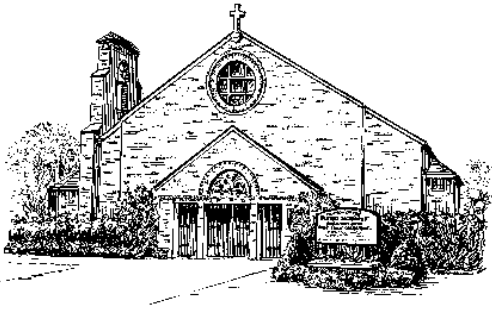


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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.

**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

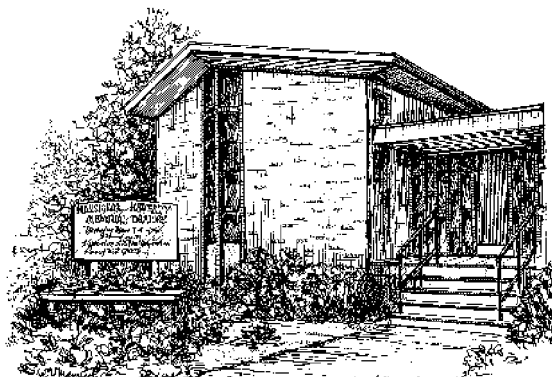
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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





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 this Mother's Day all the Masses will be offered for the intentions of mothers, both living and deceased.



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

The Ascension completes Christ's earthly ministry. Entrusting His work to the disciples, Christ continues to work through them.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**, May 14<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. and on Ascension Thursday, Masses will be at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6430.00 (Weekly)	\$6720.00 (Weekly)
\$1374.00<Central&EasterEurope>	\$1576.00
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
771 (Adults)	824 (Adults)
<u>151 (Children)</u>	<u>180 (Children)</u>
922	1004

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ROSEMARY MC CLAUGHRY**

**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, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Danielle Ziegler, Brandon Toro and Robert Hammerton

**SYMPATHY**

Remember the soul of Lucy D'Angelo and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

**MONDAY**

7:00 Gene Cosgroff  
9:00 Michael P. DeMato

**TUESDAY**

7:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
9:00 Beverly Casucci

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Gerard Durr (Living Intention)  
9:00 Marie Novaro  
7:00 Lorraine & John Beagen & Margaret, John & Thomas Beagen

**THURSDAY – ASCENSION THURSDAY**

7:00 James Yates  
9:00 Rosemary McClaughry  
11:00 Mary & Ansel Martin  
7:00 Christine Conney (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Jane Forlenza  
9:00 Dionisia Calamba

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Arthur Dickman, Sr. (Living Intention)  
5:00 Edith & Louis Rich

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Mary McNamara  
9:30 Fr. Malcolm Martin  
12:30 Klee & Rooney Families

**SCHEDULE FOR MAY 17, 2015**

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>			<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	5	L. Lagmay	A. Aponte & A. Talaid
8:00 AM	Team	1	F. Molanphy	D. Vigliotti & P. Manley
9:30 AM	Team	2	J. Pace	A. Castronovo & P. Thomann
11:00 AM	Team	3	M. Conigatti	R. Gallop & H. Wodzinski
12:30 PM	Team	4	D. Maj	G. & E. Checkett

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our April 5/50 Raffle Winners – Mr. & Mrs. Perfecto Jusay who won \$900.

**GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION** will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 and Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2015. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be the principal celebrant. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish House Office at 718-442-1581 by Monday, May 18, 2015.

AMVETS John R. Tamburri Memorial Post 917 presents their 7<sup>th</sup> annual **STATEN ISLAND WELCOMES OUR HEROES** on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and watch as more than 200 bikers escort a group of wounded troops from Walter Reed National Medical Center to Staten Island for a VIP weekend. Escorted by the NYPD, the motorcade will exit the Korean War Veteran Memorial highway at approximately 1:30 P.M. and proceed north on Richmond Avenue. **Bring your friends, flags, signs and come out to cheer!**

**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.

Donors can sign-up for Blessed Sacrament's Spring **BLOOD DRIVE** to be held on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> following Mass on the following weekends: May 16 & 17, 23 & 24 and 30 & 31.

**The Holy Name Society** will meet on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for Mass at 8:00 A.M. and a meeting to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

**The Senior Spirituality Group** will meet on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room.

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM** - There will be registration on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. In the GYM for **NEW STUDENTS ONLY!** Please bring a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate and \$25 Registration Fee (Cash or Check).

The South Shore Democratic Club is sponsoring an **Educational Seminar on Dyslexia, Helping parents of learning disabled students navigate the educational system**, on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Bermuda Inn. To register please email: roepower1@gamil.com or call 718-361-8701.

**The Blessed Sacrament School Mothers' Guild** invites all alumni and friends to join them in celebrating another successful school and to honor the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mothers. The Spring Social will be on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at *The Veranda* at Silver Lake Golf Course. Donation \$65/person. For reservations and further information please call Chrissy Dumais at 917-620-0250.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!** We remember in a special way with love and gratitude all of our mothers living and deceased at all our Masses today and throughout the beautiful month of May. Hopefully, the special attention rendered to our mothers today is a reminder of the love, respect and honor we owe our mothers every day of the year.

Together with our earthly mother, we are reminded as well of our Heavenly Mother, Mary, the Mother of All Humankind for whom the month of May is specially dedicated.

Read on and reflect on the following article by Biagio Mazza in **Celebration** entitled:

***The Blessed Virgin Mary – Vatican II asked: Is She Truly our Sister?***

***During the Second Vatican Council, discussions on Mary, Jesus' mother, were very heated and manifested a great deal of disagreement among the gathered bishops. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, devotion to Mary had grown tremendously, making it one of the clearest identity markers for Catholics. Along with all sorts of Marian apparitions, novenas, litanies, May crowning and multiple variations on rosary devotions, two infallibly defined doctrines concerning Mary, the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption, were declared by Pius IX in 1854 and Pius XII in 1950, respectively.***

***Many bishops participating at the council desired an increase in devotion to Mary, wanting to honor her with new titles that would show her unique role in God's plan of salvation. They insisted on a council document that would be devoted exclusively to Mary, highlighting her as co-redeemer or co-redemptrix with Christ in God's plan, as well as declaring her Mother of the Church. These, along with her other titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix would highlight God's special graces to Mary because of her role as Mother of the Redeemer. This viewpoint focused primarily on Mary's unique place in relationship to her son and in God's plan of salvation.***

***Many other bishops felt that this direction could lead to significant distortion that would remove Mary even further from scripture and liturgy, compromising the council's emphasis on the Eucharistic liturgy as the "source and summit" of all Christian living. They also felt that this approach would be ecumenically offensive, since it would continue to distort scripture and divert devotion from Christ to Mary, the consistent accusation that other Christians leveled toward Catholics.***

***These bishops wished to highlight Mary not as different from the rest of God's people, but as an integral member of the people of God, a model member of the church and a true example of discipleship. Instead of creating a separate document devoted exclusively to Mary, they said, the council participants should include her in the document on the church. In this manner, her role as a member of the church and a premier example of the discipleship to which we are all called would shine forth.***

***On October 29, 1963, in an attempt to resolve the conflict, the bishops voted on whether Mary should have her own document, or should be included in the document on the Church. By a vote of 1114 in favor to 1074 against, the bishops decided to include Mary in the document on the Church.***

***Chapter 8 of Lumen Gentium, "The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," contains the reflections of Vatican II on Mary's role and function in the Church. However, due to Paul VI's insistence on harmony among the bishops, compromise positions and statements had to be included so that near unanimous approval could be achieved. This dynamic led to a statement on Mary that attempted to balance different Marian theological strands that are often at cross purposes.***

***Despite the tension that resulted from trying to blend in both sides of the bishops' arguments, one fact dominates: Mary is understood primarily as a member of the church, one of us, a fellow pilgrim on our journey to God, who has walked our walk and models for us attunement to God, fidelity and discipleship at its best.***

***The document roots Mary in scripture, making ecumenically sensitive reflections on her role and function. Mary is not unique in her fidelity to God's will but models what all disciples are called to do: listen, and respond to God's word. Like Mary, we are to cooperate with God in bringing about God's saving presence in the world. Like Mary, we are called to hear God's word, reflect on what it demands of us. Allow it to take flesh in our lives, and share that life with the world.***

***Christ is the mediator between God and humanity. Christ is the full manifestation of God who gifts us completely with God's love and saving presence. Mary attuned herself to God, agreed to cooperate in God's plan to bring Christ into the world, and amid many challenges, spent her life in learning what discipleship entailed. Every member of the people of God has that same vocation.***

***Mary, our sister in faith, and all those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith" are the "cloud of witnesses" cheering us on in our pilgrim journey, encouraging, supporting and caring for us as we struggle to learn what discipleship entails while facing life's many challenges and striving to cooperate with God's saving plan for all humanity.***

**MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS, OUR MOTHER, OUR SISTER  
PRAY FOR OUR EARTHLY MOTHERS,  
EMBRACE OUR DECEASED MOTHERS  
AND PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN ON EARTH.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
MSGR. FINN**