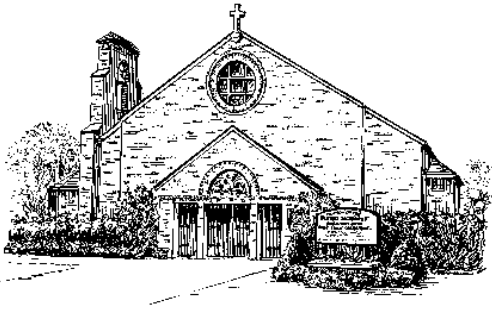


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

November 6, 2016



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

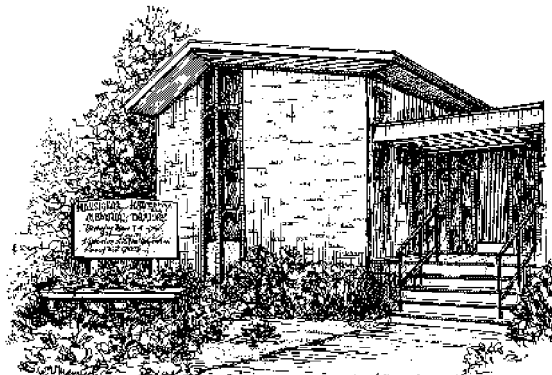
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



Heading to a Warmer Climate?

If you are one of our lucky snowbirds please notify the Parish Office of your leave and return dates so we can adjust our mailings for the winter months. Two months advanced notice is needed to forward your Offertory Envelopes to a different address or to place a temporary hold on them. Please contact the Parish House by phone or at Bldscrt@aol.com to let us know if you plan to be away for an extended period of time this coming winter. Thank you.

Please know our parish will get charged for mail that is sent to your home and returned to us.

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE will be closed on Friday, November 11th for the Veteran's Day Holiday.

SENIOR SPIRITUALITY

The Senior Spirituality Group will meet on Wed., Nov. 9th at 10am in the Nurse's Office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting on **Thursday, Nov. 10th** at 7pm in the Church for all current Eucharistic Ministers and for anyone who is interested in becoming one.

**RICHMOND COUNTY
RED MASS
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:00pm**

**Blessed Sacrament Church
Celebrant: Timothy Cardinal Dolan**

All members of the legal community of all faiths are invited to attend. A light repast will be served in the gym following the Mass.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$5,886 (Weekly)	\$6,177 (Weekly)
\$2,202 (Debt Reduction)	\$1,767 (All Souls)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
754 (Adults)	718 (Adults)
135 (Children)	122 (Children)
889	840

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
VICTORIA MAGLIOCCA**

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, 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, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, 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, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Estelle Ohnmeiss and Dina Menjivar

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Marielena O'Rourke
9:00 Kathy Adams

TUESDAY

7:00 Richard Decker
9:00 Deceased Keag/Fitzgerald Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Eileen V. Scharfenberg
9:00 Albert C. Tarasovis

THURSDAY

7:00 John E. Durr
9:00 Barbara Martin Keeley (3rd. Anniv.)

FRIDAY

7:00 Maria Lilla Stanzione
9:00 Victoria Magliocca

SATURDAY

9:00 Mary & Stephen Coyne & Kathleen Coyne
5:00 Nicholas M. Santoriello

SUNDAY

8:00 Alba Marie Andreano
9:30 Michael McCarthy (67th Birthday)
12:30 Michael McCarthy

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2016**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

LECTORS

J. HANSEN
C. BURNS
C. WODZINSKI
D. LEDDY
T. SANDERS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

J. HANSEN & J. WRIGHT
A. COSCIA & D. VIGLIOTTI
P. THOMANN & W. BOYD
E. CHECKETT & G. CHECKETT
M. CONIGATTI & K. BYRNE

IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUPS

Please join us for an hour of Ignatian prayer and reflection on scripture and its application in our daily lives. Saturday, Nov. 12th at Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road in the basement of the church. Gather after the 8:30am Mass and begin prayer at 9:30am. Scripture: Luke 23:35-43

NEW ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLATION

Our new altar servers will be installed on Sunday, Nov. 13th at the 9:30am Mass. All new altar servers and their parents are required to come for the installation.

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.

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

**MOTHERS' GUILD CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Save the Date: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas Friday, Nov. 18th from 9am to 3pm

Saturday, Nov. 19th from Noon to 5pm and again on Sunday, Nov. 20th from 9am to 4pm. The Fair will have tables selling raffles, 50/50, chance books, baked goods, crafts and fun activities for the kids. We hope you join us!

And don't forget the **Christmas Tree Dedication**. Each tree will be lit with your dedication and placed on the property of Blessed Sacrament during a Special Lighting Ceremony on Saturday Dec. 3rd after the 5pm Mass. Each tree is \$200. For more information contact mariagiabrone@blessedsacramentsi.com

Nightfever NYC is coming back to St Patrick's Cathedral on November 19, 2016. On the last night of the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to our friends at Walgreens Pharmacy for providing Flu Shots to our parishioners. A special thank you to Cynthia and Isabel for their hard work.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

8:00am Mass next Sunday, Nov. 13th followed by a meeting in the Parish House Meeting Room.

MOTHERS' GUILD THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Order your Thanksgiving pies, from Delicious Orchards, by Thurs., Nov. 10th, \$16.00 checks made payable to Blessed Sacrament School. Choose from apple, cherry, mince, pecan or pumpkin. Contact Jacque Kerney (718) 986-8533 with any questions. Pies available for pick up on Tues., Nov. 22 from 12-2:15pm and 6-7pm in front hallway of school.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 8th.



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FROM THE PASTOR

Perhaps you are aware that St. Thomas More, "A Man for all seasons" is a particular hero of your Pastor. When selecting a topic for my thesis at Manhattan College in 1959-1960 I chose this extraordinary, lawyer, husband, father and outstanding layman who exemplified a Catholic lay apostle of his age.

Recently and appropriately during this extraordinary National Election I had occasion to receive the following article by Michael J. Rubin who holds a doctorate in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America and is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia entitled:

Thomas More: 'A Man for All Season,' especially our own

Containing more than 60 historical artifacts from More's time, as well as several first-class relics of More and St. John Fisher, a new exhibit is open daily at the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C., until March 31, 2017. Its title – "God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More" – refers to More's last words before being beheaded: "I die the King's good servant, and God's first."

While the exhibit gives attention to More's early life, it zeroes in on the events leading to his execution by King Henry VIII, beginning with Pope Clement VII's refusal to declare null Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon. The King responded by proclaiming himself the Supreme Head of the Church in England so that he could grant himself the annulment and marry his mistress Anne Boleyn. More knew that publicly opposing the king would endanger his family, so he resigned as Chancellor of England and kept silent. But because of More's reputation for learning and virtue, Henry was determined to have More approve his marriage, and consequently enacted a law requiring his subjects to acknowledge his headship of the English Church. When More refused to do so, he was imprisoned, convicted of treason and beheaded.

So, More lost his head over the headship of the church – but also because he was willing to do what all martyrs do: give his life for the truth. King Henry wanted to believe that he could dissolve his marriage on his own authority and he wanted men of repute such as More to back him up. But More refused, silently bearing witness to the truths of papal authority and the indissolubility of marriage.

The theme of the exhibit is made clear from the start with a quote for St. John Paul II: "The life and martyrdom of Saint Thomas More...speaks to people everywhere of the inalienable dignity of the human conscience." The full significance of this theme, however, only becomes apparent in the part of the exhibit on More's legacy. While arguing that More's example helped promote the spread of religious liberty in America and the world, the exhibit also describes the history of anti-Catholicism in this country, and ends with an ominous quote from G. K. Chesterton: Thomas More "is more important at this moment than at any moment since his death...but he is not quite so important as he will be in about a hundred years time."

The implication is obvious: More is particularly relevant to our times because he was a martyr for the every liberty that is now threatened by the American government's increasing efforts to force Catholics to act against their consciences on such issues as contraception and gay marriage. The exhibit is not alone in connecting More's death with the situation of Catholics today: Before coming to the exhibit, the relics of More and Fisher were venerated as part of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Fortnight for Freedom campaign

In my view the exhibit is undoubtedly correct about More's relevance for our times. For we too are facing an attack by government authority on the truth about marriage: Just as King Henry denied its indissolubility, today our government denies that it is solely between a man and a woman, and that contraception is contrary to its very nature. Like King Henry, our government wishes to compel our assent to what we know to be untrue. And like More, we must respond by witnessing to the truth, even if it means suffering persecution.

More is not only "a man for all seasons," as Robert Whittington called him, but a man especially for our time. And in studying his martyrdom, we not only learn about our past, but contemplate our future.

On the eve of Election 2016, we continue to pray to God for all the people of our Republic.

Be sure to vote your conscience.

God bless you
MSGR. FINN