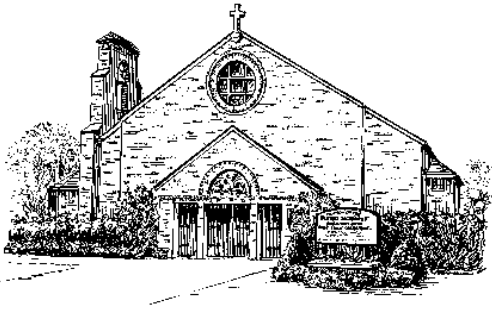


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

February 26, 2017

Staten Island, New York 10310



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.

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

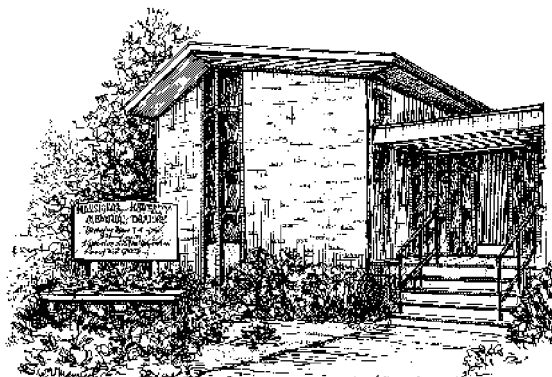
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.JB. - D.R.E.
830 Delafield Avenue
448-0378





We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

TO SIGN UP, VISIT **BestLentEver.com**



ASH WEDNESDAY - March 1, 2017

Mass will be offered in the church at 7, 9 and 11am and 7pm. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass. **EVENING MASS** - Beginning on Ash Wednesday there will be a 7pm Mass, Monday through Friday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm in the Church

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - April 10th. Confessions will be heard from 3 to 9pm.

CHRISM MASS - will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11th at 4pm

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2017

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day for everyone between the ages of 18 and 59.

Abstinence obliges who have reached the age of 14 from eating meat on a particular day.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION - All Catholics after they have received First Holy Communion are obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter season.

SUNDAY COLLECTION	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,856 (Weekly)	\$6,945 (Weekly)
\$1,994 <Debt Reduction>	\$2,439
ATTENDANCE	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
777 (Adults)	837 (Adults)
165 (Children)	203 (Children)
942	1,040

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pfleging, 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, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino and Michelina Farley

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 Msgr. Charles McAuliffe
9:00 Burton Cohen

TUESDAY

7:00 Edward J. Strom (Living)
9:00 James Boland, Sr.

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Mary Magnuski (Living)
9:00 Rose Dogolin
11:00 Nicholas Giannatasio
7:00 Mary Ingram

THURSDAY

7:00 Edward Strom (Living)
9:00 Philip Scampas
7:00 Christina Strom (Living)

FRIDAY

7:00 Thomas McDonnell
9:00 James Yates
7:00 John Powers

SATURDAY

9:00 Paul Townsley
5:00 Edward Peters

SUNDAY

8:00 Frank Falzetta
9:30 Ancient Order of Hibernians
12:30 Rosalia Endozo

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FOR SPECIAL INTENTION**

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 5, 2017

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	
5:00 PM Vigil	Team	1
8:00 AM	Team	2
9:30 AM	Team	3
11:00 AM	Team	4
12:30 PM	Team	5

<u>LECTORS</u>
K. Kelley
R. Griswold
C. Wodzinski & Student
J. Pace
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
V. Donnelly & C. Rooney
B. Collorec & D. Vigliotti
E. Hodgens & A. Morrell
J. Spach & M. Spach
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

SISTERS OF CHARITY 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Do you remember a Sister of Charity who taught you? Did you work side-by-side with a sister in a health care or childcare service here on Staten Island? Do you feel inspired or uplifted when you recognize the impact the Sisters of Charity have had on Staten Island since their beginnings here in 1853? Join the Sisters and the Staten Island Community in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity in New York. Luncheon at the Staaten, **April 29th** 11:30am to 3:00pm. To make reservations or obtain information, visit www.scny.org or call 718-549-9200 ext. 239.

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)

SFCS for those in their 30s, 40s and 50s will meet on Thursday, March 23 at 7:15pm for **Movie Night: Quiz Show** at Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Road. Popcorn and beverages will be served. Guided discussion to follow. For more information check the website: www.sgspsi.org.

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.

UPCOMING DATES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 19	Coffee Sunday
April 30	Mass for Expectant Mothers and Coffee Sunday
May 14	Mother's Day
May 21	Coffee Sunday
June 11	Celebration of 25 th & 50 th Wedding Anniversaries
June 18	Mass of Inclusion and Father's Day
June 25	Mass for Children Baptized during the year (2016)

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

The Seton Foundation's Annual Spring Luncheon, honoring Mark Tranchina is **Saturday, March 25** from 12noon - 4:00pm at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Avenue. Cost is \$75 per guest (\$45 tax deductible). Please contact the Parish House at 718-442-1581 if you are interested in attending.

THANK YOU FROM SEA VIEW

Dear Msgr. Finn,

Sea View residents and staff wish to thank you and all the members of your Parish who offered generous gifts for our residents for the Christmas season.

The festive atmosphere created by Santa Clause and the Holiday refreshments served in the Dining Rooms were very enjoyable and comforting for our residents during our gift giving celebration on December 21st.

We are very grateful for this generous community of Staten Island and thought you might like to see some of the delighted smiles on our resident's faces when they received their gifts. We have enclosed a copy of our newsletter for you to enjoy and share with others.

Thank you again for your kindness and we wish you a happy and healthy 2017.

Very truly yours,

Angela Mascia
Chief Executive Officer

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FROM THE PASTOR

As February closes and Wednesday, March 1st announces the beginning of Lent with ashes, prayer, fasting and good works, we have a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect. Winter may not be concluded, but Basketball is near complete, Spring Training is upon us and Easter is on the horizon.

It really is, for many reasons, a good opportunity to pause, reflect, reform and renew. Bear with me if you will?

Permit me to share with you the thoughts of a talent, author, mother and Christopher Award winner and presenter whom I have had the pleasure to know - Joan Bauer.

From Light One Candle, Tony Rossi, Director of Communications for the Christophers writes:

Rising Above the War-At-All-Costs Culture

Two-time Christopher Award-winning author Joan Bauer believes that books are “weapons of mass instruction,” especially for the pre-teen and teen audiences for which she writes. Her latest novel, “Soar,” fits the bill by delivering an entertaining story about our win-at-all-costs culture, while also exploring themes of adoption and autism.

It seems a cruel twist of fate that a boy who loves baseball can't play the game because of a medical condition, but that's the case with 12 year old Jeremiah Lopper in “Soar.” While he feels blessed to be alive after undergoing heart transplant surgery at age 10, he can't help but mourn the loss of his dream of playing baseball. Bauer, however, never lets her heroes wallow in self-pity because she knows it's a dead end. Instead, dreams are adjusted and new roads (or base paths) are traveled, highlighting the idea that we can still find fulfillment even when life doesn't go as planned.

For Jeremiah, that new dream involves becoming a coach for a makeshift middle school baseball team in a town tainted by a steroid scandal. During a “Christopher Close-up” interview, Bauer explained, “I think we parents have to take our power back and remember how effective a strong role model can be. And that role model needs to be us!...People have become addicted to winning. Even Little League coaches are acting out of control, and parents are screaming at umpires from the stands. In my opinion, we [need to] step back and say, ‘This is not who we are. Sports is not war.’ We need to teach our kids [about good behavior] the way our parents taught us.”

“Soar” is also notable in the relationship it depicts between an adoptive father and son. Jeremiah was abandoned as a baby in the snack room of the computer company where Walt Lopper worked. The note the mother left with the baby indicated that she wanted Walt to find him because she knew he was a good man. Her judgment proved wise because Jeremiah couldn't have asked for a more caring dad than Walt. Bauer explains, “I believe caring for a person is trying to see who God made them, and then caring enough to want to move alongside and say, ‘I want to help whatever is inside you to come out, to see the beauty than can come through so many different kinds of experiences.’...[Walt] sees that muscle in Jeremiah of hope and determination and inspiration and wanting to help other people - and he keeps working that.”

While “Soar's” focus is Jeremiah, there's another character who plays a major part in the story: Benny, who is on the autism spectrum but comes to be an important part of Jeremiah's staff. Bauer said, “I have a friend who has a severely autistic daughter, now a young woman. To watch her find the gifts in her child and fight for those has been an amazing experience. I spoke with her about this book. I spoke with a lot of teachers and therapists...Benny was this amazing voice that talked about the beauty of being positive and being loving.”

In conclusion, Bauer notes that she lets her characters “soar” because of the words from Isaiah 40:31. Though they don't appear in the book, they were written across her heart while she worked on the story: “Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary.”

What a wonderful meditation as we start a 40 day spiritual journey and a new season and opportunity on “the diamond” to let kids be kids in the image and likeness of God - just because they are ours. Say a daily prayer. Play Ball!

God bless you
MSGR. FINN