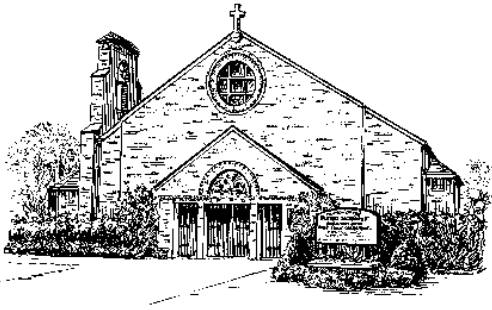


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

June 5, 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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



**FATHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Blessed Sacrament will offer a special Novena of Masses through the month of June. Father's Day Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church. On Father's Day, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> all the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all fathers both living and deceased.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHINESE AUCTION**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Gym. Hundreds and hundreds of beautiful prizes. Gift cards, Designer Handbags, Children items, Getaways, Amazing Supers and much more. Entry fee: \$5.00. Reserve your table at [BSSAuction@outlook.com](mailto:BSSAuction@outlook.com). Reservations get early entry at 6pm.

**SENIOR SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10:00am in the Parish House Meeting Room.

**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us for an hour of Ignatian prayer and reflection on scripture and its application in our daily lives. Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road on June 11<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am Mass in the meeting room in the basement of the Church. If the front door is locked walk around left of the church and enter through the door on the right that is across from the rectory.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The Vincent de Paul Society will hold their Mass next Sunday at 9:30am. Breakfast to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>\$5,165 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$6,931 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$2,581 (Debt Reduct.)</b>	<b>\$1,723 (Maintenance)</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>691 (Adults)</b>	<b>714 (Adults)</b>
<b>176 (Children)</b>	<b>131 (Children)</b>
<b>867</b>	<b>845</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
CHRISTINE KOVACS**

***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, Maryann & Danny Brown and James McGarrigle.

***SYMPATHY***

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Helen Sigman  
9:00 Romano V. Folino

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Marion Ballew  
9:00 Dolores Kelter

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Grace Mulvaney  
9:00 Hugh Kiernan

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Cynthia Gombalski  
9:00 Frank Falzetta

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Louis F. Farese, Jr. (Living)  
9:00 Dr. Restituto Domingo

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Richard & Helen Sigman  
5:00 Russell Buscemi

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Michael McNamara  
9:30 Raymond Nicholson  
12:30 Anthony Mazza

**SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 12, 2016**

<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1
8:00 AM	Team	2
9:30 AM	Team	3
11:00 AM	Team	4
12:30 PM	Team	5

<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>
C. Tobias
R. Griswold
R. Salaycik
M. Semon
K. Hanley

<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
A. Aponte & N. Mata
D. Vigliotti & A. Castronovo
B. Collorec & K. Byrne
M. Morgan & M. McKeever
M. & J. Spach

**VACATION/TRAVEL PLANS?**

As you plan your summer vacation, please remember your Sunday obligation to attend Mass. For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1-800-Mass-times or check the internet at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org). We ask that you also remember that although you won't be attending Mass here at Blessed Sacrament all summer long, our parish still has to take care of bills and responsibilities. Please don't forget to keep up your contributions by dropping them in the basket before you leave or when your return. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We pray you have a safe and happy summer.

**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.



**Are you a registered parishioner?** Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass and/or had your sacraments here as a child. If we have no record of your parish membership, it could be quite embarrassing to us or to you or your family, when someone wishes to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. Please stop by the Parish House and pick up a registration form. You can fill it out there or take it home and return it by mail or put it in the collection plate. THANK YOU!

**ALBA HOUSE**

Our Lady of the Eucharist Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at the Alba House is in very serious need of adorers, especially overnight hours. Please contact Deacon Jim Stahlnecker at [deaconjimsi@aol.com](mailto:deaconjimsi@aol.com) or 347-866-2040 if you can spend one hour per week with Our Blessed Lord. This past Feast of Corpus Christi was the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Chapel which opened on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1993. The Chapel will be featured on Fr. Apostoli's Sunday evening show on EWTN on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

"June is busting out all over" and we celebrate the advent of summer with joyful anticipation. Just a few weeks ago the Class of 1965, St. Joseph's Seminary, gathered together for the 51<sup>st</sup> consecutive year to pray, give thanks and remember. It was the recently deceased archbishop Mirdita of Albania who was an honorary member of the Class of 1965 whom we recalled at Mass and prayer. It was remarked that he had a daunting, challenging apostolate to Albanian Catholics.

Romeo Gurakugi, a history professor at the European University of Tirana in Albania writes the following in the Wall Street Journal entitled:

*Pope Francis and Martyrs to Communism*

*A group of 38 Albanian Catholics, all killed between 1945 and 1974 by their country's Communist regime, are now one step closer to sainthood. Pope Francis last month approved their beatification, a recognition that they can intercede on behalf of people who pray to them. This also marks the first time that the Holy See has officially acknowledged them as martyrs.*

*Though these 38 Catholics suffered for their beliefs, they were steadfast in both their faith and their commitment to the advancement of freedom in Albania. This makes the current government's*

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*efforts to exclude Catholics from contemporary political and social life all the more unacceptable.*

*Religious communities, particularly the Catholic Church, have frequently been persecuted by regimes trying to consolidate power. But Albania's ruthless Communist-era dictator, Enver Hoxha, went further than most, culminating with the 1967 proclamation of the country as the world's first constitutionally atheist state.*

*It is no coincidence that most of the newly declared martyrs were priests, Hoxha reserved a special ire for the country's catholic clergy – the spiritual, intellectual and political leaders of a religious minority making up little more than a 10<sup>th</sup> of the population. His hatred stemmed partly from the crucial role the clergy had played in Albania's cultural and political rebirth.*

*Most Albanian priests had been educated in foreign universities, and they represented a vital part of the country's intellectual elite. Under the motto "Religion and Fatherland," the clergy promoted a traditional reformist patriotism that sought to protect local customs while simultaneously integrating Albania into Europe. They argued for a free and equal state for all of Albania's citizens, regardless of social or religious background. As such, they embodied a serious threat to Communist rule.*

*The oppression suffered by the Catholic Church was all-encompassing, reaching its most pronounced peaks during the early years of the regime (1945-48) and the "Albanian Cultural Revolution" (1967-68), at which point religious institutions and activities were outlawed.*

*The damage inflicted in the 1960s is nearly indescribable. All of the church's material assets were confiscated or totally destroyed, the buildings either razed or converted to other uses. That includes a number of churches built by the Franciscan and Dominican orders when they first came to Albania in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, a historically and culturally significant source of pride for locals.*

*Missionary activity was paralyzed and priests were isolated and killed. The church's official statistics say that 228 clerics were interrogated, deported to internment camps or imprisoned. An estimated 139 were executed or died in prison. In total, Catholic leaders spent about 1,250 years in prison or concentration camps.*

*In the earliest years of the dictatorship, the church's educational structure was destroyed. Then its contributions to Albanian culture – from before the Ottoman occupation up until the modern era – were persistently denied. The regime put particular effort into erasing the church's role in Albanian literature and the foundation of the first Albanian language schools.*

*At the same time, the state removed from history books any mention of contributions made by Catholic priests to Albanian statecraft. This is particularly exasperating given that a Catholic bishop led the Albanian delegation at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, which led to the recognition of Albania as a state.*

*The political heirs to the Communist leadership, now the ruling Socialist Party of Albania, have yet to officially ask for forgiveness for the persecution of the Catholic Church and its clergy.*

*Instead, Catholics have been quietly excluded from administrative and diplomatic positions under Socialist Party administrations. When the party puts Catholics on its list of candidates for Parliament, it chooses fringe Catholics, some with criminal backgrounds, to discredit the Catholic community and leave it without real representatives. And for three years, without explanation, the Albanian government has failed to send an ambassador to the Holy See – a task even Iraq has managed to perform.*

*The Vatican's acknowledgement of the martyrdom of these 38 Albanian Catholics should be seen as an official confirmation of a dark chapter in Albania's history. At the same time, this recognition is also a sign of support for the proper and authentic reintegration of Albania's Catholic population in the political, social and administrative life of the country – an integration that has been halted whenever the dictatorship's political heirs have been in power.*

*Archbishop Mirdita valiantly served Catholics in Albania with apostolic zeal for several decades and we pray for the repose of his dedicated soul and presence in the company of Christ.*

God bless Albania and you  
MSGR. FINN