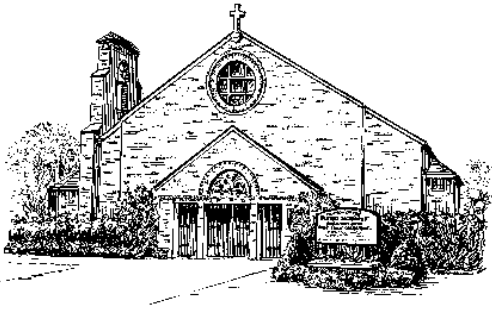


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

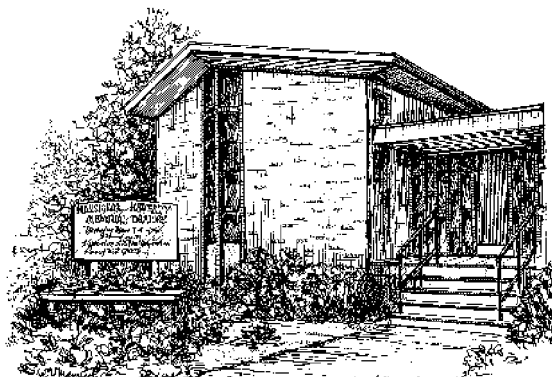
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



MEMORIAL MASS – Matthew Funeral Home is sponsoring a Memorial Mass to remember all those whose funerals they conducted during the past year. This Solemn Mass of Remembrance will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Pity Church (1616 Richmond Avenue). For more information please contact Matthew Funeral Home at 718-761-5544.

The Holy Name Society Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 7th at Pepper Jack Restaurant (Manor Road) following the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Betty Hartmann and John Gulbin will receive Service Awards and Msgr. Finn will be honored on the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood. For reservations please contact Greg DeForest at 718-442-7361 or Peter Siuzdak at 718-448-3582. Donation \$25/person.

The New York Catholic Bible Summit 2015
Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society on Saturday, June 20th at the New York Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street, New York. Rev. Michael F. Kolarcik, SJ will be the Keynote Speaker. For further information please call 646-794-2692 or visit www.nyfaithformation.org

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$5271.00 (Weekly)	\$6296.00 (Weekly)
\$1745.00 <Hungry & Homeless>	\$1567.00
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
737 (Adults)	794 (Adults)
124 (Children)	165 (Children)
861	959

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL L. CACCESE**

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, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, 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, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, 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, Bruce McKee and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Ramon Alvarez, Kenneth Lee, Albert DiMauro and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Edith LaForte
9:00 Pacifico T. Mata

TUESDAY

7:00 James Blanchfield
9:00 Emma Stiering

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Lorraine Beagen
9:00 Eugene Esposito

THURSDAY

7:00 Joan Krakower
9:00 Victor Prevosti

FRIDAY

7:00 June Hayden
9:00 John & Doris O'Toole

SATURDAY

9:00 Robert Tummino
5:00 Theresa DeMarzio

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade
9:30 Deceased Members of King Family
12:30 Lawrence Maccarone

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 7, 2015

<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>
L. Lagmay
C. Burns
P. Thomann
K. Hanley
K. Kelly

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
N. Mata & C. Rooney
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
K. Byrne & A. Morrell
M. Morgan & M. COnigatti
A. Talaid & H. Wodzinski

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 this weekend May 30 & 31. **WALK-INS WELCOME! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING! HELP SAVE A LIFE!**

CAKE SALE – The St. Joseph Guild will host their annual **CAKE SALE** on Sunday, June 14th in the Parish Center Meeting Room. They will be selling Raffles next weekend, June 6th and 7th at the entrances to the Church following each Mass. Your support is very much appreciated!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
CHINESE AUCTION
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015
Doors Open – 6:30 P.M.**

Reserve your table at BSSAuction@outlook.com

Staten Island Children's Museum Carnival & Science Spectacular on Saturday, June 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. (rain date June 7th). Games! Rides! Workshops! Music! and so much more!! Tickets are \$12/person. The museum is located at 1000 Richmond Terrace. For further information please call 718-273-2060.

FROM THE PASTOR

Some few decades ago as an English major at Manhattan College, I was required to write a thesis paper and I chose as a topic St. Thomas More. It involved extended research and reading on the life of this extraordinary Catholic layman, husband, father, Chancellor of England under Henry VIII and defender of the faith. He literally lost his head defending the lawful marriage of Catherine of Aegon to the wayward King. The 16th Century was rampart with intrigue, corruption and infidelity in matters of the Church and State but two men of principle and integrity John Fisher, a Bishop and Thomas More a Statesman defied the lustful and powerful king. Thomas More has been a model and hero for me ever since.

