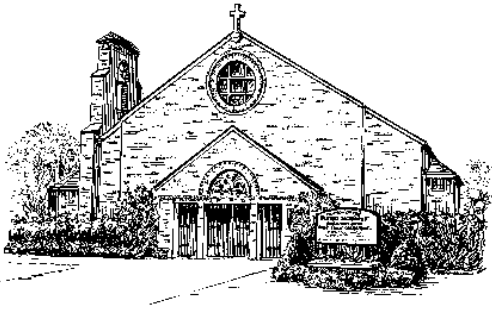


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

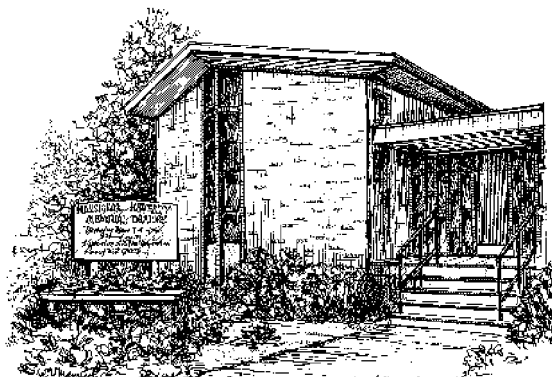
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL & THE PAULINE FAMILY

First Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, October 10th 7 to 11p.m. at the Labetti Post, 390 Hylan Blvd. Tickets are \$65.00 Dinner, Dancing and Open Bar. Please call Jim Haynes 718-987-1609 or Gregg DeForest 732-433-6640 to make reservations.

UNIVERSITY HOSPICE

University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. This care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who address emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patients and their families. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as, visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities, the Addeo Hospice Residence, or in the hospital. Volunteers are also essential in our office and with our special projects. Interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th at University Hospice, 78 Meisner Ave.

“40 DAYS FOR LIFE”

The Fall “40 Days for Life” campaign will be held September 23 – November 1, 2015. “40 Days for Life” is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Since 2007 at least 10,331 unborn children have been saved from abortion during “40 Days of Life” campaigns, and 60 abortion facilities have closed. To learn more visit: <https://40daysforlife.com>

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Welcome Back Mass and Wine & Cheese Social, September 24th at 7:15p.m. at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, cost \$10. For more info check website: www.sgspssi.org or email: sfcssi@gmail.com

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$8,660 (Weekly)	\$ 7,939 (Weekly)
\$1,450 (2 nd)	\$ 2,854 (2 nd)
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
682 (Adults)	759 (Adults)
<u>152 (Children)</u>	<u>204(Children)</u>
834	963

SENIOR GROUP

October 6th Platzbrauhaus, \$75 due now
 October 12th 9:00a.m. Mass & Breakfast at Staaten \$25 at the door.
 October 22nd Huntington Playhouse, Comedy Show, \$85 due now
 November 17th Finnegan’s Wake at the Staaten, \$50 due October 12th. Interested call Betty Hartmann 718-727-2669

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 Elmady, 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, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, 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, Robert Hammerton, and Catherine Vitale

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Paterna Calamba
 9:00 Eileen Ford (3rd Anniv.)

TUESDAY

7:00 Nazzareno Vella
 9:00 David Callaghan

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Anna O’Brien
 9:00 Dr. Frank Tellefsen (22nd Anniv.)

THURSDAY

7:00 John E. Finn, Sr.
 9:00 Catherine & Maurice Fitzgerald

FRIDAY

7:00 Gina Finn (Living)
 9:00 Katherine & Francis Miller

SATURDAY

9:00 Dorothy & Martin Byrne
 5:00 Edward Lunny

SUNDAY

8:00 Peggy McNamara
 9:30 Anthony Cavallo
 12:30 Edith Zarrella

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

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 6	Sr. Anne Dolores	J. Hansen & E. Laub
8:00 AM	Team 7	C. Burns	B. Boyd & R. Gallop
9:30 AM	Team 8	C. Wodzinski	G. Pace & E. Hodgens
11:00 AM	Team 9	J.Pace	E. & G. Checkett
12:30 PM	Team 10	M. Conigatti	J. & M. Spach

ONLINE GIVING

Looking for ways to simplify your busy back-to-school schedule? Try Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to make offertory contributions to our parish. You can easily set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. Look for the ParishPay link on our web site <http://blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>. And if your family would still like to place something in the offertory basket, just pick up one of our "WE GAVE ONLINE" cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time.

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION

The Cross Road Foundation will be holding its 22nd Annual Fall Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, October 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7:00p.m. The theme for the evening will be, "Mamma Mia". Tickets for the event are \$65 per person. This includes dinner, musical entertainment and a show of fashions from local boutiques. Please call 718-556-3474 to RSVP by Sept. 24th. Proceeds will go to help expectant and new mothers in need on Staten Island.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Join the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter on Sunday, Sept. 27, for the FIRST EVER Staten Island Walk to End Alzheimer's. The walk will take place at South Beach (between Seaview Ave. & Father Capodanno Blvd.) Registration begins at 9am, ceremony and walk to begin at 10am. To register as an individual or team visit alzny.org/walk. Interested in volunteering? Please email Volunteer Chairperson, Alexandra Gardiner, at statenislandalzwalkchair@gmail.com.

AN IGNATIAN APPROACH TO SPIRITUALITY FOR EVERYONE

The 12 Step Program is a powerful way for getting one's life back on track. 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 917-716-6421 for info.

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, September 24 at 10:00am at the Dakota Diner.

FROM THE PASTOR

This coming week will be historic for our nation, our Church, our Cathedral and our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Among the important activities of Pope Francis, perhaps the most significant will be held in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC when Pope Francis will canonize "the evangelist of the West", Junipero Serra.

The following article entitled "A Missionary to the New World" by Fr. Michael Morris, O. P. Professor, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, CA appears in the September issue of *Magnificat*.

followed Christ's mandate to go and baptize all nations, and yet the humble friar Junipero Serra first began his vocation in the Franciscan Order as a successful teacher and preacher before journeying to the New World, where he decided to take up the more dangerous role of missionary. In North America alone, the friars had counted no less than 115 who had sacrificed their lives in the spreading of the Gospel. The Majorcan-born friar adopted the motto Siempre adelante y nunca atras, which translates to "Always go forward and never turn back." He left Cadiz, Spain in 1750 and sailed for Vera Cruz, Mexico, at the age of thirty-six. He then traveled by foot to Mexico City, to the shrine of Guadalupe, so that he could dedicate his work to the Blessed Virgin Mary. For seventeen years he labored in the missions of north-central Mexico, until in 1767, on account of the suppression of the Jesuits, he and his Franciscans were asked to take over their missions in Baja, California.

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In 1769, Spanish interests were threatened by the advance of Russian soldiers heading down the west coast of North America, so Serra was sent to establish missions in Alta, California, with the help of a military expedition led by Gaspar de Portola. By then the middle aged friar was suffering from asthma and an inflamed ulcerated leg, yet he chose to travel by foot and mule rather than sail with the supply ships. Ever confident that the Virgin Mary would help him on his sacred mission, he was given a life-size statue of Our Lady of Bethlehem to take on the journey. Coincidentally, it equaled his own height: 5'2" tall. He gave the statue a place of honor as he established his first mission, San Diego de Alcalá and he took it with him the following year when he established his second mission in Monterey.

California's first martyr

The expedition to California was fraught with peril from the beginning. The supply ships were hampered when their crewmen were decimated by scurvy. While Serra was in Monterey, the mission in San Diego was attacked and burned by Indians. Luis Jayme, another friar from Majorca tried to prevent the attack, and addressed the Indians with a greeting of peace: "Love God, my children!" But they took hold of him, stripped him naked, pierced his torso with eighteen arrows, and pulverized his face with clubs and stones. He was California's first martyr. Upon receiving word of it, Serra declared, "Thanks be to God! Now that the terrain has been watered by blood, the conversion of the Indians will take place." His words were prophetic; for Serra went on to found nine of California's twenty-one missions. He brought about ten percent of California's native population into the Church. He baptized 6,000 and confirmed 5,000, including the three who had murdered Father Jayme, and two others who had instigated the attack in San Diego (for whom Serra had secured a lenient punishment).

Considered by some of his critics to be a strict disciplinarian, Serra was above all the strictest with himself. He wore a hair shirt, regularly lashed himself with iron chains, and beat his chest with a rock, in the manner of Saint Jerome. Siding more often with the Indians than with the military, he moved the mission from Monterey to Carmel in an effort to buffer his spiritual sons and daughters from the bad behavior of the soldiers in the presidio. It was at Carmel that the friar spent his last days, after thirty-five years of exhausting missionary labor, but with the satisfaction of having seen his work take root and flourish.

A memorial painting shows Serra preparing for death beneath the statue of Our Lady of Bethlehem and surrounded by those to whom he ministered and loved: the native Indians, soldiers, and fellow friars. As the Spanish legend at the bottom of the painting records: "...his soul adorned with virtues, he prepared himself for eternity with certain knowledge of his death, for several days earlier he requested a coffin to be made to bury his body. He called Father Palou for his last confession and went to the church to receive Holy Viaticum, and while receiving it, he very melodiously sang the verse of the hymn Tantum ergo Sacramentum. Back in his cell, and seated on a chair, he received the Sacrament of Extreme Unction with much devotion. With the attending priests he prayed the penitential psalms. Later, feeling a disturbance of his spirit, he asked on his knees for them to commend his soul to God. Once the act was finished, he exclaimed with happiness and jubilation, 'Thank God, now there is no fear; I will rest for awhile', and lying down on his bed of boards, he surrendered his soul to the Creator on the 28th of August, 1784."

Fifty years after Serra's death, the Mexican government secularized the missions. The padres and the Indians were driven off the land, and it was sold to the supporters of the revolution. As the missions crumbled to dust, the natives suffered harsh treatment under land-hungry ranchers and miners. Between 1845 and 1880, the California Indian population plummeted from 150,000 to 20,400. Despite that tragic outcome, the missions were eventually rebuilt, and they stand today as testimony not to those who lusted for land and gold but to the fruits of faith brought to California by a diminutive saintly friar.

*St. Junipero Serra,
Pray For Us*

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN