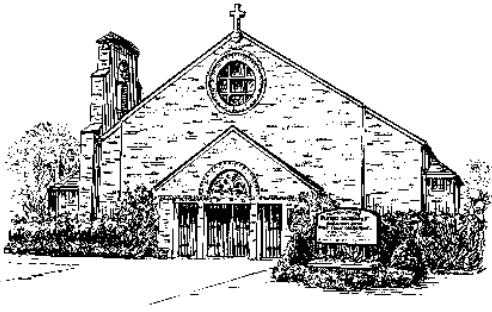


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

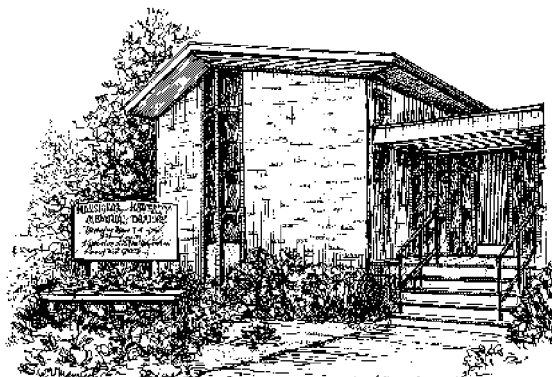
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



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--A special **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Caterina Coccavo and her helpers who donated their time and talent to the making the beautiful decorations for Palm Sunday. We appreciate their devotion to continuing this wonderful tradition.

--Our **THANKS** to everyone who contributed to make our Easter Liturgies so special.

The Catholic School Region of Staten Island Inaugural Gala will honor His Eminence Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York for his commitment to our Catholic Schools. The Gala will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Also, each of the 22 Staten Island Catholic Elementary School Principals will be honored along with the Cardinal. For further information and reservations please visit catholicschoolsgala.eventbrite.com or contact Diana Gatto at Diana.Gatto@archny.org

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>			
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
\$10,336.00 (Weekly)		\$11,202.00 (Weekly)	
\$20,016.00	<Easter >	\$19,759.00	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>			
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
1390 (Adults)		1747 (Adults)	
<u>340</u> (Children)		<u>428</u> (Children)	
1730		2175	

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LOUISE MARONCELLI**

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 Ribaldo, 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, 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, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Christine Fink, Eugene Esposito, Angelina Cortese, John McRoberts, Beverly Kowalski and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Crizelda Valeda
9:00 Nazzareno Vella (6th Anniv)

TUESDAY

7:00 Finn P. O'Rourke (Living Intention)
9:00 Charles & Catherine McKeever (65th Wedding Anniv)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Christine Fink
9:00 Garrett Smith

THURSDAY

7:00 Helen A. Majeski (3rd Anniv)
9:00 Richard Cirbus

FRIDAY

7:00 St. Jude
9:00 Deceased Members of Salaycik Family

SATURDAY

9:00 Walter Gallagher
5:00 Joe Mann & Emanuel Patti

SUNDAY

8:00 Robert Valentine
9:30 Roger Dale Bailey
12:30 Anthony Mazza

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 19, 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>
J. Hansen
P. Thomann
M. Boyd
R. Helbock
K. Kelley

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
A. & S. Coscia
W. Boyd & A. Morrell
M. McKeever & M. Peralta
M. Morgan & E. Laub

CONGRATULATIONS to our 50/50 Raffle Winners for March – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Quinn won \$915.00.

GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 and Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2015. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be the principal celebrant. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish House Office at 718-442-1581 by Monday, May 18, 2015.

DINE OUT AGAINST HUNGER
Sponsored by Project Hospitality
Thursday, April 23, 2015

Dine out to help out! Dine out with your family, friends and co-workers! Over 125 Staten Island restaurants will donate 20% of your food bill to Project Hospitality. Proceeds will help support our soup kitchen and food pantry programs. For a list of participating restaurants please visit: www.dineoutstatenisland.com

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.

CAMP VERITAS 2015: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2015: July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-August 1, 2015 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 16-22, 2015 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is open and the enrollment price for each week is \$400/camper. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

FROM THE PASTOR

We celebrate today, the Feast of Divine Mercy which is one of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the graces that flow from His heart to a world ever in need and never more so than today for His strength, blessing and witness flowing from Jesus' Divine Mercy to each and every one of us. And all we have to do is turn our hearts, mind and soul to Jesus and ask, Help Me! His infinite love and mercy will respond, renew and strengthen us.

Today, we are also reminded of the universal call to holiness afforded us by the Vatican Council II. Fifty years ago, we witnessed one of the most significant shifts coming out of Vatican II enshrined in the very brief fifth chapter of the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," Lumen Gentium (#39-42). The chapter is titled "The Universal Call to Holiness," and that call applies to the Church itself and all its members, the entire people of God."

Author Biagio Mazza in "Celebration" writes:

For much of the previous millennium, holiness was typically understood to mean something that most people could not achieve. Holiness was reserved for those whose whole lives were totally dedicated to God, namely priests and religious, but it was not for the ordinary lay person caught up in daily cares and worries. Holiness was almost impossible to accomplish in the world. Saints were the ordained, or those in religious life, who had done heroic things beyond the capabilities of the rest of humanity.

It seemed that people had to remove themselves from the distractions of the world and live a monastic spirituality in order to become holy. This resulted in a very negative view of the world as well as a distorted notion of what holiness demanded.

A key dynamic of Vatican II was summarized in the word *ressourcement*: a return to the sources, namely a return to scripture and the theological and pastoral dimensions of the early church. These sources would bring the church, the people of God, to center on the person of Christ and on the Paschal Mystery—Jesus’ life, passion, death and resurrection—as the driving force of every disciple’s life and call to ministry.

In baptism, every Christian is implanted in the Paschal Mystery (Sacrosanctum Concilium #6), activating a life of holiness committed to taking on the mind and heart of Jesus, and living Jesus’ values and lifestyle no matter where we are planted.

Paul’s letters express this significant insight. Paul consistently addresses the members of his various communities as “saints.” Their acceptance of Christ, and their commitment to live as faithful disciples, unites them to God and makes them redeemed saints here and now. Paul understood God’s grace, God’s self-gift to us in Christ, as the foundation of holiness for all who open themselves up to God’s invitation of love and implant themselves into Jesus’ Paschal life of self-gift for others.

For Paul, for the early Christians, and for the participants in Vatican II, it is “quite clear that all Christians in whatever state or walk in life are called to the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of charity, and this holiness is conducive to a more human way of living even in society here on earth” (LG#40). All are called to the same holiness.

Elizabeth Johnson, in her magnificent study of Mary, *Truly Our Sister*, sums up this concept clearly: “There is not one type of holiness for lay persons or another for those in religious life or ordained ministry. There is not one kind of indwelling of the Spirit for office-holders in the church and another for unnoticed, faithful members...The church is not divided into saints and non-saints by office or gender or any other markers.”

Lumen Gentium powerfully states that “the forms and task of life are many but there is one holiness, which is cultivated by all who are led by God’s Spirit and, obeying the Father’s voice and adoring God the Father in spirit and in truth, follow Christ, poor and humble in carrying his cross, that they may deserve to be sharers in his glory. All, however, according to their own gifts and duties must steadfastly advance along the way of living faith, which arouses hope and works through love” (LG #41)

Vatican II stresses rather clearly that there is only one vocation to which all baptized are called, the vocation to holiness. Holiness is understood as our active response to God’s grace-filled self-gift, activated through the Spirit’s wisdom and guidance in living a life modeled on the mind and heart of Jesus. We live out this common vocation in various lifestyles—married, single, ordained, vowed religious, etc.

Holiness takes place in and through the particular circumstances of our daily lives. Changing diapers at 3:00 a.m., caring for a sick child, growing old gracefully, managing change patiently, facing defeat and failure with trust and hope, caring for others with compassion, forgiving and reconciling self and others—all become vehicles of holiness. In life’s ups and downs, in its struggles, tensions and even failures, we are called to holiness by maintaining fidelity to God and to one another.

With the conclusion to George Bernanos’ insightful spiritual novel *Diary of a Country Priest*, we too can say with great conviction: “All is grace.”

On this feast of Divine Mercy we pray for God’s mercy to fill us with the strength to seek holiness through God’s grace.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN