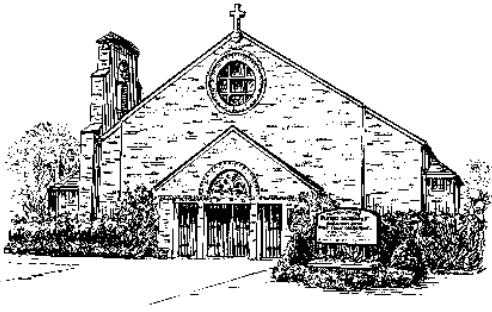


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

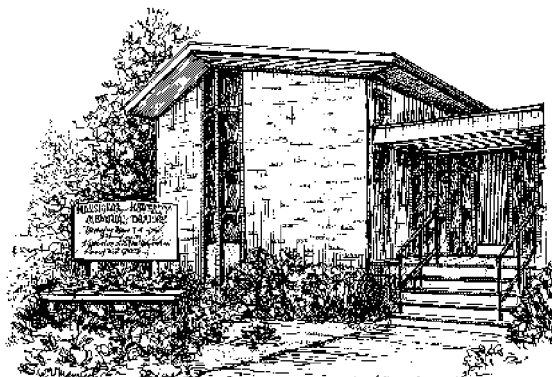
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SCHOOL

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



FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Mark's Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that he taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in Him because they know His origins, not because of any fault with his teaching or ministry. As with many of Mark's passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus' two-fold nature. To reinforce his point, Mark tells of Jesus' return to his native place, and further points out that he is in the midst of his own family members there. From the very people he expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel's writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus' followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of his power, he must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will he? Can he? Does he? Or is He, once again, amazed by its absence?

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PARISHPAY

We invite you to try ParishPay to make your offertory contribution to Blessed Sacrament Parish. When you use ParishPay for your contribution you will know your offertory has been received and is contributing to the support of our parish.

ENROLL TODAY...a link has been provided on the Blessed Sacrament website: <http://blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>. If you need help or do not have internet access, please call ParishPay at 866-727-4741 and they will guide you through the process or enroll you over the telephone.

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

MONDAY

7:00 Patrick Fitzsimmons

9:00 Patricia Boyle-Abrams

TUESDAY

7:00 Lucia Langle (Living Intention)

9:00 Bill Murphy

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Bill Murphy

9:00 Rosemary McClaughry (7th Anniv)

THURSDAY

7:00 Christopher O'Rourke (Living Intention)

9:00 Arturo Hilario

FRIDAY

7:00 Jeannie Tam

9:00 Mary T. Kallimanis

SATURDAY

9:00 Miguel Calamba

5:00 Lucy Coniglione

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade

9:30 John Ciano

12:30 Mary & Ansel Martin

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 12, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1
8:00 AM	Team	2
9:30 AM	Team	3
11:00 AM	Team	4
12:30 PM	Team	5

<u>LECTORS</u>
L. Pillarella
R. Griswold
R. Salaycik
D. Leddy
K. Kelley

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & N. Mata
D. Vigliotti & P. Manley
B. Collorec & M. Peralta
M. Morgan & M. Conigatti
A. Talaid & T. Sanders

Having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for our family, friends, benefactors both living and deceased is a great gift of love. We still have several 7:00 A.M. weekday Masses available for 2015. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the Parish House Office at 718-442-1581 or visit Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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.

Diva for a Day Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 2010 by two friends who recognize the benefits of a day to escape from the daily stresses a woman will face while dealing with cancer. Through the program, special Divas are selected each month to enjoy a complete day of pampering, generously donated by a participating salon/spa. If you know a deserving Diva please visit <http://www,divaforaday.org/>



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FROM THE PASTOR

As we gather this Independence Week to celebrate our nation and its foundation under God, we are still seeking answers to the slaughter in Charleston, South Carolina.

For those of us who believe in a good and loving God we sometimes need to be reminded that our Fatih teaches us that "The devil is real." Evil is part and parcel of humanities ongoing pursuit of goodness always challenged, tempted, shocked and threatened by evil the antithesis of Goodness.

Distinguished Guest Columnist in *Our Sunday Visitor* (April 12, 2015) writes the following.....

Is the devil real? Here is Msgr. Ronald Knox on that: "It is stupid of modern civilization to have given up believing in the devil, when he is the only explanation of it."

Msgr. Knox, eminent British convert, author, retreat master and translator of the Bible, may have been indulging in irony. But irony doesn't change the fact that the devil and his demonic associates exist.

I came across the Knox quote in "Manual for Spiritual Warfare," (Tan Books, \$29.95) newly published and edited by Paul Thigpen.

"Like it or not," Thigpen begins his thoughtful introduction, "you are at war. No matter who you are—whether or not you know it—you have a mortal enemy who wants to destroy you, not just in this life, but in the next."

That enemy is of course the devil.

As chance would have it, a copy of the manual reached me shortly before last Christmas, when the news was all about the murder by fanatics of 150 children and teachers in a school in Pakistan.

As this was being written, the world is stunned by the German pilot who, it appears, deliberately flew his airliner into an Alpine mountainside, killing 149 others along with himself.

Human agency obviously was operative in these events, as in other recent horrors, but it's easy to glimpse a devilish hand in them too—and also in the multitude of less ostentatious but hardly less destructive acts of cruelty, dishonesty and lust that darken everyday life.

The standard response to this kind of thinking is to laugh it off. The devil has become a joke.

Nothing may have done more to kill belief in Satan than all those cartoons in which demons trade one-liners amid unthreatening flames with balding gents fresh off the links of a country club.

It figures. Getting people not to believe in him is one of the devil's favorite tricks. The cartoons help.

But there's too much evidence of his existence for disbelief to be a viable option. The testimony is abundant in Scripture, the magisterium, writing by and about the saints, and contemporary accounts of demonic manifestations and exorcisms.

"Is is a mark of the Evil Spirit to take on the appearance of an angel of light," St. Ignatius Loyola reported from experience.

St./ John Vianney was tormented by a demon for 35 years and gave him a nickname: grappin, the wrestler. St. Teresa of Avila and Padre Pio, among many others, knew the devil well.

Years back, a comedian got laughs by saying, "The devil made me do it."

The devil cannot make us sin, tough—that takes an act of human will. But the devil is ceaselessly at work offering inducements—temptations—to our propensity to choose evil.

"The devil exists and we must fight against him," Pope Francis says.

"Manual for Spiritual Warfare" is a handbook for the fight. It contains magisterial and scriptural texts, testimony from saints, prayers, devotions and hymns.

Bound in sober black like traditional manuals of prayer, it's meant to be used.

There are two extremes to be avoided in this matter—fearful obsession with the devil and ignoring the fact that we live on a battlefield, with Satan and his forces drawn up against us. The letter to the Ephesians puts it best:

"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens" (Eph 6:12).

The devil is real.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters:

Can there be any question that "the devil is real. Cannot we not see Satan's hand in the destructive acts of cruelty, dishonesty, lust that darken everyday life.

Evil, the devil call it what you will that is what walked into Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, pretended to listen and pray and then murdered 9 people of Faith.

We pray for these Martyrs and we arm ourselves with Faith, Hope, Charity and Prayer our nuclear response to the wiles of Satan.

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL
Msgr. Finn