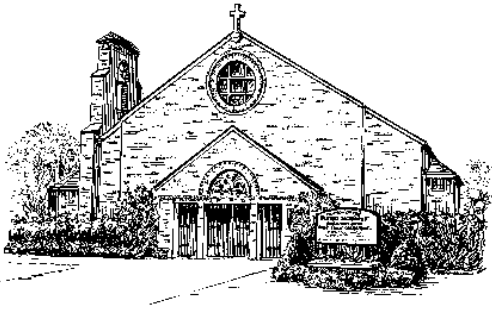


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

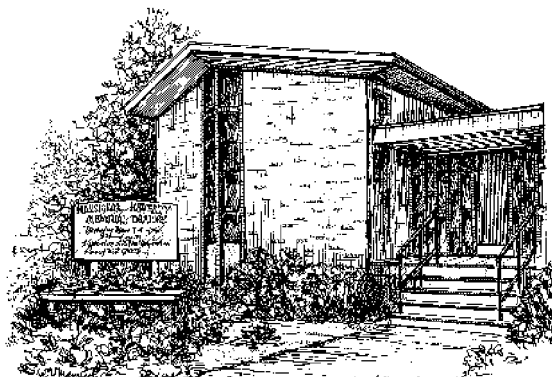
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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





All teachers in Religious Education Programs should be working toward certification. There are courses offered at the Summer Institute on August 14th and 15th at Holy Rosary Church – Epifanio Center.

Topics are as follows:

Friday, August 14, 2015

- Prayer & Spirituality (Sr. Jean Wagner)
- Methodology Elementary Catechesis (Elizabeth Foer)
- Profession of Faith (Sr. Marica Vinje)

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Methodology for Elementary Catechesis (Joanne Malik and Elizabeth Foer)

- Celebration of the Christian Mysteries (Joan Prenty & Fr. Walter Modrys)

Registration is required. Please call the Regional Office at 718-273-3833 or email MaryCrucifix.Pandullo@archny.org.

SCHOOL NEWS!

Blessed Sacrament School has limited openings in their Pre-K 3 Program and Kindergarten through Grade 8. For further information please call the School office at 718-442-3090.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>			
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
\$6034.00 (Weekly)		\$5205.00 (Weekly)	
\$2491.00	<Monthly >	\$2177.00	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>			
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
721 (Adults)		676 (Adults)	
128 (Children)		138 (Children)	
849		814	

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

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 soul of Maria Smith and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

- 7:00 Peggy Ciano
- 9:00 Elisa Saluta

TUESDAY

- 7:00 Catherine Peshla
- 9:00 Hancock Family

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 Alice & Robert Wilcken
- 9:00 Marie DiCostanzo

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Marie Marchise
- 9:00 Anne Marie Zustovich

FRIDAY

- 7:00 Bertha Cullen
- 9:00 Michael P. DeMato

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Deceased Members of Jacobsen Family
- 5:00 Edward Lunny

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Patricia M. McQuade
- 9:30 Josephine Svenningsven
- 12:30 Emilia Zarrella

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 26, 2015

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
R. Helbock
P. Thomann
M. Semon
D. Leddy
C. Tobias

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
D. Vigliotti & B. Collorec
A. Castronovo & P. Thomann
R. Gallop & H. Wodzinski
E. & G. Checkett

Blessed Sacrament Online Giving

Just Try It! 165 of our parishioners did and are securely donating through our online giving program today. Online giving allows you to easily transfer funds from your checking, savings or credit card account to our parish account. If you like, you can try out the system without creating an account. Instead, go to ParishPay.com and select the "One Time Donation" option which is directly underneath the Regular Offertory option. The website will take you to a page that will accept your name and address. You can then register or choose not to at this time. From there make your donation and see how easy and safe the process is. If you're happy, we encourage you to enroll and simplify your weekly or monthly parish offering.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week**July 19 – 26, 2015**

Each year the USCCB dedicates a week in July as National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week. The dates of NFP Awareness Week (July 19 – 26) highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. The encyclical beautifully articulates respect for God's design for authentic love through the gift of human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. For NFP resources please visit www.USCCB/NFP.org or <http://nyfamilylife.org/natural-family-planning>.

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

Summer reading away from the demands of "academic"; business portfolio's; reports and the like can be both refreshing and rewarding. Popular fiction like *"Unbroken"*; non-fiction like *"The Wright Brothers"*; classics like Shakespeare; poetry like Robert Frost; unshackled from "required" or I have to read it can actually be **ENJOYMENT**.

Never mind our enslavement to "TECH" opportunities like Facebook, Twitter, et.al. let's consider some time for mind, eyes, ears and senses wrapped up in good old fashioned, well worthwhile "**READING**".

Read on with me from "Catholic Journal" by Richard P. Lockwood who writes from Indiana.

"UPOPULAR HISTORY"

Two of my favorite historians were not historians. Which shows you just how much I failed my Jesuit education at Fairfield University way back when.

Frederick Lewis Allen was the editor of the old Harper's Magazine. He died in New York City in 1954. Boston-born in 1890, he was educated at Groton, of all places, and Harvard. A full-blown, old-school WASP.

Allen wrote history in his spare time. It was history that was meant to be consumed by the average reader and was "popular" in the good and bad sense of the word: It skipped scholarly affectations and was breezily written, but sometimes sacrificed discernment and depth.

But so What? Allen is fun to read, particularly his two most popular books that are still in print: “Only Yesterday,” a history of the American culture in the 1920s, and “The Lords of Creation,” an overview of the massive expansion of the American economy from the late 19th century to the Depression, focusing on the “Titans of business and capital” that made it happen-both the expansion and the Depression.

But like a true populist, Allen had a theme that ran through his work. America in the 20th Century was losing its souls in an economic and cultural revolution. We were changing from rural to urban, agrarian to industrial, faith-based to secular. Allen was a kind writer, but his sympathies were clear. “A time of revolution...is an uneasy time to live in. It is easier to tear down a code than to put a new one in its place,” Allen wrote.

While Allen was almost whimsical in approaching this time of nearly cataclysmic social change, my other favorite non-historian was almost mystical. Will Durant had the curse of a long life. Born in 1885, he died nearly a century later in 1981, two weeks after the death of his wife and co-author, Ariel.

Durant was a former seminarian—and a former Catholic—who authored “The Story of Philosophy” in 1924. Its huge success allowed him the freedom to write for a living. From 1935 to 1975, he wrote—later joined by his wife—the best-selling 11 volume “The Story of Civilization.” When I went straight to work after graduating college with a degree in history, I devoured “The story of Civilization.” As a poor man’s master’s degree.

They say that after Durant abandoned his study for the priesthood and his faith, the rector closed up the library at the seminary, fearful that Durant’s quest for knowledge led him to lose his immortal soul.

Durant remained more of a philosopher than an historian, but a bit of a theologian as well with overt Catholic sympathies. Anyone reading “The Story of Civilization” in the order it was written can see Durant’s lifelong pilgrimage from secularist to humanist to rediscovering the beauty and meaning of the faith of his youth.

With a touch of irony, Frederick Lewis Allen described the tremendously trivial preoccupation of American popular culture in the 1920s as “a contagion of delighted concern over things that were exciting but didn’t matter profoundly.” Durant warned more darkly that “Dictatorship is near when livery becomes license.”

Which is why you don’t see Allen and Durant celebrated much anymore. Their message doesn’t resonate with today’s worship of license confused with liberty, and when the things that matter profoundly – marriage, family, freedom of faith and conscience – are not longer terribly exciting and are greeted with a cultural shrug.

“Civilization begins with order, grows with liberty, and dies with chaos,” Durant explained in his old age.

Will Durant returned to his Catholic faith on his deathbed. I just knew he would.

GOOD LUCK – YOUR TURN – READ ON AND TELL ME ABOUT IT!

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN