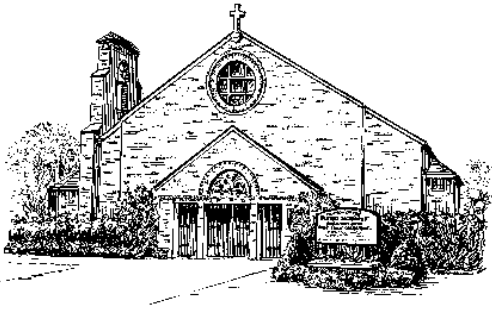


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

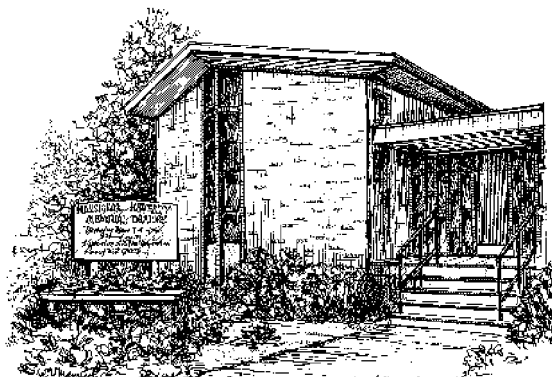
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



CCD

Attention Parents of Private School Students
 Kindly note the following dates:
 February 24, 2016 - First Reconciliation
 May 7, 2016 - First Eucharist
 October 8, 2016 - Sacrament of Confirmation
 Please note that private school children must be registered in order to be a part of the Sacrament program here at Blessed Sacrament. To register, please call the Faith Formation office at 718-448-0378 as soon as possible.

Welcome New Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Picaro

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Allen

OUR VISITORS: We thank you for celebrating the Holy Eucharist with us this weekend. If you are visiting, we pray that you had a wonderful visit. If you are new to the area and are considering Blessed Sacrament as your Parish Family, please stop by the Parish Office to register. Or, go to our website, click on the Parish Registration Form link, print out a Registration Form and return your completed form to us in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please help us keep our records up-to-date. Be sure to notify the Parish Office if you are moving or have a new phone number. Thank you.

FRANCIS, OUR POPE

Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments and other Christmas gifts are available for sale at the website: PopeFrancisNYC.org. Don't miss your opportunity to give a gift that will be treasured for years to come.

MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 10am to 5pm. Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per family. 80+ vendors, raffles and homemade baked goods. Free parking, 2900 Amboy Road.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2015	2014
\$6,714(Weekly)	\$7,723 (Weekly)
\$2,287 <Thanksgiving Programs>	\$2,156

ATTENDANCE

2015	2014
725 (Adults)	790 (Adults)
151(Children)	178 (Children)
876	968

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, 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 Elizabeth Widmayer and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Alfred Trovato
 9:00 Lorraine Beagen

TUESDAY

7:00 Joseph Amato
 9:00 Pedro Maghuyop

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Ana Lilia Herrera (3rd Anniv.)
 9:00 Margaret Kaltenmeier

THURSDAY

7:00 Nellie Dicks
 9:00 Kenneth Finnerty

FRIDAY

7:00 Wayne Norman
 9:00 Nora & Bernard Byrne

SATURDAY

9:00 Florence Abbate
 5:00 Mimi Guerriero

SUNDAY

8:00 Anna LoCasto
 9:30 Josephine Sclafani
 12:30 Larry Puca & Carmela & Anthony Sofio

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

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2015**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil Team 7
 8:00 AM Team 8
 9:30 AM Team 9
 11:00 AM Team 10
 12:30 PM Team 6

LECTORS

Sr. Anne Dolores
 P. Thomann
 M. Peries
 M. Conigatti
 T. Sanders

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

K. Byrne & N. Mata
 E. Hodgens & S. Coscia
 R. Gallop & K. Falcone
 E. Checkett & G. Checkett
 E. Laub & H. Wodzinski

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 SENIORS

Will meet in the Parish Center Meeting Room on Monday, Nov. 16th at 1:15pm.

SENIOR SPIRITUALITY GROUP will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 10am in the Nurse's Room

SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION+OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL+ST. BENEDICTA PARISH

Dear Msgr. Finn,

Please extend my deepest thanks to your parishioners for the sizeable donation of food that was delivered to our church today!

We are in the midst of a food drive for Thanksgiving so the donation arrived at the perfect time. It will help us to be more generous in what we offer our families.

Your parishioners will be in my prayers in this wonderful season of Thanksgiving!

Warmest Regards,
 Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J.
 Pastor

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN GROUP

Will meet on Nov. 15th at 4:30pm in the Parish House Meeting Room

ST. PETER-ASSUMPTION-ST.PAUL

Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sat., Nov. 21st from 10am to 4pm at 129 Clinton Avenue. There will be numerous vendors and many raffle baskets. The North Pole Café is open for breakfast and lunch. Santa will visit from 1 to 3pm with a free gift for each child. For more info, call 718-447-6362.

St. John Villa Academy

Presents

"Seussical the Musical"

Nov. 19th at 7:00pm, Nov. 20th at 7pm & Nov. 21st at 2pm and 7pm, in the Gym, 25 Landis Avenue.
 Admission: \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door.
 For reservations or info call Irma Cruz at 718-442-6240 Ext. 170 or e-mail at icruz@siva.org.

GIVEN

The Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum – Cultivating authentic femininity for the life of the Church. Is being sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious in collaboration with the Hilton Foundation, this event will help unleash the gifts of young women within the Catholic Church. GIVEN will bring 300 rising leaders, selected by application, together with Religious and lay leaders from various disciplines for a full scholarship, week-long immersion in faith formation, leadership skills training and networking. **Apply now** at givenforum.org. Women who are accepted to attend will receive a scholarship covering the cost of the Forum, including food, lodging and travel. Deadline for applications is Feb. 2, 2016. Date: June 7-12 at Catholic University of America

BABY SHOWER

Good Counsel Homes are in need of Diapers & Baby Wipes. Please consider donating one or more packs of diapers (newborn to size 6) and/or baby wipes. Drop-off the items at 326 Hart Ave. on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd between 2 – 7pm. If you can't deliver, contact "Hart & Soul" to arrange pick-up.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING MASS

All Blessed Sacrament parishioners, families and friends are invited to attend our Family Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 24th at 7pm in the church.

TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB

Will meet this month on Thursday, November 19th at 10am at the Dakota Diner.

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FROM THE PASTOR

With the current release of a movie pertaining to the tragedy of 2002 focusing on the Sexual Abuse of minors that revealed “the failings of some Catholic leaders at the time to respond appropriately to this horrific crime and sin,” Sr. Patricia Anastasio, chairperson of the New York Archdiocese’s Advisory Review Board, which investigates allegations of sexual misconduct writes as Guest Columnist in the Editorial Page of the Daily News, November 7, 2015.

I believe it important for us to read Sr. Anastasio’s statement entitled: “Our duty to victims of priest sex abuse.”

The movie “Spotlight,” in theaters Friday, is refocusing the public’s attention on sexual abuse of minors and the failings of some Catholic Church leaders at the time to respond appropriately to this horrific crime and sin. While I have not yet seen the film, I have heard many positive things about it – even from a reviewer at Vatican Radio! – and I look forward to seeing it soon.

Catholic or otherwise, all of our eyes should be wide open to this story. It is wrenching but necessary truth to absorb.

It might at first seem odd to say, but we as a church owe a tremendous debt to the journalists – not only in Boston, but here at the Daily News, and at hundreds of other newspapers, radio stations and TV newsrooms – who exposed a serious and nauseating problem that needed to change.

The media scrutiny led to important reforms, and a vastly improved response to the evil of sexual abuse of minors, not just in the Catholic Church and other faiths, but a public elementary and secondary schools, sports leagues, the Boy Scouts and other institutions.

I’m tempted to say we learned a painful lesson, but I recognize that the pain experienced by the victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse far outweighs the sorrow and shame we feel as a church.

Since 2002, in the New York Archdiocese, we have adhered to a zero-tolerance policy – permanently removing any priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer who is found to have sexually abused a minor at any time. As someone who has spent most of her career as a teacher and principal in inner-city elementary schools and as the current chair of the Archdiocesan Review Board, which examines allegations of sexual abuse by clergy after the allegations have gone to the proper civil authorities, it is my responsibility to make sure that we do not back away from this policy.

Since the early 2000s, the New York Archdiocese has, like other dioceses in New York and around the country, conducted background checks on tens of thousands of volunteers, staff and priests who might interact with children. We participate in annual independent compliance audits to ensure our parishes, pastors, teachers and volunteers are following the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the nation’s bishops in 2002. We have consistently been found to be in compliance with the provisions of that charter.

In fact, Dr. Paul McHugh, a leading expert on sexual abuse at Johns Hopkins University, who helped the bishops implement their strict procedures, has noted that today the Catholic Church is one of the safest places for children and minors.

Though isolated incidents continue to grab headlines today, the church has been working tirelessly to create a culture of accountability for adults and protection for children that is among the most robust of any institution in the country.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the Catholic Bishops of New York State are serious about protecting children from sexual abuse, not only in Catholic settings but throughout society. They support legislative efforts that would extend civil and criminal statutes of limitations going forward, wherever the abuse occurred, so survivors have more time to seek justice, as well as expanded mandated reporting laws that would include clergy and other professions, and mandatory background checks and safe environment training in any organization, public or private, where adults interact with children.

Having others focus intensely on your flaws is not pleasant, but bringing mistakes and shortcomings into the light is an important first step in fixing what is broken in ourselves and our institutions. I hope and pray that “Spotlight” will remind us of our need to never be afraid to face the truth and do everything in our power to protect God’s children placed in our care.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN