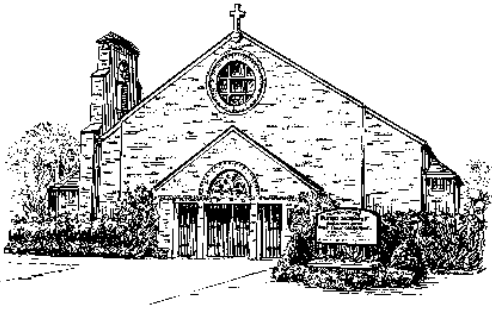


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York



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 Wednesday 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

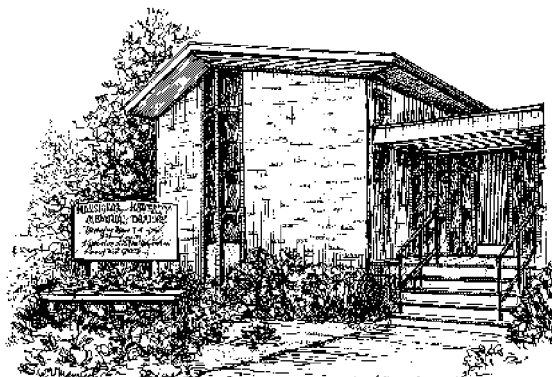
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.com>

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



LOOKING TO THE LAST DAY

Today the Church remembers all who have walked the way of Christ and passed from this life. The readings all look to the last day, when we shall all rise from the dead and be reunited.

The prophet Daniel announces words of warning and welfare. He cautions us against the judgment to come, but he also comforts us and assures us that all who live a life of virtue and justice will find life eternal.

The reading from Roman reminds us that, because of Christ's passion, death and resurrection and our entrance into that paschal mystery through Baptism, we now share in the new life won by Christ. This recognition has repercussions: we need to live righteously now, that we might rise to life forever with Christ on the last day.

In the Gospel Jesus pledges that all the Father has given him will not be lost. All the faithful will be raised to joy and live forever in the presence of God.

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SETON FOUNDATION ANNUAL RAFFLE

Next weekend representatives from the Seton Foundation for Learning, a program for developmentally disabled children and young adults, ages 3 to 21 years, will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000.00 Savings Bond following each Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Please give your support to this very worthy program.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2014	2013
\$6679.00 (Weekly)	\$6598.00 (Weekly)
\$1721.00<Respect Life Programs>	\$1568.00

ATTENDANCE

2014	2013
738 (Adults)	763 (Adults)
143 (Children)	152 (Children)
881	915

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, Catherine Crane, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, David Averack, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, 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, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Phyllis March, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Eugene Esposito, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Jane Margaret Tackett, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Grace Leddy, Margaret King, Joseph D'Amico, Michelle Harding, Garry Smith and Timothy Paar

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Frances Aviles (21st Anniv)

9:00 Alex Roskowsinski

TUESDAY

7:00 Marie McCormack

9:00 Antoinette Petruzzelli

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Lana Cocuzzo

9:00 Antoinette Petruzzelli

THURSDAY

7:00 John Driscoll

9:00 Antoinette Petruzzelli

FRIDAY

7:00 Marielena O'Rourke (Living Intention)

9:00 Thomas F. Kenny, Jr. (7th Anniv)

SATURDAY

9:00 Barbara Martin Keeley

5:00 Nicholas M. Santoriello

SUNDAY

8:00 Kathleen Adams

9:30 Angelo & Nicolina DeLisa

12:30 Rose Gippa

SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 9, 2014

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
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

<u>LECTORS</u>
Sr. Anne Dolores
R. Griswold
M. Semon
D. Leddy
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
S. & A. Coscia
W. Boyd & A. Morrell
M. McKeever & M. Peralta
M. Morgan & E. Laub

SAVE THE DATES!!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT MOTHERS' GUILD
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
THE POLAR EXPRESS ROUND TRIP**

Friday, November 14th – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 15th – 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, November 16th – 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**RICHMOND COUNTY
ANNUAL RED MASS**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

Blessed Sacrament Church

All members of the legal community of all faiths are invited to attend the RED MASS which marks the beginning of the Court year. A light repast will be served in the Parish Center Meeting Room immediately following the Mass.

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.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, November 6, 2014
3:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

**Parish Center Meeting Room
PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!
WALK-INS WELCOME!**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society Members of Blessed Sacrament Parish will be preparing many Thanksgiving Food Baskets. This weekend they will have shopping bags in each pew and ask that you take one and return it next week. They are in need of non-perishable canned and boxed food items.
Thank you for your continued support!

DINE OUT – Blessed Sacrament Mothers' Guild is sponsoring a DINE OUT fundraiser on Wednesday, November 5th at Pasticceria Bruno (679 Forest Avenue). Don't forget to mention Blessed Sacrament School and 15% of your food bill gets donated back to our school. The restaurant is open from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. and this is good for **DINING IN ONLY!** Be sure to make a reservation.

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday, November 9th following the 11:00 A.M. Mass we will have a special ceremony for all our lost loved ones who have been remembered with memorials both inside the Church and outside with Rose Bushes, Pavers by the statue of Our Lady of the Unborn and the Nicholas Johns Memorial. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

The Staten Island Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is hosting a **GROWTH SEMINAR** at Blessed Sacrament Church – Parish Center Hall (Greenleaf Avenue entrance) on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sr. Nancy Kellar, and Sr. Pauline Cinquini, will be the guest speakers. Music will be provided by Lamb of God Music Ministry. For further information please call Lolit at 347-863-4759.



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

FROM THE PASTOR

With the gain of an extra hour following the turning back of clocks last evening, and the end of Daylight Savings Time, as well the month of Mary-October, we would be remiss to set aside our hopeful daily recitation of the Holy Rosary—a very powerful prayer. And you might ask why?

May I suggest that the challenges facing society are very powerful. Faith, family, culture, morality, poverty, hunger, homelessness, disease, war or peace are part of a litany of woes that can seem to overwhelm us at times. And yet, history reminds us, that at critical moments not dissimilar from events in the world today, events were effectively met and overcome by the power of prayer and the resolve of the faithful.

Permit me now, to share with you The Holy League and the Birth of Lepanto related in *Light One Candle* by Jerry Costello for The Christopher's.

Ever heard of Lepanto? Not many have. Yet it was the epic naval Battle of Lepanto, fought with bloody effect in 1571, that saved the world for Catholic Christianity and stemmed the Ottoman tide in the Mediterranean. In gratitude, Pope Pius V, who attributed victory to the power of prayer, designated the day it took place—October 7—as the Feast of the Holy Rosary, and so it has been observed to this day.

This was no run-of-the-mill ocean encounter, one ship against another. Each side in the fight manned at 200 galleons, and the list of casualties was enormous. Both combatants risked everything on its outcome.

A battle for the island of Cyprus served as a precursor to Lepanto, and when Christians at home heard how the winning Ottomans had treated the losers they were horrified. The Christian commander surrendered at Cyprus and the victors seemed to accept at face value his terms: fair treatment for him and his men. Once in control, however, the Ottomans reneged, and that commander died an excruciatingly painful death.

That set the stage for Pope Pius' response. Although the real battle would be mainly spiritual—a “clash of creeds,” one historian called it—the pope knew that it would take seamen and leaders to win the day. He cobbled together a “Holy League” from southern Europe—Spain, Venice, Austria, Malta (with its fabled Knights) among its membership. The overall enterprise would be under the command of the 24-year-old Don Juan of Austria.

Meanwhile the Ottomans, fresh from their victory on Cyprus, were spoiling for a fight. They were especially encouraged by the divisions in Christianity brought on by the Reformation, in full swing at the time. Their main base was at Lepanto, in Greece's Gulf of Corinth, and it was there that the Ottoman commander, Ali Pasha, boarded his ship. It was there too, at Lepanto, that the battle would be joined.

The Holy League's fleet had set sail from Messina in Sicily, and met the Ottomans not far from shore. The contest was cataclysmic; the fighting (much of it hand-to-hand) vicious. When it was over, the Holy League was victorious, even recovering thousands of Christian galley slaves aboard the Ottoman ships. But the cost in human life was staggering: some 15,000 Ottomans dead, 7,000 Christian sailors lost. The wounded were beyond counting (and, in a strange twist of fate, included the Spaniard Miguel de Cervantes, who would go on to write Don Quixote).

Pope Pius V, though deeply saddened by the loss of life, was elated by the overwhelming victory. Not only would it spell an end to Ottoman expansion in the Mediterranean; it would ease implementation of the Council of Trent—which had ended nine years before. A holy man who would be declared a saint, he greeted the news enthusiastically: “Our great task at present is to thank God for the victory which he has just given to the Christian army.” Crediting the Blessed Mother for the triumph—and specifically the prayers he had urged upon all Catholics—he declared a permanent remembrance of the date. At first known as Our Lady of Victory, eventually it became the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

The men who fought at Lepanto, forgotten though they might be, were heroes in every sense of the word. This year's feast would be more worthy if we remembered their courage once again.

And our challenges, among them the barbarism in the Near East conflict that has martyred and seeks to eliminate Christianity from its Sacred origins. The challenge cries out to the world to respond with a Holy League of God Fearing Nations and especially Prayerful Christians armed with the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary to repel these modern barbarians.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US.
GOD BLESS YOU
MSGR. FINN