Therefore, I have watched with great interest the recent T.V. series "Wolf Hall", based on Hillary Mantel's novel about early Tudor England and an Emmy Award Nominee. The series has been one that fascinated me for its counter historical presentation. In fact, I was baffled.

Answering my dubious reaction was the result of the following article by guest columnist and Senior Fellow of Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. George Weigel. It not only clarifies my consternation, but reaffirms my own research on Thomas More. I thought you might be interested...

'WOLF HALL' AND ANTI-CATHOLICISM

"Wolf Hall," The BBC adaptation of Hillary Mantel's novel about early Tudor England, began airing on PBS "Masterpiece Theater" Easter Sunday night. It's brilliant television. It's also a serious distortion of history.

And it proves, yet again, that anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable bigotry in elite circles in the Anglosphere.

The distortions and bias are not surprising, considering the source. Hillary Mantel is a very talented, very bitter ex-Catholic who's said that the Church today is "not an institution for respectable people" (so much for the English hierarchy's decades-long wheedling for social acceptance). As she freely concedes, Mantel's aim in her novel was to take down the Thomas More of "A Man for All Seasons" – the Thomas More the Catholic Church canonized-and her instrument for doing so is More's rival in the court of Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell.

Mantel does not lack for chutzpah, for Cromwell has long been considered a loathsome character and More a man of singular nobility. In the novel "Wolf Hall," however, the More of Robert Bolt's play is transformed into a heresy-hunting, scrupulous prig, while Cromwell is the sensible pragmatic man of affairs who gets things done, even if a few heads get cracked (or detached) in the process. All of which is rubbish, as historians with no Catholic interests at stake have made clear.

Thus the president of the U.K.'s National Secular Society, historian David Starkey, finds "not a scrap of evidence" for Mantel's retelling of the More-Cromwell tale; Mantel's plot, he claimed, was "total fiction." And as Gregory Wolfe pointed out in a fine essay on "Wolf Hall" in the Washington Post, historian Simon Schama has written that the documentary evidence he examined "shouted to high heaven that Thomas Cromwell was, in fact, a detestably self-serving, bullying monster who perfected state terror in England, cooked the evidence, and extracted confessions by torture."

So why did Mantel win Britain's most prestigious award for fiction, the Man Booker Prize, not once, but twice, for "Wolf Hall" and its sequel, "Bring Up the Bodies?" Because the books are terrific novels. Because well-crafted novels that make a hash of history for the sake of defaming the Catholic Church and one of the English icons are, in today's literary culture, quite all right, thank you very much.

And because Britain's literary high culture is still in thrall to the Whig view of British history, and seems oblivious to the deep transformation that's taken place in English Reformation studies since Eamon Duffy's extraordinary book, "The Stripping of the Altars," was first published in 1992. There, Duffy demonstrated beyond cavil what Simon Schama alluded to in his Financial Times article on the BBC version of "Wolf Hall" that Henry VIII was a proto-totalitarian who, with his Protestant heirs, imposed his version of Christianity on England against the will of the great majority of plain folk, who stubbornly clung to the old faith until the overwhelming power of the state extinguished most of English Catholic life and "anti-popey" got set in cultural concrete as modern nation-building went forward in Britain-often funded by expropriated Catholic properties.

Protestant anti-Catholicism in the U.K. has long since been superseded by secular anti-Catholicism, but the cultural after burn remains virtually identical: To the Hillary Mantels of 21st Century Britain, Catholicism is retrograde, priggish, obsessive, fanatical and well, un-English.

Where all this could lead was made clear in the run-up to Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Great Britain in 2010, when just about every hoary anti-Catholic bromide in the play-book was dusted off and deployed in the media-and with a few notable exceptions, the British Catholic hierarchy proved itself incapable of rising to the defense of the Church, and the pope-a task that was left, in the main, to laity. Which is fine, but was unhappily reminiscent of the English bishops' performance under Henry VIII, when all but John Fisher truckled to the spirit of the age and joined in declaring Henry "Supreme Head of the Church in England."

Thus "Wolf Hall," while bad history, is also a cautionary tale for today.

In this age of anti-Christianity and historical revisionism it is important to keep in mind that like so many others Sir St. Thomas More remains for all of us "A Man for All Seasons!"

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN