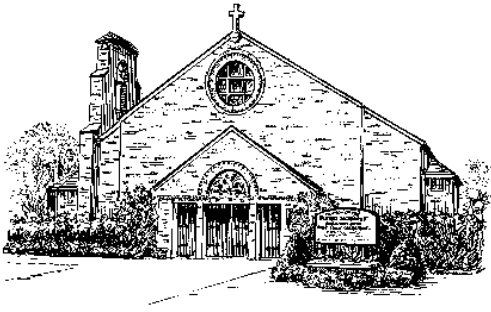


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

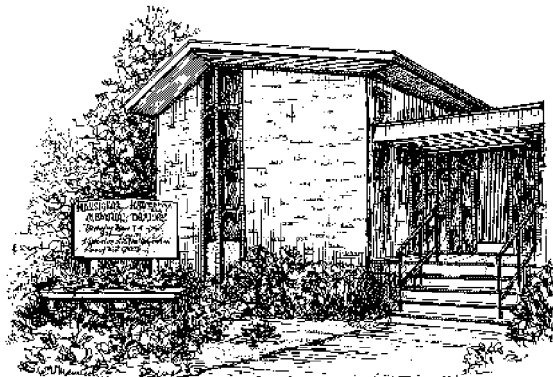
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



BEREAVEMENT MASS

Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Family would like to invite families, relatives, and friends who have lost loved ones during this past year to attend a special Bereavement Mass on November 2nd at 7pm in our church. Also, all others who wish to remember their loved ones are invited to join with us in prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for all our beloved deceased. Following Mass light refreshments will be served in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

TACHS

The Test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS) will be administered on Friday, November 6th in selected high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Applications for this examination are available in our catholic elementary schools for pupils whom they enroll. Public school students can pick up application forms at their local parish elementary school or any participating high school. Students may also register via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-618-2247.

ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY HOMECOMING

Sunday, October 25, 2015, Mass at 11am in the Chapel with luncheon to follow in Founder's Hall (Located on Landis Ave.). All alumnae are welcome with special recognition given to those who graduated in years ending in "0" and "5". RSVP by October 18. The price is \$35 pp in advance and \$40pp at the door. All proceeds benefit the St. John Villa Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund. Any questions, please contact Judy White '76 Birmingham at 718-227-2189 or email at alumnaehs@sjva.org

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$7,581 (Weekly)	\$7,438 (Weekly)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
691 (Adults)	764 (Adults)
141 (Children)	179(Children)
832	943

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROBERT CALLAHAN**

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, Robert McQuade and Amy Mezzacappa

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul of Patricia Harrigan-Chase, Carmella Tracey and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Sr. Una McCormak O. P.
9:00 John James McGrath,

TUESDAY

7:00 John & Peggy Ciano
9:00 Mary & James Deignan

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Vincent Cataldo
9:00 Louise Vigliotti

THURSDAY

7:00 Tino Buscema
9:00 John Paul Riley

FRIDAY

7:00 Alice M. Finn
9:00 James Redmond

SATURDAY

9:00 Barbara Martin Keeley
5:00 John Vincent Abbate, Sr.

SUNDAY

8:00 Helen Fairweather
9:30 Garry Smith
12:30 Anthony Mazza

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 25 , 2015

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9	L. Lagmay	N. Mata & C. Rooney
8:00 AM	Team 10	C. Burns	S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
9:30 AM	Team 6	K. Hanley	K. Byrne & A. Morrell
11:00 AM	Team 7	M. Conigatti	M. McKeever & M. Conigatti
12:30 PM	Team 8	K. Kelley	A. Talaid & H. Wodzinski

ST JOSEPH BY THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL

Open House

Sunday, Oct. 18th for Girls from Noon till 4:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 25th for Boys from Noon till 4:00pm

FONTBONNE HALL ACADEMY

6th, 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to attend their Open House on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Fontbonne Hall is located at 9901 Shore Road, Brooklyn. Call 718-748-2244 for more information.

WHITE MASS

All health care professionals and students are invited to attend the White Mass celebrating the contribution of health care workers of all faiths, Thursday, November 5th, 7:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mass will include the "Blessing of the Healing Hands". Msgr. Peter G. Finn will preside.

ST. ANN'S CHINESE AUCTION

125 Cromwell Avenue, Friday, Nov. 20th, Doors open at 6pm., Admission: \$5.00 For more information, please call 718-351-4343

CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 X2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

2015 AWARDS DINNER

Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund and the Archdiocese of New York present the 2015 Awards Dinner benefiting the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program and College Pierre Toussaint in Sassier, Haiti Honoring Robert F. Smith, Founder, Chairman & CEO of Vista Equity Partners. Monday, November 9th at Madiba Harlem At My Image Studios, 46 West 116 Street. For reservations and info contact The Office of Black Ministry at 646-794-2681 or www.pierretoussaintawardsdinner.eventbrite.com

FROM THE PASTOR

This week we celebrate the Feast of a truly remarkable man, St. John Paul II the Great. Following our column last week enumerating the efforts of many Polish priests and religious during the Holocaust on behalf of Polish Jews, John Paul among them, who would do so many works for God in his long and blessed Pontificate.

Among the many things St. John Paul II initiated was outreach to faith filled women religious.

One such example was Sr. Sara Butler, a Missionary Servant of the Most Blessed Trinity who has taught theology to seminarians for over 25 years. I was privileged to serve with her on the St. Joseph Seminary Faculty during my tenure as Rector. In addition to her seminary position Sr. Butler was appointed to and continues to serve on a Papal Theological Think Tank meeting annually in Rome.

Sr. Butler writes in Our Sunday Visitor recently on: Families foster openness to religious life.

Are there any religious in your family? That is, is any family member a sister, brother or priest in a religious institute? Your aunt or uncle, your sister or brother or cousin, perhaps? How would you respond if you learned that your daughter or son was considering religious life?

Why would a chapter dealing with vocations to the religious life appear in a text devoted to the family? After all religious women (sisters and nuns) and men (brothers, monks, friars, and priests) do not, by definition marry and start families! Just the opposite. They forgo marriage and family by making a permanent, public commitment to virginity or celibacy for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Why, then, include religious in a catechesis on the family?

One reason is that the church views the vocations to marriage and consecrated celibacy as complementary and mutually supportive. Esteem for marriage and esteem for consecrated celibacy go hand in hand.

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When marriage and family are highly valued, the sacrifice made by those who forgo them for love of Christ is appreciated. Conversely, when religious life is highly valued, couples more readily discover how the joys and sacrifices of their own vocation contribute to their growth in holiness. These two vocations are natural allies, and they need each other.

Another reason is that families are the seedbeds for religious vocations. Children whose parents practice their faith are the ones most likely to hear and respond to Christ's invitation to follow him in the consecrated life. And parents who love their faith and do their best to hand it on to their children are the ones most likely to encourage their children to expect and accept such a calling, and if they receive it, to embrace it as a gift from God.

In fact, a religious vocation is a gift; this call from God is not given to everyone. It is an invitation to follow Christ, poor, chaste and obedient in a stable way of life in an institute whose charism and constitutions are approved by the church. Men and women in religious life publicly vow to observe the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience; they commit themselves to live the "common life" and to carry out the mission of their institute under the direction of their superiors.

Aren't all the baptized called to holiness – that is, to the love of God and neighbor, the "perfection of charity"? Why is religious life special? Pope St. John Paul II explained the difference between the "universal" and the "particular" calls in this way in his apostolic exhortation *Vita Consecrata* ("The Consecrated Life"): "All those reborn in Christ are called to live out, with the strength which is the Spirit's gift, the chastity appropriate to their state of life, obedience to God and to the Church, and a reasonable detachment from material possessions: for all are called to holiness, which consists in the perfection of love. But baptism in itself does not include the call to celibacy or virginity, the renunciation of possessions or obedience to a superior, in the form proper to the evangelical counsels" (No. 30)

In other words, those called to religious life voluntarily assume a stricter way of observing the evangelical (for "Gospel") counsels that Jesus addressed to all the baptized. They freely choose this in order to follow his way of life "more closely." They make a total gift of self to Christ and his Church by making perpetual vows. Their vocation, rooted in the sacrament of baptism, publicly associates them with the Church and her mission by a new and special title.

In particular, religious are set apart, or consecrated, by their commitment to celibacy. Following the Lord's example and accepting his invitation, they choose celibacy "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (cf. Mt 19:12). Celibacy, by definition, is a deliberate choice to remain unmarried. Consecrated celibacy, in addition, is the choice to express one's entire gift of self in a bodily way. It is, in the way, analogous to marriage; it is a positive choice, motivated by love, for a lifelong, faithful and fruitful relationship with the Lord. Religious have a vocation to "bear fruit" through spiritual fatherhood and motherhood; they also have a "prophetic" vocation to remind the rest of the baptized of their own call to holiness. Because religious life belongs to the Church's life and holiness, it is necessary, even essential, that some fulfill this calling.

How can parents encourage their children to be open to a religious vocation? First, their commitment to Catholic practice needs to be firm and consistent. That means attending Mass on Sundays and holy days, arranging for their children's catechetical instruction or, if possible, sending them to Catholic schools, and seeing to their preparation for first penance, first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Parents do well to receive the sacrament of penance with their children on a regular basis, and they might also bring them to Eucharistic adoration and Benediction, to novenas for special intentions, and to services during the great liturgical seasons (e.g. Holy Week) and other devotions.

Many Catholic children today do not know any religious, but parents can remedy this by visiting parishes, shrines and other events sponsored by religious communities. Families can plan outings to programs and celebrations held at monasteries, motherhouses and spirituality centers, and they can seek ways to take part in the ministries religious carry out for the poor, disabled, sick and elderly in the community.

These activities, and the children's personal exposure to men and women religious, need to be supported by prayer in the home – prayer upon rising and retiring, grace before and after meals, and the Rosary. In the family, they can learn the Bible stories, read the Gospels and the lives of the saints. If their parents teach them, children who pray and acquire the virtues of Christian living will be ready, even at an early age, to give their hearts to Jesus. If they are encouraged to do this whenever they receive Holy Communion and taught to pray to know God's will for their lives, they will be ready to recognize the Lord's invitation to religious life.

Pray for Religious Vocations and all vocations.

GOD BLESS YOU,
MSGR. FINN