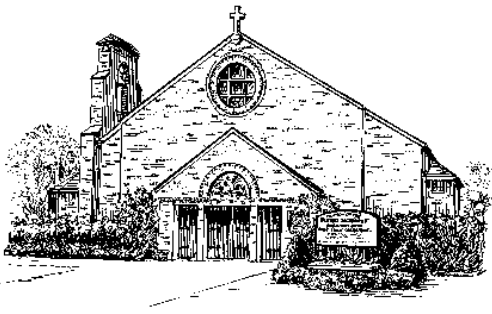


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

MARCH 6, 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

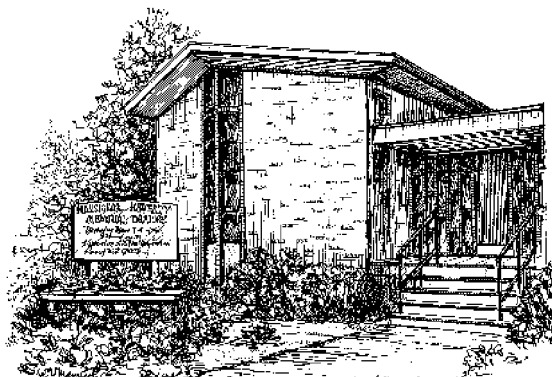
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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

In his widely praised encyclical, "*Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home*," Pope Francis challenges us to make integral ecology and care for the poor central to Christian spirituality and religious education. To deepen your own understanding of these crucial matters as well as the understanding of your brothers and sisters, Google: **USCCB Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home.Discussion Guide.**" Consider using this guide in meetings of your parish ministries or forming a group to study *Laudato Si'* using this guide.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Congratulations to our RCIA members Jennie Daly, Lamar Krit, Matthew Krit, Michael Lufrano, Janine Priore who along with their sponsors participated in the Rite of Election Ceremony at Our Lady of Pity on Feb. 20th. We ask your continued prayers for each of them as they prepare for full participation in our Catholic Church which will take place during our Easter Vigil here at Blessed Sacrament.

The children of Blessed Sacrament School of Religious Education joined together to celebrate this Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on Feb. 28th as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Oct. 8, 2016. We ask you to support them in faith, prayer and good example as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament or Confirmation.

2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL
ENRICHING OUR YOUTH THROUGH FAITH AND TEACHING

The schools in the *Department of Education* serve more than 88,000 students in rural, urban and suburban settings. In addition to coursework in Catholic religious and sacramental preparation, the schools also provide young people with service opportunities.

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY
www.cardinalsappeal.org

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
2016	2015
\$ 7,012	\$ 7,084
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
2016	2015
927 (Adults)	867 (Adults)
203 (Children)	162 (Children)
1,130	1,029

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 VINCENT CATALDO**

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, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, 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, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan and Julia Micol

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul of James Boland, Sr. and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Victoria Finn (Living)
 9:00 Vito Peragino
 7:00 Cynthia Gombalski

TUESDAY

7:00 James F. Boland, Sr.
 9:00 Dorothy Parisi
 7:00 Doreen Diaz

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Gerry Scotti (Living)
 9:00 Vincent Cataldo
 7:00 Kitty Birrane

THURSDAY

7:00 Intentions to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 9:00 Robert & Jeanette McKeever & Family
 7:00 John Murphy

FRIDAY

7:00 Rev. Edmund Connors
 9:00 Timothy Hurley, Sr. (5th Anniv.)
 7:00 Catherine Coyne & Cornelius Sullivan

SATURDAY

9:00 Msgr. James Vaughey (Living)
 5:00 John O'Toole

SUNDAY

8:00 Christopher Biggs
 9:30 Joseph Morrell
 12:30 Annette Palmieri

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 13, 2016

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	8
8:00 AM	Team	9
9:30 AM	Team	10
11:00 AM	Team	6
12:30 PM	Team	7

<u>LECTORS</u>
J. Hanson
R. Griswold
R. Salaycik
J. Pace
L. Pillarella

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & N. Mata
A. Coscia & E. Hodgens
B. Collorec & A. Morrell
M. McKeever & M. Congatti
H. Wodzinski & T. Sanders

REGIONAL DAYS OF MERCY

The Cardinal is hosting a "Regional Days of Mercy" as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at **Our Lady of Pity**, 1616 Richmond Road on **March 12th**. This event, which begins at 2:30pm, will include a talk from a missionary of mercy, a reflection from Cardinal Dolan, witness testimonies to the power of mercy, confession, and information about how to get involved in the corporal works of mercy. The Cardinal will close the day by celebrate the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm and there will be a light reception to follow. All are most welcome.

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.

ANNUAL ACIES – THE LEGION OF MARY

March 13, 3:00pm at St. Christopher's, 130 Midland Ave. The Staten Island Curia of the Legion of Mary invites all of its members, families and friends to gather in unity for the solemn expression and renewal of our individual and collective declaration of loyalty to Our Blessed Mother. Please join us for the Acies Ceremony. It is essential for all members of the Legion of Mary to make a special effort to attend this annual function. All are welcome.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE

Assisted suicide continues to be in the forefront of legislative issues being considered in Albany. Some claim it is simply "medical assistance in dying" and not suicide. But what is really at stake here? Join us as we host Educational Evenings throughout the Archdiocese to learn the facts. We will look at the actual legislation and all of its medical, legal and ethical implications. Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese with main speaker, Ed Mechmann, Esq Public Policy Director and Sr. Lucy Marie, Respect Life Coordinator. Mon., April 18th 7:30-9pm at St. Charles School auditorium, 200 Penn Ave.

MOTHERS' GUILD DINE-OUT

On **Wed., March 9th** dine out at PepperJack Grill, 316 Manor Road, starting at 12 Noon and 10% of your bill will be donated to our school. Just tell them you are there to support Blessed Sacrament School.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PRAYER GROUP

March meeting will be held at Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road on Sat., March 12th in the basement meeting room. We gather after the 8:30 Mass and begin prayer at 9:30.

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS Will be presented by the High School Group on Friday, March 18th and Good Friday, March 25th at 7:30pm in the Church.

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, March 25th, participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn at 10:00am After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30pm. At each station, there will be readings front he Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. For more info: call Communion and Liberation at 212-337-3580 or visit: www.wocbrooklynbridge.org.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30pm or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

SENIOR SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Meeting Wed., March 9th at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

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FROM THE PASTOR

High noon and it's the first Sunday in March and the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Staten Island. From Hart Blvd. down Forest Avenue with marching bands, floats, dancers, pipers and drums, top hats and balloons the march will wend its way past the receiving stand in front of Blessed Sacrament Church to the end of the march by Jewett Ave.

Much earlier at 9:30am members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Grand Marshall and Aides and a host of Faithful Sons and Daughters of the GAEL will commence the day's celebration and that of Patrick's month at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, Bishop John J. O'Hara accompanied by concelebrating priests of the Parish and other visitors will pray God's blessing on all present and intentions for all alive and deceased that their faith, hope, love and service will be paramount during this Eucharistic celebration, the month of Patrick, the Year of Mercy and beyond.

Celebrated in memory will be the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising with prayers for all who died seeking freedom and for all who alive today continue to seek peace and justice for all in Ireland and the world of men and women, girls and boys made in the image and likeness of God with resolute and committed peaceful means.

A day of prayer – God willing, and from a human perspective one of joy and celebration, one of laughter, moderation and safe conclusion for one and all.

Corn beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, Guinness and the like in fraternal and peaceful joy will mark God willing a grand day that opened in morning prayer and concluded in peaceful compline (night prayer) that is the Catholic, Christian, Irish, American way – God help us!

Be Happy, Be Well, Be Safe.

Be the best you always are and

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always
at your back
May the sun shine warm
upon your face
May the rains fall soft upon
your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm
of His hand.

God bless you.

SLAINTE GAEL

Msgr. Finn