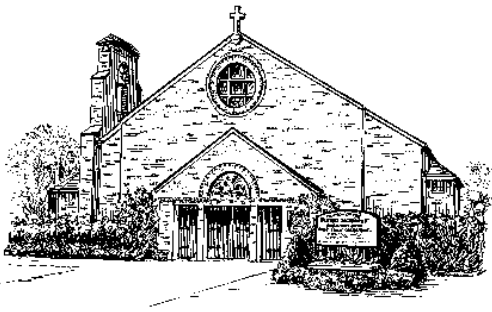


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

January 24, 2016



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 Tuesday 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

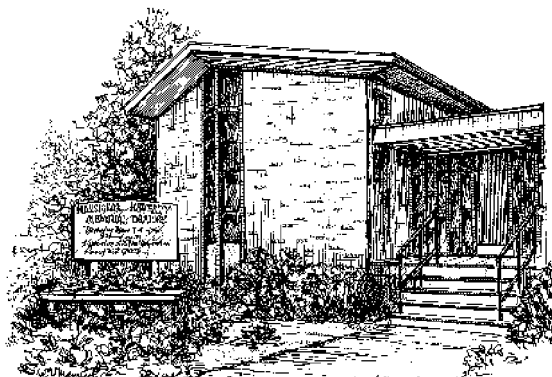
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Released on June 18, 2015, Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home highlights several basic teachings. First, the destruction of God's creation, and specifically climate change, is a moral issue. Second, there is an integral connection between our destruction of "Mother Earth" and the suffering of the poor, especially those in developing countries. Finally, immediate actions are required, by individuals, who must change their lives, and by the community of nations. Father James Martin, S.J. explores these teachings in a four-minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_lqFTYLc_4 or google "James Martin video Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Laudate Si".

Stress in Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriage. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with 6 follow-up sessions. The next weekend is February 5-7, 2016 to Register call: Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671
Weekend is sponsored by Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Family Life.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity are in need of wool and crocheters. If you can help in any way, please contact Joann Pastore at 718-494-2024. Thank you.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$ 6,066	\$4,646
\$ 2,342 <Debt Reduction>	\$1,462
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
815 (Adults)	627 (Adults)
171 (Children)	138 (Children)
986	765

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TIMOTHY HURLEY**

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, 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, 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, Amy Mezzacappa, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza and Brian Nelson

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 John Cardinal O'Connor
9:00 Eileen M. Strom (Living)

TUESDAY

7:00 Miguel Calamba
9:00 John O'Toole

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Rev. Robert Navins
9:00 Kathleen Ward

THURSDAY

7:00 Eileen Scamardella
9:00 Gertrude Falcicchio

FRIDAY

7:00 James T. Smith (Living)
9:00 Michelle Connors Tellefsen (4th Anniv.)

SATURDAY

9:00 Burton Cohen
5:00 Norma Affronti

SUNDAY

8:00 Sarolta Schitbeck
9:30 John Jones
12:30 Pedro Maghuyop

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 31, 2016

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 6	J. Hanson	T. Sanders & M. Peralta
8:00 AM	Team 7	D. Maj	S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
9:30 AM	Team 8	M. Boyd	B. Collorec & W. Boyd
11:00 AM	Team 9	A. Luffey	M. McKeever & M. Morgan
12:30 PM	Team 10	T. Sanders	K. Byrne & E. Laub

FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS PREGNANCY

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy please contact your local Pregnancy Center...You may contact the sisters of Life **Visitation Mission** to pregnant women (212)737-0221 or toll free (877)777-1277 or <http://visitationcenterus.org/>. The Visitation Mission is a mission of love, in person and by phone, to vulnerable, pregnant women. By providing the emotional and practical resources a woman needs, the Sisters offer an opportunity for women to be able to respond with courage and dignity at one of life's most difficult moments.

THE TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB will meet on Thursday, January 28th at 10:00am at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

RED CROSS HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS EVENT

On Feb. 6th the American Red Cross will be installing free smoke alarms for residents in West Brighton. Anyone interested in volunteering to help at this event should contact Travis Tam at 646-584-1323 or email: Travis.Tam@redcross.org Training will be given before the event. Roles include: Smoke Alarm Installer, Fire Safety Educator and Documenter.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN

Sunday, Jan. 24th – Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016

Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Do your part to make sure no hungry neighbor is turned away. Please contribute non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STATEMENT OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015, PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO THE PARISH HOUSE OFFICE. STATEMENTS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED UPON REQUEST AND WITH PRIOR NOTICE. STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF JANUARY.

Please mail my Statement of Contributions made to Blessed Sacrament Parish for the Year 2015.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Envelope Number _____

WAY OF THE CROSS

For over 30 years Pax Christi Metro New York has walked The Good Friday Way of the Cross praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. Join with us as we reflect on Living Lives of Mercy with Care and Compassion. The Walk will take place from 8:30am to 12noon on Good Friday, March 25th. We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th St. at First Ave.) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Ave. **Please wear or carry a cross.** For more info, call 212-420-0250 or info@nypaxchristi.org.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. If you wish to make an appointment with the Parish Nurse, Peggy Smith, please call her at 718-447-9657.

FROM THE PASTOR

One of the amazing consequences of the Journey In Faith of the People of God over the past 50 years has been the amazing impact of the Holy Spirit, invisible but ever a reality on the mission of the Catholic Church and all of Christianity engaging the challenge of contemporary society.

Leadership is ever a challenge and a gift. Never has leadership been more challenging, inspiring and intriguing for our Church and our world than our current shepherd Francis.

Unique to the Papacy in the 20th Century was his predecessor Pope St. John XXIII who opened the window and heart of the Church to the People of God far and wide. In succession Pope St. John Paul II; Benedict XVI; and Francis. Together, like the Four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, each in their own gifted grace-filled way have proclaimed ever old, ever new, the message of Jesus to our contemporary, complex, catapulting world of struggling human beings.

We reflect now on our current Holy Father, who has amazed the world at large not to mention the Catholic

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Community. Biagio Mazza, author and adult formation coordinator writes for Celebration.

The Francis Effect Vatican II and a more humble church

Since his first public exposure to the world on that Spirit-filled day of March 13, 2013, Pope Francis has not only proclaimed a more humble church but has also visibly incarnated it in his own words, thoughts and actions. From his simple “Good evening” to his request for the people to bless him before he imparted his own blessing; from his austere white cassock to his ordinary living quarters – Francis has conveyed a sense of how he understands his role as bishop of Rome and head of the universal church.

Francis emphasis on being a servant disciple imitates Jesus, who did not “regard equality with God something to be grasped...rather, he emptied himself” (Phil 2:6-7) in order to give of himself completely for others. This is the essence of being a follower of Christ.

Such is the vision of ministry that Lumen Gentium, the “Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” announced to the whole people of God:

Christ is the light of humanity; and, accordingly, it is the heart felt desire of this sacred council, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, that by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all people the light of Christ that shines our visibly from the church.” (Lumen Gentium #1)

As a product of Vatican II’s vision of both church and ministry, Francis is very aware that the church must be both an Ecclesia docens and an Ecclesia discens, a church that teaches and at the same time a church that listens and learns.

Historically, especially in the last few hundred years, the hierarchical church has been more attuned to its role as teacher than its corresponding duty to listen and to learn from itself and others. Triumphalism and clericalism are such strong temptations for the hierarchical church that it often strays from its true mission to service all God’s people. Claims that the Catholic church is the only path to God, and that its ordained ministers are the only true dispensers of God’s grace, have not allowed much room to consider other perspectives or other ways that God might be speaking or operating in the world.

Francis consistently challenges this way of being church. In the spirit of Vatican II, Francis has highlighted a humble church whose shepherds must be so attuned to the needs of their sheep that they take on “the smell of the sheep.” Francis has frequently addressed the temptation of clericalism and its attraction to privilege, prestige and honor, which so easily distracts church officials from their true mission to serve God’s people. Jesus’ deliberate self-emptying is a model for leadership that is directed to the church itself, calling the ordained to engage in constant conversion, self-examination and reform as the only way to be faithful witnesses to the mind and heart of Jesus.

Since the time of Emperor Constantine (272-337), the church as perceived itself as a monarchy, taking the structure of a pyramid, with the pope, bishops and clergy at the top, with all authority and decision-making reserved exclusively to themselves. Pope Francis gave a talk last October on the 50th anniversary of the institution of the synod of bishops in which he turned the pyramid model of church upside down. “Consequently, Francis said in that talk, “those who exercise authority are called ‘ministers’ because, in the original meaning of the word, they are the least of all.” He told the bishops never to forget that for disciples of Jesus, “the only authority is the authority of service, the only power is the power of the cross.”

This inverted model of leadership goes to the heart of the reform initiated by Vatican II. Pope Francis envisions the church as a community that listens to God speaking both in the church and outside the church, through world events, science, art, music and culture, the full voice of human experience informed and graced by the Incarnation. A church turned in on itself quickly loses its sense of mission and then its identity, its reason for existing. If the church only speaks to itself, it loses its relevance and effective influence among the other global institutions shaping the world.

Only when the church is attentive to the signs of the times and the sensus fidelium – the experience and wisdom of the entire People of God – can it be sure that it is being guided by the Holy Spirit. “dialogue” was one of the watchwords of Vatican II. The church hears the authentic voice of God only by engaging with the world, by listening to other Christian groups and other religious traditions and even those who profess no religion, for the Spirit is not controlled by any one group, but blows wherever it wills.

GOD BLESS YOU
MSGR. FINN