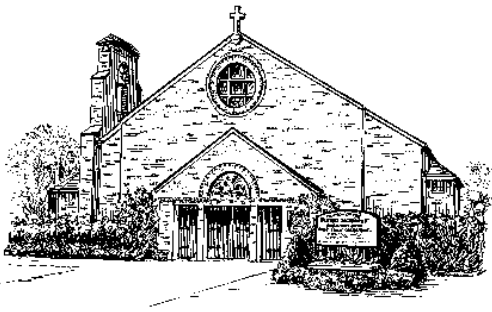


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

September 4, 2016



**Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor**  
**Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas**  
**Reverend Roland Antony Raj, MMI**  
**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.

**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

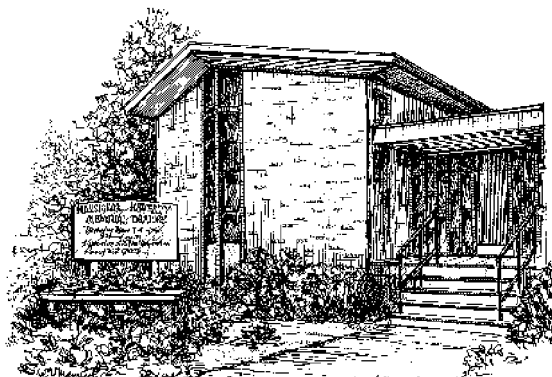
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

### **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



**RCIA PROGRAM**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

The RCIA Program offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Christian faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experiences of the Church and to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Our Parish Program for RCIA will begin on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Blessed Sacrament School. For information and registration please contact Fr. Frank at 718-442-1581 by September 14<sup>rd</sup>.

**SENIOR ART LESSONS**

Experience and share the fun of Watercolor Art, on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:30pm in the Parish House Meeting Room. Beginners are welcome! Fee is \$10 per session. Fred Sklenar, the instructor, is a professional painter and art teacher. Call 718-447-9657 to enroll. Classes resume Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**TITAN LEAGUE**

Fall Sports (soccer, basketball, track, cheer) registration is open online, [www.titanleague.com](http://www.titanleague.com). In person registration is Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am at the BSS Gym.

**ST. JOSEPH GUILD**

9:30am Mass on **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** with meeting to follow in the Parish House Meeting Room

**Retreat** at the St. Joseph Hill Retreat Center on **Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 1:30pm** Continental Breakfast and Lunch included. Cost: \$33.00 Call Helen Wodzinski at 718-816-7350 for more information and to register. All parishioners are welcome.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$5,800 (Weekly)	\$5,658 (Weekly)
\$1,766 (Debt Reduction)	\$1,609 (Air Conditioning)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
685 (Adults)	766 (Adults)
122 (Children)	144 (Children)
807	910

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

**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, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, 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, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake and Estelle Ohnmeiss

**SYMPATHY**

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 Howard Lestner  
9:00 Peter R. DeVito (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Joan "Fanny" Vitaglian  
9:00 Margaret Tarasovis

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Martin Joseph Laffey  
9:00 Tito Calamba

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Dennis O'Rourke (Living)  
9:00 Peter R. Palladino, Sr.

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Chris Molanphy (Living)  
9:00 Brian Hudec

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Kathy Adams  
5:00 9/11 Intentions

**SUNDAY**

8:00 9/11 Intentions  
9:30 9/11 Intentions  
12:30 9/11 Intentions

**SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 4	J. Hansen	J. Wright & K. Byrne
8:00 AM	Team 5	C. Burns	E. Hodgens & E. Collorec
9:30 AM	Team 1	C. Wodzinski	J. Pace & P. Thomann
11:00 AM	Team 2	D. Leddy	E. Checkett & G. Checkett
12:30 PM	Team 3	T. Sanders	M. Conigatti & M. Morgan

**PARISH HOUSE OFFICE** will be closed tomorrow, September 5<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day Holiday.

**IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUPS**

Please join us for an hour of Ignatian prayer and reflection on scripture and its application in our daily lives. We will listen to and pray with the Transfiguration of Jesus-A Glimpse of Glory, Matthew 17.1-13

**Holy Family-Sat., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** in the basement of the church at 366 Watchogue Road. After the 8:30am Mass.

**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.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP MEETING**

All public and private high school students are invited to attend a meeting at St. Charles School Auditorium from 6:15pm to 7:15pm on Wed., **Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**. All students will gain service hours and leadership experience in planning SI Catholic Youth Fest which will be located at Moore Catholic High School from 9 to 5pm on Sat., March 11, 2017. Contact Deacon Steve [cyminsi@gmail.com](mailto:cyminsi@gmail.com) for more information

**"EVE OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE"** will once again be held at St. Peter's Church, 53 St. Marks Place, on Friday, **Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The event is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Staten Island. The Most Rev. Bishop John J. O'Hara will be the main celebrant and homilist. The event will begin at 7pm with sacred music by Maura Molloy followed by a concelebrated Mass at 7:30pm.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** meets every Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish House Meeting Room. Come join us!

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)**

For those in their 30s, 40s and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road on Thurs., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15pm Welcome Back After Summer Mass and Mingle (\$5-\$10 appreciated). Join us as we anoint the start of a new SFCS season with Mass celebrated by Fr. Victor Arenas. After Mass, a wine and cheese social will be held in the lower level of the church.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

The world needs genuine self-sacrificing heroes. How fortunate in our Staten Island community to have given one of many sons and daughters to the pantheon of Saints. Among the ranks of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, aspirants Dorothy Day, Fr. John Drumgoole and many unnamed and unrecognized other heroes and heroines of Faith, Hope and Love is Vincent Capodanno.

"Mercy In Battle" by David R. Aquije, an ex-Marine recounts the inspiration of Maryknoll Priest killed in Vietnam War.

In the midst of the mortal maelstrom that is war, amid the terror of battle, the deafening din of mortar fire, the incessant bursts of rifles, machine guns and grenade launchers, and the roar of helicopter rotors, a Maryknoll priest was able to transcend the chaos to hear the cries and moaning of wounded soldiers during the Vietnam war and share with them the mercy of God.

*On his last day of mission, after hours of intense battle in the Que Son Valley that Sept. 4, 1967, Father Vincent R. Capodanno was seriously wounded. When a mortar explosion severed part of his hand and inflicted multiple wounds to his arms and legs – according to the official citation of his posthumously awarded Congressional Medal of Honor – Father Capodanno refused medical help.*

*Instead, Fr. Capodanno, who as a military chaplain assigned to the US Marines carried no firearm, continued moving through the battlefield, giving medical aid to the injured and anointing the dying. When he saw a wounded Marine lying directly in the*

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*line of enemy fire, the priest rushed to help him, only to be cut down by a North Vietnamese machine gunner, ending the life of the 38-year-old missionary.*

*Almost 50 years after the death of Fr. Capodanno, one of the Marines present at the battle that claimed the Maryknoll priest's life joined some 800 supporters of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for Mass and a recognition luncheon at the Maryknoll campus for the donors who make the mission society's work possible. James Hamfeldt, a real estate agent from Morristown, NJ, still recalls that battle and the courage of Fr. Capodanno, crediting the missionary with later inspiring a renewal of the veteran's Catholic faith.*

*"I'm a Maryknoll benefactor because I knew Fr. Vincent Capodanno," Hamfeldt says.*

*"He was our shepherd, I guess you could say. Spiritually just having him there was a great relief," continues Hamfeldt, who was a 20 year old Marine when he met the Maryknoll missionary. "He was a father figure besides being a priest, and he understood things about us that maybe we didn't even understand."*

*Fr. Capodanno "seemed fearless" and repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire as he sought to help the wounded, Hamfeldt says. "He had the kind of courage you can only get if you have God on your side."*

*Many of his fellow Marines felt the same about the Maryknoll missionary, Hamfeldt says. "Everybody loved him," he says of Fr. Capodanno. "One thing he would always tell everybody is try not to lose our humanity."*

*Hamfeldt, who after the trauma of the war grew away from the Church for many years, says the memory of Fr. Capodanno stayed with him and eventually led him to refocus his life and rediscover his faith.*

*The veteran, who says he is almost 70, talks in generalities about the horrors of war and falls silent to avoid the harshest details. More than 1.3 million people lost their lives in the conflict, including 58,000 members of the US armed forces. Many of the now aging Vietnam veterans continue to suffer the physical and psychological scars of the war.*

*Those who served with Fr. Capodanno are not the only ones to pay tribute to the heroism with which the Maryknoll priest shared the love and compassion of God in the middle of war. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA officially opened the process for the cause for canonization of Fr. Capodanno on May 19, 2002, and in 2013 a Catholic non-profit association, the Fr. Vincent Capodanno Guild inaugurated a website ([www.capodannoguild.org](http://www.capodannoguild.org)) to share the details of the missionary's heroic life and death. He was declared a Servant of God, the first step toward canonization, in 2006.*

*The guild gives this brief summary of Fr. Capodanno's service and final hours: "During Holy Week of 1966, Fr. Capodanno reported to the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines in Vietnam as the chaplain for the battalion. Later transferred to a medical unit, Fr. Capodanno was more than a priest, ministering within the horrific arena of war. He became a constant companion to the Marines: living, eating and sleeping in the same conditions of the men. He spent hours reassuring the weary and disillusioned, consoling the grieving, hearing confessions, instructing converts, and distributing St. Christopher medals.*

*"It was during his second tour on September 4, 1967, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines that Fr. Vincent Capodanno made the ultimate sacrifice. After hours of heavy fighting from a North Vietnamese ambush, Fr. Capodanno, himself seriously injured, sighted a wounded corpsman pinned down by an enemy machine gunner. He ran to the Marine and administered medical and spiritual attention. Despite that Fr. Capodanno was unarmed, the enemy opened fire and he became the victim of 27 bullet wounds. He died faithfully performing his final act as a good and faithful servant of God."*

*Fr. Raymond Finch, Maryknoll superior general, says: "Mission is giving ourselves freely to the people whom we serve. As a chaplain, Fr. Capodanno gave his life for the men he served. He is an example for all of us and a true Maryknoll missionary."*

*Fr. Capodanno, who was born in Staten Island, NY was ordained to the priesthood as a Maryknoll missionary in 1958. His mission assignments took him first to Taiwan and later to Hong Kong. During the escalating Vietnam War, Fr. Capodanno requested and received permission to enlist in the Navy Chaplain Corps. and was assigned to serve with the Marines. He is one of only five military chaplains to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, the country's highest military honor, and the only one of those assigned to the Marines.*

*Hamfeldt says Fr. Capodanno's heroism and compassion continue saving the spiritual lives of many people and the Maryknoll priest is a guide on the road to the reign of God. The canonization process to sainthood could take decades, but for Hamfeldt and many others, Fr. Capodanno is already a saint.*

*"I want to see Fr. Vincent later," Hamfeldt says. "I know where he is, and that's where I want to be."*