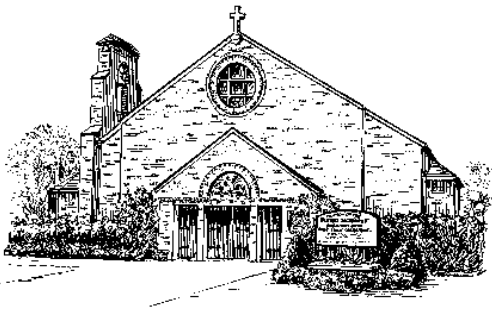


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

April 10, 2016

Staten Island, New York 10310



**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 Tuesday 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

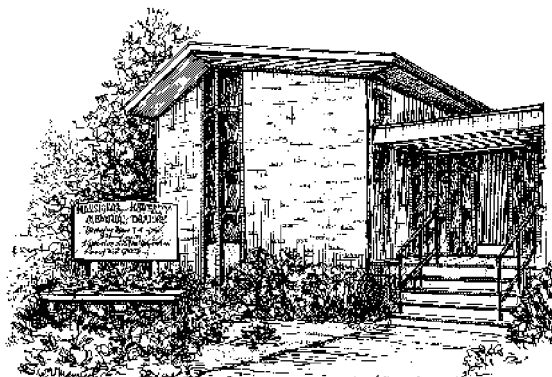
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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



**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION**  
**NEW STUDENTS ONLY**

Registration for all new students of the Faith Formation Program (CCD) will take place on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 11:00am until 1:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Meeting Room. Please use the Greenleaf Avenue parking lot entrance. Families must be registered with Blessed Sacrament Church. If you are not already registered, kindly call the Parish House at 718-442-1581 during business hours to register. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and if your child is in an upper grade, proof of Reconciliation and First Communion.

Registration fee is \$25.00 per family and can be paid in cash or by check. Checks are payable to Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Program. Grades 1 to 5 meet on Wednesdays from 2:00pm until 3:30pm; and Grades 6 through 8 likewise meet on Wednesdays from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Any questions or concerns please call our office at 718-448-3090. Thank you.  
 Sr. Anne Delores C.S.JB.

**ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

A remarkable aspect of Pope Francis's recent climate-care encyclical, *Laudato Si'* is that it draws on documents written by eighteen different bishops' conferences around the world, most of them in Asia, Africa and Latin America. By quoting leaders of communities that are suffering the most from climate change and not just writing about them, Pope Francis embodies the dialogical spirituality, the "integral ecology," he calls for in his encyclical.

**LEGION OF MARY** will be holding a recruitment exercise after the 5pm Mass on Sat, April 16<sup>th</sup> and all the Masses on Sun., April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Legion of Mary is a lay society whom under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate serves the parish by performing the Spiritual works of Mercy. The Legion meets every Monday at 7pm in the Parish House Meeting Room. The Legion visits the sick and homebound both in hospitals and homes. Their work also includes evangelization. Any questions or interest please see us after the Masses on the dates above or call Bernadette Paul @718-727-2990. Thank you.

<b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>\$7,484 (Weekly)</b>	<b>\$10,336 (Weekly)</b>
<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>743 (Adults)</b>	<b>1,390 (Adults)</b>
<b>196 (Children)</b>	<b>340 Children</b>
<b>939</b>	<b>1,730</b>

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 PHYLLIS ROTUNNO**

***PRAY FOR THE SICK***

Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pflieger, Jr., Phyllis Ribaldo, Ann Socci, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Kelly Ward, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, 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, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Joseph D'Amico, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Felicidad Tobias, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Amy Mezzacappa, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio and Larry Taylor.

***SYMPATHY***

Remember the soul for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

**MONDAY**

7:00 Msgr. John J. Sheehan  
 9:00 Anna Broenner (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Frank Paul Corso  
 9:00 Anne Powers

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Marion P. Ballew  
 9:00 Nazzareno Vella (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Finn P. O'Rourke (Living)  
 9:00 June Hayden (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**FRIDAY**

7:00 John Abbate, Jr.  
 9:00 Charles & Catherine McKeever  
 (Living - 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.)

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Helen A. Majeski (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 5:00 Ruth M. Yates

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Kathleen Ward  
 9:30 Charles Pearcey  
 12:30 Julie Scarcella

**SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 17, 2016****ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM Vigil	Team	5
8:00 AM	Team	1
9:30 AM	Team	2
11:00 AM	Team	3
12:30 PM	Team	4

**LECTORS**

L. Pillarella
E. Trentalange
M. Conigatti
M. Boyd
K. Kelley

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

K. Byrnes & C. Rooney
A. Coscia & A. Aponte
P. Thomann & R. Gallop
A. Morell & M. McKeever
J. Spach & M. Spach

**MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL**

Msgr. Farrell Holy Name Society's presents the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Father John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass in School Chapel – 9:00am, Warm Ups – 10am and Race – Approximately 10:30am at Msgr. Farrell High School. Entrance Fee: \$15.00 pre-race (must be received by April 6<sup>th</sup>) \$20.00 race day. Checks should be payable to: Msgr. Farrell H. S. Please go to: [tinyurl.com/comiskeymemorialmile](http://tinyurl.com/comiskeymemorialmile) to download a registration form. All proceeds benefit the Fr. Comiskey Memorial Scholarship. Contact John Fox at [jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org](mailto:jfox@msgrfarrellhs.org) for more info.

**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.

**FREE NARCAN TRAINING**

Senator Andrew Lanza and Assemblyman Michael Cusick are sponsoring a free overdose training event at New Dorp High School, 165 New Dorp Lane, on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to teach Staten Island residents how to prevent heroin and opiate overdoses from becoming fatal by using intranasal Naloxone (Narcan) - a highly effective prescription antidote used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Pre-registration is required! Register at [lanza.nysenate.gov](http://lanza.nysenate.gov) or call Sen. Lanza's office at 718/984-4073

**NY CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY**

Come join and meet over a thousand Catholic youth from all over the Archdiocese for a day of faith, fun, great music and speakers, and Mass with His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. Register online at [OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day](http://OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day). Entrance fee is \$20 before April 9<sup>th</sup>, \$25 after. It includes: T-shirt, backpack and lunch. For more information, call Cynthia Psencik at the Office of Youth Ministry at 914-367-8329 or email [Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org](mailto:Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org).

**EDUCATIONAL EVENT**

Assisted Suicide: Unnecessary, Flawed & Dangerous. Main Speaker: Ed Mechmann, Esq, Public Policy Director, Archdiocese of New York. Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9pm at St. Charles School Auditorium, 200 Penn Ave. RSVP required to [Sr.Lucy.Marie@ArchNY.org](mailto:Sr.Lucy.Marie@ArchNY.org)

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: all are invited to a special celebration at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi with Bishop Paul Bootkoski. The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, traveling worldwide since 1947, will travel on an historic two-year journey across America to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition at Fatima. The statue will visit more than 100 dioceses in 50 states. The statue will be available Wednesday, all day, for Veneration. Rosary at 6:30pm, Mass 7:00pm, followed by remarks by the Statue Custodian.

**SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)**

For those in their 30s,40s and 50s will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm Forgiving Ourselves? Self-forgiveness is a challenge for many people, leading to feelings of guilt and despair. Join us as Dr. Constance Salhany will discuss how faith, scripture and the use of some practical techniques can help us forgive ourselves in small and large matters and help us get unstuck.

Also save the date: June 25<sup>th</sup> "15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring-into-Summer Party" at the Mansion Grand.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The St. Joseph Retreat Center will be hosting Vacation Bible School. Open to children from all schools entering the 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Sept., 2016. Week 1 – June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, Week 2 July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> Fees: \$100 per child per week, \$75 for each additional child. Hours of Operation: 9am – 12pm. Contact: Sr. Carmella F.D.C. at [carmiekey@hotmail.com](mailto:carmiekey@hotmail.com)

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### **FROM THE PASTOR**

*Last week we addressed the persecution of Christians around the world and applauded our nation labeling it Genocide.*

*Today, aware of the call of Christ 2,000 years ago, and our mandate to witness the Gospel message, we are reminded of Pope Francis calling on the whole Church to be Evangelists and serve as “willing to be present to others as Christ alive and active in the world.”*

*Gerald O’Connell writing in America Magazine writes of Pope Francis:*

#### **Globalization of Indifference Contributes to Killing**

*Pope Francis expressed his closeness to the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, after four of their sisters were killed in Aden, the port city of Yemen, on March 4. Departing from his prepared text during the Angelus prayer in St. Peter’s Square, he hailed these sisters who were caring for the elderly in this war-stricken land as “martyrs of our day”, adding, “They were killed by their attackers, but also by the globalization of indifference.”*

*His words about “the globalization of indifference” are understood to refer not only to the general indifference to the attacks on Christians in this region but also to the great indifference of the international community to the yearlong civil war in this impoverished country, which has brought it to the brink of catastrophe. The previous day he expressed the hope that “this pointless slaughter will awaken consciences, lead to a change of heart and inspire all parties to lay down their arms and take up the path of dialogue.”*

*One of the martyred sisters, Sister Anselm, was from India; the other three were from Africa: Sisters Margherite and Reginette from Rwanda and Sister Judith from Kenya. “Their names do not appear on the front page of the newspapers, but they gave their blood for the church,” Francis said. “I pray for them and for the other persons killed in the attack and for their family members,” he added. He prayed that Mother Teresa – whom he will declare a saint in September – “may accompany into paradise these daughters, martyrs of charity, and intercede for peace and the sacred respect of human life.”*

*The Vatican said Pope Francis was “shocked and profoundly saddened” by the murder of the four members of the Missionaries of Charity and at least 12 other people at a retirement home for the elderly (80 of whom lived there) run by the sisters in Aden, on March 4. Gunmen had gone from room to room, handcuffing victims before shooting them in the head. Medical sources told Al Jazeera that the other victims included four local nurses, four security guards and three cleaning staff workers.*

*On March 5, the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, issued a strong appeal from Pope Francis for an end to the ongoing violence in Yemen, saying that “in the name of God, he calls upon all parties in the present conflict to renounce violence and to renew their commitment to the people of Yemen, particularly those most in need, whom the sisters and their helpers sought to serve.”*

*The only Catholic priest in Aden, the Rev. Thomas Uzhunnali of Kerala, India, was living with the sisters at the time of the attack because his parish residence had been destroyed last September. He was praying in the chapel of the retirement home when the killers arrived and was taken away by them, according to the mother superior of the community, who, press reports say, managed to hide and so avoided being killed in the attack. It is no known what happened to him.*

*Already the poorest country in the Arab world, Yemen is now facing catastrophe, according to the United Nations: 221.2 million people need some form of humanitarian assistance, around 6,000 people have been killed, and 2.4 million people have been displaced from their homes. Human rights organizations say both sides are responsible for atrocities in this impoverished but strategically important land, where the tussle for power has serious implications for the region and the security of the West.*

*Pray for the “poorest of the poor” and the victims of barbarism.*

God Help Us All  
MSGR. FINN