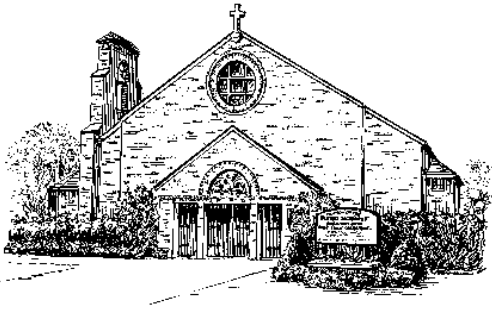


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

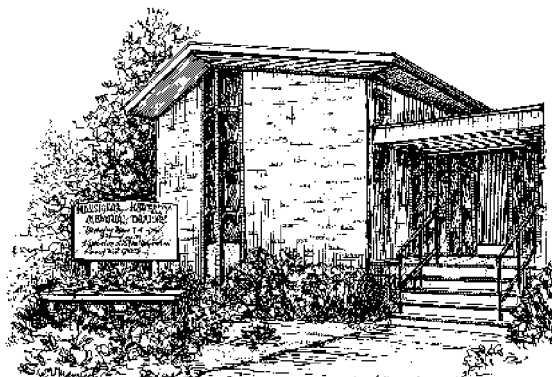
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



**NOVEMBER
MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

Throughout the month of November, we remember the intentions of the Holy Souls who look to us for our prayers. All Souls Novena Intention Envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church and can be returned in the collection basket.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOPS

As we begin the month of November, we enter a season of thankfulness. You are invited to share in some thoughtful reflections on the gifts of prayer and worship. Please join us for one or all of the Adult Faith Formation Workshops being presented on Thursday evenings in the Parish House Meeting Room: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 and 12/3. The workshops begin a 7pm. No registration needed. Any questions, please contact Chris Wodzinski at 917-662-9390.

EGER HOLIDAY FAIR

The Annual Eger Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Eger Health Care & Rehabilitation Center located on Lighthouse Hill at the corner of Rockland Avenue and Manor Road.

FLU SHOT

Arm Yourself with a flu shot so you can stay healthy. Sunday, Nov. 8th, from 8:30am – 12:15pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Church vestibule. Cost: Most insurance accepted, Vouchers available. Please bring your insurance card and Medicare card (if applicable).

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

Families, parishes, schools and other Catholic groups can participate in National Bible Week, November 15-21, with resources provided in English and Spanish and available on the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The theme of the observance is "The Bible: A Book for the Family." www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$5,123 (Weekly)	\$6,679 (Weekly)
\$1,478 (Respect Life)	\$1,721 (Respect Life)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
712 (Adults)	738 (Adults)
136 (Children)	143 (Children)
848	881

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, 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 Msgr. James J. Dorney, Robert Reuss and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 All Souls Novena
9:00 All Souls Novena

TUESDAY

7:00 Frances Aviles (22nd Anniv.)
9:00 Alex Roskowinski

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Marie McCormack
9:00 Mildred Kerr

THURSDAY

7:00 Sr. Una McCormack
9:00 James King

FRIDAY

7:00 Marielena O'Rourke
9:00 Gertrude DeShong

SATURDAY

9:00 Kathleen Adams
5:00 Nicholas M. Santoriello

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade
9:30 Thomas F. Kenny, Jr. (8th Anniv.)
12:30 Mary & Stephen Coyne

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

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 8	R. Helbock	V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team 9	R. Griswold	A. & S. Coscia
9:30 AM	Team 10	M. Boyd	A. Morrell & W. Boyd
11:00 AM	Team 6	E. Trentalange	M. Peralta & M. McKeever
12:30 PM	Team 7	C. Tobias	M. Morgan & E. Laub



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TITAN LEAGUE

The Titan League will be holding registration for High School Basketball on November 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the Blessed Sacrament Gym. Registration is open for girls and boys grades 9-12. The fee is \$270 and is due at registration. Any questions contact BSSTitanbasketball@gmail.com

COLUMBIETTES - Auxiliary of the Fr. John C. Drumgoole Knights of Columbus

– Get a “jump” on your Christmas gift shopping! Come to our annual indoor Fair on Sunday, November 22nd 9:30am to 4:00pm. Tables will feature dolls, ceramics, Avon, jewelry and more! Refreshments and fresh baked goods will be available too! Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council Hall, 397 Clarke Avenue. For more info, please call Dot at 718-698-0673

NIGHTFEVER NYC

Nightfever NYC is coming back to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Nov. 20th. Before we kick off the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at St. Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Ave.) We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer starts at 7pm and ends at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. For more info, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com

BLESSED SACRAMENT MOTHERS' GUILD

Invites you to DINE OUT Wednesday, Nov. 4th at O'Neill's, 1614 Forest Ave. 20% of your food bill gets donated back to the school. **YOU MUST MENTION BSS!** Dine in only. Open 11am – 10pm Be sure to make a reservation. Any questions, contact Lisa Bifalco 917-566-0406 or Stefanie Murray 917-335-6616

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court St. Clare meets the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Nov. 3rd at 12noon in the Msgr. Murphy Meeting Room, lower level of the St. Clare Lady Chapel, 110 Nelson Ave. New Members from all parishes are welcome! Please contact St. Clare's parish office for more information: 718-984-7873.

ST. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP

Our next workshop will be Nov. 19th in the Presentation Center Dining Room at St. Clare's. Time: 7:30pm Entrance: 169 Lindenwood Road “Interviewing” will be led by Holly Block, Assistant Director of Recruitment at the College of Staten Island/CUNY

WHITE MASS

Reminder – The White Mass celebrating the contributions of health care workers of all faiths will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7:30pm. Reception in the Gym will follow.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

St. Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road on Thursday, November 19, at 7:15pm Father Brendan Gormley, new pastor, will discuss why the Eucharist is so vital to Christian living. A canned food collection will be taken, please be generous.

MOTHERS' GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Annual Christmas Fair, “Santa's Workshop” will be held: Friday, Nov. 13th - 9:00am to 3:00pm Saturday, Nov. 14th 12Noon – 5:00pm and Sunday, Nov. 15th 9:00am – 4:00pm.

The fair will have tables selling raffles, 50/50, chance books, baked goods, crafts and fun activities for the kids! We hope you join us!

TEEN GROUP

Pope Francis Mugs are available for sale 1 for \$4 or 3 for \$10 at the Parish House. Meeting Nov. 1 at 5pm in the Parish House Meeting Room.

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FROM THE PASTOR

November is the month of Remembrance. On the very first day we celebrate and remember "All Saints" those canonized by the church and all good people, our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died in Christ. The second day of the month, "All Souls" is our opportunity to personalize and remember our specific loved ones while praying for all the souls in Purgatory. These two annual celebrations by us, the living, represent the doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

Communion of Saints, an endless circle or love-ring representing the Souls in Heaven, the Souls in Purgatory and us, the souls journeying here on Earth.

With that awareness, perhaps we might consider "The Purpose of Death".

The following article by Fr. James Smith entitled "Purpose of Death" in Celebration. I find thought provoking and inspiring. Perhaps you will find it likewise?

Lazarus died, was raised to life and died again. Did he thank Jesus for his efforts? We don't know. We don't even know how we would feel about a second chance at life-and death. Along with other mysterious things, we don't know what to do with death. We alternate between making too much of it, or too little.

We must respect the awesome power of death. It is more than the destruction of our material body; it is also the dissolution of our spiritual self. It is our final act, the cancellation of all our hopes, the cooling of our hot desires, the last gasp of love.

And to what do we owe this terrible end of all our striving? We could just say that the body breaks down. We could call it fate. But we know that isn't quite true. Let us not be afraid to assign blame. Let us dare to say it our loud: the cause of our death is God. God designed us to die, God allows us to die, God condemns us to death.

Why would a good God do such an awful thing? Why should the God of life not want his favorite creature to live forever? Everything that exists has some goodness or it would not have anything to hold it together. But what could death possibly be good for?

At the physical level, death gives us a well-earned rest from our life-long labor. No matter how fitfully we cling to life, most people are finally grateful to give up a painful, fruitless struggle. In a sober mood, Mark Twain wrote: "Those who live long enough know what a debt we owe Adam for bringing death into the world."

On the psychological level, death is what gives poignancy and ecstasy to life. As Jupiter sighed to Mercury, "We gods miss something, that intimation of mortality, that sweet sadness of grasping something you cannot hold." If we did not experience death as one door after another closing, open doors would mean nothing. If we did not sense that death is the cancellation of all possibilities, we would not bother to hope for the impossible. The possibility of death at any moment is what energizes our life on earth.

On the moral level, death is the culmination of all our ethical activity. If there were no final choice, no last chance, no due date, then we would never become anyone, would always be an unfinished story. Death gives us control over the conclusion of our autobiography-whether our life is ultimately a comedy or a tragedy.

The personal dimension of death is the most important. We are an amalgam of body and spirit. Death is the final dialogue between the two. As Emily Dickinson wrote: "Dissolve," says dust. The spirit says, "Sir, I have another trust." But more important than that internal conversation is the dialogue between the dying self and the living God.

God made each one of us to live with God forever, face to face. But we cannot know God in that intimate way in our earthly condition. God is Spirit, and if we want to know God as God really is, then we have to know God in Spirit. We must let God translate our story into divine language. We must walk through that final closed door.

If we respect the mystery of death without being paralyzed by it, we realize that the purpose of death is to recycle our earthly experience into a form transferable to heaven, and to transform our imperfect self into someone capable of enjoying the personal friendship of God. Now, death, where is thy sting?

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN