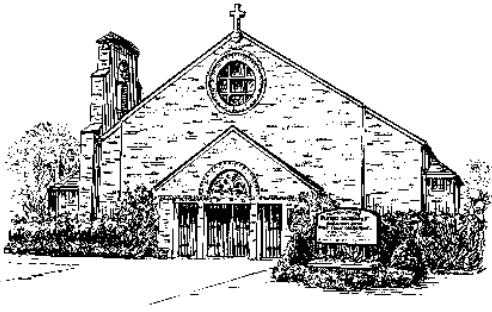


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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.

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

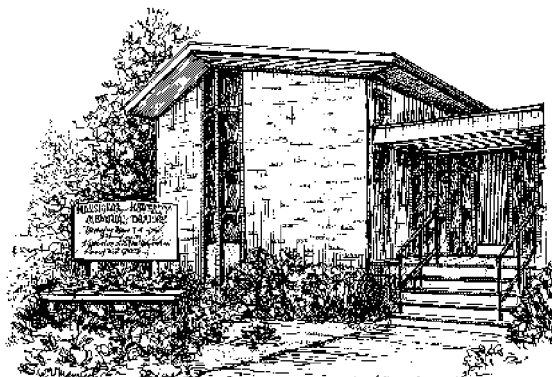
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

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GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 and Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2015. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be the principal celebrant. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish House Office at 718-442-1581 by Monday, May 18, 2015.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6160.00 (Weekly)	\$6861.00 (Weekly)
\$2664.00 <Monthly >	\$3196.00
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
806 (Adults)	958 (Adults)
<u>214 (Children)</u>	<u>249 (Children)</u>
1020	1207

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DECEASED MEMBERS OF
MARONCELLI FAMILY**

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, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Danielle Ziegler, Brandon Toro and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Patrick H. Fitzsimmons
9:00 Barbara Kenny

TUESDAY

7:00 Kenneth Finnerty
9:00 Cecelia Baeszler

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Bill Cronin
9:00 Alphie Lamb, Adele Quinn & Frank Duff

THURSDAY

7:00 Sr. Marilyn Fenton (Living Intention)
9:00 William J. Ford (35th Anniv)

FRIDAY

7:00 Blessed Sacrament 8th Grade Graduating Class
9:00 James Condon

SATURDAY

9:00 Salvatore Gerardi
5:00 Mary Simone

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade
9:30 Veterans of Foreign Wars – Post 7172
12:30 Carol Doonan (Chickie Finnerty)

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 24, 2015

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
J. Hansen
C. Burns
M. Boyd
D. Leddy
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
T. Sanders & M. Peralta
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
B. Collorec & M. McKeever
A. Talaid & M. Morgan
J. & M. Spach

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.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SPRING BLOOD DRIVE
TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND**

Donors can sign-up for Blessed Sacrament's Spring **BLOOD DRIVE** to be held on Tuesday, June 2nd following Mass on the following weekends: May 16 & 17, 23 & 24 and 30 & 31.

The Senior Group will meet on Monday, May 18th at 1:15 P.M. in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

MOVIE NIGHT at Our Lady of Good Counsel (10 Austin Place) featuring *Heaven Is For Real* – Based on an incredible true story. Friday, May 22nd at 7:00 P.M. Light Refreshments served.

The Blessed Sacrament School Mothers' Guild invites all alumni and friends to join them in celebrating another successful school year and to honor the graduating 8th Grade Mothers. The Spring Social will be on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 P.M. at *The Veranda* at Silver Lake Golf Course. Donation \$65/person. For reservations and further information please call Chrissy Dumais at 917-620-0250.

Considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 on Staten Island? Register to visit a Catholic School on **TOURING TUESDAY**, June 2nd from 9-11 A.M. or by appointment. Pre-registration is required. To register please call 718-667-5350, ext.1007.

HEALING MASS at St. Roch's Church (602 Port Richmond Avenue) on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 P.M. The celebrant is Fr. John Campoli and the music will be provided by the Lamb of God Music Ministry.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Twentieth Century from beginning to end was plagued by the horrors of war, murder, genocide, slaughter, holocaust, extermination and the slaying of millions born and unborn across the face of the earth. We honor Mary the Mother of Jesus and of all humanity during the beautiful month of May. And we honor her role as Mother of the Unborn with a beautiful statue and garden on the Parish Grounds. We are thrilled as we prepare for the visit of Pope Francis to the United States in October and work and pray with him that the Twenty-First Century will unfold as one of outreach and welcome, love and unity for all humanity. To accomplish such a goal the world and each and every one of us must confess our faults, seek God's forgiveness and strive for redemptive goals for ourselves and all our brothers and sisters under God.

Unfortunately, too often our knowledge of the past of history is vague if not non-existent.

A recent opinion article in the Wall Street Journal by L. Gordon Crovitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense 2007-2008 and a Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute is both revealing and shocking.

The Diplomat Who Called Out Mass Murder

Turkey's massacre of more than one million of its Armenian citizens remains controversial on its 100th anniversary, with Ankara doing its best to whitewash what happened to a U.S. diplomat who, long before social media and online video, called his fellow Americans' attention to the atrocities.

In 1915 Henry Morgenthau Sr. was U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire. He witnessed the first targeted arrests and killings of hundreds of leading Armenians in Istanbul. He gathered reports of forced deportations of Armenians from their homes in eastern Turkey, which few survived. His State Department cables and candid discussions with Turkish officials became a 1918 book, "Ambassador Morgenthau's Story," which remains the leading source of information about what happened.

Morgenthau became U.S. ambassador in 1913 and served until 1916, when the U.S. was still neutral in World War I. He established close communications with leading Turkish officials. During the deportations, he collected daily reports from Western missionaries and consular officers across Turkey about the fate of Christian Armenians.

The marches of Armenians from their homes “represented a new method of massacre,” Morgenthau reported—a “campaign of race extermination”: “When the Turkish authorities gave the orders for these deportations, they were merely giving the death warrant to a whole race; they understood this well, and, in their conversations with me, they made no particular attempt to conceal the fact.”

The only modern communication tool Morgenthau had was a telephone, one of the few in Istanbul. He used it to try to persuade the Turkish authorities to stop the atrocities. They were “annoyed” by his pestering.

Interior Minister Talaat Pasha asked him: “Why are you so interested in the Armenians anyway? You are a Jew; these people are Christians...Why can’t you let us do with these Christians as we please?”

Morgenthau replied: “I am not here as a Jew, but as American ambassador. My country contains something like 97 million Christians and something less than three million Jews. So, at least, in my ambassadorial capacity, I am 97% Christian. But after all, that is not the point. I do not appeal to you in the name of any race or religion, but merely as a human being.”

He added: “Our people will never forget these massacres. They will always resent the wholesale destruction of Christians in Turkey.”

Morgenthau recruited American missionaries and philanthropists in 1915 to form the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, which solicited donations from across the U.S. The group distributed vivid posters with the tagline “Give or We Perish.” After leaving his post, Morgenthau often spoke on behalf of the relief effort. Americans contributed \$100 million, equivalent to almost \$2.5 billion today.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the secularist who founded modern Turkey after World War I and the empire’s collapse, criticized his predecessors, “who should have been made to account for the lives of millions of Christian subjects who were ruthlessly driven en masse from their homes and massacred.”

More recently, debate has focused on whether this was legally a genocide. In marking the anniversary, President Obama called it the “first mass atrocity of the 20th Century.” Robert Morgenthau, the ambassador’s grandson and a former Manhattan district attorney, criticized the administration’s equivocation: “Moral leadership is impossible when crimes against humanity are met with euphemisms,” he wrote in New York’s daily News.

When Pope Francis used the word genocide, Turkey’s Islamist president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, responded with a threat: “I condemn the pope and would like to warn him not to make similar mistakes again.”

We like to think that modern communications make us better informed and more engaged than earlier generations. And today’s massacres are well-documented. The online video showing ISIS beheading 21 Egyptian Christians in Libya in February left nothing to the imagination.

After the Turkish atrocities, many Armenians settled in Syria, where their descendants are among the 200,000 who have been killed in the civil war. Christians are targets for ethnic cleansing throughout the Middle East and in North Africa by Islamic State, al Qaeda, al-Shabib, Boko Haram and other Islamist groups.

In 1939 as Hitler prepared to invade Poland, he assured his military commanders that they’d get away with it: ‘Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?’

Without resolute leadership in Washington, there is less pressure to stop massacres today than a century ago, when an American diplomat had only a pen and a phone.

In the first decade of the 20th Century, the Interior Minister asks: “Why can’t you let us do with these Christians as we please?”

In the first decade of the 21st Century, Turkey’s President responds to Pope Francis....”I condemn the Pope and would like to warn him not to make similar mistakes again.”

And communications outlets present the slaughter of Christians in the thousands as we pray.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN