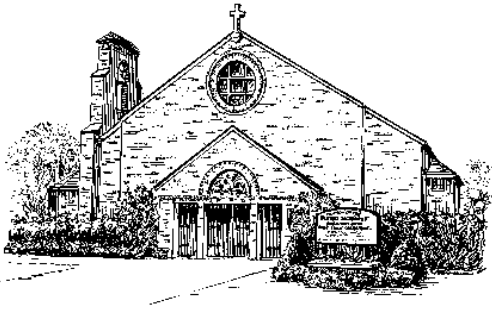


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

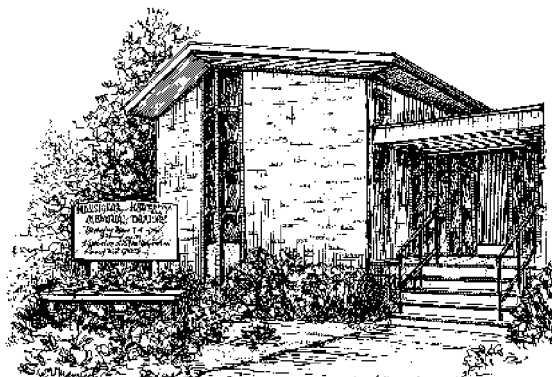
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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





**The Parish House Office will be closed on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.**

#### **Senior Spirituality Group**

The Senior Spirituality Group will meet on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish House Meeting Room

#### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group**

Will have a Healing Mass on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, celebrated by Fr. Bill Halbing of the Archdiocese of Newark. Fr. Halbing is a popular conference speaker and Bible teacher and he has been active in the Catholic Charismatic renewal since 1975. 7:00pm Rosary, Praise and Worship. 7:30pm Holy Mass

#### **Titan League**

The Titan League will have their Spirit Mass on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### **Francis, Our Pope**

Pope Francis has left NY but there are still commemorative items for sale, go to our website: [PopeFrancisNYC.org](http://PopeFrancisNYC.org) to see the Custom Rosary Beads, Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments and other items available for purchase.

#### **Family Life + Respect Life**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available and the pain and sorrow of past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The next "Day of Prayer and healing" is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. For location and confidential registration call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

#### **Blessed Sacrament Choir**

The Adult Choir is looking for new members. If you love to sing, this is a great opportunity to help enhance our weekly 11am Masses. We meet every Thursday, at 7:30pm for rehearsal. For more information, come up to the choir loft after the 11am Mass on any Sunday. The Children's Choir will begin on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at the 12:30pm Mass. Please arrive by 12:15pm. All are welcome. Both choirs are under the direction of Amanda Barricella.

## ***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, Mary Kenny, 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, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, 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, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry and Robert McQuade

## ***SYMPATHY***

Remember the soul of Louis Jerome, Sr. and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

#### **MONDAY**

7:00 Muriel Basile

9:00 Albert DiMauro

#### **TUESDAY**

7:00 Robert Byrnes

9:00 Louis J. Caccese

#### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Maria DiSpensa DiBella

9:00 Albert Di Mauro

#### **THURSDAY**

7:00 Alfred Trovato

9:00 Carmela Lenza (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

#### **FRIDAY**

7:00 Rocco & Ottimia Paradiso (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.)

9:00 Patricia Abrams

#### **SATURDAY**

9:00 Mary Martin (5<sup>th</sup> Aniniv.)

5:00 Robert Callahan

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 Anna "Bette" O'Brien

9:30 Helen & Harry Bavaro

12:30 John Ciano

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
LOUIS J. CACCERI**

**SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 18, 2015**

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 4	J. Hansen	V. Donnelly & K. Byrne
8:00 AM	Team 5	F. Molanphy	A. Coscia & S. Coscia
9:30 AM	Team 1	M. Semon	P. Thomann & R. Gallop
11:00 AM	Team 2	J. Pace	M. McKeever & E. Laub
12:30 PM	Team 3	R. Helbock	E. & G. Checkett

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Mark your calendars – the **Annual Pasta Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Members will be selling discounted tickets after all the Masses next weekend October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**High School Open Houses**

**St. John Villa**, 25 Landis Ave., Oct. 17 1 - 4pm

**Msgr. Farrell**, 2900 Amboy Road, Oct. 18 11am – 3pm

**Notre Dame of Manhattan**, 327 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Oct. 25 from 2:30 – 5:00pm

**World Apostolate of Fatima, USA**

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ. Come and place your petitions before Our Lady. Confessions 10:30am; 12:00 noon Rosary; 12:30pm Speaker David Carollo; 1:00pm Holy Mass; 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet; Holy House Tour. Info: [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)

**Catholic Youth Ministry Network of Staten Island**

YouthFest 2015, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm at Moore Catholic High School. All high schoolers and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a day of music, talks, food, give-a-ways, Reconciliation and Eucharist. 4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne. Cost: FREE Bring donations of canned food for local pantries.

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

St. Mary of the Assumption-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta Parish invites you to come and enjoy a delicious Italian meal. The 75<sup>th</sup> annual spaghetti dinner will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Cafeteria, 285 Clove Road. Dinners will be served from Noon till 3p.m and again from 5 till 8pm. Tickets are available at the door. \$12 Adults, \$6 children under 12. Take out dinners available. For more info, call 718-442-3411.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Last Sunday, October 4, 2015 was not only the Feast of the great St. Francis of Assisi but it was also the celebration of Feast of Yum Kippur. We extend to all our brothers and sisters our prayers and best wishes.

Currently finishing a book entitled "GOEBBELS" a Biography by Peter Longerick, I am overwhelmed by the evil that consumed this madman, his Fuhrer and all of those in the Nazi movement that slaughtered millions of Jews because they were Jewish and countless others

for their faith and opposition to National Socialism.

In the course of the Holocaust there were those who sought to oppose the Nazi's worldwide – never enough - until war but there were some who were brave and valued all human life.

Richard Lukas in Priest Magazine recounts "To Save A Life" many Poles were involved in saving Jews from Nazi's.

*When Nazi Germany invaded Poland in September of 1939, it did not wage a conventional war against the Polish government and its armed forces. Instead, it conducted a campaign of terror that was intended to destroy the Polish nation.*

A vital part of Nazi plan for Poland was weakening and controlling the Roman Catholic Church. One Polish observer at the time described religious life as being restricted "to what it had been during the time of the catacombs."

Despite the enormous challenges imposed on the church, most priests and nuns behaved with dignity and played an important role in charitable and humanitarian work on behalf of Christians and Jews. Many members of the clergy participated in the Polish Underground, a sophisticated organization that webbed the entire country and was probably the most effective resistance movement in German-occupied Europe.

One of the most important activities of priests and nuns during World War II was their assistance to Jews, whom the Nazis initially confined to ghettos and later transported to death camps. The Germans imposed an automatic death sentence on any one – clergy or laity – who helped a Jew in any way.

Despite the risk of death, the ranking Polish leader, Archbishop Adam Spieha of Krakow, supported aid to Jews. Bishop Karol Niemira and Canon Roman Archutowski set the tone for the clergy in Warsaw in assisting Jews. Various priests offered to hide rabbis during the German occupation. Most rabbis opted to remain with their people, but one rabbi hid in the library of the diocese of Warsaw. Under the leadership of the Catholic metropolitan of Vilna, Romuald Jalbrzykowski, the clergy hid Jews in churches and convents.

Emmanuel Ringelblum, the Jewish chronicler of the Warsaw Ghetto, observed how parish priests in Warsaw urged their parishioners to help Jews. Thousands of Poles responded by hiding Jewish families or by finding

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safe houses for them. Priests, who were always under the watchful eyes of the Gestapo, were very resourceful in helping Jews.

Father Marcelli Godlewski on one occasion hid several Jewish children under his cassock until a Gestapo search party left the area. He later found safe houses for the children. Others, like Father Sylvester Paluch, provided Jews with false baptismal certificates, which enabled them to move about freely as Christians. Thousands of these documents were produced by the clergy. Little known was the work of a seminarian, Karol Wojtyla, the future Saint John Paul II, who worked with Jewish leaders to help Jews.

Not all aid to Jews by the clergy was limited to villages, towns and cities. Father Jan Januszewski, a tall young priest in western Poland, was arrested while he celebrated Mass. To the horror of the congregation, black uniformed thugs seized Father Jan from the altar and dragged him to a car that took him to Dachau, the principal concentration camp for clergy.

"I recall a Jewish man worn down by difficult work and a meager diet," Father Jan told me during an interview. "he often stumbled and was unable to fulfill his work quota. I knew it would be only a matter of time before he would die from overwork and malnutrition or one of the guards would kill him. I helped him fulfill his quota. He survived." Father Jan also survived. After the war, he emigrated to the United States and served in several parishes in the diocese of Miami, Florida. Before he died of cancer in 1987, he was the beloved pastor of St. Justin the Martyr church in Key Largo.

Monks, too, did what they could to help the persecuted Jews. Niepokolanow, a monastery known as "the city of Mary Immaculate," had been founded by the most famous Polish Franciscan, Maximilian Kolbe. It became a safe haven for 1,000 to 2,000 Jewish families until the Germans seized the facility and desecrated it by turning it into a prison.

In 1941, the Germans arrested Father Kolbe and sent him to Auschwitz, where hundreds of Polish prisoners were incarcerated. Father Kolbe gave his life so that another prisoner, Francis Gajowniczek, could live. Gajowniczek survived the war and attended the canonization ceremony of St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1982.

Polish nuns believed that it was their special mission to help Jewish children, the most helpless and vulnerable victims of the war. One historian identified 189 convents that hid Jewish children. As many as two-thirds of the religious communities in Poland during the war were involved in hiding Jewish adults and children.

Often parish priests could give only temporary shelter to a Jewish child because rectories were almost always under Gestapo surveillance. Priests found ways to escort children to remote convents that were the safest places in Poland to hide.

In many cases, as the Germans escalated deportations of Jews to the death camps, distraught parents brought their children to convents. One Jewish dentist told a mother superior, "I will live for as long as I am useful to the Germans, but I will surely not survive. I have brought my son. If you can, I ask you to take him." When his ghetto was being liquidated, another Jewish father ran up to the window of a convent and tossed his infant son, called Antos, to a nun and said "Hide him! He's yours now!"

There were many orders of nuns who sheltered Jewish adults and children during the German occupation of Poland. Some of the most prominent included the Sisters of Charity, the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the Franciscans of the Family of Mary and the Order of Saint Elizabeth.

Sister Matylda Getter, mother superior of the Warsaw branch of the Franciscans, was a legend in her own time and hoodwinked many Gestapo agents in her mission to save innocent lives. She never refused any Jewish child who came to her door.

Mother Stanislawa Polechajllo, a Pole of Tatar heritage, was Mother Getter's counterpart in the convent of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Among the children sheltered by nuns was a young Jewish girl who wrote from Israel after the war: "The gift of life belongs to you."

The most remarkable underground organization in Europe during World War II was Zegota (Council for Aid to Jews), whose sole mission was to help Jews. Organized in 1942 by Polish social activists, Zegota succeeded in hiding, clothing, feeding, giving medical care, and providing false documents to large numbers of Jews.

The legendary Irena Sendler headed the children's bureau of the organization. With the help of many individuals, including priests and nuns, Sendler saved the lives of 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto. Stanislaw Gajewski, a Polish Jew who received false documents from Zegota to save his family and friends, admiringly observed: "About Zegota...it took large numbers of people – priests, forgers, couriers and so on. We'll never know the number of people involved."

No Jew survived in German occupied Poland without the direct or indirect assistance of Poles. It is estimated that it took at least 10 to 12 Poles to save one Jew. There will never be an accurate reckoning of the precise number of Poles who helped Jews survive in wartime Poland. After all, before the end of the German occupation large numbers of Poles went to their deaths along with the Jews they sheltered.

A reasonable estimate is that at least one million Poles were involved in helping Jews, and it is quite probable that the number is even higher. Among those courageous Poles were priests, monks and nuns who met the defining challenges of that day by risking their lives to save others. Their accomplishments give special meaning to the Talmudic injunction: "He who saves one life saves the world."

Those heroic people are among the true moral giants of our time.

GOD BLESS YOU,  
MSGR. FINN