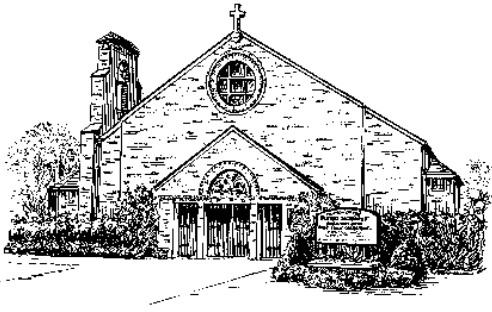


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

April 2, 2017



**Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor**  
**Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas**  
**Reverend Roland Antony Raj, MMI**  
**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

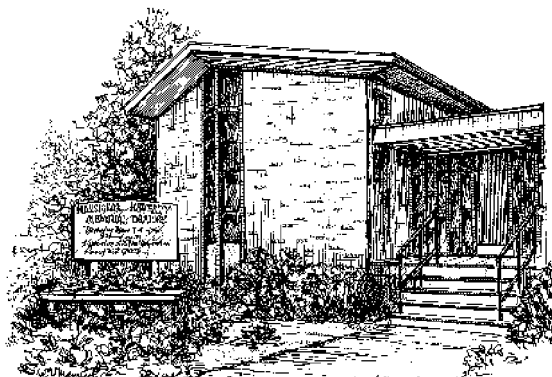
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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



**RECONCILIATION MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The Church will be open from 2pm beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed at 3pm by a Penance Service. Confession will be heard from 3pm to 9pm with Mass at 7pm and Benediction at 9pm.

**REVIVE: FAITH EVERY DAY**

Coming to Mass every Sunday, but still feel a longing for more? Come join us for an evening of reflection on God's love and to understand His plan for us. The three-day Revive mission will be held on **April 24 - 26<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa's, 1634 Victory Blvd. Please visit [www.FaithEveryDay.com](http://www.FaithEveryDay.com) for more information and to register.

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Registration for **new** students only will be held on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **10:30am until 12:30pm** in the **Parish Center** Meeting Room. Requirements and proof for all **new** registrants:

1. All families must be registered with Blessed Sacrament Church. If you are not registered, kindly pick-up a registration form from the Parish House, 30 Manor Road or go to the website: [www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org](http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org) and fill one out online. This should be done prior to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.
3. Check or cash in the amount of \$30 representing the registration fee. Checks are to be made payable to "Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Program."

Sr. Anne Dolores, C.S JB.

**UNIVERSITY HOSPICE**

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 special projects. If interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at University Hospice, 78 Meisner Ave.

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>\$4,959 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$ 9,518 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$1,641 (Catholic Relief)</b>	<b>\$18,146 (Easter)</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>759 (Adults)</b>	<b>1,650 (Adults)</b>
<b>177 (Children)</b>	<b>356 (Children)</b>
<b>936</b>	<b>2,006</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
CAMILLE BUSCEMA**

**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, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, 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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, and Michelina Farley

**SYMPATHY**

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

**MONDAY**

- 7:00 Alice M. Finn
- 9:00 Eugene Esposito
- 7:00 Martin Doherty, Jr. (37<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**TUESDAY**

- 7:00 Rosemarie Siggia
- 9:00 Michael F. King
- 7:00 Antoinette & William J. Crimmins

**WEDNESDAY**

- 7:00 James Hession
- 9:00 Camille Buscema
- 7:00 Msgr. Kenneth Gerathy

**THURSDAY**

- 7:00 St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 9:00 Deceased Members of Salaycik Family
- 7:00 Joan Ross

**FRIDAY**

- 7:00 Rose DeVito (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
- 9:00 Martin Doherty, Jr.
- 7:00 Ruth Yates

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 Nicholas Johs
- 5:00 Alan Collorec

**SUNDAY**

- 8:00 Charles Spencer (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
- 9:30 Mary & Ansel Martin
- 12:30 Lawrence & Larry Puca

**SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 9, 2017****ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team	2
8:00 AM	Team	3
9:30 AM	Team	4
11:00 AM	Team	5
12:30 PM	Team	1

**LECTORS**

Sr. Anne Dolore
C. Burns
C. Wodzinski & Student
R. Helbock
D. Maj

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

J. Wright & N. Mata
A. Coscia & D. Vigiotti
A. Castronovo & W. Boyd
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
J. Spach & M. Spach

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn at 10am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. For more info: call 212-337-3580 or visit [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org).

**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.

**MSGR. FARRELL SUMMER CAMPS**

Save the Dates:

Sport Camps: Basketball (boys only/grades 5-10) Session 1: July 10-14; Session 2: July 17-21  
Football Camp (boys only/grades 5-9) July 10-14;  
Soccer Camp (boys & girls/grades 5-10) July 10-14;  
Lacrosse (boys only/grades 5-10) July 17-21;  
Wrestling (boys only/grades 1-12) July 10-14; Track & Field Camp (boys only/grades 4-12) July 17-21  
Academic Camps: Robotics Camp (boys & girls/grades 5-10) July 17-21; Computer Animation (boys & girls/grades 5-10) July 10-14. Register at [www.msgrfarrellhs.org](http://www.msgrfarrellhs.org).

**MOTHER & ADULT DAUGHTER RETREAT**

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ, May 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included. Cost: \$135pp Sign up online at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829 for info.

**IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer and reflection with John 12:1-8. Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road, April 8<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am Mass, in the basement of the church.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** - 8:00am Mass, April 9<sup>th</sup> with meeting to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

In just one week and a day, April 10, 2017 in all the Parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center we will have "Reconciliation Monday" from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be opportunity for confession, prayer and a renewed opportunity for a truly fulfilling Easter celebration.

It is a time of Reconciliation not one of condemnation, or retribution. It is an opportunity to be wrapped in the loving arms of Jesus, our brother, our father, our friend. Please take the opportunity and avail yourself of the grace of God.

Perhaps the enclosed article by Moira Bucciarelli, MTS author of articles on religion and spirituality will help your reflection. It is entitled:

Law and Order (and Grace)  
The "Gospel of Matthew" edition

*During Lent we contemplate sin in the world and in ourselves. The Gospel of Matthew gives us a way to think about sin by looking at its inverse partner: law. For without law there might be no sin or consequences for it. Matthew can usually be counted on to remind us of this connection in the most unsettling of ways: "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away" (Matthew 5:29)*

*Upon hearing these words, one could ask "Why is Matthew so harsh? What happened to the God of love and mercy?"*

*Matthew lived with an expectation that the end times were imminent. His community had to get right with God (and with each other) - fast. Or in Matthew's language they needed to become more righteous. We can relate to this urgency because our physical bodies have their own built-in apocalypse: death. Why not reconcile with God and neighbor before we leave this world?*

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*Similar to the Hebrew prophets, Matthew uses shock value as a rhetorical device. By being extreme and dramatic, Matthew rouses the sleepers nodding off in the back pews. He does not mean that you should literally gouge out your eye. But in the words of our Buddhist friends, he does want you to wake up*

*Matthew reminds us how easy it is to focus on the big sins, and write off our smaller ones. To that end, one could say, "Well, I never murdered anyone, or stole anything, so I'm basically okay!" "No," says Matthew. Even as you call someone an idiot as they fail to signal their lane - you are drawing from the very same well as the one who takes another's life.*

*It is poor moral reasoning - to equate murder with a slip of the tongue. But here Jesus calls our attention to the sources of our minor sins; egotism, fear, arrogance, anger, a desire to control. Jesus calls us to honesty, to self-awareness, and more importantly, to reconciling actions.*

*The British Catholic writer Graham Greene knew this truth. In his novella, *The Power and the Glory*, an alcoholic Catholic priest in Mexico during the 1930s thinks to himself:*

*That was another mystery: it sometimes seemed to him that venial sins  
- impatience, an un-important lie, pride, a neglected opportunity - cut you off from  
grace more completely than the worst sins of all.*

*Martin Luther, the former Catholic monk who became the leader of the Protestant Reformation, was obsessed with sin and law. Why? Because for Luther, sin was connected to justice. If God was just, that meant that evildoers would be punished and the righteous rewarded.*

*For Luther, the world would make no sense if villains could bully, steal, lie, cheat, oppress, murder and abuse without any consequences. And like Matthew, Luther did not see a question of degree; even a small sin could derail one's ultimate destiny.*

*As a result Luther became a compulsive penitent. Luther could never be certain he had confessed all his sins and so could never be sin-free.*

*Thankfully, Luther had a wise confessor; who told him to read the mystics for they know a God of love. Luther didn't settle on the God of love, but through love, he came to grace - the idea that God fills our gaps. He saw that to dig ourselves out of our self-made holes, we will always need that mystery of grace, that gentle spirit that makes us better than we ever could be on our own.*

*We tend to think of law in terms of obedience or a measuring stick - or worse, checking boxes. But what if we think of law as a call to conscience, which at its root is a call to self-awareness? Like Luther, Matthew and Greene, we can take seriously those thoughts, actions and impulses that lead us away from God, or that harm ourselves or others. We can do the uncomfortable work that is called an examination of conscience. The Jesuit spiritual master Ignatius of Loyola recommended that we do this every evening before we fall asleep. Perhaps this is a Lenten practice calling out to each one of us.*

*This practice does not mean beating ourselves up and never feeling good enough. (Sadly, Catholics have been all too good at that.) Rather it is an exercise in self-awareness, in honesty, and a renewal of our desire to be closer to God and to others.*

*As we journey through this season of Lent we seek an interior repentance. In words of the catechism of the Catholic Church, that repentance is "a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart...At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of God's grace"*

*May these forty days help each of us discern the careful balance between law, order and grace.*

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN