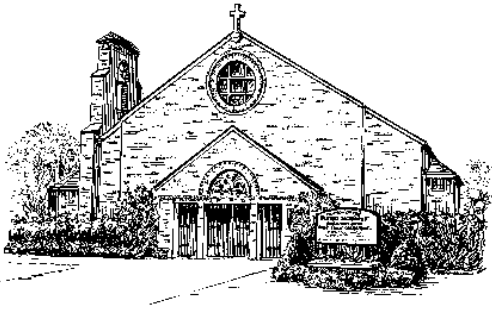


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

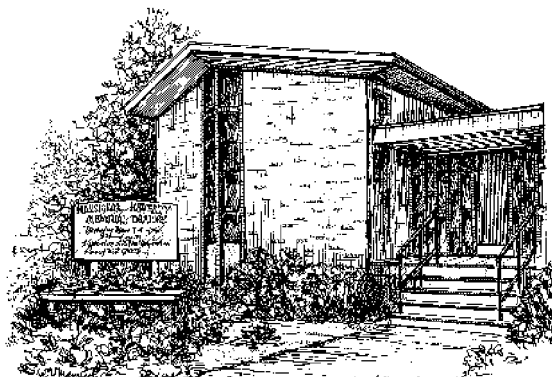
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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





Thank You Lord

Mmgr. Finn, Fr. Frank, Fr. Roby, Religious Education Program, School, Parish House and Maintenance Staffs wish all of our parishioners and their families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Reminder: The Parish Family Thanksgiving Mass will be on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00pm. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26th the Masses are at 7:00 and 9:00am.



Heading to a Warmer Climate?

If you are one of our lucky snowbirds please notify the Parish Office with your leave and return dates so we can adjust our mailings for the winter months. Two months advanced notice is needed to forward your Offertory Envelopes to a different address or place a temporary hold on them. Contact the Parish House at bldscrt@aol.com to let us know your plans. Thank you.

We do get charged for mail that is sent and returned to us.

MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6th from 10am to 5pm, 2900 Amboy Road. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 per family. Over 80 vendors, raffles and door prizes. Plus a visit from Santa. Contact FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com for info.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6,160 (Weekly)	\$6,869 (Weekly)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
774 (Adults)	757 (Adults)
143 (Children)	167 (Children)
917	924

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LARRY PUCA**

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, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, 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, 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, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Amy Mezzacappa and Mary Ruggiero

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Alfred Trovato
9:00 Mary Tarasovis

TUESDAY

7:00 John O'Rourke (Living)
9:00 Rev. Edward M. Roos
7:00 Lorraine Beagen

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Marie Novaro
9:00 Robert & Joan Dowling

THURSDAY

7:00 Doris Russo
9:00 Catherine Greene

FRIDAY

7:00 Beverly Shields (Living)
9:00 Gerald Prickett

SATURDAY

9:00 William Strom (Living)
5:00 Grace Giordano

SUNDAY

8:00 Vito & Catherine Lucatorto
9:30 Marie Kenny Halbert (18th Anniv.)
12:30 Lawrence Maccarone

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2015

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 1	L. Pillarella	V. Donnelly & J. Wright
8:00 AM	Team 2	L. Lagmay	D. Vigliotti & E. Hodgens
9:30 AM	Team 3	C. Wodzinski	B. Collorec & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team 4	D. Leddy	M. Morgan & M. Conigatti
12:30 PM	Team 5	K. Kelley	T. Sanders & M. McKeever



The Parish House Office will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

St. Francis Catholic Singles for those in their 30s, 40s and 50s, will have their 15th annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 11, 7:30-11:00pm at Crown Place, 201 New Dorp Lane. Price is \$35pp if received by Dec. 4th; \$45 afterwards, includes 3 course meal, dessert and drinks. Payments must be received by Dec. 7th. Mail checks payable to CASH (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo box) with your name, number and email to: Holy Family Parish, Attn. Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Road, 10314. More info email: sfcssi@gmail.com

SETON FOUNDATION

Next weekend representatives from the Seton Foundation for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults, ages 3 to 21 years, will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 Savings Bond or \$5,000 cash following each Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Please give your support to this very worthy program.

CCHD

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human development provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improve education, support economic development, and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

CARDINAL DOLAN YOUNG ADULT MASS

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach for a Young Adult Mass presided by Cardinal Dolan on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Confessions and Adoration with music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad will be held from 6:30-7:30pm. Please arrive early. There will be a post-Mass social at a location TBA. Learn more at www.CatholicNYC.com

HANDBELL CHRISTMAS CD

The Holy Child Bell Choir has recorded a CD of Christmas music in honor of the parish's bicentennial anniversary. The cost is only \$12 per CD or 2 for \$20. These CDs make a wonderful gift. To order, please send check to Holy Child Church, 4747 Amboy Road, 10312 Attn: Sandra – Golden Bells. For more information, please contact Sandra Pace at holychildmusic@yahoo.com or at 347-560-1793.

PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 10:00am

GIVING TREE – We will once again be having a "Giving Tree" beginning next weekend. Everyone is invited to visit the Sacred Heart Altar and take an ornament and give a Christmas gift to someone in need. Your gift will bring joy to a child or adult this Christmas season. Please bring your **new, wrapped gift with the original tag ornament** back to the Sacred Heart Altar or the Parish House Office by Wednesday, Dec. 16th. Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR

One of the significant events of 2015 in terms of our Catholic faith is the Synod On Family recently concluded in Rome with a solemn Mass celebrated by Pope Francis, numerous clergy, religious, laity and representatives of delegations to the Holy See and scores of ordinary pilgrims together numbering 20,000 to 40,000 inside and outside the See of Peter – St. Peter’s Basilica. Among those attending were 5 priests celebrating 50 years of service to God’s people including your pastor.

In the course of the month of October 2015 the Synod On Family something new, wonderful and extraordinary occurred.

Distinguished author and senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC guest columnist for The Tablet writes as follows:

“Saints and Spouses”
(Mom and Dad)

Amidst all the Sturm und Drang of Synod 2015, something genuinely new in the life of the Church began and it shouldn’t escape our notice.

For the first time in two millennia, an entry in the liturgical books will now read, on the appropriate day, “Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, Spouses” – a happy addition to “Martyr,” “Confessor,” “Bishop,” “Religious,” “Pope,” etc., in the pantheon of vocations to sanctity. Spouses” a married couple, together on the tapestry that hung from the central loggia of St. Peter’s before, during and after their canonization on Oct. 18; a man and a woman, a dad and a mom, who were the parents of a saint, the Little Flower, and in whose married life mutual sanctification took place by cooperation with God’s grace.

Saints-as-spouses. There was something for Synod 2015 to ponder. And if insufficient attention was paid to this during the Synod, that’s no reason for the Church, in which millions of spouses are living lives of heroic virtue, not to take notice – and to reflect upon some old truths about the “canonization” of saints.

The Church doesn’t canonize saints for their sake. God takes quite good care of his holy ones, we may be sure, and being “raised to the dignity of the altars,” as the old phrase had it, does nothing for those so raised. No, the Church canonizes saints for our sake, so that we might have models who inspire us to be the holy ones we must be, if we’re to fulfill our Christian and human destiny. That’s why the Church sings the Litany of the Saints at its most solemn liturgical celebrations: The Litany of the Saints is the Church’s family album, the roster of those who form that “great cloud of witnesses” of which the author of the Letter to the Hebrews speaks so eloquently.

Another old truth worth repeating – with the holy spouses of the Martin family in mind – is that the Church doesn’t “Make saints,” God makes saints, and the task of the Church, through the beatification and canonization process, is to recognize the saints that God has made. The process by which that recognition takes place has changed over time, from something resembling an adversarial legal procedure to something more akin to a doctoral seminar in history. The object of the exercise remains the same, though: to sift through the record of a life in order to find the traces and tracks of grace at work – as it is in all of us.

The lives of the holy spouses of Lisieux are also a great witness to the incredible capacity of the Catholic Church for self-renewal.

Louis Martin was born in 1823; Zelig was born eight years later. In other words, both were born a generation after the utter devastation of the French Church by the French Revolution. After the enforcement by state power of the Religion of Reason and the bloody slaughters of the Reign of Terror (a spasm of lethal Gallic craziness musically evoked by Francois Poulenc’s “Dialogues of the Carmelites”), who would have predicted that 19th-century France would be a seedbed of mission and sanctity, the effects of which would be felt from the hitherto-obscure village of Lourdes in the French Pyrenees to Francophone Africa to Oceania?

Yet it happened. Much of what we think of as “French Catholicism” today grew from under the rubble of the terror and the destruction of the Church of the ancient regime. Louis and Zelig Martin, and their daughter, the Doctor of the Church who gave Catholicism the “Little Way,” were all products of that astonishing flourishing of holiness and evangelical zeal that followed immediately after a period of unprecedented destruction.

How did that happen? It happened because life by life, men and women took the risk of fidelity. Ordinary people defied the claims of their putative ecclesiastical betters – too often heard during Synod 2015 – that asking the heroic is just too much.

No, it’s not.

Summoning us to lives of heroic virtue is asking us to be the saints we – like Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, Spouses – were baptized to be.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN