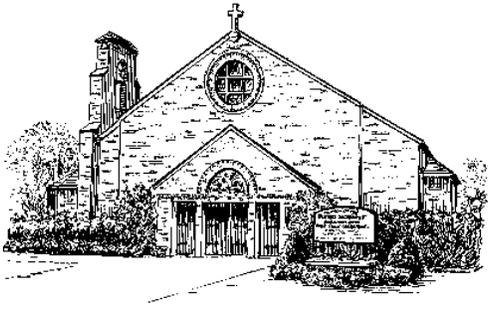


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

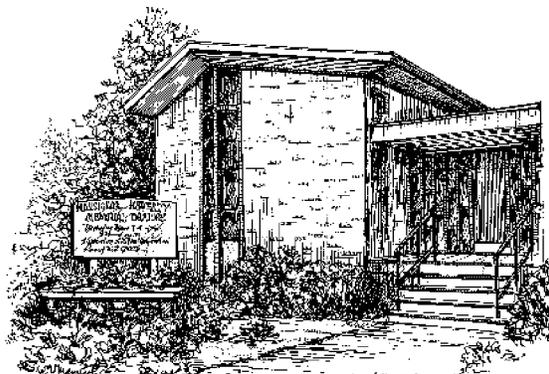
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



BLESSED SACRAMENT FAITH FORMATION

This year the Confirmation retreat will take place on Sept. 17th for 8-1 and on Sept. 24th for grade 8-2 and private school students. The retreat will take place at St. Roch's lower church from 8:45 – 2:00p.m. Students will be given further information during class.

Our religious education program for all children in grades 1-7 will resume on Wed., Sept. 16, 2015.

This is a time of great excitement in our church in America as we will have the presence of Pope Francis here from Sept. 22nd thru the 27th. We look forward to working with you and your children as we begin a new year.

Many blessings,

Sr. Anne Dolores and Catechists

N.B.

We are always looking for catechist, classroom aids and office volunteers. If you feel called to any one of these ministries, please call the religious education office.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A day of recollection, "Listening To Our Blessed Mother" with Fr. Brendan Gormley will be held on September 26th at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road in the Msgr. Glynn Center from 9AM - 3PM. Adults \$20, Teens \$10 (Mini Breakfast & Lunch)

RSVP to Rectory 718-761-6663 by Sept. 16th

PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY TOUR

On Wednesday, Sept. 30th St. Rita's Parish, 281 Bradley Avenue will host the major relics of St. Maria Goretti, a 20th century martyr. She died defending her purity at the age of 12; but her greatest virtue was that of her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker, the virtue of mercy. St. Rita's church will be open all day inviting the faithful to spend time with this beloved Saint. Masses will be celebrated at 7am, 9am and a 7:30pm Solemn Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John O'Hara. Public viewing will conclude at 11pm. For more info, visit www.MariaGoretti.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The first meeting of the HNS will be September 20th following the 8a.m. Mass.

SENIOR GROUP

The September and October meetings of the Blessed Sacrament Seniors are cancelled.

TITAN LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Basketball registration will be held on Sept. 14th, 5:30 – 7:30p.m. in the Gym. You can also register online at bss.sportssignup.com. Any questions contact Amy Rikic at bsstitanbasketball@gmail.com

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, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Harvey Minars, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Margaret King, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Kristen Garvey

9:00 Ansel Martin (2nd Anniv)

TUESDAY

7:00 Phyllis Prevosti

9:00 Mary Deignan

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Alfred Trovato

9:00 Jane Forlenza

THURSDAY

7:00 Michael J. McCarthy

9:00 Patricia Brittle

FRIDAY

7:00 Tierney O'Rourke (Living)

9:00 Special Intention

SATURDAY

9:00 Jack Cennamo

5:00 Mary Cavallo

SUNDAY

8:00 John Dogolin

9:30 Paul Tewnsley

12:30 Patricia Lunny

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE KOVACS**

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 1	I. Pillarella	V. Donnelly & N. Mata
8:00 AM	Team 2	M. Peries	D. Vigliotti & P. Manley
9:30 AM	Team 3	R. Salaycik	B. Collorec & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team 4	D. Leddy	M. Morgan & M. Conigatti
12:30 PM	Team 5	K. Kelley	A. Talaid & T. Sanders

PREPARE THE WAY FOR POPE FRANCIS – MASS AND HOLY HOUR

Come together in prayer for the historic visit of our Holy Father! On Thursday, September 17th at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (5th Avenue and 50th Street), we will have our regularly scheduled Mass at 5:30p.m., followed by a Holy Hour and Eucharistic Procession in honor of Our Holy Father's visit. We will conclude with Benediction at around 7p.m. For more info email us at: info@cspya.org

AN IGNATIAN APPROACH TO SPIRITUALITY FOR EVERYONE

The 12 Step Program is a powerful way for getting one's life back on track toward emotional, relational, and spiritual health and well-being. It looks at the 12 Steps from the perspective of Ignatian spirituality, a prayerful way of amplifying the effectiveness of practicing the 12 steps and letting God do what God does best which is to love and heal us.

Thursdays, Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 at 7:30p.m.
St. Clare's Murphy Faith Formation Center,
110 Nelson Ave.

Call Rick D'Aversa at 917-716-6421 for more information.

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 from 12p.m. to 2p.m at the South Fin Grill, 300 Fr. Capodanno Blvd & the Dolphin Fountain. Are you interested in learning more about Staten Island Catholic High Schools? Join us for our information day where we will be available to share TACHS information, Academic programs, The Road to College Success, Open House dates and showcase our students and our Catholic High Schools. Visit www.adny-si.org and click on the High School Information Fair for more info. To RSVP call (718) 667-5350 ext. 1007.

FROM THE PASTOR

Delta 15: Remembering 9-11

As long as those of us who lived on September 11, 2001 we will never forget the tragedy that shattered the nation, the world and each and every one of us.

The following account of Jerry Brown, a flight attendant on Delta Flight 15...a TRUE STORY reminds us of the hope we must have for the future.

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, we were about 5 hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic. All of a sudden the curtains parted and I was told to go to the cockpit immediately, to see the captain. As soon as I got there I noticed that the crew had that "All Business" look on their faces. The captain handed me a printed message. It was from

Delta's main office in Atlanta and simply read, "All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at nearest airport. Advise your destination."

No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra firma quickly. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, New Foundland.

He requested approval for a route change from Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately – no questions asked. We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request.

While the flight crew prepared the airplane for landing another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later word came in about the hijackings.

We decided to lie to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, New Foundland, to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that's nothing new! Forty minutes later, we landed in Gander. Local time at Gander was 12:30pm!...that's 11:00AM EST.

There were already about 20 other airplanes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the U.S.

After we parked on the ramp, the captain made the following announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, you must be wondering if all these airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason." Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the U.S. There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The captain informed passengers that Ground Control in Gander told us to stay put. The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the aircrafts. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane. In the next hour or so more planes landed and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. Commercial jets

Meanwhile, bits of news started to come in over the aircraft radio and for the first time we learned that airplanes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York and into the Pentagon in DC. People were trying to use their cell phones, but were unable to connect due to different cell system in Canada. Some did get through, but were only able to get to

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the Canadian operator who would tell them that the lines in the U.S. were either blocked or jammed.

Sometime in the evening the news filtered to us that the World Trade Center buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm. We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament.

We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the planes one plane at a time. At 6PM, Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11AM the next morning. Passengers were not happy, but they simply resigned themselves to this news without much noise and started to prepare themselves to spend the night on the airplane.

Gander had promised us medical attention, if needed, water and lavatory servicing and they were true to their word. Fortunately we had no medical situations to worry about. We did have a young lady who was 33 weeks into her pregnancy. We took really good care of her. The night passed without incident despite the uncomfortable sleeping arrangements.

About 10:30 on the morning of the 12th a convoy of school busses showed up. We got off the plane and were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then had to register with the Red Cross.

After that we (the crew) were separated from the passengers and were taken in vans to a small hotel. We had no idea where our passengers were going. We learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced into Gander! We were told to just relax at the hotel and we would be contacted when the U.S. airports opened again, but not to expect that call for a while.

We found out the total scope of the terror back home only after getting to our hotel and turning on the TV, 24 hours after it all started.

Meanwhile, we had lots of time on our hands and found that the people of Gander were extremely friendly. They started calling us the "plane people." We enjoyed their hospitality, explored the town of Gander and ended up having a pretty good time.

Two days later, we got the call and were taken back to the Gander airport. Back on the plane, we were reunited with the passengers and found out what they had been doing for the past two days. What we found out was incredible.

Gander and all the surrounding communities (within MATCH about a 75 Kilometer radius) had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges, and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities to mass lodging areas for all stranded travelers. Some had cots set up, some had mats with sleeping bags and pillows set up. All the high school students were required to volunteer their time to take care of the "guests". Our 218 passengers ended up in a town called Lewisporte, about 45 kilometers from Gander where they were put up in a high school. If any women wanted to be in a women-only facility, that was arranged. Families were kept together. All the elderly passengers were taken to private homes. Remember that young pregnant lady? She was put up in a private home right across the street from a 24-hour Urgent Care facility. There was a dentist on call and both male and female nurses remained with the crowd for the duration.

Phone calls and e-mails to the U.S. and around the world were available to everyone once a day. During the day, passengers were offered "Excursion" trips. Some people went on boat cruises of the lakes and harbors. Some went for hikes in the local forests. Local bakeries stayed open to make fresh bread for the guests. Food was prepared by all the residents and brought to the schools. People were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals. Everyone was given tokens for local laundry mats to wash their clothes, since luggage was still on the aircraft. In other words, every single need was met for those stranded travelers.

Passengers were crying while telling us these stories. Finally, when they were told that U.S. airports had reopened, they were delivered to the airport right on time and without a single passenger missing or late. The local Red Cross had all the information about the whereabouts of each and every passenger and knew which plane they needed to be on and when all the planes were leaving. They coordinated everything beautifully. It was absolutely incredible.

When passengers came on board it was like they had been on a cruise. Everyone knew each other by name. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a chartered party flight. The crew just stayed out of their way. It was mind-boggling.

Passengers had totally bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

And then a very unusually thing happened. One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. We never ever allow that, but this time was different. I said, "of course" and handed him the mike. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through in the last few days. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers. He continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewisporte. "He said he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of DELTA 15 (our flight number). The purpose of the trust fund is to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewisporte. He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travelers. When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, the total was for more than \$14,000!" The gentleman, an MD from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward his proposal to Delta Corporation and ask them to donate as well.

As I write this account, the trust fund is at more than \$1.5 million and has assisted 134 students in college education.

I just wanted to share this story because we need good stories right now. It gives me a little bit of hope to know that some people in a faraway place were kind to some strangers who literally dropped in on them. It reminds me how much good there is in the world. In spite of all the rotten things we see going on in today's world this story confirms that there are still a lot of good people in the world and when things get bad, they will come forward.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN