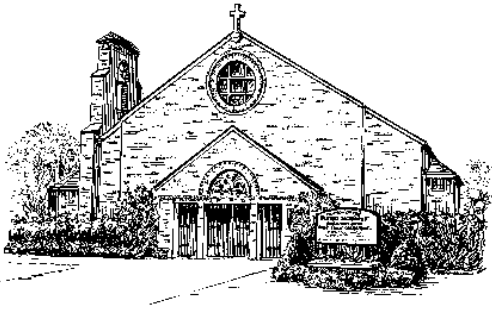


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

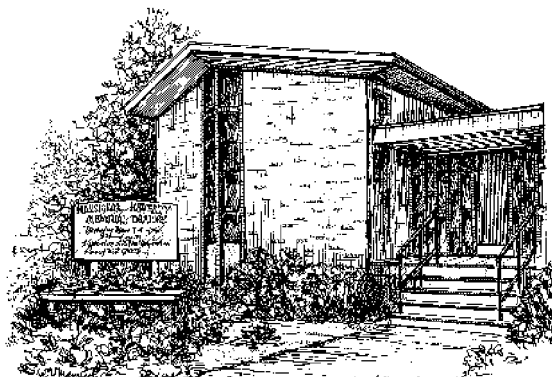
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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





Blessed Sacrament Parish is hosting a **Special Celebration Mass** in honor of all children who have been baptized here over the past 2 years. The Mass will be on Sunday, May 3rd at 9:30 A.M. with a reception to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Please RSVP by April 29th! For further information and to respond please contact Jeanne Helbock at 917-670-7911 or jhelbock@yahoo.com or Marlene Boyd at 917-903-8967 or mmb@boydcast.com



Our Parish will offer a Mother's Day Novena of Masses throughout the month of May. Mother's Day Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church. This Mother's Day Novena is a truly spiritual way of remembering our loved ones and friends at the Altar of the Lord during this special month. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th the Masses will be offered for the intentions of all mothers, both living and deceased.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6143.00 (Weekly)	\$11,202.00 (Weekly)
\$2266.00 (Parish Debt)	(Easter)\$19,759.00
 <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014 (Easter)</u>
788 (Adults)	1747 (Adults)
<u>180 (Children)</u>	<u>428 (Children)</u>
968	2175

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DECEASED MEMBERS OF
DRONNE FAMILY**

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, 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, 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, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo and Robert Hammerton

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Brandan Lynch (30th Anniv)

9:00 John Flynn

TUESDAY

7:00 Patsy Coles

9:00 Sharon Biggs (5th Anniv)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Doris O'Toole (1st Anniv)

9:00 Anne M. Piazza (1st Anniv)

THURSDAY

7:00 Burton Cohen

9:00 Nicholas Johs

FRIDAY

7:00 John Ciano

9:00 James Yates

SATURDAY

9:00 John Cardinal O'Connor

5:00 Theresa DeMarzio

SUNDAY

8:00 Mimi Guerriero

9:30 Kathleen Spillane

12:30 Barbara Kenny (5th Anniv)

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 3, 2015

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1
8:00 AM	Team	2
9:30 AM	Team	3
11:00 AM	Team	4
12:30 PM	Team	5

<u>LECTORS</u>
Sr. Anne Dolores
C. Burns
K. Hanley
L. Pillarella
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
K. Byrne & A. Talaid
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
R. Gallop & K. Falcone
E. & G. Checkett
E. Laub & H. Wodzinski



Project Hospitality is hosting a luncheon honoring Reverend Terry Troia for her 30 years of service, leadership and inspiration to Project Hospitality and the people of Staten Island on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Reservations are \$65/person. For further information please contact Anita Yuen at 718-448-1544 or email anyuen@projecthospitality.org

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.

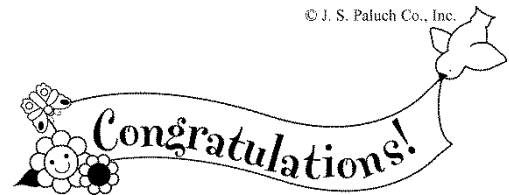
Diva for a Day Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 2010 by two friends who recognize the benefits of a day to escape from the daily stresses a woman will face while dealing with cancer. Through the program, special Divas are selected each month to enjoy a complete day of pampering, generously donated by a participating salon/spa. If you know a deserving Diva please visit <http://www.divaforaday.org/>

St. Joseph the Worker Concert on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00 P.M. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (5411 Amboy Road). Tickets are \$25/person. All proceeds to benefit the immigrant work of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church/The Ladies of St. Mary's and ElCentro del Immigrante. The evening will feature Daniel Rodriguez and Marla Kavanaugh. For reservations and further information please call 718-442-3137.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another a member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God . What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us. Copyright J.S. Paluch Co.



We wish to congratulate our Parish children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, April 25th. A special **"THANK YOU"** to Sister Anne Dolores, Director of Religious Education and the teachers who prepared the children so well for this most special Sacrament.

The Titan League Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, April 30th at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

FROM THE PASTOR

He was a fine young man, friendly, intelligent, gregarious and an historian. Like our Cardinal Michael Timothy Dolan, Pat McNamara was devoted to the history of the Catholic Church and especially knowledgeable regarding Catholicism in the United States and in the State of New York.

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers, in Light One Candle writes of

“How Catholics Built a Better Church and Society” – Part One

What do Regis Philbin, Dorothy Day, Archbishop Fulton Sheen and I have in common? We’re among the 76 people profiled in historian Pat McNamara’s book “New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude, and the Works.” I’m not in that illustrious company because of anything I’ve done, but rather because McNamara appreciates what The Christophers mean to Catholic culture-and culture in general.

In “New York Catholics,” he serves as a historian who make the past relevant by sharing the timeless stories of real people whose devotion to their faith led them to serve the poor, fight racism, battle anti-Catholicism, and build up the Church in America.

The first figure McNamara highlights is Sir Thomas Dongan, a member of Ireland’s Catholic aristocracy who England’s Charles II appointed as governor of New York in 1682. Dongan went on to battle the bias against Catholics that was present in the city. Actually, “bias” is too mild a word. McNamara quotes Thomas Shelley, author of the history of the New York Archdiocese, as writing, “Protestant colonists may not have been especially fervent churchgoers, and they were themselves divided into rival denominations. Yet there was one common element in their religious beliefs that united them, and that was a detestation of Roman Catholicism.”

During an interview on “Christopher Closeup,” McNamara explained, “Dongan created a charter of liberties in 1683, which said that anyone who belongs to a Christian denomination has complete freedom. This is revolutionary. Dongan was the first to do it in a Northern colony. And the charter was later amended to say all persons of any religion whatsoever (had freedom too), because New York had a Jewish community.”

McNamara noted that some Catholic authors argue that Dongan’s charter influenced the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and simply promoted greater tolerance in American life. That didn’t happen quickly or easily, though. Into the 1840s and 50s, there were still want ads running in the newspaper that stated, “Neither Irish nor Catholic need apply.” Members of the anti-Catholic Know-Nothing party were elected to office throughout the country—and there were even anti-Catholic riots that broke out in Brooklyn. So how did Catholics finally become accepted in their adopted home?

McNamara said, “Eventually the Catholics just wore them down. They just kept coming! They kept building churches and schools...and the hospital system and old age homes..and they started these orphanages, where they welcomed children of all denomination or none, of all races, of all backgrounds. (At the time), you had denomination-specific orphanages, like Protestant-friendly orphanages and Catholic orphanages. But one of the great pioneers of Catholic childcare was a priest named John Drumgoole, who I talk about in the book. And John Drumgoole said, ‘I’ll take any kid from any religion, background, race.’ And he did. He created Mount Loretto in Staten Island, which at the time was the largest childcare institution in the United States.”

McNamara believes that Catholics helped “the least of these” because it was a gospel mandate, but also because “the Catholic immigrants who came over were ‘the least.’ First the Irish, the Italians, the many and the various groups that came after them. They were poor immigrants, and they weren’t always treated very well. But rather than sticking it to the people above them, what they did was help the people who came after them.”

More of McNamara’s stories in the next column.....

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN