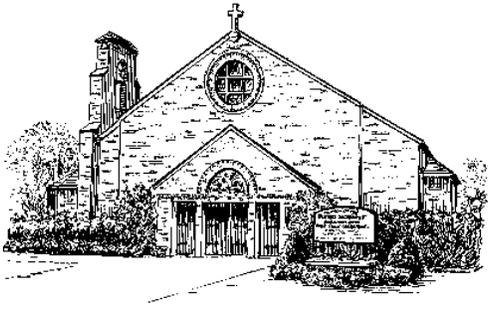


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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.

**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

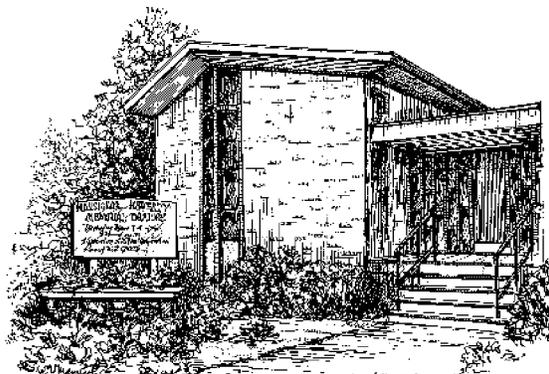
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

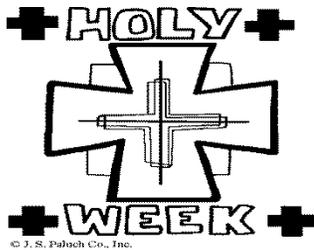
### **SCHOOL**

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





The Liturgical Year reaches the peak during Holy Week celebrations. Called to worship, we actively participate in Jesus' passage through death to life. **Passion or Palm Sunday** recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as Messiah and King. The Masses for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday compel us to examine the prophetic foreshadowing of events in Jesus' last days. **Holy Thursday's** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper reminds us that love and service, enacted in the Rite of Washing of the Feet are signs of both the Baptismal and ministerial priesthood. **Good Friday's** liturgy focuses on Christ's Crucifixion. **Holy Saturday's** ceremonies, which begin with a Candle Service affirm Jesus' victory over death. Finally, on **Easter Sunday**, we celebrate the Eucharist of the Resurrection, and then go forth in joy. May our "Alleluia" resound throughout the remainder of the year!

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

#### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY – Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> The Church will be open from 2:00 P.M. beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed at 3:00 P.M. by a Penance Service. Confession will be heard from 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. with Mass at 7:00 P.M. and Benediction at 9:00 P.M.

**TENEBRAE** – The Triduum is the most important three days throughout the entire year in the Catholic Church and the Tenebrae signifies that great celebration anticipating the Resurrection of Christ. We invite our parishioners and friends to share in this service on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9:00 A.M. each morning.

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Our High School Teen Group will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:30 P.M. in the Church. All of our Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOHN CIANO**

## ***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, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Eugene Esposito, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Harvey Minars, , Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Margaret King, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz and Robert Hammerton

## ***SYMPATHY***

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

#### **MONDAY**

7:00 Special Intention  
9:00 Burton Cohen  
7:00 Francie Occhipenti

#### **TUESDAY**

7:00 Brett Greeley  
9:00 Beverly Casucci  
7:00 Dulce Pasignajen

#### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Sue Quinn (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
9:00 John F. Ryan  
7:00 Dr. Restituto Domingo

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

--There will not be any announced Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

--The Parish House Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

**SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 5, 2015**

	<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u></b>
8:00 PM Vigil	Team T		J. Pace & R. Gallop
8:00 AM	Team B	J. Hansen	P. Manley & D. Vigliotti
9:30 AM	Team A	L. Pillarella	B. Collorec & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team	M. Peries	M. McKeever & M. Peralta
12:30 PM	Team	M. Conigatti	N. Mata & Y. Mata

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

– Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our Parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is a day of fast and abstinence. Everyone from the age of 18 to 59 years of age is obliged to fast. Everyone from the age of 14 is obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday.

**EASTER OFFERING** – Our Parish relies on the special generosity of our parishioners at Easter. This Collection helps us to meet many of our major expenses. Thank you for your continued support to Blessed Sacrament Parish.

**EASTER DUTY** – The time for fulfilling the Easter Duty to receive the Eucharist extends from the First Sunday of Lent until the Most Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015.

**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.

**FROM THE PASTOR****PALM SUNDAY**

As we reflect the triumphal arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem and the jubilant expectations of our fore fathers and mothers, we are keenly aware that Hosanna's will shortly turn into shouts of derision: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

And yet, past 2000 years we share the Passion and anxiously await the joy and real triumphant of the resurrection. Chants of Crucifixion will be replaced with "Death where is your victory, where is your sting."

Fast forward now to 2014-2015 and the momentous presence of Francis, successor of Peter, witness of Jesus to the Christian world and all peoples. Barbarians and cruel oppressors paper the mat of God's creation with the blood of martyrs and the enduring faith, hope and love of God's people.

Among the foundational threats to all society has been the assault on family in various forms and disguises.

The crisis calls out to all God's people and Our Holy Father in collegiality with brother Bishops, Consecrated Religious and faith-filled Laity to continue their prayerful efforts to challenge this foundational societal threat with the ongoing Extraordinary Synod on the Family echoing Vatican II of 50 years ago.

***Last October's Extraordinary Synod on the Family under the leadership of Pope Francis was for many observers one of the most exciting, stimulating, energizing and frustrating experiences of being church since the Second Vatican Council.***

***Several factors, all related to Vatican II, made this synod truly extraordinary: the teaching on collegiality, or synodality; the attention to the signs of the times and to every believer's sense of faith. Briefly unpacking each of these teachings will shed light on Pope Francis and the remarkable quality of this synodal experience.***

*Synodality literally means “walking” or “journeying together,” the essence of collegiality affirmed by Vatican II in “The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, “Lumen Gentium (#18-29). Shared decision making among God’s people—arrived at through speaking frankly, openly and honestly with one another, while listening attentively and humbly—is the backbone of collegiality. Francis, as the pope and as a Jesuit, incarnates Vatican II teachings in his whole being, allowing those teachings to permeate his thoughts, actions and manner of operating.*

*By gathering not only ordained church leadership but also 14 married couples, Francis wanted to make certain that in discussing key aspects of family life, all would listen to the experience of those living family life in today’s world. Only by paying attention to everyone’s lived experience do we attune ourselves to how God is speaking not just of ordained, but to all of God’s people.*

*If we are to discern what God is saying to us today, we have to be in touch with the wisdom of all God’s people by paying attention to the signs of the times. Gaudium et Spes #4 states: “In every age, the church carries the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and of interpreting them in light of the Gospel.” Attunement to the Spirit present and active among us demands that all believers listen to the various voices speaking in the world and read them in light of Gospel values.*

*Complementing Vatican II’s teaching on reading the signs of the times is its teachings on the sense of the faith that all people of God possess. Lumen Gentium #12 states:*

*The whole body of the faithful who have received an anointing which comes from the holy one cannot be mistaken in belief. By this sense of the faith, aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth, the people of God, guided by the sacred magisterium...receives not the word of hum beings but truly the Word of God...The people unfaithfully adhere to this faith, penetrate it more deeply through right judgment and apply it more fully in daily life.*

*We are called to trust that sense of the faith that each believer possesses by virtue of their baptismal call and commitment. Sensus Fidel, the recent document issued by the Vatican’s International Theological Commission, strongly asserts that baptized believers possess a “Spiritual instinct (#49) about the faith. Sensus Fidei #59 stresses:*

*Putting the faith into practice in the concrete reality of the existential situations in which he or she is placed...enables him or her to see more precisely the value and the limits of a given doctrine, and to propose ways of refining its formulation. That is why those who teach in the name of the Church should give full attention to the experience of believers, especially lay people, who strive to put the Church’s teaching into practice.*

*Thanks to Francis’ Vatican II vision of church and his attunement to the faith wisdom of all believers, this retrieval of official church teachings from Vatican II will once again energize a church immersed in the world.*

*The synod was extraordinary on many levels, marking the beginning of a year-long process of listening, discussing and discerning the Spirit’s voice regarding the give and take of today’s family life. This October 2015 a wider representation of the church will gather for the Ordinary Synod on Family, after having spent 12 months listening and gathering the sense of the faith of all believers. Together, the people of God will listen, discuss and discern how to carry on the mission and ministry of Jesus as it pertains to family life, Given the Vatican II direction that Pope Francis has set, the next synod promises to be anything but ordinary.*

As we complete our Lenten Journey this Holy Week, pray God that our prayer, fast, almsgiving and service to our brothers and sisters, however imperfect but so very sincere, will join with the resurrected Jesus in reinvigorating our families, our church and all the people of God.

A BLESSED HOLY WEEK  
GOD BLESS YOU  
MSGR. FINN