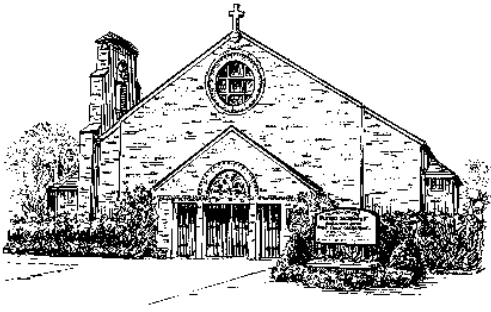


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

September 11, 2016

Staten Island, New York 10310



**Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor**  
**Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas**  
**Reverend Roland Antony Raj, MMI**  
**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

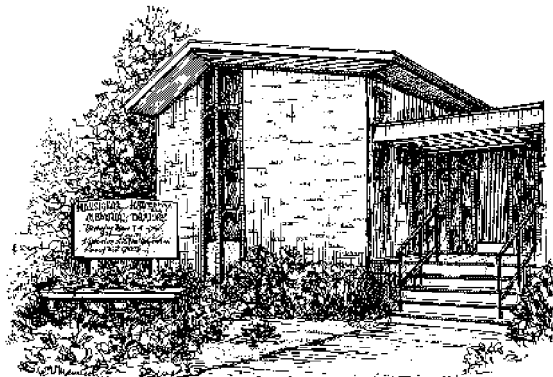
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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



**RCIA PROGRAM**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

The RCIA Program offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Christian faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experiences of the Church and to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Our Parish Program for RCIA will begin on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Blessed Sacrament School. For information and registration please contact Fr. Frank at 718-442-1581 by September 14<sup>rd</sup>.

**SENIOR ART LESSONS**

Experience and share the fun of Watercolor Art, on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:30pm in the Parish House Meeting Room. Beginners are welcome! Fee is \$10 per session. Fred Sklenar, the instructor, is a professional painter and art teacher. Call 718-447-9657 to enroll. Classes resume Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

Staten Island Inter-Religious Leadership invites you to a free international festival on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm-6:00pm at Woodrow Methodist Church, 1075 Woodrow Road. This is an interfaith event bringing community members together to discuss the topic of immigration as it relates to our faith. There will be a potluck dinner, music, immigration legal help and a variety of speakers.

**ANNUAL NYPD BLUE MASS**

Please join us for our annual Blue Mass to honor you for your bravery, courage and commitment to keep the citizens of Staten Island safe! Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5371 Amboy Road at 7:30p.m. Celebrant: Most Rev. John J. O'Hara. We will honor and remember brother Staten Island Officers who died in the line of duty. Blessing of Police Officers; Medals for Police Officers; Refreshments. All are welcome.

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>\$5,567 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$4,692 (Weekly)</b>
<b>\$2,182 &lt;Monthly &gt;</b>	<b>\$2,302</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>696 (Adults)</b>	<b>682 (Adults)</b>
<b>152 (Children)</b>	<b>119 (Children)</b>
<b>848</b>	<b>801</b>

**CLASS OF 1966 (50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION)**

Blessed Sacrament Class of 1966 (and all classes of the 60's) reunion celebration October 9<sup>th</sup> beginning with 11am Mass; 11:45am Tour of the School; 12:30-4:30pm LiGreci's Staatan \$65pp and 4:30pm After Party at Jody's Info: [www.bss60sreunion.com](http://www.bss60sreunion.com) for 732-557-0779

**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, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, 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, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake and Estelle Ohnmeiss

**SYMPATHY**

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Joseph Volpe  
9:00 Francisca Maguyop

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Robert & Alice Wilcken  
9:00 John & Nora Ryan

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Ansel Martin (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 Kristen Garvey

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Anthony Di Bartolomeo  
9:00 Mary Deignan

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Tierney O'Rourke (Living)  
9:00 Eileen Callahan Pabon

**SATURDAY**

9:00 William Dougherty (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
5:00 Patricia Lunny

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Michael McCarthy  
9:30 Paul Townsley (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
12:30 Katherine & Francis Miller

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
John Schwarz**

**SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 18****ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**LECTORS**

K. Kelley
R. Griswold
R. Salaycik
R. Helbock
D. Maj

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

V. Donnelly & N. Mata
E. Hodgens & A. Castronovo
C. Wodzinski & A. Morrell
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
E. Laub & M. Morgan

**ST. JOHN VILLA BINGO FUNDRAISER**

St. John Villa Academy Alumnae Association Bingo Fundraiser, Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> in the Mother Alberta Stango, CSJB Gymnasium located at 8 Narrows Road South. Doors open at 7pm. Total cost is \$20 (\$10 admission fee and \$10 gift certificate) which includes bingo boards, coffee and cake; bring your own food, snacks and drinks (alcoholic beverages permitted). Lucky bingo balls and 50/50 will also be sold. Reservations are advised. For more info, please contact Toni Ann Tobin at [sjvabasketauktion@gmail.com](mailto:sjvabasketauktion@gmail.com).

**SENIOR SPIRITUALITY**

The Senior Spirituality Group will meet on Wed., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

**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.

**REGIS HIGH SCHOOL**

An all-scholarship Jesuit School for talented and gifted Catholic boys invites students/parents to its **Staten Island Admissions Information Night**, Tues., **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Joseph Hill Academy, 850 Hylan Blvd. For more info, contact Eric Di Michele, Dir. Of Admissions at 212-288-1100 ext. 2057; [edimichele@regis.org](mailto:edimichele@regis.org)

**Open House** – Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Regis High School, 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street.

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

Reserve your seat today for Ministry/Leadership in the Christian Tradition, presented by Joanne D. Hall on Thurs., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Time: 10am – 3pm. Fee: \$50 includes lunch. The program will explore how we can become better leaders by following examples of Pope Francis, who reminds us that authentic power is service. To reserve your seat please contact the St. Joseph Retreat Center (718) 720-1097 or email [sjretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:sjretreatcenter@gmail.com).

**THE LEGION OF MARY** meets every Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish House Meeting Room. Come join us!

**FROM THE PASTOR**

With the opening of the School Year, Blessed Sacrament Regional School welcomes the return of her beloved students and the arrival of new boys and girls to our extraordinary and excellent Catholic School. At the same time we are equally excited to welcome young men and women to an equally excellent and devoted Faith Formation Program (CCD) for children attending Public School.

In both programs, Catholic Identity and education in our faith and practice are fundamental to our responsibility as Catholic Parents and Educators. We are so very proud of our dedicated administration, faculty and volunteers in both programs

One year ago in the 2015 school year the Regional School Catholic Identity Committee inaugurated an essay contest in all our Catholic Elementary Schools on Staten Island. One boy and one girl were selected for the best essay from those submitted in grades 6-7-8 as the best for each school. The winners were announced and rewarded at the Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates of all Staten Island Elementary Schools at a Mass at our Lady Star of the Sea in May 2015. Again in May 2016 at a Mass celebrated by Bishop John O'Hara the award for this current year was presented.

In 2015 the topic for the essay was "There Can Be No Love Without Justice" which was the Episcopal Motto of the late John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York.

This year, the topic of the essay was "Following Jesus, I Forgive." Attending the Mass and Award Presentation was Police Officer Steven McDonald whose life and example were points for the topic and an inspiration for all the students who have reflected on his life and example.

With the celebration for the Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis nearing its conclusion, with the tumultuous events of the current year evoking violence and loss of life et al., with the obvious concern for all people but especially our children

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I believe it important to be aware of how our young Catholic Elementary School children are coping with the challenges in our society. Therefore, for the next three weeks, I am presenting the winning essays of the 2016 Catholic Identity Essay Contest from 2 different Catholic Staten Island Elementary Schools and 1 Catholic High School, the latter category added to the contest this year. The authors will remain anonymous. However, the schools that were recipients of the 2015 and 2016 honors were: Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita, St. John Villa Academy and St. Joseph by the Sea High School.

I trust you will enjoy and be proud of these young people and of Catholic Education on Staten Island.

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN

Catholic Identity 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2016 Essay Winner  
First Place – Tie

### *Following Jesus, I Forgive*

*The Year of Mercy is a time for the Church itself and for Catholics everywhere to show mercy and compassion, in thought and in deed, and focus on forgiveness, reconciliation and doing good in concrete ways for the needy and those on the margins of society. Pope Francis called for the Year of Mercy, a special period, also known as a Holy Year or Jubilee Year, for the Catholic Church. It is a time for the Church across the world to take a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. The Church is called to follow the example of Jesus who explains in many passages of the Gospel that he comes in search of sinners, of the lost sheep, to heal the sick, to free prisoners. On these special occasions the Church makes it easier for the faithful to do penance and experience reconciliation. It teaches us to do penance and to make amends for sin with works of mercy and love for God and neighbor in order to gain the indulgence which God desires to grant all his children who seek him with humility.*

*Mercy is a concept essential to an understanding of God's dealings with humankind. Mercy is the willingness to help, to care, and to show kindness to people. It seems it has the most value when it's given at the most difficult times. Without mercy, the world would be a harsh and cruel place. When we recognize the grace we have received all of the times that we have, mercifully, not gotten what we deserved, we often find in ourselves a desire to give others the same gift. God is always watching us even if we are not aware of it sometimes. However, God is secretly giving and showing his mercy, compassion, and love for us through our friends and people around us.*

*Forgiveness is the most powerful thing that you can do for your physiology and your spirituality. Forgiveness is mainly for your benefit, not for the benefit of the person you are forgiving. As long as you are feeling like a victim, you are carrying a heavy burden. Forgiveness allows you to put the burden down. Forgiving helps us grow. Once you have forgiven anyone in your life you feel has harmed you, you suddenly find you have more time for thinking good productive and useful happy thoughts instead of negative. Forgiving someone is a complicated process and does not have to involve forgetting what they did, or accept what they did. But it does involve getting to that place in the process where you accept that they did what they did, and any damage that was done is done. Maybe some of that damage can be repaired, maybe not. There's nothing either of you can do to turn back time and make it different. There is just the moving forward from here. If you can't forgive someone for harming you emotionally, then you may not allow yourself to be open to having experiences with other people that do not lead to harm, so you can break the equation of trusting people or loving people.*

*One person that I know of that has showed a great act of forgiveness is my friend. A close friend of ours had decided to hurt her feelings when some people were already doing it to her. She was very upset in this situation and I was by her side comforting her. But on that same day, she forgave our friend. It was a great act of forgiveness because the words that our friend had said to her was very hurtful. If I was in my friend's position, I think I wouldn't be able to forgive her*

*because it would hurt my feelings and it would greatly affect my relationship towards that person who had said it to me. I think it was very brave of her to do something like this and I admire her for doing this. In life, we get what we give, and we receive what we caused. And since we're all humans, and we all make mistakes, the more we forgive others for past, present and future mistakes, the more others will forgive us when we will make mistakes.*