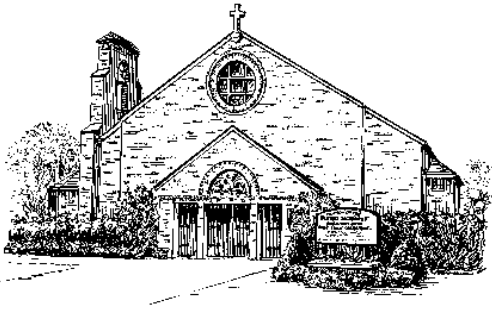


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

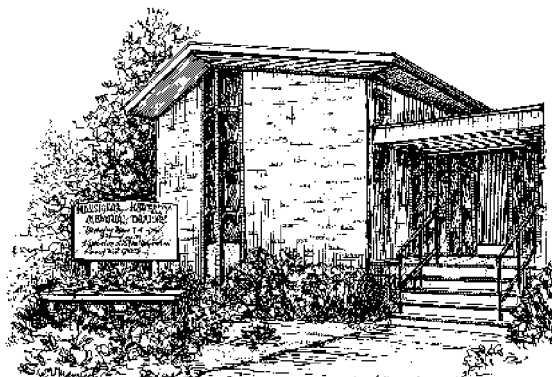
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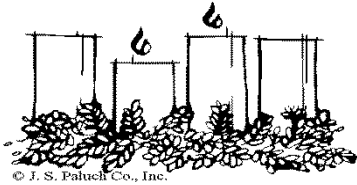
SCHOOL

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





EXILE

Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in "exile" as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture's authors today—Isaiah, the Psalmist, Peter and Mark—hasten to help us see things in God's terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seeing the coming day of the Lord, when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:10).

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th at 7:00, 9:00 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.**

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of scripture and song that dates back to the late 19th Century. Through poignant readings from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with beautiful music, the congregation is invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history. **We invite everyone to join us in prayer and reflection as we prepare to welcome our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LOUIS & MICHAEL CACCESE**

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, Kelly Ward, Catherine Crane, Amelia DiMauro, Lisa Barlow, Mary Kenny, David Averack, Kathryn Haring, Jean Carter, Stephanie Barry, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Betty O'Brien, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Carlo Fumando, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmady, Jameson Riley David, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Phyllis Giambruno, Margaret Romani, Phyllis March, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Eugene Esposito, Hugh Kiernan, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Elaine Lydersen, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Carol Stoltzfus, Harvey Minars, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Rocco Onorato, Grace Leddy, Margaret King and Joseph D'Amico

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul of Christopher Dorman, Wilson Tissera and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Mary T. Finn
9:00 John & Rose Dogolin
11:00 Ann Piazza
7:00 Jean Settineri

TUESDAY

7:00 Riley O'Rourke
9:00 Joe & Mary Muccino

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Grace Lynch
9:00 Mary Deignan

THURSDAY

7:00 Rev. Michael Hogan
9:00 Erin O'Connor

FRIDAY

7:00 Rosetta Calandriello
9:00 Barbara Martin Keeley

SATURDAY

9:00 Carmine & Nancy Alfano & Family
5:00 Grace Lynch

SUNDAY

8:00 Emily Marie McQuade
9:30 Michael Taliercio (1st Anniv)
12:30 Cornelius Sullivan

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 14, 2014

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
R. Helbock
R. Griswold
R. Salaycik
M. Boyd
M. Peries

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
T. Sanders & M. Peralta
S. Coscia & E. Hodgens
B. Collorec & P. Thomann
M. Morgan & A. Talaid
Y. Mata & N. Mata

VISIT OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Archdiocesan Image of Our lady of Guadalupe will be visiting the Archdiocese of New York and Immaculate Conception Church, at 128 Targee Street has been appointed as Pilgrimage site for all Staten Island. We invite everyone to join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the Image on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 P.M. The image will be exposed for veneration until midnight.

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.

The Titan League Old Timers Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 1:00 P.M. at the Bridge Tavern. The cost is \$27/person. For reservations and information please call Charlie McKeever at 718-448-6423 or Harry Bavaro at 718-442-7317.

The Senior Spirituality Group will meet on Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION (11/23/14)</u>		
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
\$8075.00 (Weekly)		\$7569.00 (Weekly)
\$2214.00 <Thanksgiving>		\$2016.00
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
913 (Adults)		874 (Adults)
<u>116 (Children)</u>		<u>103 (Children)</u>
1029		977

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Cardinal Timothy Dolan has designated Monday, December 15th as our **ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY**. On that day, the Church will be open from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. for continued opportunity for Confession. During the Advent Season, we would encourage all of our parishioners to make going to Confession a regular part of their spiritual lives.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer a special Novena of Masses throughout the Christmas Season. Christmas Novena Cards are available at the entrances to the Church. This Novena is a spiritual way of remembering our loved ones and friends during this Holy Season. Please fill out the enclosed envelope and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish House Office before Christmas Eve. Novena intentions will be remembered at all the Masses throughout the Christmas Season.

GIVING TREE – We will once again be having a “**Giving Tree**” beginning this weekend. Everyone is invited to visit the Sacred Heart Altar and take an ornament from the “**Giving Tree**” and give a Christmas gift to someone in need. Your gift will bring a child or adult hope and happiness. **Please bring your new, wrapped gift with the original tag ornament back to the Sacred Heart Altar or the Parish House Office by Wednesday, December 15th. Thank you!**

FROM THE PASTOR

All kinds of Christmas music permeated our air waves and that is a wonderful stimulus for appreciating the joy of the season. Not too long ago The Christophers presented the account of “Christmas with Scotty McCreery” by Tony Rossi.

Though he was only 17 when he won “American Idol” in May 2011, Scotty McCreery made the effort to stay grounded in his Christian faith throughout his run on the popular TV series. With the release of his new Christmas album—appropriately titled “Christmas with Scotty McCreery”—the young country singer with an instantly recognizable bass voice gets to show the general public even more of his spiritual side, especially with the original song “Christmas in Heaven.”

Though he didn’t write it himself, McCreery kept his late grandfather in mind when he recorded the song’s meaningful lyrics: “Is the snow falling down on the streets of gold? / Are the mansions all covered in white? / Are you singing with angels ‘Silent Night?’ / I wonder what Christ in heaven is like.”

During an interview on Christopher Closeup, I asked McCreery what people in his life had the greatest spiritual impact on him. He said “My Mom and my Dad mainly, but also the community I grew up around, the Church I grew up going to, and the friends that I hung around. We got to go through school together, stick by each other’s sides and be accountability partners. That helped me carry (my faith) into everyday life now.”

McCreery is known for wearing a wristband that says “I am second.” The purpose is to remind himself that God comes first in his life. The “I Am Second” movement exists all around the country, but the Garner, North Carolina native first heard about it in high school when his local church started feeding the football team dinner before games on Fridays. They’d gather to eat while listening to a message from someone in the community, always with the theme ‘I Am Second.’ All the players would then head to the game and walk onto the field wearing their wristbands to remind them there was something bigger in life—even bigger than Friday night football in the South.

That reliance on his family, friends, and faith didn’t go away once McCreery arrived in Hollywood to compete on “American Idol.” He noted that the fame and constant pressure to perform came hard and fast. But he had a way to deal with the pressure. He said, “Sometimes, I would Skype with my church group back home when they were doing a service with the youth. I’d say hello, and we all prayed together. Then I’d go do the show.”

After winning “American Idol,” McCreery could have focused exclusively on his music career. Instead, he returned to Garner to finish high school, then toured with country star Brad Paisley while attending college at North Carolina State University. When I asked him why he made that choice, he explained, “It was a huge blessing that I got to do ‘American Idol,’ but I still had things that were important to me back home. I still had my relationships that I’d made with my friends and community for 17 years of my life. I wasn’t gonna be that guy who said, ‘Forget about y’all. I’m going on to bigger and better things.’ I still love those guys back home.”

Love of God, music and his fans clearly motivates McCreery’s work on this Christmas album: “As an artist and a singer, you want to make good music, but you also want your music to positively impact the people who are listening to it. I hope it touches people.”

May the music in all of our hearts this Christmas Season touch the hearts of our loved ones as well.

God Bless You,
Msgr. Finn