRIOR NOTICE. THE STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF JANUARY. THANK YOU.

Please mail my Statement of Contributions made to Blessed Sacrament Parish for the Year 2014.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

FROM THE PASTOR

Last week was the 42nd Anniversary of life changing legislation called Roe vs. Wade. Thousands of pro-lifers marched in Washington, D.C. prayerfully and peacefully seeking to reverse a national tragedy and strengthen a nation that cares.

Without recrimination, David Russell a Permanent Deacon writes from Waynesboro, Virginia in Priest Magazine *“Telling It Like It Is – Our Lord Came to Heal”*

In the last century there arose a great conflict that spread to involve the entire world. Virtually every nation was affected. The death toll was staggering, in some places even endangering nations’ abilities to sustain their populations. Families were torn apart, and the death and destruction touched almost every community. Whole industries were developed for one purpose only – to kill.

This cataclysm was different from all other wars in one other important respect. To a degree never seen before, the slaughter was visited (purposely) on non-combatants. There were more non-combatant deaths than those of combatants.

In fact, one particular group was singled out for extermination, and in order to anesthetize the public outcry against this slaughter, a giant propaganda machine was created, vilifying the targeted people, telling their countrymen that they were evil, troublesome, that they were the cause of society’s problems, that they were somehow less than human, just animals really, a problem to be “fixed.”

That propaganda was broadcast relentlessly, over and over and over, because the propagandists knew something. They knew that if people hear a message often enough—no matter how false, no matter how outrageous, no matter how evil—they would (eventually) begin to believe it. And so, over time the people accepted that it was OK, even praiseworthy to kill this targeted group of people.

And a holocaust ensued...

The death toll from this conflict was appalling. Some 50 million people – 50 million people created in the image and likeness of God, perished. The survivors deal with the grief, the distress, the guilt, the carnage even today. It’s likely that some of those survivors are sitting with us today.

Now obviously, I’ve been describing the Second World War, including the Holocaust visited upon the Jews by the Nazi regime. But do you realize that these same statistics also describe the Holocaust of abortion in the United States since Roe v. Wade in 1973?

In one of the greatest tragedies of U.S. history, 56 million unborn children have died in American abortuaries since Roe v. Wade – a death toll equal to the entire death toll of World War II. The assault on life is perhaps the most profound challenge that evil has mounted in modern times. It permeates our whole culture and touches each of us. And so, today we observe Pro-Life Sunday, and tomorrow the Church has declared a day of prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn.

The pro-abortion (It is NOT prochoice!) propaganda machine will not tell you about the mothers who were rendered infertile after an abortion, incapable of ever having children. They don't want you to think of the women who have suffered abortion-related breast cancer, enduring surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and the dread of an unknown outcome. Did you know that many post-abortion marriages and relationships are destroyed? Or that post-abortive men and women have terrible rates of depression, substance abuse, risk-taking behaviors? Compared to women who have not opted for abortion, did you know that post-abortive women are at a higher risk of suicide?

And what of our culture?

If we accept the lie that the unborn are somehow not human, but random blobs of protoplasm, even more, if we view the unborn as a problem-a choice-then we accept that it is OK to kill them.

But if we accept that lie, then where do we draw the line? What of the developmentally disabled? What about premature babies or those born with serious physical problems? Are adults in a vegetative state worthy of being called "human"? What about the aged or the infirm? What about those who are "inconvenient" for some other reason?

If we consider our human bodies as just physical flesh, mere meat, it doesn't matter what we do to those bodies- drugs, risk-taking behavior, promiscuity, and violence. But we know that human beings are composite beings of both flesh and spirit. We know that the body is created in God's own image and likeness and contains that person's immortal soul. God created all people in His image and likeness, not just those who are "convenient." God wants every human being to be a temple of the Holy Spirit.

If we condone the death of innocents, we deny that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit-temples of God. So you see, the problem of what Pope John Paul II called "The Culture of Death" extends far beyond the deaths of our children.

This Culture of Death begins in a lie, and certainly Satan is the father of lies. That lie starts something like this: "It's only a little blob of cells," and it continues "It is the only way," or "It will be OK" (you know all the lies). And then there's my personal favorite. "It would be inhumane to let this child be born into such a poor family." (I wonder-for whom would it be inhumane?)

And the propaganda machine of the Culture of Death bombards us with these lies until we either accept them or our voices are drowned out.

Then comes the lies of silence. Some things are just too terrible to face so we turn a blind eye to them. Many were silent about the Jews of WWII. Many were silent about the human slavery. Will we make the carnage of the slaughter of the next generation one of those things? Will we be like Saul of Tarsus? He held the cloaks of the people who stoned St. Stephan. Maybe we aren't actually throwing the stones or performing the abortions, but by our silence are we holding the cloaks of those who do?

What of those personally touched by abortion? Certainly abortion is fatal to our children, but it is also a grave danger to those touched by it. The burden of guilt may be staggering. After an abortion, the absolute finality of death hits with astounding power. That baby, that child, that person is gone forever, and there is nothing you can do to recall that terrible decision. The guilt haunts people.

If you are ashamed enough about something, it is easier to avoid it altogether. Guilt hurts, and so it begets avoidance. So you turn inward, away from the people you love, away from the things about which you are passionate and, most important, away from Our Lord.

Here's one of Satan's most damaging lies. If a sin is great enough, we tend to imprint that sin as a defining trait of our very being. The thought goes something like this, "If I have sinned greatly, I must be very evil, so evil in fact that I am beyond even the will of God to forgive me." It's a downward spiral that very quickly turns into despair. Instead of being passionate about gaining God's forgiveness, instead of living life to it's fullest, with joy and thanksgiving, we damp our emotions and turn away from the one person who can heal us, Jesus Christ.

But Our Lord came to heal the sick. He told us that He came "that we might have life, and that we might have it abundantly"! Not just a miserable existence, not just eking out a living, but abundance!

He loved us. He believed in us. He cared so much for us that He held nothing back. He laid down His very life for us. He wants to forgive. He wants to comfort us.

That should tell us that there is nothing-absolutely nothing-that lies beyond His desire and His ability to heal. All you have to do is ask.

So, if you have been wounded by the sin of abortion or any other sin against God's gift of life, don't fall for the devil's lie of despair. Rather, bring your pain to Christ. He waits for you in the confessional. Offer it with your prayers on this altar. Whether you've had an abortion or caused one, whether you're afraid to mourn a lost child, whether you've been involved with or affected by a suicide, or whether, like St. Paul, you have condoned an assault on life by your silence, Jesus Christ longs to heal you. He reaches out to you. He comes to this altar just for you.

Come and be healed, and then go forth, spreading the gospel of abundant life.

We are into year 43 of efforts to heal our nation and strengthen our commitment to all Human Life.

God Strengthen and Bless Us All!

Msgr. Finn