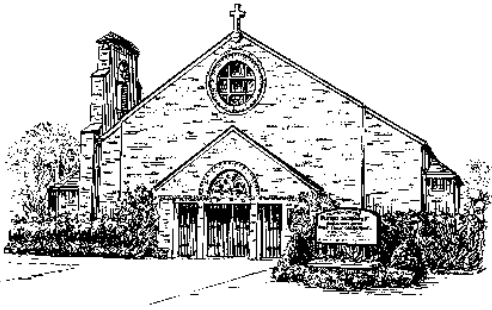


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

April 17, 2016

Staten Island, New York 10310



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

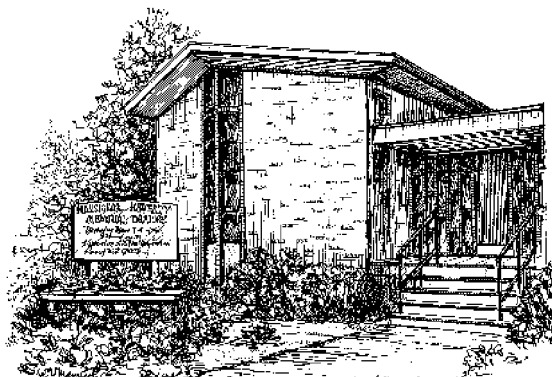
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION
NEW STUDENTS ONLY

Registration for all new students of the Faith Formation Program (CCD) will take place on Sunday, April 17th 2016 from 11:00am until 1:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Meeting Room. Please use the Greenleaf Avenue parking lot entrance. Families must be registered with Blessed Sacrament Church. If you are not already registered, kindly call the Parish House at 718-442-1581 during business hours to register. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and if your child is in an upper grade, proof of Reconciliation and First Communion. Registration fee is \$25.00 per family and can be paid in cash or by check. Checks are payable to Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Program. Grades 1 to 5 meet on Wednesdays from 2:00pm until 3:30pm; and Grades 6 through 8 likewise meet on Wednesdays from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Any questions or concerns please call our office at 718-448-3090. Thank you.
 Sr. Anne Delores C.S.JB.

ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The encyclical Laudato Si' calls for immediate and difficult changes in each of us, our country and the nations of the world, including changes in our personal lifestyles, in business practices and national policies. It is a message we don't always want to hear or heed. Pope Francis asks each of us and all of us to make some sacrifice for a better, more compassionate world. Let us be thankful for his leadership and courage, and pray for a "conversion of heart" in ourselves and in our national and world leaders, that we and they will be open to his message and willing to take the needed steps to protect our common home.

EDUCATIONAL EVENING

An educational evening on Opposing Assisted Suicide, Monday, April 18th from 7:30-9pm, in the auditorium of St. Charles School, 200 Penn Avenue. RSVP required to Sr. Lucy.Marie@ArchNY.org.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$ 6908 (Weekly)	\$6423 (Weekly)
\$ 2232 <Military Services	\$2972 <Monthly
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
799 (Adults)	799 (Adults)
210 (Children)	192 (Children)
1,009	991

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, 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, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Larry Taylor, Vincent Crispino and MaryAnn & Danny Brown.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Loretta Ryan
 9:00 Jerome Uy

TUESDAY

7:00 John Borkowski
 9:00 Deceased members of Salaycik Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Msgr. John A. Gallagher
 9:00 James Hession

THURSDAY

7:00 Timothy Sullivan
 9:00 Doris Ann Nogueira

FRIDAY

7:00 Marilyn McCaffrey
 9:00 Marie Reinhardt McNally

SATURDAY

9:00 Dr. Restituto Domingo
 5:00 Richard Santoriello

SUNDAY

8:00 Pasqualina Tirro
 9:30 Michael Luzzo
 12:30 Mary & Ansel Martin

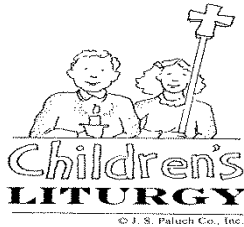
**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 John Nappi (8th Anniv.)**

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 24, 2016

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
J. Hansen
F. Molanphy
C. Wodzinski
D. Leddy
R. Helbock

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
A. Coscia & E. Hodgens
A. Morrell & W. Boyd
M. Peralta & M. McKeever
M. Morgan & E. Laub

**FIRST CHILDREN'S MASS – APRIL 24TH, 9:30AM**

With much thought, discussion, preparation and commitment to making this happen, Msgr. Finn worked with a few parishioners to make the Sunday 9:30am Mass dedicated to our children and families.

It is our hope that this dedicated Mass will help foster a deeper connection to the beauty of the Catholic Mass and will add to our young people's spiritual growth. In fact, we hope it will help the whole family.

There are several opportunities for children to be involved in the Mass as greeters, gift bearers, or becoming a member of the children's choir who will be singing at the 9:30am Mass. To find out more about these opportunities, please reach out to Marlene Boyd at 917-903-8967.

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.

DINE OUT AGAINST HUNGER

Project Hospitality's restaurant fundraiser will take place on Thursday, April 21st. Come join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner at any one of the 100+ participating restaurants and 20% of your food bill will support Project Hospitality's food and nutrition programs for the poor. Visit www.dineoutstatenisland.com for a list of participating restaurants.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

"Celebrating Mothers, Daughters, and Grandmothers" April 27th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, 850 Hylan Blvd. Fee: \$20 (dinner included) You are invited to join us for dinner and a presentation centering on the relationship you share with each other. Come and see where God enters into it all. Mary, our Mother, will be featured as a focal point of the evening. Contact Ronnie Keane, Reservations Coordinator for more info on this and other events at 718-720-1097

2016 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Cardinal's Appeal supports many charitable services that touch lives in and beyond our archdiocese – from feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless to strengthening families and protecting children and youth. We must answer God's call to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. Join in helping during this year of Mercy and make your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal today. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment.

Welcome New Parishioners

The Adimando Family
Ms. Virginia Almonte
The Cardello Family
The Diaz- Phillip Family
The Gray and Ognibens Family
Mr. Charles Hargrove
The Moyer Family
The Mucci Family
The Okonkwo Family
The Ortiz and Morales Family
The Pellegrino Family
The Sia Family
The Whalen and Roberts Family

Our Visitors: 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Evangelists, Martyrs, Proclaimers of the Faith of Jesus Christ are historically from every walk of life. "The Life of Father Odo, the former prince of Wurttemberg became a priest who didn't back down in the face of Hitler. Msgr. Owen F. Campion in his column "God Lives" in Our Sunday Visitor recounts this remarkable witness to Christ.

On December 27, 1964, Benedictine Father Odo died in his bed in Althausen, Wurttemberg, Germany. He was lucky. Twenty years earlier, his life might have ended another way.

Before 1918, Wurttemberg, with Stuttgart as its capital, was an independent kingdom. The heir to the throne was prince Albrecht, married to a cousin of the Austrian emperor. He and his wife, devoutly Catholic, were the parents of five children: three sons and two daughters.

Their youngest son, Prince Carl Alexander, fought in the Wurttemberg army during the First World War. When peace came, and the kingdom dissolved, the prince announced that he wished to be a Benedictine monk and a priest.

His sister, Princess Maria Amelia, was engaged to Crown Prince George of Saxony, another independent state. Such engagements usually were arranged. George also wanted to be a priest. The engagement ended, and George indeed was ordained.

Prince Carl Alexander took religious name of Odo when he professed vows as Benedictine. In 1926, he was ordained a priest.

The decade following the war was a terrible time in Germany. The suffering and exasperations endured by so many Germans provided fertile ground for the rise of extremists such as Adolf Hitler. While Prince Carl Alexander, Father Odo, was a monk and out of politics, his former rank still gave him many contacts. He knew what was happening, and who was making things happen, in Hitler's increasingly iron-clad regime.

He was not silent. He criticized Hitler. He organized a Catholic youth group, competing with the Hitler Youth. Hitler dealt harshly with opponents. Once, the Gestapo, the dreaded secret police, seized Father Odo and repeatedly questioned him, but he was released.

He never backed down. In 1936, the government expelled him from the country. It probably saved his life. If he had remained in Germany, he likely would have been arrested as an enemy of the regime and executed. In exile, he went to Benedictine abbeys in Italy and then in Switzerland. While he was in Switzerland, the war came with all its brutality.

Again using his status as a former prince of Wurttemberg, he organized relief agency for refugees. It eventually operated across Europe and came to be very large. In 1940, the Swiss government advised him that it could not guarantee his safety. German agents were everywhere. The Hitler regime despised Father Odo. His life, and his work, were at risk.

He went to the United States, settling in Washington, where he organized and directed efforts for the relief of people in Europe affected by the war. While in Washington, he tried to find ways to enable Jews to escape the Holocaust and find sanctuary outside Europe.

It also is said that he informed the FBI about matters of interest to American security. For example, the recent book "17 Carnations" (Grand Central publishing, \$28) by Andrew Morton, about Britain's Duke and Duchess of Windsor during the war, says that Father Odo told American authorities that the duchess had ties with high-ranking Nazi figure Joachim von Ribbentrop and was a security risk.

After the war, Father Odo returned to Wurttemberg, where he died a peaceful, natural death. Crown Prince George of Saxony, once fiancé of Prince Carl Alexander's sister, did not die in his bed. He protested Hitler's policy, its oppression, its godlessness and its treatment of the Jews. The war still was underway when he mysteriously drowned. Many still wonder if the Saxon priest-prince himself was a victim of the tyranny that he denounced.

Evil in the past or in the present or in the future will not triumph.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN