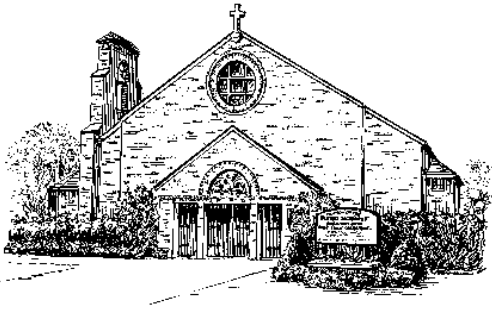


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

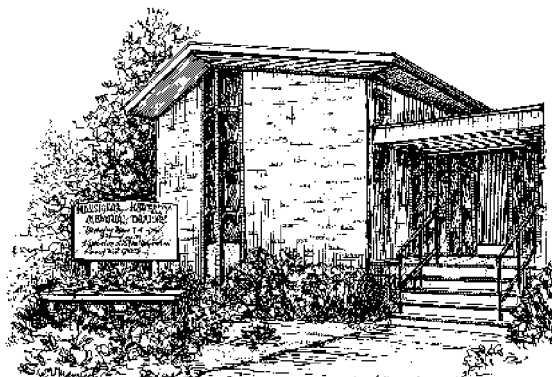
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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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, Kathy Ward, Mary Ann Carrente and Robert Hammerton.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Joan Gulbin

9:00 Judy Blake (3rd Anniv)

TUESDAY

7:00 Neven Milosevich (1st Anniv)

9:00 Sam LoCasto

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Patrick Maita

9:00 Gerald Byrne

THURSDAY

7:00 Patrick Redmond

9:00 James King

FRIDAY

7:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

9:00 Rita Paolini

SATURDAY

9:00 Judy Blake

5:00 Hanshaw Family

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade

9:30 Garry Smith

12:30 James & Josephine Hession

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2015	2014
\$5052.00 (Weekly)	\$5182.00 (Weekly)
\$1732.00	\$1501.00

< 2nd Collection >

ATTENDANCE

2015	2014
703 (Adults)	608 (Adults)
97 (Children)	157 (Children)
800	765

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your confessions seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline at 877-820-0541 or <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours a day.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERALD BYRNE**

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 9, 2015

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
M. Peries
F. Molanphy
M. Semon
R. Helbock
J. Pace

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & N. Mata
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
P. Thomann & R. Gallop
M. McKeever & E. Laub
E. & G. Checkett

**Feast of St. Clare Festival
St. Clare's Church
110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island
Saturday, August 8th
11:00 A.M.**

Games, Raffles, Dunk Tank, Arts & Crafts,
Vendors, Food & Snacks!
Come & join the fun!

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA/HOME MISSIONS

will take place this weekend. Your generosity for the Church in both these places is invaluable to the future of the faith in these regions. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs and seminarian ministry. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Please give with a joyful and generous heart.

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.

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Profound and consequential changes have occurred in the closing days of the Supreme Court of the United States decisions at the close of the current term. These decisions have profound effect on the whole nation and that most certainly includes people of faith and those who are Catholic.

George Weigel is a Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. and a leading Catholic intellectual and man of faith. The following article, as guest columnist in "Tablet" is an important reflection on the court's decision on marriage. I suggest you read it carefully, thoughtfully and perhaps more than once.

The Church and The New Normal

In the wake of the Supreme Court's marriage decision, these sober thoughts occur:

1) The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has rendered a decision that puts the Court at odds with the Constitution, with reason and with biblical religion.

2) SCOTUS has gotten it wrong before on race in DredScott and it repeated the mistake in Plessy vs. Ferguson, which upheld segregated public facilities. It got it wrong by concocting a constitutional "right" to abortion-on-demand in Roe vs. Wade and doubled-down on that mistake by getting it wrong on abortion again in Casey vs. Planned Parenthood. Now SCOTUS has gotten it wrong on marriage. There are remedies to SCOTUS getting it wrong; one of them is a careful re-examination, during the 2016 campaign, of the theory of "judicial supremacy," which holds that the Constitution means whatever a majority of the Court says it means.

3) *The marriage battle was lost in the culture long before it was lost in the courts. The foundations of our culture have eroded; now, the New Normal insists that literally everything is plastic, malleable and subject to acts of human will. The result is a moment of profound moral incoherence in which understandings of human nature and human happiness that have stood the test of experience for millennia are being discarded as mere rubbish – and those who resist trashing the moral patrimony of humanity are dismissed as irrational bigots, religious fanatics or both. This New Normal is willfulness-on-steroids, especially when that willfulness involves human sexuality. Nothing, it seems, constitutes aberrant behavior-except the public defense of traditional virtue.*

4) *The Catholic Church in the U.S. bears its share of responsibility for this incoherence. It was clear 60 years ago that the old mainline Protestant cultural hegemony was fading, that an alternative cultural foundation for American democracy was necessary and that a new cadre of citizen-leaders, capable of articulating the moral truths on which the American democratic experiment rests, had to be raised-up – and the prime candidate for doing all that was the Catholic Church. It might have happened. But too much of the Church's clerical and lay leadership lost its nerve after "Humanae Vitae"; the window of opportunity closed amidst the maelstrom of the '60s and the decadence of the '70s, and the forces of incoherence won that day.*

5) *The New Normal will not leave the Catholic Church alone. Like everyone else who contests the New Normal's ideology of "Anything Goes," the Catholic Church will be aggressively attacked for daring to oppose that ideology. So the Church must learn, fast, how to play good defense-defending the right of our people and our institutions to be themselves; it will do a service to America in the process. (A good primer for thinking through these issues is the recent pastoral letter by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, "Being Catholic Today: Catholic Identity in an Age of Challenge.")*

6) *The long-term answer to the New Normal—and to the dictatorship of relativism the New Normal is trying to impose on the universities and professions (without encountering much resistance), on traditional religious communities (less successfully, so far), and on individuals (through reprehensible, but effective bullying and shaming) – is the re-conversion of the U.S. to right reason, moral truth and a biblical way of seeing the world. This is a multi-generational project; it will necessarily be ecumenical and interreligious. From the Catholic point of view, the only possible response to the New Normal is a robustly evangelical Catholicism: one that displays true happiness in lives of solidarity with others; one that links that happiness and solidarity to friendship with Jesus Christ and the truths His Church teaches, inviting others to consider "a still more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31).*

7) *And that means a thorough catechesis of the Catholic people of the U.S., not least through preaching: preaching that forthrightly challenges the too-often-typical Catholic shrug at the New Normal; preaching that calls Catholics to deeper friendship with Christ, meaning deeper conversion to His truth.*

GOD BLESS YOU
MSGR. FINN