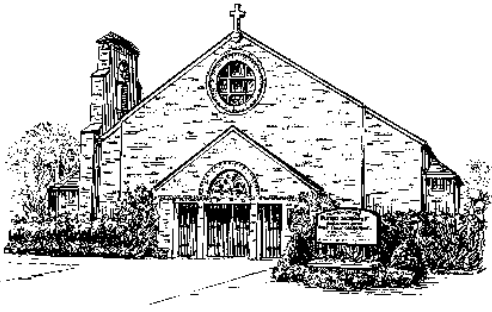


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

August 27, 2017



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

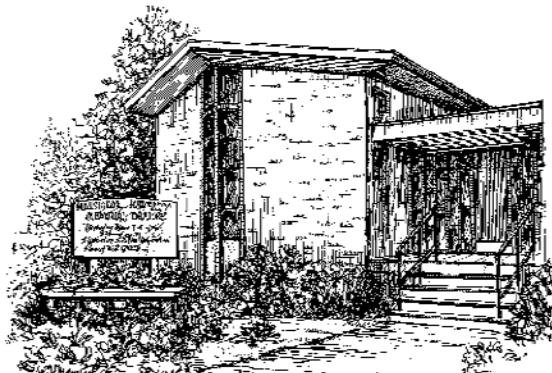
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.JB. - D.R.E.
830 Delafield Avenue
448-0378



2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Book will open on **Wed., Aug. 30th** at 9:00a.m. Announced Masses are \$15, Unannounced are \$10, Sanctuary Lamp is \$15. **No Phone Call** requests will be taken until after the 30th. In an effort to partially offset the cost we will institute memorials for:

Altar Flowers (week) \$100

Altar Candles (month) \$50

Bread & Wine (week) \$25

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion - birthday, anniversary, etc. - or for your own special intention.

N. Y. CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beginning Wed., Sept. 6th, the New York Catholic Bible School Program, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, will be holding classes on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

The NY Catholic Bible School exists because there is joy and hope in the Bible! Intense study of the Bible brings us to life-changing personal growth in spirituality and service. This program is for adults who are seeking "something more" in their spiritual journey, and who are willing to commit to two years of study with an option to complete the full four-year program.

No particular educational background is required. Tuition is \$150 per trimester with a \$35 non-refundable registration fee. Registration is a must and is done through the NY Catholic Bible School website. Discounts are available for parish catechists who have completed levels 1 and 2 catechist formation. For more information: Bible@archny.org or call Maureen McKew at 646-794-2855. Website: www.nyfaithformation.org/ny-catholic-bible-school.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$4,808 (Weekly)	\$5,991 (Weekly)
\$1,747 <Debt Reduction>	\$1,774
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
627 (Adults)	682 (Adults)
109 (Children)	133 (Children)
736	815

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN MORANO**

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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen and Michael Roskowsinski

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Javier Langle (Living)

9:00 Albert F. Tarasovis

TUESDAY

7:00 Vito & Catherine Lucatorto

9:00 James D. Finn

WEDNESDAY

7:00 William Finn Family

9:00 Burton Cohen

THURSDAY

7:00 Gilbert Montalvo, Sr.

9:00 Kathleen Ryan

FRIDAY

7:00 Claire Strom (Living)

9:00 Mary Martin

SATURDAY

9:00 Nellie O'Mahony

5:00 John Morano

SUNDAY

8:00 Thomas Parziale

9:30 Albert J. Spero (7th Anniv.)

12:30 Emilia Zarrella

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 8	K. Kelley
8:00 AM	Team 9	P. Thomann
9:30 AM	Team 10	C. Wodzinski
11:00 AM	Team 6	R. Helbock
12:30 PM	Team 7	M. Conigatti

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

M. McKeever & J. Wright
 E. Hodgens & D. Vigliotti
 A. Morrell & M. Thomann
 E. Checkett & G. Checkett
 J. Spach & M. Spach

THE POPE'S CHOIR IS COMING TO NYC

The oldest and most famous choir in the world is coming to St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. It's the first time in over 30 years!

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017

TIME: 7:00pm

COST: Suggested Donation \$50

Don't miss out on this heavenly experience. Get your tickets today at www.sistinechapelustour.com

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Fridays 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

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for student and their parents, to occur on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 9th from 1 to 4pm. For additional information, please contact:

Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028; 212-288-1100 ext., 2057 or edmichele@regis.org.

UNIVERSITY HOSPICE

University Hospice a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities, the Addeo Hospice Residence or in the hospital as well as office work and assistance with special projects. If interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on Sat., Oct. 28th at 78 Meisner Avenue.

STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

SIUH is seeking volunteers for the Gift Shops at both locations. If you are interested or would like information please call Christina at 718-226-4931.

TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 31st at the Dakota Diner at 10am.

SENIOR ART CLASS

Experience and share the fun of Watercolor on Wednesdays from 11am to 1:30pm. Beginners are welcome! Fee is \$10.00 per session. Fred Sklenar, the instructor, is a professional painter and art teacher. Call 718-447-9657 to enroll. Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish House Meeting Room, 30 Manor Road. Classes start 9/6/17.

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**

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100th Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament School

Join your former classmates, fellow parishioners and friends at the Excelsior Grand on September 21st for the Centennial Celebration. Tickets are \$100 for a night of Dinner and Dancing. Didn't receive your invitation, (we know our listing was less than perfect) no worries, just call the Parish House at 718-442-1581.



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You have to be in it to win it!

Centennial Raffle tickets are

\$100 for a chance at a

Grand Prize of \$10,000; First

Prize of \$5,000 and Second Prize of \$2,500

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FROM THE PASTOR

Our Holy Father after prayer and meditation recently announced a New Path To Sainthood as reported recently in Catholic New York. Heroic virtue and extraordinary witness to the gospel are found in many areas of ordinary lives lived extraordinarily well.

A little over a year ago, Jerry Costello, then writing in Light A Candle for the Christophers wrote of:

A Paralyzed Priest's Heroic Virtue

Can a quadriplegic man be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church? Further, can the Church consider his cause for canonization?

The answer - somewhat surprisingly, perhaps - is "yes" on both counts. And you need look no further than an Augustinian named Father Bill Atkinson - now known formally as Father William A. Atkinson, OSA, Servant of God - to make the point. Father Bill's is quite the story, and it could do with a bit of retelling here.

The story has a quiet beginning, Bill Atkinson was born in Philadelphia on January 27, 1946; his parents would have six other children. After grammar school in Upper Darby, where he grew up, he enrolled in Msgr. Bonner High School, Drexel Hill, graduating in 1963. Then he became an Augustinian, entering the order as a novice in 1964.

It was during his novice year that Bill had the tobogganing accident in New York State that would change his life. Hospitalized and near death, he eventually was stabilized but had to spend a year in rehabilitation in Philadelphia. The accident had left him a quadriplegic; the injuries to his spine meant he would be paralyzed in all four limbs. And he would spend his life in a wheelchair.

No matter; his Augustinian brothers rallied round. Year after year they saw to it that he went through all the preparation for the priesthood, and he was ordained by Cardinal John Krol (the Archbishop of Philadelphia) in 1974, nine years after his tobogganing accident. He celebrated his first Mass at Villanova University.

Then began 30 years at his alma mater, Msgr. Bonner High School. He was much more than a teacher there. He taught theology, true, but he was also assistant school chaplain; the senior class retreat coordinator and moderator of the football team - all from his motorized wheelchair.

One day some years later a student heard him say "Half in and half out." He explained: "Today is my 38th birthday. I have now spent half my life in this wheelchair and half out of it."

Students loved his warm and slightly offbeat sense of humor - except in the classroom. There he was known as a strict disciplinarian, and had a reputation as an encouraging moderator and a compassionate confessor.

Father Bill spent the last two years of his life in a nursing home, always buoyed by the presence of his fellow Augustinians. They were with him when he died too, on a Friday afternoon in 2006 at the age of 60. His funeral was held at Villanova.

That's pretty much all there is to it - except that in 2014 some invited guests got together to discuss his life. They were there to answer to the challenge of a visitor from Rome: "Convince me that Father Bill lived a life of heroic virtue. Persuade me that he is a saint." And one by one they told him stories: of Father Bill's character, his fidelity, his ministry, his humor, his humility. By evening's end, his cause was under way.

Father Bill wrote little poems, too; always touching on his fate. Here are the first and final stanzas of "The Strength of Others": "How'd you do it?" people would say; / So confining, day after day. / Having others around for constant care; / Ever wonder if life's unfair?... / How'd I do it? Let me confide / Always with others right at my side, / Family and friends from the start / game me love in no small part."

God bless you
MSGR. FINN