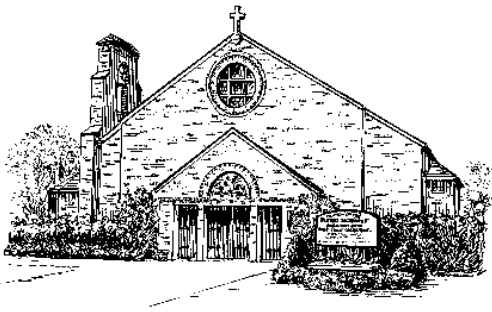


# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

May 22, 2016



**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.

**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



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

Registration for all new students of the Faith Formation Program (CCD) will take place on Monday, May 23rd 2016 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Meeting Room. Please use the Manor Road 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 718-448-0378. Thank you.

**PRIVATE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Private school students, who are registered parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church must register on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Sr. Anne Delores C.S.JB.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Blessed Sacrament Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Parish Center Meeting Room from 3:00pm to 7:30pm. Donors can sign-up following the Masses on 28 & 29. Walk-ins will be welcomed the day of the drive.

| <b><u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></b> |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b><u>2016</u></b>              | <b><u>2015</u></b>                    |
| <b>\$6,346.78 (Weekly)</b>      | <b>\$6,959(Weekly)</b>                |
| <b>\$2,105</b>                  | <b>&lt;Debt Reduction&gt; \$1,986</b> |
| <b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>        |                                       |
| <b><u>2016</u></b>              | <b><u>2015</u></b>                    |
| <b>805 (Adults)</b>             | <b>762 (Adults)</b>                   |
| <b><u>208 (Children)</u></b>    | <b><u>139 (Children)</u></b>          |
| <b>1,013</b>                    | <b>901</b>                            |

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
 KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL  
 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE  
 DECEASED MEMBERS OF BLESSED  
 SACRAMENT PARISH**

***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, 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 Maryann & Danny Brown.

***SYMPATHY***

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

**MONDAY**

7:00 James Redmond (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 9:00 James F. Boland, Sr.

**TUESDAY**

7:00 Nicholas Chicola  
 9:00 Rosemary Pacilio

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Jenavit Miral  
 9:00 Michael & Elizabeth O'Leary

**THURSDAY**

7:00 Charles D'Arrigo  
 9:00 Victoria Magliocca

**FRIDAY**

7:00 Mary Rita Vreeland  
 9:00 Alfred D'Elia

**SATURDAY**

9:00 Raymond DeStefano  
 5:00 Mary Simone

**SUNDAY**

8:00 Kathleen Ward  
 9:30 Veterans of Foreign wars – Post 7172  
 12:30 Ansel Martin

**SCHEDULE FOR MAY 29, 2016****ALTAR SERVERS**

|               |      |   |
|---------------|------|---|
| 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 |

**LECTORS**

K. Kelley  
A. Coscia  
K. Hanley  
M. Semon  
R. Helbock

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

A. Aponte & J. Wright  
A. Coscia & J. Hansen  
A. Morrell & B. Callorec  
M. Morgan & T. Sanders  
E. Checkett & G. Checkett

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY BREAKFAST**

The Annual Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast will be **June 5<sup>th</sup>** at PepperJack Grill following the 8am Mass. Keynote speaker: Judge M. Brennan; Award recipients: Elizabeth A. Connelly Community Service Award: Dr. Craig J. Campbell; HNS Service Award: Mr. Angelo Aponte. Reservations \$25 Please contact Greg DeForest @718-442-7361 or Peter Siuzdak @ 718-448-3582.

**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 BREAKFAST CLUB** will meet on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the Dakota Diner (Richmond & Forest Avenues.)

**CDA COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. To support its various charities, Staten Island's Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Clare is hosting an evening of laughter, food, and fun with a nationally known comedian. The \$55pp Comedy Night Dinner will be held @6:30pm in the St. Clare School Auditorium in Great Kills. Details soon to follow. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, email: [St.ClareDCA@aol.com](mailto:St.ClareDCA@aol.com). Court St. Clare meets monthly & welcomes new members.

**RELICS OF THE PASSION TOUR**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue, Sat., June 11 at 1pm – Meditative Musical Program followed by Veneration of 8 Relics, including a true piece of the Cross of Christ, a piece of the column of flagellation, a piece of the crown of thorns and more. For info call 631-289-7327

***Welcome New Parishioners***

*Ms. Susan Battaglia  
The Gigantiello Family  
The Puca Family  
The Skelly Family  
The Surat Family  
The Washington Family*

**OUR VISITORS:** We thank you for celebrating the Holy Eucharist with us this weekend. If you are visiting, we pray that you had a wonderful visit. If you are new to the area and are considering Blessed Sacrament as your Parish Family, please stop by the Parish Office to register. Or, go to our website, click on the Parish Registration Form link, print out a Registration Form and return your completed form to us in any Sunday Offertory Basket.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

I believe in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe in the Holy Trinity! And today, we celebrate our act of faith.

During Mary's Month, we celebrate Mother's Day and our Faith in the Trinity, Eucharist and Pentecost, Mandate to Witness.

Among the great challenges to belief and to creation, are the sacredness of human life and the fact of abortion. Here in our beloved country the movement of devaluing human life dates back in part, to a Supreme Court decision made in 1927. I dare say many if not most are probably unaware of this information.

Robert P. Lockwood writes from Indiana in Our Sunday Visitor the following article entitled:

***Imbeciles rage on***

*"Three generations of imbeciles are enough." That was written in 1927 by Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. in the 8-1 majority ruling allowing the state of Virginia to sterilize Carrie Buck, a poorly educated, 20year of working class girl.*

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*The case, Buck v. Bell, delivered a “clarion call to Americans to identify those among them who should not be allowed to reproduce – and to sterilize them in large numbers,” Adam Cohen writes in “Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck.*

*Cohen’s book is a basic primer on the American eugenics movement. A former member of the New York Times’ editorial board, he sees the eugenics crusade in America as a combination of Boston-Brahmin elitism, anti-immigrant nativism and bad science assumed to be true simply because it was presented as science.*

*The eugenics movement was the intellectual craze that believed that the unfit must be eliminated by the state through limiting immigration of “inferior” racial elements from Eastern Europe, with emphasis on Jews and Italians, and sterilization of a long list of people so that they could not pass on “defective” traits: epilepsy, poverty, alcoholism, blindness, hearing difficulties or simply laziness.*

*Carrie Buck was born in Virginia in 1906. Her mother raised her on her own, and they drifted through the poorest neighborhoods. Carrie was eventually taken and placed with a family where she worked as a servant. In 1920, Carrie’s mother was taken in by the courts – possibly for vagrancy, possibly for prostitution. She was deemed “mentally peculiar” and placed in Virginia’s “Colony for Epileptics and the Feeble-Minded” where she would spend the rest of her life.*

*Carrie would in turn end up at the Colony when she became pregnant after being raped by a relative of her foster family. She gave birth to a baby girl, Vivian. Thus leading to Holmes’ judgment about “three generations of imbeciles,” though Cohen makes clear that there was no evidence that Carrie, her mother or her daughter suffered from anything more than poverty and a lack of education.*

*The eugenic authorities at the Colony determined that Carrie would make the perfect argument for state-enforced sterilization under the Virginia law they had helped to draft. The case went up to the Supreme Court, and Carrie lost.*

*Carrie was sterilized soon thereafter. Authorities at the Colony never told her that the surgery she underwent would prevent her from having additional children. Carrie Buck died in 1983.*

*The eugenics crusade is an element of American history we conveniently choose to ignore. Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. is in the American Parthenon of secular saints, along with Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood founder and prominent eugenics proponent who believed that America’s salvation could be found in blocking the lower classes from breeding.*

*Cohen notes that the only organized voice to speak out against state-mandated sterilization at the time was the Catholic Church. The one dissenting vote to Holmes’ decision was cast by the sole Catholic on the court, Pierce Butler.*

*There is a direct link from the eugenics crusade to the birth control and Zero Population Growth culture of the 1950s and 60s, the abortion and euthanasia crusade that grew out of it, and today’s right-to-die movement. And Cohen reminds us that Buck v. Bell has never been overturned. “Federal courts are still ruling that the government has the right to forcibly sterilize – and citing Buck v. Bell.”*

*Enough is apparently not enough.*

Remember the phrase: those who do not know their history, are bound to repeat it! The Pro Life Movement lives in response to our Pentecost Mandate. God help us.

God bless you  
MSGR. FINN