

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

May 1, 2016

Staten Island, New York 10310



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 Tuesday 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

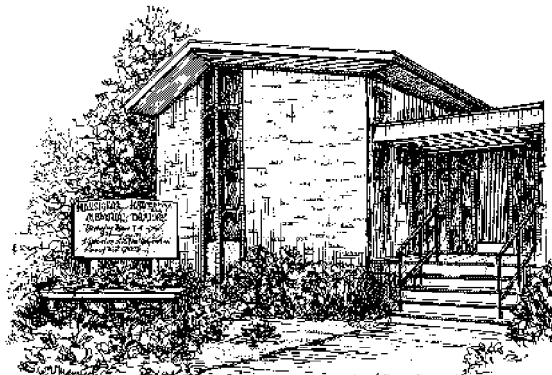
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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 entrance 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 8th** the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all mothers, both living and deceased.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY

In recognition and gratitude to all mothers, and especially to give honor and praise to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, The Legion of Mary will be praying and dedicating a special rosary following the 9:30am Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. A basket will be available to place your prayers and petitions before Our Blessed Mother. Everyone is invited to join us in this wonderful tribute to our mothers.

MASS FOR ALL GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

The Blessed Sacrament Ministry for Inclusion cordially invites anyone with special needs, their family and friends to attend Mass on Sunday, May 8th at 11:00am. Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

SAVE THE DATE

Blessed Sacrament Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, June 2nd.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$6,628 (Weekly)	\$6,311 (Weekly)
\$2,431 (Debt Reduction)	\$1,902 (Parish Youth)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
815 (Adults)	850 (Adults)
163 (Children)	191 (Children)
978	1,041

**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 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, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, 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, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, and Maryann & Danny Brown.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 John Cardinal O'Connor
9:00 Andrew Schron

TUESDAY

7:00 Bill Kolakowski
9:00 Rita, Keven Russell & Howard Dronne

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anna Cataldo
9:00 Jeremiah Bullen
7:00 Concetta Boccalupo

THURSDAY

7:00 Ruth Rodriguez
9:00 John Moran
11:00 Beverly Casucci
7:00 Vincent Crispino

FRIDAY

7:00 Bill Kolakowski
9:00 James Yates

SATURDAY

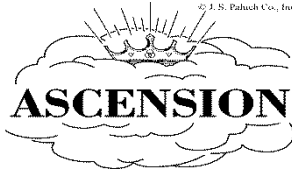
9:00 - No Mass-
5:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

SUNDAY

8:00 Mother's Day
9:00 Novena Intentions
12:30

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 8, 2016

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9	J. Hanson	C. Rooney & N. Mata
8:00 AM	Team 10	R. Griswold	J. Hansen & A. Aponte
9:30 AM	Team 6	R. Salaycik	B. Collorec & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team 7	D. Leddy	M. Morgan & M. Conigatti
12:30 PM	Team 8	T. Sanders	M. McKeever & T. Sanders

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

The Ascension completes Christ's earthly ministry.

Entrusting His work to the disciples, Christ continues to work through them. Ascension **Thursday, May 5th** is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00pm and on Thursday; Masses will be at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA SHRINE

On May 13th celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Angel of Peace at Portugal and 99th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, 10-11:00: Holy House Tour; 10:30: confessions; 12:00: Rosary Procession; 12:30: Guest Speaker Fr. Ronan Murphy; 1:00: Holy Mass; 2:30: Benediction; Fatima Farewell; Brown Scapular enrollment; 3:00: Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:30-4:30: Holy House Tour. Enter designated Year of Mercy Door. www.bluearmy.com Shrine is located at 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PRAYER MEETINGS

May 7th St. Clare's Presentation Center on Lindenwood Road, parking available in the lot on Nelson Ave. We gather after the 9am Mass and begin prayer at 10am.
May 14th at Holy Family, in the meeting room in the basement of the church, 366 Watchogue Road, after the 8:30am Mass, prayer begins at 9:30am
For May we will be praying with Matthew 9.35 -10.16
Spend Your Life for the Gospel.

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.

SHEEN CENTER

"The Treasure In Our Own Backyard: Appreciating the Essential Contributions of New York City's Religious Schools" a panel discussion with leaders of the city's religious education community on how these schools shape the fabric of New York. May 4th at 7pm, 18 Bleeker Street. Admission is free.

From the Pastor

For centuries, the People of God; Priests and Poets, Religious Men and Women; Young and Old; of every ethnicity and across the globe have written sung and prayed the praises of Mary, Mother of Jesus and mother of all humankind.

This fact is especially so in annual celebrations of the Virgin Mary Mother of God in the beautiful month of May.

In her special maternal love of all humanity throughout history, Mary has appeared to her humble and special sons and daughters, to counsel, correct and plead for all of humanity to return in faith, hope and love of God and neighbor.

One special apparition of the Blessed Mother took place in 19th century to a simple young girl named Bernadette at Lourdes in France

Several years ago, together with Father Own B. Moran, Ch. D. Order of Malta and pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in East Hanover, New Jersey I journeyed in pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Order of Malta accompanying fellow pilgrims and "maladies" during the annual pilgrimage in May. Fr. Moran writes the following about:

The Lourdes pilgrimage – A Path to Spirituality

Lourdes is a special place to so many, including Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta. As we begin to explore the spirituality of Lourdes, let us consider Bernadette Soubirous, a simple peasant girl was picked out by Mary of the Immaculate Conception to give our world this place of miracles. Bernadette was born to Francois and Louise, who named their baby Marie Bernarde, and whom they fondly called Bernadette. Francois worked as a miller at Boly. He and Louise were illiterate and didn't have the financial resources to make their business flourish.

Sadly, because of a variety of reasons, Bernadette's parents lost both the business and their money and were forced to rent a basement room called "le cachot," meaning dungeon. The family lived in this damp and dreary space for many years. Bernadette became ill due to her damp living conditions and was given the job of shepherdess at Bartres. She worked long arduous hours but grew healthier in the fresh air. The aunt for whom she worked refused to give her proper religious education and so she returned home to le cachot.

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The family remained impoverished and one day Bernadette went with a group of friends to the rock at Massabielle by the River Gave to collect firewood. While there, she heard the sound like a gust of wind and a beautiful lady appeared to her. The lady appeared young, wore a white dress with a blue sash, and a long white veil.

The lady told her to dig with her hands in the rock and mud; to Bernadette's amazement, a spring of water came forth. Bernadette, a simple peasant girl with a basic education, was filled with awe and asked the lady who she was and what she wanted of her. In response, Bernadette was told the following:

- I am the Immaculate Conception
- Do Penance
- Drink the waters
- Ask the priest to build a chapel

The Curate of Lourdes (the parish priest), Fr. Peyramale knew Bernadette very well. He knew her to be a young woman of honesty, humility, and great virtue. He examined her closely about all she had seen at the rock. He interviewed all who had witnessed the apparitions. Having completed his investigation in November of 1858, he asked his bishop to further investigate to see if the apparitions were true. The bishop was deeply touched by Bernadette. On January 18, 1862 the bishop issued a pastoral letter in which he recognized the authenticity of the apparitions of Lourdes.

Bernadette's life before, during and after the apparitions was a life dependent on the mercy of God. She really experienced ill health, poverty, loneliness and understood full well that true happiness would only be found in heaven.

As we make a pilgrimage to Lourdes, we leave behind our familiar lives. Those of us who are healthy walk in companionship with those who are ill or dying. Those who are ill or dying seek the strength and wisdom to carry their cross with courage and to be strengthened by the love and compassion of Mary who points to her Son Jesus as strength-giver and comforter.

The path of spirituality through Lourdes is the same today as it was when Bernadette first met our Blessed Mother. It will be the same until the end of time. As we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we receive the grace in union with Christ to accept the sorrows and difficulties of life with great courage. As we drink the miraculous waters of Lourdes, we rid ourselves of personal internal obstacles which separate us from Jesus Christ, our living water. As we come together in the "chapel" or one of the beautiful churches or basilica, we understand ourselves to be an authentic member of the Church, sometimes wounded in body but always filled with the Spirit of Christ. As we walk in procession, we see the many coming together from all nations and expressing the same unique faith.

From time to time, we should ponder and pray upon the liturgies of Lourdes which can fill our hearts with courage and peace.

- In the bathing of the cold miraculous waters, we allow ourselves to be lowered into the deep stone Baths and immersed in the life giving waters sanctified by Mary our Mother. All at once, we gasp at the cold waters and are amazed by the warmth we feel inside our bodies and how quickly and easily we dry when we step out of the waters.
- Upon leaving the Baths, as we line up for the Sacrament of Confession, we join many humble penitents, prepared to confess in their native language to the priest who, as Persona Christi (the Person of Christ) forgives and redeems us.
- As we walk in procession with the Blessed Sacrament, we see the multitude in their wheelchairs covered with a blue canopy. We see peace and joy reflected in their faces, tended to by kind and sensitive hands.
- As we walk in the nighttime procession, our group is led by the people carrying the Cabuchet Statue, a replica of the first statue of our Lady of Lourdes. As we pray the Rosary in many languages, we're all united in the singing of Ave Maria. The dark night sky is lit by more than a thousand candles aglow and reflective of our hope in Christ.
- As we walk in procession, praying the Stations of the Cross, we join Christ in His pain and suffering and seek to be united with Him in His glory.

Bernadette herself learned the lesson of Lourdes – we too open ourselves to this lesson. As Mary described herself as the Immaculate Conception, she showed herself without the Child Jesus. We strive to follow Mary's message and we repeat the words of St. Paul "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." This is what we have truly become through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments. With its millions of pilgrims from all nations, races, and walks of life, Lourdes is more like "A city church where people united in the Body of Christ become temporary citizens of the pilgrim city of Mary. They experience conversion, understand and love the Church more deeply and return home with a new resolve to live the joy of self giving love through Christ." Each pilgrim, when returning home, contributes, whether in action or suffering, towards building up the worldwide Church. Yes, with Mary as our model, we can live at the heart of the Church for the good of humankind

God bless you
MSGR. FINN