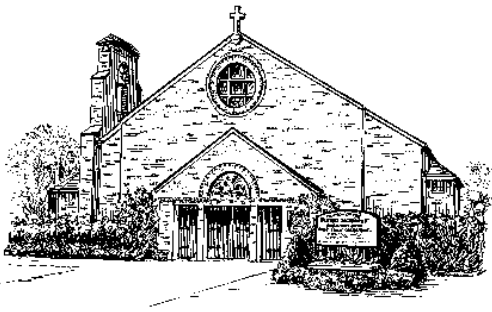


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

August 13, 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.

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

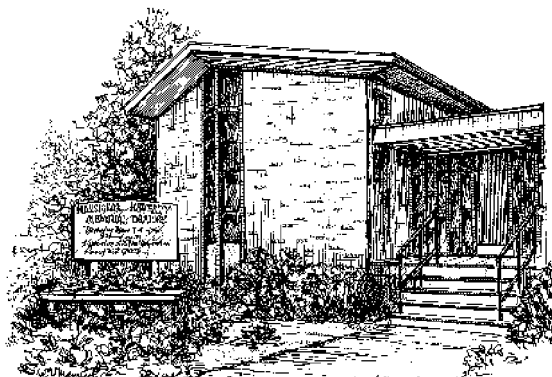
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



CLAM BAKE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Catholic School Region of Staten Island invites you to join us for the inaugural Clam Bake for Catholic Schools honoring Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin. Wednesday, Aug. 30th from 6 to 10pm at The Vanderbilt at South Beach, 300 Fr. Capodanno Blvd. To purchase tickets please visit www.ClamBakeSI.org. Event sponsorship \$2,500 (10 event tickets, reserved seating and 20 premium raffle tickets); Premium Ticket \$250 (1 event ticket plus 10 premium raffle tickets); General Admission tickets are \$100 (1 event ticket). Featuring Food, Music and Fireworks. For more info contact Alyson.Vetter@archny.org or 646-794-3330.

Welcome New Parishioners

- Kathleen Burke*
- The Caruso Family*
- The DePalma Family*
- Ms. Alyssa DeVito*
- The Diaz Family*
- Mrs. Maria Dinolfo*
- The Distefano Family*
- The Fagerholt Family*
- The Fleschner Family*
- The Franco Family*

If you are new to the area and are considering Blessed Sacrament as your Parish Family, please stop by the Parish Office to register. Or, go to our website, click on the Parish Registration Form link, print out a form and return your completed form to us in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,741 (Weekly)	\$5,109 (Weekly)

ATTENDANCE

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
655 (Adults)	689 (Adults)
<u>93 (Children)</u>	<u>132 (Children)</u>
748	821

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOSEPH & TERESA DICKS**

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, 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, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell and Marion Coolen

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

- 7:00 John R. Thomas
- 9:00 Eileen Braun
- 7:00 Rose Mary Marchese

TUESDAY

- 7:00 Manuel Franquinha
- 9:00 Michael F. King
- 11:00 Catherine McKeever
- 7:00 Antoinette Crimmins

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 Domenica Votto
- 9:00 Mary Bostrom

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Barbara J. Doherty
- 9:00 Catherine McKeever

FRIDAY

- 7:00 Greg Firpo
- 9:00 Zarina Schiffler

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Christopher Keag
- 5:00 Beverly Casucci

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Mary & Philip Hodens
- 9:30 Carl Walshe
- 12:30 James Boland, Sr.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 20, 2017

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
J. Hansen
R. Griswold
C. Wodzinski
J. Pace
M. Conigatti

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
K. Byrne & J. Wright
J. Ryan & L. Ryan
A. Aponte & McKeever
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
J. Spach & M. Spach

38th ANNUAL PADRE PIO DAY

Come to honor St. Padre Pio, Spiritual Father of the Blue Army, Saturday, Aug. 26th at the World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ. Confessions at 11am; 12 noon Angelus & Announcements; 12:15pm Blessed Sacrament Procession; 12:30 Holy Hour; 1:30pm Holy Mass - Main Celebrant Most Rev. Gerald Walsh, D.D. Visit: www.bluearmy.com for more info.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM


The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Fridays 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.

EVE OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE

The Notre Dame Club Sponsors the Eve of Solemn Remembrance on Sept. 6th at Our Lady of Pity Church, 1616 Richmond Ave. Msgr. Edmund Whalen will be the Main Celebrant and Homilist. The event will begin at 7pm with sacred music by Maura Molloy followed by concelebrated Mass at 7:30pm. All Staten Islanders are invited to participate in this service.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

I	S	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D	DISCIPLES	BOAT	PRAY
C	D	G	G	R	S	A	V	E	N	LAKE	HEADWIND	TERRIFIED
S	I	N	K	A	S	E	I	Y	I	GHOST	FEAR	COURAGE
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NOTHING TO FEAR

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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FROM THE PASTOR

We celebrate this week the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Sadly, too many may fail to remember that this Feast is a Holy Day of Obligation. Simply stated, on such a Feast Day in our country we are reminded that for the spiritual health of each of us, our family and our nation celebrating the Eucharist is required in faith and the benefits can be nuclear.

Continuing our reflection this month on heroes and heroines of our faith we return to the Poland of Pope John Paul II and the horror of World War II. Here is the real life event that portrays heroines of faith, women of God in the midst of terror and persecution.

From Light One Candle, Tony Rossi, The Christophers:

“The Innocents” Tackles, History, Faith and Doubt

While the Soviets helped defeat the Nazis to secure a World War II victory for the Allies, they brought their own brand of tyranny to the lands they took over in the ensuing years. That is the starting point for a new inspired-by-a-true-story Polish/French film called “The Innocents” (now on home video), which is set in motion by Soviet soldiers breaking into a convent in Warsaw and raping the Sisters, leaving several of them pregnant. (The sexual assaults take place before the movie begins and are only referred to in conversation).

One of the film’s themes is that God can use anyone to bring His light into people’s lives. For instance, Mathilde, the doctor who helps the nuns, is a nonbeliever. Yet her devotion reminds them that they don’t have to fear everyone and everything about the outside world. In addition to helping them deliver their babies, she provides them with understanding and compassion that offers them solace during the most trying time of their lives. And in one scene, when Mathilde allows a pregnant Sister to listen to her baby’s heartbeat, joy intercedes in a situation in which there had only been darkness.

On the other hand, the Sisters reveal a spiritual side of life to Mathilde. In one scene, Mathilde listens to the Sisters singing their morning Lauds, and she is obviously moved by the beauty of the harmony among them. She senses a bond of community among the women that makes her long for something similar in her own life.

Through their interactions with each other, Mathilde and the Sisters become better human beings because they’ve been touched in their own unique way by beauty, truth, and goodness - all of which point to the divine.

Another noteworthy aspect of “The Innocents” has to do with the culture’s attitude toward rape victims at that time. The Sisters feel like they have sinned and brought shame on themselves in the eyes of God and society. Mathilde agrees to secretly care for the pregnant Sisters, but the fact that she has to do it this way demonstrates how flawed everyone’s thinking is on this topic. That thinking leads to an even more chilling revelation later in the film. Without giving too much away, I’ll say that while some people believe the modern Church indulges in an overabundance of mercy, “The Innocents” demonstrates the harm that a lack of mercy can do as well.

The film also deserves credit for exploring the effect this kind of crime can have on the faith of believers. Several of the Sisters struggle with doubt in the aftermath of the rapes. One Sister says, “You know, faith. At first you’re like a child, holding your father’s hand, feeling safe. Then a time comes - and I think it always comes - when your father lets go. You’re lost, alone in the dark. You cry out, but no answers. Even if you prepare for it, you’re caught unawares. It hits you right in the heart. This is the cross we bear. Behind all joy lies the cross.”

In the end, their spiritual struggles aren’t resolved in some beatific vision from heaven, but rather in the choices the Sisters make regarding the best way to move forward - using love to navigate the fine line between faith and doubt.

Ultimately, “The Innocents” is a story of new life born out of horrific circumstances, a story of faith tested and distorted, and a story of the joy that can result when people choose love, service and community.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN