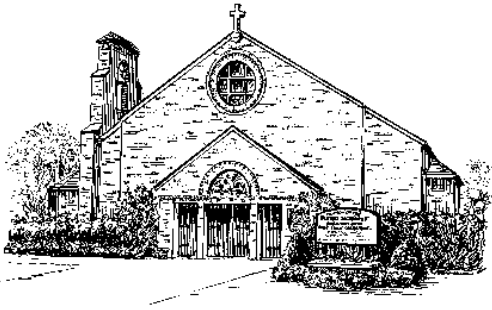


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

February 18, 2018

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.

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

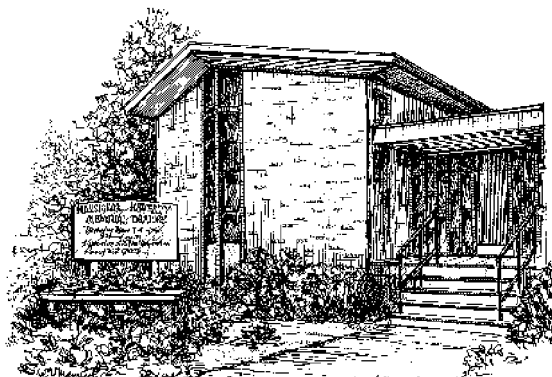
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

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



PARISH HOUSE OFFICE will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th for the Presidents Day Holiday.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, March 26th is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard from 4pm to 8pm. There will be a Lenten Penance Service beginning at 4pm.

BEST LENT EVER

Don't give up Chocolate for Lent! Instead join your fellow parishioners for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. You will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your Lenten journey. All you have to do is sign-up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

TUESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Why not use this Lenten season to do something different? Do something that doesn't involve giving something up but doing something together as a parish. Every Tuesday after the 7pm Mass we will come together as a parish family in the Parish House Meeting Room (off Manor Road parking lot) to explore the Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever series and help each other become a better version of ourselves. It's real simple. Let's embrace Lent this year. Together. Let's help each other figure out what God has in store for each of us. Just do it. Every Tuesday, starting Feb. 20th through Lent.



Offering of Bread & Wine for this week's celebration of the Eucharist is in honor of June Lee (Living).

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<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
2018	2017
\$4,568 (Weekly)	\$5,115 (Weekly)
\$1,629 (Peter's Pence)	\$2,258 (Monthly)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
2018	2017
710 (Adults)	806 (Adults)
194 (Children)	250 (Children)
904	1,056

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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, Concetta Chicolo, Mary Kenny, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, 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, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Brian Nelson, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Michelina Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowsinski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbie Caporale, Renee McRoberts, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferriera, Gina King, Anna Scampas, Millie Shea and Kaitlyn.

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

7:00 George Froehlich (Living)
9:00 Gerard P. Yates
7:00 Frank Pauciulo

TUESDAY

7:00 John & Peggy Ciano
9:00 Mary Sardono
7:00 Monserrate Viga

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Special Intention
9:00 Domenica & Ignatius Sclafani
7:00 Titan League - Living and Deceased

THURSDAY

7:00 John Cavallo
9:00 Josephine Procopio (40th Anniv.)
7:00 St. Joseph's Guild - Living and Deceased

FRIDAY

7:00 Phyllis Catania (Living)
9:00 Anna Plumb (8th Anniv.)
7:00 William McCormack

SATURDAY

9:00 Lisa Sapone
5:00 Special Intention

SUNDAY

8:00 John O'Connell (8th Anniv.)
9:30 Robert McQuade, Sr.
12:30 Mary Patricia Peters

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2018

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 3	R. SEMON	V. DONNELLY & D. VIGLIOTTI
8:00 AM	Team 4	C. BURNS	E. HODGENS & A. COSCIA
9:30 AM	Team 5	R. SALAYCIK & M. MEAGHER	J. RYAN & L. RYAN
11:00 AM	Team 1	R. HELBOCK	H. WODZINSKI & E. LAUB
12:30 PM	Team 2	D. LEDDY	J. SPACH & M. SPACH

TITAN LEAGUE BREAKFAST CLUB

Will meet on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at the Dakota Diner at 10am.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Holy Week's Holy Walks, facilitated by Sr. Gerrie Contento, MPF will take place on Thursday, March 22nd from 6 to 8:30pm. Holy walks are a familiar part of our Catholic tradition. This presentation will focus on the liturgies of Holy Week.. Fee: \$25
Book online or call: stjretreatcenter@gmail.com, (718) 720-1097

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tues. and Thurs. 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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FROM THE PASTOR

As we begin the very special annual Lenten pilgrimage leading to the glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we do so early in February a month celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. and our Presidents Washington and Lincoln. Praise God for their contributions to our great, if imperfect nation and God bless America.

Remembering Dr. King, I recall another great American Catholic and former slave, Venerable Pierre Toussaint! Perhaps, like me 35 years ago, you are not familiar with this extraordinary man. Investigating I found a marvelous biography of this unique American saint named:

Pierre Toussaint
Died, June 30, 1853

Venerated: December 17, 1996

Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in 1766 in the French colony of Saint Domingue, which is modern day Haiti. His great-grandmother had been born in Africa and sold into slavery in the Caribbean. Pierre worked as a house slave inside a plantation owned by Jean Berard. He was educated by the family's tutors, which was very unusual for the time.

When political unrest came to the island, his master sent his wife to New York for safekeeping in 1787. Pierre and his sister, Rosalie, were sent along. There in New York Pierre was allowed to train as a hairdresser. He earned his own money, and when his owner's family fell on hard times, he used that money to take care of them. Madame Berard promised to free him when she died, which she did in 1807, when Pierre was 41.

Pierre did well as a hairdresser among the wealthy of New York. He purchased the freedom of another slave, Juliette Noel, and they married and adopted a daughter. From early on, the couple was very conscious of the needs of the poor. They opened their home to orphans and as a refuge to those in need. There was tragedy, too, when their daughter died at the age of 14.

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Pierre lived in an era when not only was he looked down upon as a freed slave, but anti-Catholicism was strong in New York at the time. It did not stop Pierre from professing his Catholic faith. He attended Mass every day for more than 60 years and was devoted to the Rosary. He was also a teacher of the faith and could explain the church's teachings well and simply.

In addition to helping others with the money he made, he gave a great deal of money to help finance the construction of the original St Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street. The story is told that on the day the cathedral was dedicated, Pierre went to the church for the celebration. But because he was black, an usher would not allow him to enter. Pierre, who had paid for so much of the cathedral building, apologized and turned to leave. But another usher recognized him and immediately brought him to a seat of honor.

When Pierre died in 1853, he was buried in the cemetery of the cathedral. But in 1990, Cardinal O'Connor of New York had his remains moved to the crypt in St. Patrick's Cathedral where only cardinals and archbishops are buried. Pierre is the only layperson to be so honored.

In 1996 Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint "venerable".

The Archdiocese of New York's Office of Black Ministry proudly administers the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program, which was established in 1983, with the primary objective of developing the scholarship recipients into the future leaders of our faith communities. It is a program of mentorship and support for college student-leaders of diverse ethnic, cultural and national backgrounds.

For the 2017-18 Academic year, the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund (PTSF) and Program has made a commitment to mentor and support 53 Scholars (on the undergraduate and graduate/professional levels), who attend colleges and universities around the country, including: Fordham University, Manhattan College, Princeton University, Xavier University of Louisiana, New York University, Vassar College, University of Pennsylvania, Howard University, University of Notre Dame, Cornell University and Cornell Medical College, Boston College, College of Mount St. Vincent, Downstate Medical College and Berklee College of Music to name a few.

Pierre Toussaint Scholars are currently majoring in various areas of study, including: engineering, education, international relations, economics, arts management, pre-veterinary medicine, pre-med, pre-law, business, medicine and theology.

In addition to academic excellence, the Pierre Toussaint Scholars are actively involved in their parishes and communities.

PTSF receives major support from the Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal, the Black & Indian Mission Fund and, of course, the Annual Awards Dinner. Other major supporters over the years have included: Mutual of America, Catholic Charities (our service partner), Catholic Health Initiatives and some generous individuals.

"The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund is more than just a program that awards money to hardworking students, but also provides students with the knowledge and the wisdom to understand themselves, the Church and God."

Devin A., Xavier University of Louisiana '18 pursuing a BS in Chemistry

Blessed Sacrament Parish is proud of 4 alumni attending the University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, Fordham and Manhattan College with 2 seniors in High School this year applying for a 2018 Scholarship.

God bless them
Msgr. Finn