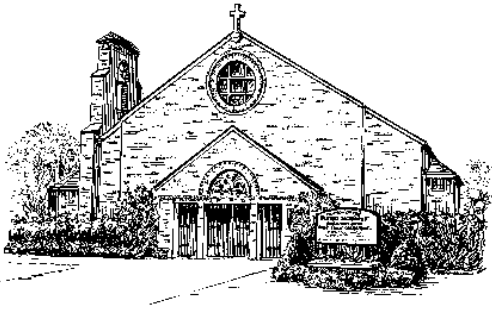


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

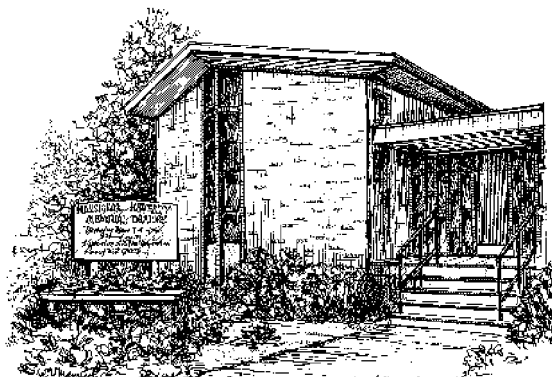
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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





Our Parish will offer a Mother's Day Novena of Masses throughout the month of May. Mother's Day Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church. This Mother's Day Novena is a truly spiritual way of remembering our loved ones and friends at the Altar of the Lord during this special month. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all mothers, both living and deceased.

BEARING FRUIT

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." John's words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others "in word or speech" instead of "in deed and truth." What does it mean for us to "remain in Christ"? In an extension of this metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship.

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<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6311.00 (Weekly)	\$8385.00 (Weekly)
\$1902.00 <Parish Youth Programs>	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
850 (Adults)	837 (Adults)
<u>191 (Children)</u>	<u>167 (Children)</u>
1041	994

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN MORANO**

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, 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 Ellen Conroy, Anna Mauceri, Joseph D'Amico, and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Anna Cataldo

9:00 Frank Miller

TUESDAY

7:00 Dulce Pasignajen

9:00 John Morano (1st Anniv)

WEDNESDAY

7:00

9:00 Rita, Kevin, Russell & Howard Dronne

THURSDAY

7:00 Morris Krupka

9:00 Migallos Family

FRIDAY

7:00 John & Julie O'Rourke (Living Intention)

9:00 Luz Pasignajen

SATURDAY

9:00 Anna LaLima (7th Anniv)

5:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

SUNDAY

8:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

9:30 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

12:30 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 10, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	6
8:00 AM	Team	7
9:30 AM	Team	8
11:00 AM	Team	9
12:30 PM	Team	10

<u>LECTORS</u>
M. Peries
R. Griswold
R. Salaycik
D. Leddy
C. Tobias

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & N. Mata
D. Vigliotti & P. Manley
B. Collorec & A. Morrell
M. Morgan & M. Conigatti
A. Talaid & T. Sanders

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - There will be registration on Wednesday, May 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the GYM for **NEW STUDENTS ONLY!** Please bring a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate and \$25 Registration Fee (Cash or Check).

Project Hospitality is hosting a luncheon honoring Reverend Terry Troia for her 30 years of service, leadership and inspiration to Project Hospitality and the people of Staten Island on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Reservations are \$65/person. For further information please contact Anita Yuen at 718-448-1544 or email anyuen@projecthospitality.org

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

**Blessed Sacrament
BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Please consider donating! Help save a life!

The John J. & Charlotte Harmon Scholarship

is the result of a legacy created by John J. Harmon, the late Director of the Harmon Home for Funerals, West Brighton, Staten Island. Upon the death of Mrs. Harmon in 2001, funds were provided to St. John's University in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harmon, under the title John J. & Charlotte Harmon Scholarship Program. It was the desire of Mr. Harmon to provide these scholarship funds to worthy students from the local parishes served by his funeral home. The Church of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the designated parishes. St. John's University, Staten Island Campus is now preparing to award the John & Charlotte Harmon Scholarships for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. If any parishioners are planning to attend St. John's, Staten Island Campus **ONLY**, please contact the Parish House office at 718-442-1581 to discuss applying for this memorial scholarship. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2015.

The Richmond Choral Society's SPRING CONCERT, "Across the Pond" will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Catholic Church (53 St. Mark's Place) on Saturday, May 16th at 8:00 P.M. British composers are featured including Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan William. Tickets are \$20/person, Seniors/\$15, Students with ID/\$10 and children under 12 FREE!

The New York Catholic Bible Summit 2015

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society on Saturday, June 20th at the New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street, New York. For further information please call 646-794-2692 or visit www.nyfaithformation.org

FROM THE PASTOR

As promised in last week's bulletin, Tony Rossi's Light One Candle for The Christophers continues his review of Patrick McNamara's book entitled "New York Catholics" entitled

"Faith, Attitude and the Works"

The United States owes a moral and spiritual debt to the Catholics who first settled in this country. That much is clear if you read my last column about Pat McNamara's book "New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude, and the Works." Our religious ancestors did a great deal to help the poor, fight racism, encourage religious tolerance, and welcome the immigrant. But McNamara's book isn't just about the past. He also profiles many modern Catholics who are influencing the Church and society today.

I was honored to be featured in the book because McNamara admires the Christopher mission to light a candle rather than curse the darkness, to celebrate what's good about our culture instead of complaining about what's bad. It's about building bridges, which is a quality the author also sees in the Church's outreach to new immigrants-an outreach he's seen firsthand. Both in and around his home parish in Queens, New York, there are large Mexican and Central American populations. And a nearby church holds masses in five different languages: Czech, Vietnamese, Italian, Spanish and English.

How do so many different ethnic enclaves function under the big tent of Catholicism? During an interview on "Christopher Closeup," McNamara said, "Remember the word 'Catholic' in its original Greek means 'universal.' While we celebrate the diversity of our Catholics, we also celebrate our unity. And what we have in common is a lot stronger than what keeps us apart."

The same holds true for the many contemporary figures McNamara profiles. For instance, there's Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, who founded the program Hour Children which offers help and hope to incarcerated women and their children; Sister Margaret McCabe, who has served as a chaplain to inmates at Rikers Island for 30 years; and Mother Agnes Mary Donovan who founded the Sisters of Life. The one thing all these people have in common beyond their Catholicism is their love of their work. Perhaps one of the best examples of that kind of dedication is Msgr. Gerald Ryan of St. Luke's Church in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

Though he passed away at age 93 shortly before the publication of "New York Catholics," Msgr. Ryan was a priest who shunned the idea of retirement because he loved his ministry of serving God's people. McNamara recalled the day he went to interview Msgr. Ryan: "I was sitting in the rectory with a line of people waiting to see him on a Friday morning. I remember talking to the secretary, Madeline, and I said to her, 'Have you known him long?' And she said, 'Oh yes, since we moved into the parish. He's like my dad.' And he was like a father figure, a friend, a brother to the people of Mott Haven. Stats show that priests and women religious tend to be very happy people. Research has also shown that people who keep themselves going doing meaningful work into their later years of their life, have a happier and fuller, more meaningful existence."

One final note: though McNamara's book is called "New York Catholics," he believes it transcends location: "I think when we celebrate one area, we celebrate all areas. This is not a chauvinistic book. It's just showing the good that's being done in one particular place. And you know what? If somebody wanted to write a book 'Chicago Catholics,' or 'San Francisco Catholics,' they could because there are so many good things going on right under our noses that we don't always know about, that doesn't always gets publicity."

If you want a treat and opportunity to appreciate the contributions of many New York Catholics you might want to pick up a copy of New York Catholics. It is a wonderful read.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN