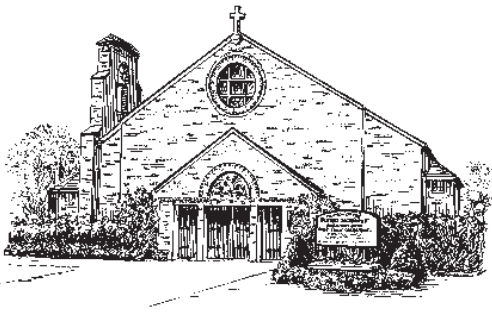


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

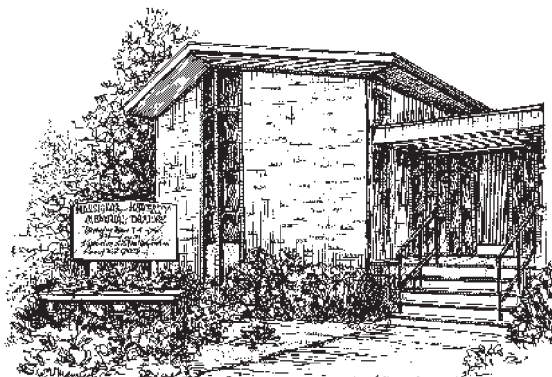
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – Blessing of the Throats

Blessing of the Throats will take place on Tuesday, February 3rd following the 7:00 and 9:00 A.M. Masses.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
REGISTRATION

Registration for Pre-K through 8th Grade will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the school GYM. For further information please call the school office at 718-442-3090.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
Vicariate of Staten Island
Sunday, February 8, 2015
St. Peter’s Church (53 St. Marks Place)
3:00 P.M. Mass

Celebrant & Homilist – Most Rev. John J. O’Hara,
Vicar of Staten Island
Reception to follow – Farrell Hall
All of our parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$7404.00 (Weekly)	\$5838.00 (Weekly)
\$1827.00 <Catholic Education>	\$1493.00
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
785 (Adults)	732 (Adults)
152 (Children)	185 (Children)
937	917

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN NAPPI, SR.

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

MONDAY

7:00 Mary Teresa Finn
9:00 Bro. Miguel “Mike” Ronciavalle

TUESDAY

7:00 Kathleen Vorwick
9:00 Peggy & John Ciano

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Peggy & John Ciano
9:00 Victoria Magliocca

THURSDAY

7:00 Regina Jacobs
9:00 Beverly Casucci

FRIDAY

7:00 Tito Calamba
9:00 James Yates

SATURDAY

9:00 Angela & Robert Lauren
5:00 Phyllis Beckinella

SUNDAY

8:00 Anna “Bette” O’Brien
9:30 Anna Martin
12:30 Larry Puca

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	2
8:00 AM	Team	3
9:30 AM	Team	4
11:00 AM	Team	5
12:30 PM	Team	1

<u>LECTORS</u>
D. Maj
R. Griswold
R. Helbock
M. Conigatti
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
M. Peralta & C. Rooney
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
K. Byrne & A. Morrell
N. Mata & Y. Mata
R. Gallop & T. Sanders

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE REGISTRATION

will be held on the following Sundays: February 8th, 15th, 22nd from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. in Blessed Sacrament Church Parish House Meeting Room. (Please us Manor Road Parking Lot)

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.

The Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, February 8th for Mass at 8:00 A.M. and a meeting to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

The Staten Island Council of Churches is sponsoring a **Lenten Worship Service** on Thursday, February 19th at 7:30 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 St. Paul's Avenue. Light refreshments to follow.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
2015 MEN'S CONFERENCE
MEN, BE WHO YOU ARE
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**

FROM THE PASTOR

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast originating in the 4th century in Jerusalem came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th Century under the title "Feast of the Meeting"; known also as Candlemas Day. In my lifetime it was once referred to as the Feast of the Purification until finally its title today, Presentation of the Lord.

It has been a special day for me all my life. You see, it was the birthday of my mother, Mary who if alive today would be 103 years old. Called to God 29 years ago, our family remembers and prays for her reward and intercession for all of us.

Named for the Mother of God and devout in her prayers to Mary, mother was called home on her Feast Day, December 8th the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, rosary in her folded hands.

Biagio Mazza in *Celebration* writes.....

***"The Blessed Virgin Mary"
Vatican II asked Is She Truly our Sister?***

During the Second Vatican Council, discussions on Mary, Jesus' mother, were very heated and manifested a great deal of disagreement among the gathered bishops. During the 19th century, devotion to Mary had grown tremendously, making it one of the clearest identity markers for Catholics. Along with all sorts of Marian apparitions, novenas, litanies, May crowning and multiple variations on rosary devotions, two infallibly defined doctrines concerning Mary, the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption, were declared by Pius IX in 1854 and Pius XII in 1950, respectively.

Many bishops participating at the council desired an increase in devotion to Mary, wanting to honor her with new titles that would show her unique role in God's plan of salvation. They insisted on a council document that would be devoted exclusively to Mary, highlighting her as co-redeemer or co-redemptrix with Christ in God's plan, as well as declaring her Mother of the Church. These, along with her other titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix, would highlight God's special graces to Mary because of her role as Mother of the Redeemer. This viewpoint focused primarily on Mary's unique place in relationship to her son and in God's plan of salvation.

Many other bishops felt that this direction could lead to significant distortion that would remove Mary even further from scripture and liturgy, compromising the council's emphasis on the Eucharistic liturgy as the "source and summit" of all Christian living. They also felt that this approach would be ecumenically offensive, since it would continue to distort scripture and divert devotion from Christ to Mary, the consistent accusation that other Christians leveled toward Catholics.

These bishops wished to highlight Mary not as different from the rest of God's people, but as an integral member of the people of God, a model member of the church and a true example of discipleship. Instead of creating a separate document devoted exclusively to Mary, they said, the council participants should include her in the document on the church. In this manner, her role as a member of the church and a premier example of the discipleship to which we are all called would shine forth.

On October 29, 1963, in an attempt to resolve the conflict, the bishops voted on whether Mary should have her own document on the church. By a vote of 1114 in favor to 1074 against, the bishops decided to include Mary in the document on the church.

Chapter 8 of Lumen Gentium, "The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," contains the reflections of Vatican II on Mary's role and function in the church. However, due to Paul VI's insistence on harmony among the bishops, compromise positions and statements had to be included so that near unanimous approval could be achieved. This dynamic led to a statement on Mary that attempted to balance different Marian theological strands that are often at cross purposes.

Despite the tension that resulted from trying to blend in both sides of the bishop's arguments, one fact dominates: Mary is understood primarily as a member of the church, one of us, a fellow pilgrim on our journey to God, who has walked our walk and models for us attunement to God, fidelity and discipleship at its best.

The document roots Mary in scripture, making ecumenically sensitive reflections on her role and function. Mary is not unique in her fidelity to God's will but models what all disciples are called to do: listen and respond to God's word. Like Mary, we are to cooperate with God in bringing about God's saving presence in the world. Like Mary, we are called to hear God's word, reflect on what it demands of us, allow it to take flesh in our lives, and share that life with the world.

Christ is the mediator between God and humanity. Christ is the full manifestation of God who gifts us completely with God's love and saving presence. Mary attuned herself to God, agreed to cooperate in God's plan to bring Christ into the world, and amid many challenges, spent her life in learning what discipleship entailed. Every member of the people of God has that same vocation.

Mary, our sister in faith, and all those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith" are the "cloud of witnesses" cheering us on in our pilgrim journey, encouraging, supporting and caring for us as we struggle to learn what discipleship entails while facing life's many challenges and striving to cooperate with God's saving plan for all humanity.

I feel certain that my own mother had on earth and enjoys in heaven the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her sister, her mother, her friend. Hopefully we all feel likewise and one day will enjoy the same.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US

God Bless You,
Msgr. Finn