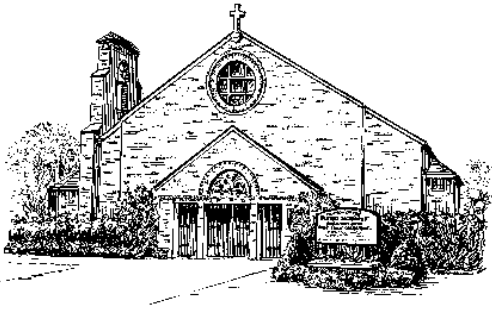


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

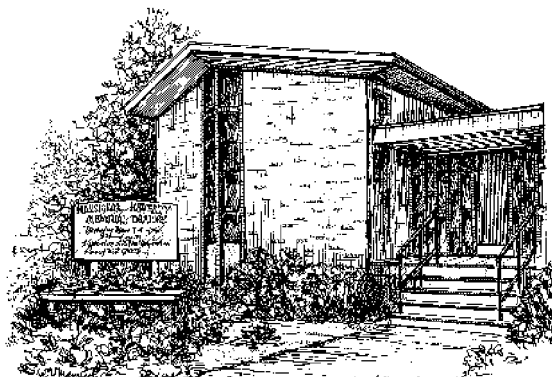
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



2016 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2016 will open on Tuesday, October 6th at 9:00a.m. At that time intentions for the Living and Deceased, Anniversary Masses, Masses of Thanksgiving and Special Intentions and Intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp can be arranged. Announced Masses are \$15, Unannounced are \$10.

COMMON SENSE PARENTING

Are you finding it challenging to raise your children? Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Benedicta, 285 Clove Road (Park in the lot adjacent to the school and use main entrance to school) is hosting a 6 session workshop for parents of children ages 6-16. Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 from 7 to 9pm Cost: \$30 covers one or both parents, and includes a book and workbook. (If finances are a problem, alternative arrangements can be made confidentially.) **Registration is a MUST**, contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191 or susan.disisto@archny.org

FIREFIGHTERS FOR AMERICA'S BRAVEST

6th Annual Bravest BBQ, Saturday, Oct. 10th, 12pm Hillside Swim Club, 151 Signs Road, \$20pp, children 14 and under free. All you can eat and drink, music, raffles, and children's activities. All proceeds go to Building for America's Bravest, a program of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, that builds specially adapted SMART homes for our nation's most catastrophically injured service members. Buy tickets now at www.bravestbbq.eventbrite.com, questions call 718-986-4587.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA USA

Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ, Tuesday, October 13th. Celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Come and place your petitions before our Lady. Visit the Holy House USA, containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto. Confessions 10:30am; 12:00 Rosary; 12:30pm Speaker, David Carollo; 1:00pm Holy Mass with Rev. Andrew Apostoli CFR; 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet; Holy House Tour. Info: www.bluearmy.com

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6,253 (Weekly)	\$8,965(Weekly)
\$1,830 (Fuel & Heating)	\$1,549 (Fuel & Heating)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
814 (Adults)	805 (Adults)
<u>136 (Children)</u>	<u>172 (Children)</u>
950	977

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, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, 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, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale and Capala Lusi

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul of Rafael Rosa and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Alfred Trovato
9:00 Francisca Maghuyop

TUESDAY

7:00 Msgr. Peter G. Finn (Living)
9:00 Christopher Keag (19th Anniv) & Sr. Group

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Msgr. Peter G. Finn (Living)
9:00 Thomas Goffredo (8th Anniv.)

THURSDAY

7:00 Grace Mulvaney
9:00 Maurice Lacasse

FRIDAY

7:00 Michael J. McCarthy
9:00 Rose LoBello

SATURDAY

9:00 Edward Klingele
5:00 Robert Valentine

SUNDAY

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 Rose Gippa & Peter
12:30 Nora & Thomas McDonnell

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NORA BULLEN**

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 11, 2015

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Hanley
R. Griswold
M. Boyd
D. Leddy
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
N. Mata & J. Wright
D. Vigliotti & E. Hodgens
B. Collorec & M. McKeever
A. Talaid & M. Morgan
J. Spach & M. Spach

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s and 50s will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road on Thursday, October 22 at 7:15pm. Margaret "Peggy" Freda, a Workforce Professional for the Dept. of Labor will discuss: Using Social Media to Develop Your Professional Profile & Build Meaningful Contacts. Cost \$10. For more info about Peggy see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mfreda>

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Moore Catholic, 100 Merrill Ave., October 4th 1 - 4pm
For info call: 718-761-9200

Regis High School, 55 East 84 Street, Oct. 12th
1 - 4pm For info call: 212-288-1100 ext. 2057

St. John Villa Academy, 25 Landis Ave., Oct. 17th 1:00
to 4:00pm For Info: 718-442-6240 or www.sjva.org

Msgr. Farrell, 2900 Amboy Road, Oct. 18th 11am to
3pm

Notre Dame High School of Manhattan, 327 West 13th
Street, Oct. 25th from 2:30 - 5:00pm for 7th & 8th grade
girls and their parents. For info call the school at 212-
620-5575

UNIVERSITY HOSPICE

University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as, visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities, the Addeo Hospice Residence, or in the hospital. Volunteers are also essential in our office and with our special projects. Interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th at University Hospice, 78 Meisner Ave.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

October 11th 8:00am Mass and meeting to follow.

MOTHER'S GUILD FUNDRAISER

Dine out at the Manor House Restaurant, 917 Manor Road (718) 698-4433 on Wednesday, October 7th (all day). Tell them you are there to support Blessed Sacrament School and 15% of your bill will be donated to our school.

SPAGHETTI DINNER -St. Mary of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Benedicta

The 75th Annual Spaghetti dinner will be held on Oct. 13th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Cafeteria, 285 Clove Road. Dinner will be served from Noon till 3pm and from 5 till 8pm. Tickets are available at the door. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under age 12. Take out dinners available. For more info, call 718-442-3411.

MOUNT LORETTO

Mount Loretto is proud to serve as a central resource for Island Catholics. Each and every year, our most important fundraising event is the Father Drumgoole Award Reception which will be held at the Old Bermuda Inn on October 22, 2015. For tickets, journal ads or more information, please call 718-984-1500

IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUPS

Prayer Groups will meet on October 10th at Holy Family on Watchogue Road in the basement meeting area. Gathering after the 8:30 Mass with prayer beginning at 9:30.

ST. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A free service offered to the community. Meetings are the Third Thursday of every month at 7:30p.m. in the St. Clare Presentation Center Dining Room, 169 Lindenwood Road. October 15th topic: "Networking", Speaker: Margaret Flynn, Retired Professor at Brooklyn College & Outplacement Consultant. One on one employment advisement by appointment only. Call 718-984-7873 to make an appointment or for more information. www.stclaresi.com/employment

MANRESA CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

An introductory meeting, with Mass, will be held at Rosary Chapel of St. Sylvester Parish, 854 Targee Street on Tues., Oct. 6th at 7pm (Use side entrance below church).
Christian Life Community is a worldwide organization composed of small groups of men and women who come together twice a month to share community, spirituality and mission, bringing gospel values to family, workplace and community.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN GROUP

Meeting today at 5:30pm in the Parish House Meeting Room.

The Teen Group will be fundraising after all the Masses next Sunday, Oct. 11th.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Autumn splendor describes the beautiful month of October dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and Respect Life from conception to natural death.

The month is also filled with many memorable feasts and reflections none more poignant than that of the first day of October honoring St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

Pat Marren, an editor of Celebration has written the following: "The Hidden Face, Therese of Lisieux".

I was in my late teens when I first read the life of Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897), a gift book from a devoted aunt who sought to encourage vocations in all her nephews and nieces. It is hard to explain my subsequent fascination with this French nun who died of consumption at age 24 without revealing my own emerging sensitivities to things spiritual at a crucial time in my adolescence. Therese offered an almost embarrassing intimacy to readers in her autobiography, which began as a personal memoir she wrote at the request of her older sister and never intended for publication. It was treasured by her community after her death. Like many readers, I found in her a spiritual friend, passionate, tragic and perfectly sublimated.

I outgrew the saccharine portrait that was presented in the touched up photos of Therese as a cult rose around her memory and led to her canonization in 1925. I was not surprised to learn that the earliest published editions of The Story of A Soul had been carefully edited to enhance the image of the "Little Flower."

I was reintroduced to a more realistic portrait of the saint in Ida Friederike Gorres' 1959 biography The Hidden Face, and was again drawn to the real Therese, offered as a survivor, not an exemplar, of Jansenist piety. Her little way, if effect, was a rejection of the self-lacerating, hothouse spirituality typical of contemplative life in the last 19th century. Gorres published an untouched photo of Therese taken shortly before her death, described by someone seeing it for the first time as "the face of the female Christ." It was indeed the face of someone who knew she was dying, stripped of illusion, clearly in touch with some universal human intuition about the mystery of life and the reality of death.

Therese has again emerged in our time, offered by traditionalists as a poster child for young vocations and as representing spiritual submissiveness – a facile and dubious title, to my mind, for someone whose holiness emerges as more muscular than that. A 1986 French film captured the simple directness of this young woman's fierce determination to pursue the face of God in a contemplative setting. "Therese," produced by Maurice Bernart and now available on YouTube, is both stark and beautiful, depicting a life and death in vignettes based on Therese's diary.

She exemplified a spiritual desire for God that transcended her culture in much the way that Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Avila escaped their ages to reveal a maturity only the Gospel can command and enable in human nature. Their pure will to keep the first commandment, to love God above all else, mind, heart, body and spirit, opened them to transfiguration, the glory God promises anyone who seeks the divine face. Though they arrived at this experience from different times and cultures, each of these women got it right. Be one with Christ, in love with Christ, and God will do the rest.

The idea that all of us benefit from such pioneers is tantalizing. The four minute mile stood like a barrier for decades until the first runner broke it. Then a flood of contenders followed quickly. It was as though the real barrier was not physical but spiritual. What was thought to be impossible was impossible until someone actually broke through. Then the way was open for everyone. Achievement in another stuns us because it reveals to us our own potential.

Every person who offers pure praise advances human evolution, makes God more accessible to the collective imagination. The secret transformation of a single heart inspires the journey of the entire pilgrim community.

Therese of Lisieux, in her brief but intense contemplative life, brought the flame of divine love to earth in her own heart. It was the one offering she had, and she gave it back to God without reserve. It was her only accomplishment. We have all been blessed by her.

Our late Pastor, Bishop Patrick V. Ahern had a lifelong devotion to St. Therese that profoundly influenced his priesthood and spirituality. He wrote and preached extensively on her life and spirituality. Her shrine with that of Mary and St. Anne in our church reminds us of the tremendous power of prayer these great women saints have had and continue to impact on 21st century believers. For you, your family, our Parish, our Church, our Nation St. Therese, Mary and Anne pray for us.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR FINN