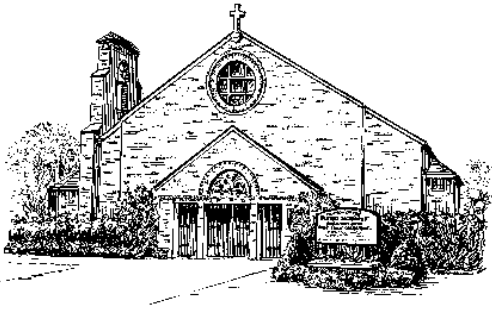


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

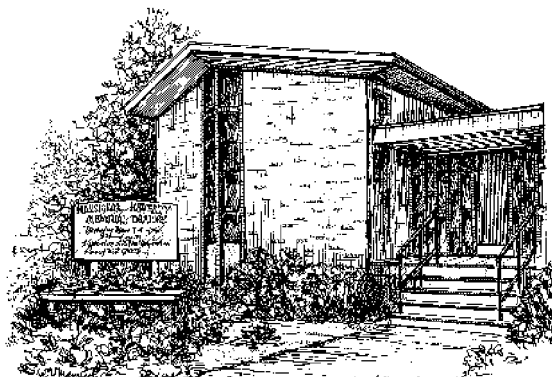
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



BEREAVEMENT MASS

Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Family would like to invite families, relatives, and friends who have lost loved ones during this past year to attend a special Bereavement Mass on November 2nd at 7pm in our church. Also, all others who wish to remember their loved ones are invited to join with us in prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for all our beloved deceased. Following Mass light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB will meet on Thursday, October 29th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Will meet on Wednesday, October 28th at 10am in the Parish House Meeting Room.

ST. JOSEPH GUILD

9:30am Mass on November 1st with meeting to follow in the Parish House Meeting Room.

KIDS ON CAMPUS

St. John's University, 300 Howard Avenue, is holding its annual Halloween Event in the Campus Center Gym on Friday, October 30th from 6pm to 9pm. FREE and open to all families. There will be trick-or-treating, face painting, food and many more fun activities.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6,085 (Weekly)	\$6,093 (Weekly)
\$1,488 (World Mission)	\$1,734 (World Mission)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
733 (Adults)	721 (Adults)
162 (Children)	123 (Children)
895	844

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY MAZZA**

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, 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, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade and Amy Mezzacappa

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Alfred Trovato
9:00 Rita Sykes

TUESDAY

7:00 Alfred Trovato
9:00 Giuseppe Gambino

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Agatino Comigilione
9:00 Dorothy Keenan

THURSDAY

7:00 Michael McCarthy
9:00 Edward McGowan

FRIDAY

7:00 James D. Finn
9:00 Burton Cohen

SATURDAY

9:00 Cornelius O'Leary
5:00 Carlotta Dennie

SUNDAY

8:00 John & Doris O'Toole
9:30 Kevin Flood
12:30 Charles Savron (53rd Anniv.)

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
D. Maj
C. Burns
M. Peries
E. Trentalange
C. Tobias

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & J. Wright
A. Coscia & S. Coscia
P. Thomann & R. Gallop
M. Morgan & T. Sanders
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

**THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**

would like to request that our Parishioners take home a plastic shopping bag (in each pew) and return it next weekend, October 31 and November 1st. The St. Vincent DePaul members will be making many Thanksgiving Baskets and are in need of the following: **Canned** – soups, yams, cranberry sauce, potatoes, milk, tuna, fruit, gravy, tomato sauce; **Boxed** – cereal (both hot & cold), macaroni & cheese, jello, pudding, stuffing mix, pasta, potatoes, rice mixed, cookies, crackers; **And** peanut butter & jelly, coffee, tea and hot chocolate mix. **NO PERISHABLE ITEMS!** Please check expiration dates! We cannot distribute expired food. Please no baby food or items and no dog or cat food.

ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Open House, Sunday November 1st from 1:00 – 4:00pm, 200 Clinton Avenue.

TACHS

The Test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS) will be administered on Friday, November 6th in selected high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Applications for this examination are available in our catholic elementary schools for pupils whom they enroll. Public school students can pick up application forms at their local parish elementary school or any participating high school. Students may also register via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-618-2247.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Final registration for RCIA is October 21st. Anyone who is interested should call the Parish Office at 718-442-1581.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Open House on Sunday, November 1st from 1:00 – 4:00pm, 134 Howard Avenue.

MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Offers two ways to experience Moore Catholic. Shadow Visits and Breakfast with the Principal. Please Contact Mrs. Biserta to RSVP and schedule a visit. Join us on November 15th at 10am, enjoy a complimentary breakfast and meet with teachers and staff. Visit www.morecatholics.org for more info.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are proud to announce that the documentary film they produced entitled “Our Lady of Guadalupe” begins airing across the country this Sunday on ABC affiliated stations. For more info about the film, including broadcast times visit www.guadalupethefilm.com.



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Sunday, November 1st

FROM THE PASTOR

On this last Sunday in October, Priesthood Sunday and National World Youth Day in the U. S., I share with you on behalf of Priesthood and for the enlightened knowledge of youth and adult alike the following article by Michael J. Ortiz in a column entitled House of Worship, a regular weekly feature in the Wall Street Journal. A teacher in Maryland, Mr. Ortiz is the author of “Like the First Morning: the Morning Offering (Ave Maria press, 2015).

“Distorting Christian History to Defend Islam”

In an attempt to find a peaceful alternative for those in the Islamic world who advocate violence for political and religious goals, Christians in the West shouldn't distort the history of Christianity, or stand idly by while others do so. Letting this version of events shape perceptions of Christian history invariably means a portrait of religion as a force of darkness, while science and technology will always be beacons of sanity and light.

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The narrative portraying religious conviction as antithetical to reasoned comity among people and nations is easy enough to fall into. At the national prayer breakfast last week, for instance, President Obama compared the excesses of the Crusades and the Inquisition to the terrorism of today's radical Islam. The President went on to condemn (rightly) those who advance their religious convictions with violence.

But what he and many others miss is the conviction that Western core values come from a faith in which God enters into human history precisely to save the world from the erring reason that fails, among other things, to recognize that terrorism is an affront to God and humanity.

The all-too-common narrative goes like this: Centuries ago, Catholics and Protestants gladly burned heretics up and down Europe by the thousands until, thank God-or All Powerful Goodness, as Ben Franklin would put it-the rise of Enlightenment thinkers banished the barbarity that is somehow native to religious fervor. Only with the liberalizing mandates of Vatican II (1962-65), we're told, did Catholicism-usually the main boogeyman in this version of history-come to grips with the idea of democracy and religious freedom, and finally extinguish the last embers of the Inquisition.

This narrative is false according to the historical record and to the origins and abiding ethos of Christianity, Catholic and Protestant. Historians call this the la leyenda negra-the "Black Legend"-because it blackens the name of Catholicism in particular and religion in general. According to this legend, the Inquisition is on a continuum with the Holocaust and the terrors of Stalinism.

Yet objective historians realize that in the most infamous example, in Spain, several popes condemned the Inquisition's excesses. Moreover, the 6,832 members of the clergy executed by the Spanish Republican Red Terror in 1936 is more than twice the number of those executed in 345 years of the Inquisition in Spain.

Far from being an enemy of reason and peace, Christianity's overwhelming message through the centuries has been one of tolerance, a message that underpins many of the values that people of all faiths, and of no faith, can live by. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's work as a theologian has done great service in trying to correct the erroneous view that faith and civil tolerance must always be opposed.

He looks forthrightly at the negative aspects of the rise of democracies in the West, while not forgetting their positive legacies. As then-Pope Benedict pointed out in a 2005 address to the Roman Curia-the church's governing body-popes of the 19th century condemned democracy because so many of its exponents were claiming "to embrace with their knowledge the whole of reality to its limit, stubbornly proposing to make" God completely "superfluous". He thus reminds us that a Western culture beset by nihilism cannot provide a way out of the nihilism of the jihadist.

If we say to followers of Islam that the only way to rid the faith of extremists is to accept "modernity," are we also asking them to accept a world view that embraces a growing agnosticism about the fundamentals of civilized living?

While we celebrate our freedoms, such freedoms also give us rampant abortion, commercialized eroticism and laws that make marriage anything one wishes it to mean. If we want the Muslim world to emulate our institutions of democracy, perhaps we should give them reasons for believing that democracy, doesn't automatically have to jettison publicly held moralities that actually ensure those freedoms in the first place.

Benedict XVI! Saw with his own eyes a Europe in flames after the Allies defeated Hitler's self-made religion of blood. Yet he rightly remembered in that 2005 address the hope of the mid-20th century for a state that was "not neutral regarding values but alive, drawing from the great ethical sources opened by Christianity." If we betray his hope today, it will not only be the West that suffers.

Let us heed, be aware, pray and work for peace – TOGETHER.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN