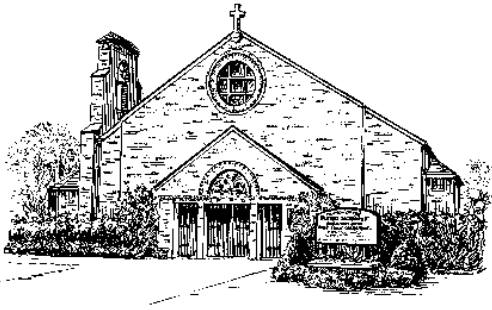


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

May 15, 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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**

**Final Registration** for all new students of the Faith Formation Program (CCD) will take place on Monday, **May 23rd 2016** from **6:00pm until 8:00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Meeting Room. Please use the Manor Road 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.

**PRIVATE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Private school students, who are registered parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church must register on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Sr. Anne Delores, C.S.JB.

**STATEN ISLAND WELCOMES OUR HEROES**

AMVETS John R. Tamburri Memorial Post 917 presents their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Staten Island Welcomes Our Heroes, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Come and watch more than 200 bikers escort a group of wounded troops from Walter Reed National Medical Center to Staten Island for a VIP weekend. Bring your friends, flags, signs and come out to cheer. The Motorcade will exit the Korean War Veteran Memorial highway at approx. 1:30pm and ride north on Richmond Ave., continuing to Victory Blvd. Best viewing area will be between Platinum Ave. and Richmond Hill Road. For more info visit: [www.post917.com](http://www.post917.com)

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Blessed Sacrament Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Center Meeting Room from 3:00pm to 7:30pm. Donors can sign-up following the Masses on May 21 & 22 and 28 & 29.

<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>\$6,224 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$6,160 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$2,888 &lt;Monthly &gt;</b>	<b>\$2,664</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>881(Adults)</b>	<b>806 (Adults)</b>
<b>184(Children)</b>	<b>214 (Children)</b>
<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,020</b>

***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, and Maryann & Danny Brown.

***SYMPATHY***

Remember the soul of Anna DeSalvatore, August Kempf, Irene Techky and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

**MONDAY**

7:00 Arthur Dickman (Living)  
 9:00 Edith & Louis Rich

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Therese Letteriel (Living)  
 9:00 Stanley Marshall

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Charles D'Arrigo  
 9:00 Barbara Kenny

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Joan Landry  
 9:00 Vincent D'Amato

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Helen Sigman  
 9:00 Donald Tarasovis

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Neil Driscoll  
 5:00 Donald Tarasovis

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Michael McCarthy  
 9:30 Donald Kane  
 12:30 Edith Zarrella

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 CONCETTA MACCARONE**

**SCHEDULE FOR MAY 22, 2016****ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**LECTORS**

Sr. Anne Dolores
M. Peries
M. Boyd
J. Pace
D. Maj

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

K. Bryne & N. Mata
E. Hodgins & A. Coscia
P. Thomann & A. Morrell
M. McKeever & E. Laub
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

**ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL**

All incoming freshmen and 7th Graders are invited to our annual BBQ-Party/Field Day on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm – 5:00pm at Viking Park for Sports/Games/DJ Music. Parents meet and greet at 4:30pm in the cafeteria. Casual attire/Rain or Shine. For further information call the school at 718-984-6500 Ext. 5341

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM****FIRST EUCHARIST**

We wish to congratulate all the children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing privilege to work with each of the children

**CATECHISTS FOR THE 2016/17 YEAR**

We are blessed to have wonderful Catholics who are willing to give of their time and share their faith with the children in our religious education program. Each year there are a few openings in our Catechetical program. As a catechist you will learn new things about the Catholic faith and relearn things you might have forgotten. You will have the opportunity to learn more about your own prayer life and share the reasons for your beliefs with your students. You will have an opportunity to help the children develop their prayer life and their relationship with Jesus. I hope you will think about being a catechist, a classroom assistant or even a substitute. Come forward and do not wait for someone to personally ask you. If interested, call Sr. Anne Delores (718-448-0378).

**2016 CARDINAL EGAN LECTURE**

***Not Born Bad: the Catholic Truth About Original Sin*** by Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, O.P. May 21 at 6:00pm at the Catholic Center at NYU. To register, visit [www.cardinaleganlecture.com](http://www.cardinaleganlecture.com). Tickets are free, but reservations are required.

**MOTHER'S GUILD DINE OUT**

Burrito Bar, 585 Forest Avenue, **May 18<sup>th</sup>** Lunch, Dinner or Take-out, Mention Blessed Sacrament and 15% of your bill goes to the Mother's Guild.

**NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT**

Explore the scriptural roots of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Seventh Annual New York Catholic Bible Summit "Merciful Like the Father" Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and American Bible Society. **June 18** at Catholic Center Cathedral High School, Manhattan. 8:00am – 5:00pm. Principal celebrant and homilist: Sean cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. Keynoters: Rev. Donald Senior, CP, Editor of the Catholic Study Bible and Archbishop Octavio Ruis Arenas, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. Price \$25.00pp (includes lunch if you register by June 10<sup>th</sup>). For details visit: [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org)

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Today we remember and celebrate the "Birthday of the Church – Pentecost Sunday." Jesus' promise is fulfilled as God the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles. It is not a request, suggestion or possibility, NOW – it is a mandate, a command to Go Forth and Baptize All Peoples In The Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Several years ago, I visited infamous Auschwitz Prison outside of Krakow, Poland and I shall never forget the silent memorial to inhumanity forever indelibly imprinted on my mind and soul. Never! Never Again cries out to all humanity the silent voices of MILLIONS.

And on this Pentecost Sunday, troubled by the ongoing slaughter in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria et.al. and across the globe, I am alerted by the following article by Peg Ekerdt in Celebration entitled:

**Mercy Opposes Intolerance  
Evil flourished where silence is complicity**

*The members of the retirement community's choir were preparing for their annual spring concert. After they had practiced for a few weeks, there was grumbling among some of the choir members.*

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*They did not like all the new material. "It's too lively," some said. "People won't know this music," others remarked. More directly, one spoke up: "I won't sing that Jewish song." "That Jewish song" is "Hava Nagila," an Israeli folk song composed in the 1920s, sung at many weddings and bar mitzvahs and popularized by Harry Belafonte.*

*I didn't think much about this resistance to the new music. At first. But as days went on, I kept thinking about the responses of the people in this small town retirement community where there is nary a citizen of the Jewish faith. Where does such intolerance originate? After everything the world has seen, have we learned nothing? Indeed, and sadly, I suspect that many who daily encounter fear and prejudice would say, "We have learned very little" or "We have not learned nearly enough."*

*I visited Dachau this past year and spent hours walking through the buildings and reading the placards that vividly describe life in the former death camp. This is an excerpt from my journal at the end of that day:*

*I have never been a big believer in hell. It's difficult for me to reconcile the idea of eternal damnation with the image of a loving God. But today I might change my mind about hell. For a fleeting moment as I read the commentaries in this deadly place, I wondered how God could have allowed this to happen.*

*But I know the real question is how could human beings be so cruel? Beatings were frequent and senseless. People endured unimaginable public humiliation, head shavings and nakedness as every attempt was made to rob prisoners of human dignity. Roll calls took place twice a day as inmates were forced to stand motionless for an hour at a time. Helping a fellow prisoner who was having difficulty standing prompted another beating.*

*The Third Reich killed political critics and enemies at the outset. They killed anyone who betrayed, questioned or refused to agree with them. So they ruled by fear. Trains pulled into Dachau burdened with human beings crammed into cattle cars. The stench of camp ovens filled the air. In the midst of all of this, the silence of the citizens of the town of Dachau, and the many towns that housed these camps, is evidence of that fear. It crippled those who should have spoken up.*

*Were there exceptions to the silent assent to evil? Yes, there were exceptions, and most who challenged the practices of Hitler's governance were killed. But so many individuals – and governments – remained silent. I walked through building after building in the camp, standing finally in the showers of death. I tried in vain to grasp this incomprehensible testament to human evil and consequent suffering. Never has it been so clear to me that silence is the voice of complicity.*

*It is no sufficient to weep at Dachau without also asking what injustice in our own time we choose to ignore. Genocide persists in parts of Africa while most of the world community ignores these mass murders. Syrian refugees flee persecution in their homeland and are turned away at so many foreign borders. Muslims are vilified and blamed for terrorist acts. People of color still experience daily discrimination and risk in ways that white America cannot fathom.*

*And we are silent. We are preoccupied with our own concerns, we are uninformed, or perhaps worst of all, we do not care enough to say a word. Who will speak for those who do not have the power to be heard? Have I lost my ability to take a risk and speak up for what is right? Has your voice been silenced, too?*

*Pope Francis has named this a Year of Mercy, inviting his people, all of us, to live with greater compassion and mercy each day. What does mercy look like? Francis has written that the concrete signs of God's mercy are evident when the lowly are lifted up and when the oppressed find justice.*

*As I think about it, I know that mercy looks like people of faith who recognize they are responsible for brothers and sisters of every race and creed. Mercy looks like compassion made visible in action on behalf of the oppressed. And mercy looks like courage that never abandons hope while speaking up in ways large and small.*

*As for "Hava Nagila"? Mother says it is still on the program for the spring concert. It's a small act in the scheme of things, but it is a decision that breaks the silence of fear and prejudice.*

*The pages of history are being written as we live and breathe. In the comfort of our 21<sup>st</sup> century existence we are called this Pentecost Sunday to look up, listen, receive the strong wind and breath of the Holy Spirit and unite to cry out the message of Christ to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. But not just cry out! Step out and witness. So that never again! Never again anywhere by anyone.*

God help us.

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN