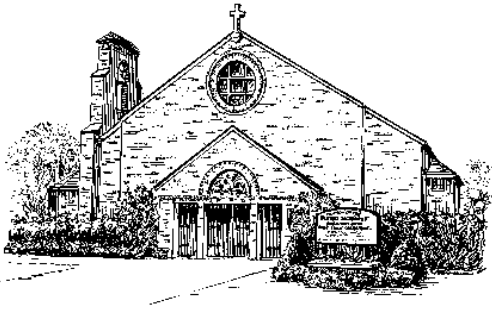


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

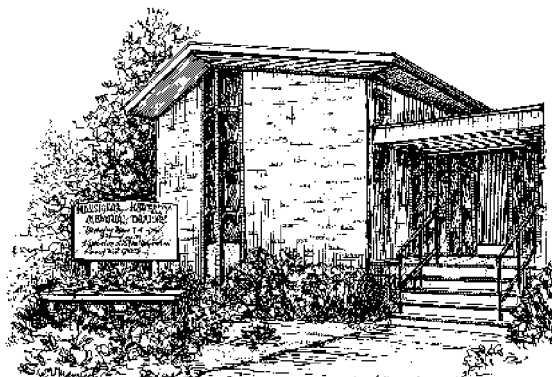
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.com>

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



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2015

Mass will be offered in the Church at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

Evening Mass – Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18th there will be a 7:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Stations of the Cross - Each Friday of Lent at 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

Lenten Reconciliation Monday – Monday, March 30th. Confession will be heard from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Chrism Mass - will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 4:00 P.M. St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2015

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken on these days for everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence – (All Fridays in Lent) Everyone who has reached the age of 14 is obligated to abstain on these days throughout their lives.

Easter Duty Obligation – After they have received First Holy Communion all Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter season.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6966.00 (Weekly)	\$6811.00 (Weekly)
\$1986.00 <Fuel & Heat >	\$1917.00
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
803 (Adults)	762 (Adults)
184 (Children)	231 (Children)
987	993

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EMILY MARIE MCQUADE**

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, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Eugene Esposito, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Harvey Minars, , Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Margaret King, Joseph D’Amico, Infant Twins, Allison & Adrianna, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, and Felicidad Tobias,

SYMPATHY

Remember the souls of Lucy Ferlazzo, Brett Greeley, Ann Damitz and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 John Cooney
9:00 Deceased Members of the Klingele Family

TUESDAY

7:00 Florence Minero
9:00 Mary Reilly

WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 Gilbert Montalvo, Sr.
9:00 Robert Mathews
11:00 Mary & Ansel Martin
7:00 In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

THURSDAY

7:00 Richard O’Connor
9:00 Maurice Lacasse
7:00 Kathleen & Robert DeForest

FRIDAY

7:00 Pat & Jim Shea
9:00 Catherine McGowan
7:00 Alice Delaney

SATURDAY

9:00 Theresa Burke
5:00 Joseph Corrigan

SUNDAY

8:00 John Joseph Cavallo
9:30 John O’Connell
12:30 In Thanksgiving

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>			<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1	J. Hansen	V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team	2	C.A. McNab	S. & A. Coscia
9:30 AM	Team	3	M. Boyd	W. Boyd & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team	4	J. Pace	M. McKeever & M. Peralta
12:30 PM	Team	5	T. Sanders	A. Talaid & E. Laub

DID YOU KNOW....that the Education Investment Tax Credit would help not only religious school children, but also private and public school children by generating funds for private scholarships and public schools? This credit would also provide funds for public and private school teachers to purchase classroom materials. For more information, visit www.investined.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE REGISTRATION

will be held on the following Sundays: 15th and 22nd from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. in Blessed Sacrament Church Parish House Meeting Room. (Please use the Manor Road Parking Lot)

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 Senior Group will meet on Tuesday, February 17th at 1:15 P.M. in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

St. Clare's Employment Support Group is open to the unemployed, those concerned about a possible layoff and family members of the unemployed. There is no charge for our services and each meeting of the Employment Group is lead by a qualified professional who volunteers their time. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. in the Pastoral Center. For meeting dates and further information please call 718-984-7873 or visit stclaresi.com (Go to the Ministry link and click on the Employment Group for details).

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL***Sharing God's Gifts***

This week marks the beginning of the 2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal in our parish. You may have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the Appeal each year. Please fill out the pledge card you received with your letter and mail it back to the Appeal Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Staten Island Council of Churches is sponsoring a **Lenten Worship Service** on Thursday, February 19th at 7:30 P.M. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 309 St. Paul's Avenue. Light refreshments to follow.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**2015 MEN'S CONFERENCE*****MEN, BE WHO YOU ARE*****Saturday, March 21, 2015****Fordham Rose Hill Campus****8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Admission Fee-\$45 (includes breakfast, lunch and t-shirt) Timothy Cardinal Dolan-Keynote Speaker. To register and for further information, please visit www.nymensconference.com

Fourteenth Annual John J. Bruno Children's Luncheon sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta School on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. at the Staaten. Everyone is invited to join in ***"Honoring People Who Make a Difference in the Lives of our Children."*** Donation: \$75/adult and \$25/child. For reservations and journal ad information please contact Ms. Mouton at 718-981-5131.

FROM THE PASTOR

It is hard to believe that the Lenten Season is about to begin on this coming Wednesday, February 15, 2015, Ash Wednesday.

Signed on our foreheads, ashes proclaim to the world that we imperfect Christians are entering into a profound, beautiful and hopefully meaningful journey accompanying Jesus, who 2000 years ago journeyed to Jerusalem to his sacrificial death and Resurrection for all of us.

In our world of Technology, media, hustle and bustle, societal challenges at home and abroad; as well as the hard day to day struggle to earn a living, support a family, and a thousand and one other demands on our time, talent and energy, we encounter an invitation to stop, look, listen to an unbelievable helping aid.

Before you say Oh Yeah, permit me to make a case during the weeks of Lent to suggest spiritual Gatorade to strengthen your psyche, soul and spirit.

Lent is an invitation during a liturgical season par excellence for looking deep within ourselves and to discover spiritual resources to address these challenges, to respond more fully to God's call, invitation to holiness and conversion.

Imagine for a moment the possibility of eradicating our internal and personal awareness of our imperfections, mistakes, sins, hurt.

Imagine as well the discovery and/or deepening of a spirit of prayer and how that can be fulfilling in our lives and most welcome if we but give it a chance.

Imagine also renewal, or beginning of a sense of need to extend ourselves and our limited resources to those in need of which there are so many in our society.

Imagine the really unbelievable, of actually controlling and regulating our own human need for sustenance, allowing our mind, body, soul and spirit to be refreshed and strengthened.

Let's face it, we are all too often undisciplined, self-pampered, lazy, putting off till tomorrow what we should do today. In other words, we are all too human, forgetful of the other half of our being – the spiritual.

So what, say you! Well, permit me to suggest that you and I together might seriously consider joining the journey of Jesus two thousand years later during Lent 2015.

Our mantra could be Prayers, Fasting, Almsgiving and Love following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Family together might well seriously consider -our Lenten offerings of Mass, Reconciliation, Reflection, Prayer, Helping Hands and all of the opportunities found in our weekly bulletins.

Come join us won't you? We could begin with daily Mass-morning or evening and who knows where it will end. It won't be bad. It will be good. Trust Me!

God Bless You,
Msgr. Finn