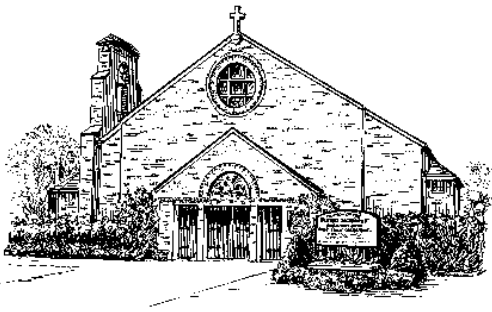


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

June 12, 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

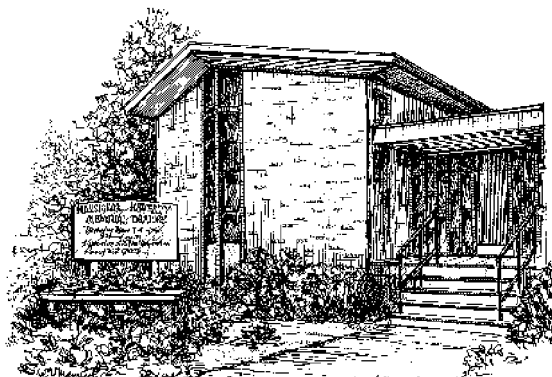
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Blessed Sacrament will offer a special Novena of Masses through the month of June. Father's Day Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church. On Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th all the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all fathers both living and deceased.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHINESE AUCTION

June 17th at 6:30pm in the Gym. Hundreds and hundreds of beautiful prizes. Gift cards, Designer Handbags, Children items, Getaways, Amazing Supers and much more. Entry fee: \$5.00. Reserve your table at BSSAuction@outlook.com. Reservations get early entry at 6pm.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER GROUP

Invites you to a **Life In The Spirit Seminar** on June 25 & 26th from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Guest Speakers are: Fr. Thomas Devery, Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea and Fr. Joe Cadusale, Lord's Flock Spiritual Director. No registration fee; Free Breakfast; Free Lunch. For more info please call: Lolita Peralta: 347-863-4759

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, Christ the King Council, will hold it's annual **Outdoor Rosary** on **June 15th** at 7:30pm in front of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Sacrament Church. All are welcomed to attend.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$6,310(Weekly)	\$5,725 (Weekly)
\$1,521 <Black & Indian Missions>	\$1,794
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
749(Adults)	726 (Adults)
166(Children)	127(Children)
915	853

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

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, Maryann & Danny Brown and James McGarrigle.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Mancuso Family
9:00 Erin O'Connor

TUESDAY

7:00 Kathleen J. Finn (Living)
9:00 William V. Cortese (1st anniv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Helen Sigman
9:00 John Martin

THURSDAY

7:00 Anne Durr (Living)
9:00 Grace & Dominic Curitore

FRIDAY

7:00 Michael J. Kenny & Kitty Birrane
9:00 Bernard V. McAloon (15th Anniv.)

SATURDAY

9:00 Kevin O'Rourke (Living)
5:00 Father's Day Novena Intentions

SUNDAY

8:00 Father's Day
9:30 Novena
12:30 Intentions

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 19

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
P. Thomann
L. Pillarella
C. Tobias
R. Semon

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
T. Sanders & J. Wright
A. Coscia & E. Hodgens
B. Colloreced & A. Morrell
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
M. Conigatti & C. Wodzinski

S.I. LEGION OF MARY CURIA SUMMER SOCIAL

Summer social will be held on Saturday, **June 18th** from 9am to 2pm at the St. Joseph Hill Academy Retreat Center, 33 Columbia Ave. (Go through the gate bear left retreat center is on the right. Parking at the top of the hill on left.)

Registration, coffee/bagels at 9:am

Mass and Total Consecration at 11:00a.m

Luncheon served from 12noon to 2:00pm. Free raffles are planned. Cost is \$25.00pp. Contact Sr. Maletti 718-761-0747 to register/details.

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.

HEALING THE FAMILY TREE

Monday, June 13th at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. Celebrant: Fr. Tom Devery. Starts at 7pm with Rosary and Filling out of Genograms. 7:30pm Exposition of the Eucharist. Followed by Intergenerational Healing Mass. Evening is sponsored by the Lamb of God Prayer Group, Music by Lamb of God Music Ministry. If you would like a genogram in advance please contact Catholic Mental Health Professionals: Carl Schlichtinger, LCSW at carljourney@verizon.net or Dr. Connie Salhany at cognitivetherapyofsi@gmail.com.

Welcome New Parishioners

The Burbano Family

The Cofield Family

The Dougherty Family

The Edwards Family

The Meyers Family

The Morales Family

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.

ST. JOHN PAUL II DOCUMENTARY

A 90-minute film narrated by actor Jim Caviezel, recounting Karol Wojtyla's growth from an underground seminarian to his appointment as archbishop of Krakow and to his election to the papacy in 1978 will air on public television across the US premiering on June 3. For more information about this important new film, or to obtain a DVD, please visit jp2film.com

MEALS ON WHEELS OF STATEN ISLAND

Needs your help! If you are available two hours, one morning each week, you can volunteer to deliver meals to your elderly neighbors. Please call VP, Roseann Holt at 718-727-4435 for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR

On May 19, 2016, the 67th Annual Christopher Awards were presented at the Mutual of America Company in New York City.

Five Years In Heaven with the byline "the Unlikely Friendship that Answered Life's Greatest Questions" was granted the prestigious Christopher Book Award for 2016.

Author, John Schlimm's Five Years in Heaven is a memoir about Schlimm's friendship with a nun at his local convent, Sister Augustine. Also known as Gussie, ran the ceramics shop at St. Joseph Monastery in the little town of St. Mary's in rural western Pennsylvania. The book tells about the last five years of Sister Augustine's life, where she and Schlimm bonded and taught one another about art and life. The octogenarian nun taught Schlimm about ceramics and Schlimm gave her new ideas. As the two got to know one another, not only did their own friendship grow, but they boosted the sales and awareness of the St. Joseph's ceramics shop to a much broader audience.

John Schlimm writes, Five Years in Heaven is set in a humble, four-room ceramics studio hidden away on the grounds of the storied 160 year old convent in my small hometown. At the core of the book is my life-changing friendship with cloistered nun and self-taught artist Sister Augustine during the last five years of her life, starting when I was 31 and stuck at one of those crucial crossroads in life that we all encounter from time to time. She was 87.

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Over the course of the next five years, our hundreds of weekly visits became a master class in living life to the fullest, all amidst the riotous colors and inspired trappings of art in its purest and simplest form. Sister Augustine helped me as a young artist, writer, and educator to navigate life's twists and turns by handing me the blueprint for living with purpose. I got to return the favor by showing my friend how her life as an artist still had one very important final chapter left to go.

I mean, here was this incredibly gifted artist, Sister Augustine, who had created a prolific body of work during her almost 45 year career, but all done quietly and with zero fanfare. Her pieces were collected by people throughout the country and around the world. There is at least one of her Nativity sets in all 50 states, as well as in Japan, England, and Germany. And her other clayware pieces have travelled as far away as Central America, Africa, and even Russia. Not too bad for a simple farm girl who joined the convent in the early years of The Great Depression! But by the time I met her, she had become long forgotten by the world.

In the vein of the Christopher Award's mission, Sister Augustine took the very art of living and creating to a higher level. She taught me that life itself is a precious work of art to be embraced and shared. She showed me how we can find love and happiness in the most unexpected places, and that the building blocks of a full, purposeful life at any age are always within our reach. Meanwhile, I proved to her how even in the most remote corners of our existence, second acts are always possible.

It was during those last five years of her life, from age 87 to 92, that sister Augustine would create her most famous oeuvre and become a celebrity in her own right. Using leftover paint (so as not to waste a single drop) and applying it to clayware bowls and vases (often as a means of cleaning off her brushes while doing other pieces), Sister created her Gussie's Special series.

Each of the nearly 500 abstract Gussie's Specials she created during those final five years presents an explosion of glorious color and emotion. Looking at each Gussie's Special, the viewer sees entire universes, stories and inspiration. The Gussie's Specials, along with Sister Augustine's other work, call to mind such iconic American artists as Jackson Pollock, Grandma Moses, Georgia O'Keeffe, Cy Twombly, Alexander Calder, Andrew Wyeth and others.

In an interview author John Schlimm was asked the following questions:

How important is it for a young person to have art in his life?

Children are the most genuine and natural artists in the world. They still find magic and triumph in coloring outside the lines. They still marvel at the shapes of passing clouds, at the spray of water from doing a cannonball into a pool, and at the chirping of baby birds. They still believe anything is possible! For them, the man on the moon is waving back. These are traits we, as adults and as trained artists, spend our careers seeking to recapture because they are pure and authentic.

How can art help to answer some of life's greatest questions?

Life is art, art is life. By some grace, I was led to that special place at a time in my life when I was most struggling and vulnerable. Now readers can also pull up a chair at the table with me and Sister Augustine, and embrace the comfort, guidance, and sparks of inspiration that they need at this time in their lives.

Every corner of Sister Augustine's studio and shop – from the floor-to-ceiling shelves of paint and glaze and brushes; the hundreds of vintage plaster molds in her backroom; the vats of wet clay; the bisque ware parading along her horseshoe of work tables; the kiln; the front shop; and most importantly, the artist herself – provided the ultimate metaphor and lessons for the ever-evolving creation of our lives. If ever there was a genuine embodiment of "the medium is the message" this was it!

Five Years in Heaven
John Schlimm
Penguin Random House
NY
Also available as an E-Book.

Happy summer reading.

God bless you
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