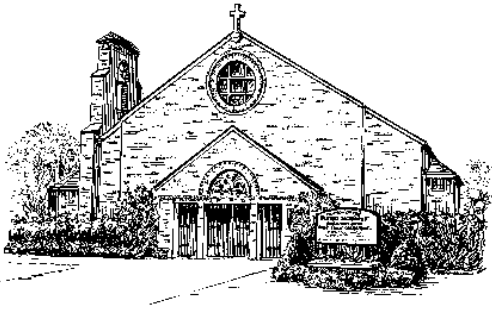


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

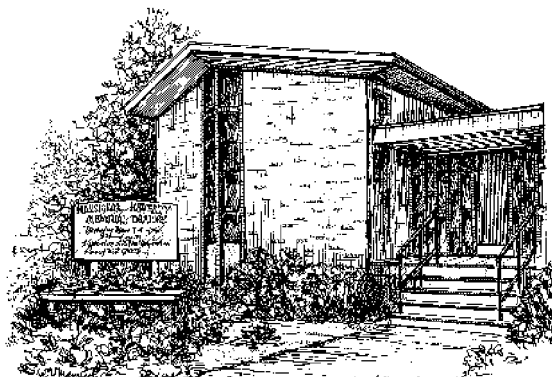
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



The plight of Christians around the world, especially in the Middle East, has become a major catastrophe. Massive numbers of Christians are being subjected to violence, displacement, and even death, explicitly because of their faith. Yet there is little attention being paid in the West, and few governments are saying anything in response. However far away, we are still impacted by the sufferings of our fellow Christians; we are all one human family. Catholic social teaching calls us to stand in solidarity. The Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity; it is the land of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It's time to take action! For information, see www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6442.00 (Weekly)	\$5561.00 (Weekly)
\$1928.00 < 2nd Collection >	\$1118.00

ATTENDANCE

<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
680 (Adults)	728 (Adults)
<u>114</u> (Children)	<u>130</u> (Children)
794	868

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, July 30th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues)

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PANKRATZ & ANNA BROENNER**

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, Kathy Ward and Robert Hammerton.

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul of Maryann Hillier and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 John McGrath
9:00 Eva Jean Canlon (20th Anniv)

TUESDAY

7:00 Benito & Emiliana Lanzaderas
9:00 Mary Patricia Peters (27th Anniv)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Felipe & Antioco Lanzaderas
9:00 Nora Ryan

THURSDAY

7:00 Virginia & Frank Bonventre
9:00 Burton Cohen

FRIDAY

7:00 Candido & Atanacio Lanzaderas
9:00 Peter John Palladino

SATURDAY

9:00 Colin O'Rourke (Living Intention)
5:00 Theresa & David DeMarzio

SUNDAY

8:00 Robert Valentine
9:30 Angelo & Nicolina DeLisa
12:30 Christopher Keag

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2, 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>
K. Hanley
C. Burns
M. Boyd
D. Leddy
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
T. Sanders & M. Peralta
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
B. Collorec & M. McKeever
J. & M. Spach
E. Laub & K. Byrne

RADIO MARIA, N.Y. will sponsor and broadcast a **DAY OF PRAYER in ITALIAN** on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Pity Church (1615 Richmond Avenue, S.I.). The Program begins with the Rosary, followed by mass, Consecration, Adoration and includes Confessions throughout the day. Bring a bag lunch. For further information please call 718-417-0550.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS of Staten Island, Inc. needs your help! They provide two nutritious meals each day to the homebound elderly who can no longer shop or prepare their own meals and are currently feeding 1100 seniors. If you are available two hours, one morning a week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to elderly neighbors in your community. Please call Roseann Holt at 718-727-4435 for further information.

PAPAL MASS IN PHILADELPHIA

The Pope will be saying a Mass in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 27, 2015. CoTo Travel will be providing transportation to and from Philadelphia. The bus will depart from Midtown Manhattan at 7:00 A.M. and return at approximately 8:30 P.M. **Please Note:** You may have to walk several miles from the parking area to the event center. All inclusive price \$90/person + transaction fee. If you are interested in attending this special Mass, please visit <http://www.cototravel.com/papal-mass-philadelphia-bus/> or call 1-877-724-4360, ext. 701 Availability on a first come, first served basis.

FROM THE PASTOR**PERSECUTIONS OF CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

While the summer of 2015 has been one of high temperature combined with severe climatic activity from coast to coast across the nation, severe and unacceptable human barbarism mirrors nature affecting millions of God's children at home and across the globe.

Human lives continue at an increasing rate to be persecuted, threatened and slaughtered in God's vineyard. Not since barbarous invasions of the Dark Ages and the "Holocaust" of the 20th Century have more than 50% of nations and peoples been slaughtered and exiled, fleeing their homes for their lives. And they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For all intent and purpose our national leaders and those of the international community appear united in imitation of fiddling away as Rome burns.

Might we question the world agenda that is understandably focused on potential consequences of a nuclear Iran; global warming; economic international consequences but appears and honestly is in fact, ignoring the slaughter of millions of persecuted Christians in the Middle East and throughout the world? Dare we suggest ignorance? Or, is it something else? Is it not time to demand answers, action, response, something from our own national leaders of the "most powerful nation" in the World? Are not Christians in "the land of the free and home of the brave" more than 80% of our population? Do we not, should we not, must we not care and act?

Let us begin by asking ourselves the following:

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

The plight of Christians around the world has become a major catastrophe, particularly in the Middle East. Islamic extremists, like ISIS, are specifically attacking Christians because of their faith.

Public attacks on Christians by ISIS terrorists and other militants have gained attention around the world, including kidnappings and gruesome public executions. In Iraq, 70% of Christians have been forced to flee their homes under threat of death, while those remaining live in constant fear. In Syria, Christians are caught in the middle of a bloody civil war, and two million have fled from their homes.

The UN has identified close to 2.5 million internally displaced persons across Iraq, and over 12 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria. Almost 4 million have fled Syria as refugees, and over 7.5 million are internally displaced. Many of these refugees live in camps that do not have sufficient resources, and they may never return to their homes.

Leaders of the Middle Eastern Christian communities have repeatedly called for help. Yet there is little attention being paid in the West, and few governments are saying or doing anything in response.

WHO ARE THESE MIDDLE EASTERN CHRISTIANS?

The Middle East is a region of immense importance to our faith—it is the birthplace of Christianity and the region of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Christians have lived in these lands since New Testament times, including Assyrians, Melkites, Armenians, Chaldeans, Copts, Maronites, and Syrians.

There are currently over 12 million Christians living in the Middle East. But their numbers have dropped dramatically over recent years. Largely because of the violence.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP THEM?

Our first duty is to pray for persecuted Christians. One suggested prayer is from the Roman Missal:

“O God, who in your inscrutable providence will that the Church be united to the sufferings of your Son, grant, we pray, to your faithful who suffer for your name's sake, a spirit of patience and charity, that they may be found true and faithful witnesses to the promises you have made. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”

We must advocate with our government. We should contact the President and the Secretary of State to urge them to take concrete steps to help. We can also contact our Congressional representatives to urge them to support legislation that would strengthen religious liberty. For information on how to do this, see www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

We can support humanitarian agencies that are helping provide aid, such as:

--Catholic New East Welfare Association (CNEWA) www.cnewa.org

--Aid to the Church in Need www.churchinneed.org

We must spread the word. For more information about the plight of Middle eastern Christians, see www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

“We ask Jesus, the Victor over death, to lighten the sufferings of our many brothers and sisters who are persecuted for his name, and of all those who suffer injustice as a result of ongoing conflicts and violence. There are so many of them!”

--Pope Francis

My brothers and sisters we are called upon in Baptism and Confirmation to be the Apostles, Disciples and Evangelizers of the 21st Century. Let us stand up, speak up and in prayerful solidarity beseech Jesus to help us save the persecuted.

**GOD BLESSYOU,
MSGR. FINN**