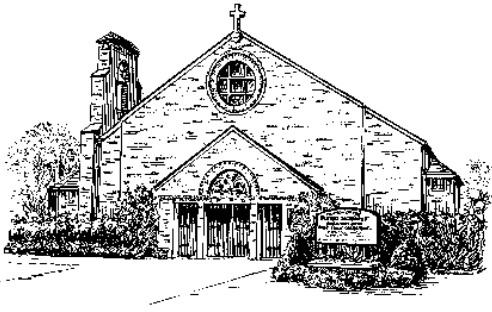


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Staten Island, New York 10310

March 12, 2017



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

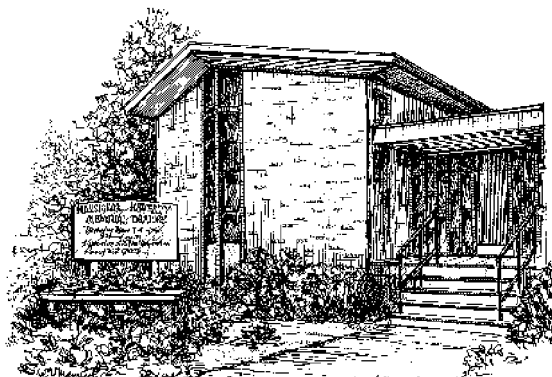
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



BUS TO CHRISM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S

The Chrism Mass will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th** at 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This special Mass is open to all our parishioners and friends. A bus will leave from the front of the Church at 1:30pm. Donation is \$25/pp and the check should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church and sent to the Parish House. Please call 718-442-1581 if you are interested in attending.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Registration for **new** students only will be held on **Sunday, April 2nd** from **10:30am until 12:30pm** in the **Parish Center** Meeting Room. Requirements and proof for all **new** registrants:

1. All families must be registered with Blessed Sacrament Church. If you are not registered, kindly pick-up a registration form from the Parish House, 30 Manor Road or go to the website: www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org and fill one out online. This should be done prior to April 2nd.
2. A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.
3. Check or cash in the amount of \$30 representing the registration fee. Checks are to be made payable to "Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Program."

Sr. Anne Dolores, C.S JB.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BLOOD DRIVE

Blessed Sacrament's Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, **April 3rd** from 3pm until 7pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Call Peggy Smith, Parish Nurse 718-447-9657 if you would like more information or would like to sign up!

Save a Life - Donate Blood

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
\$5,820 (Weekly)	\$5,986 (Weekly)
\$2,304 (Debt Reduction)	\$1,564 (Catholic Relief)
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
734 (Adults)	753 (Adults)
139 (Children)	137 (Children)
873	890

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY MAZZA**

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 Ribaldo, 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, 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, Michelina Farley and Rose Marie Carino

SYMPATHY

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

MONDAY

- 7:00 William Krebs
- 9:00 Christopher Biggs
- 7:00 Michael Giammella

TUESDAY

- 7:00 Thomas & Bertha Sweeney
- 9:00 Florence Saluta
- 7:00 Bishop John G. Nolan

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 Josephine Hession
- 9:00 Margaret Lynch
- 7:00 Sarath Perera (Living)

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Jack O'Rourke (Living)
- 9:00 Thomas Walsh
- 7:00 Ron Purpora (Living)

FRIDAY

- 7:00 Michael McCarthy
- 9:00 Florentino Saluta
- 7:00 John Flanagan

SATURDAY

- 9:00 Alex Roskowsinski
- 5:00 Josephine & Salvatore Procaccini

SUNDAY

- 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Guild
- 9:30 Lt. Joseph Gullickson, FDNY
- 12:30 Florence Campbell

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 19, 2017

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

<u>LECTORS</u>
J. Hansen
C. Burns
R. Salaycik & Student
M. Boyd
T. Sanders

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
N. Mata & C. Rooney
D. Vigliotti & A. Aponte
A. Morrell & M. Thomann
E. Checkett & G. Checkett
H. Wodzinski & E. Laub

COFFEE SUNDAY

Stop by next Sunday, for coffee, a donut and some friendly conversation in the Parish Center Meeting Room after the 8, 9:30 and 11am Masses.

ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH

Monday, March 20th, after the 9am Mass join us for pastries/soda bread in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

SAVE THE DATE

The **Archdiocese of New York Men's Conference** will be held on Saturday, **April 1st** from 11am to 4pm at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers. To register or learn more visit: www.archny.org/mensconference.

CAMP VERITAS

Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grade. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/17 and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options (at Mt. St. Mary College only). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

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.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The Holy Name Society at Holy Family Church is hosting a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Sat., March 18th from 6 to 11pm in the Msgr. Glynn Center. Buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda and coffee and dessert. Live Band and DJ. Cost \$50pp Call John Pellican 917-292-7062 or Alex Pagliuca 347-681-0329.

FROM THE PASTOR

It is that time of year once again. The 17th of March celebrates the Patron Saint of Ireland and the Archdiocese of New York. Our famed Cathedral in Manhattan situated at 50-51st Street and 5th Ave., was the inspiration of the Archbishop of New York, John Hughes and is the focus of the annual solemn Mass on the feast day and the St. Patrick's Day parade. But did you know that it was an Irish Franciscan who gave St. Patrick his Feast Day?

Ray Cavanaugh, a Massachusetts native and author has written "Celtic Life, History Today ad New Oxford Review as reported by 2016 in National Catholic Register.

The Irish Franciscan who gave St. Patrick his feast day.

St. Patrick's Day is now a big celebration on multiple continents, but how did it get going? Patrick, who died in 461 A.D. didn't launch the festivities himself. Instead, it was a 17th century Franciscan priest, Luke Wadding, who made sure that Patrick was given a feast day. This day, of course, developed into a riotous yearly tribute - surely more celebratory than Wadding intended.

The pious Wadding was born on Oct. 16, 1588 in the city of Waterford, on Ireland's southeastern coast. Entering a wealthy and well-connected family, he received a fine classical education and became fluent in Latin as a child. Hardship came his way at age 14, however, when both of his parents died.

An older brother took charge of his situation and sent him to an Irish seminary in Lisbon, Portugal. There he began a novitiate at age 17, and was ordained by the Franciscan Order as a priest at age 25. He later relocated to Spain, where his eloquence and erudition won him the attention of King Phillip III, who sent him as part of a delegation to Rome.

In Rome, he would make his greatest impact. He established the college of St. Isidore, which educated Irish priests who left Ireland because of anti-Catholic suppression by the British. Many of these students would become martyrs upon returning to their homeland.

When organized Irish rebellion arose in the 1640s, Wadding supported the cause, arranging for thousands of pounds of ammunition and bundles of money to be sent to Ireland. After some initial success, the Irish rebels were crushed mercilessly by the forces of England's Oliver Cromwell.

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Though Ireland as a nation was being oppressed to a severe degree, Irish scholars on the European continent were beginning to carve their niche. Leading the way was Wadding, who wrote abundantly, producing some 50 volumes as an author or editor.

Among this corpus of scholarship was a treatise on the Immaculate Conception, a 16 volume work on the Middle Age theologian John Duns Scotus, and an eight volume history of the Franciscan order.

Yet all of these writings combined would not prove as influential as Wadding's efforts to make March 17 an official feast day. This day had received some recognition since the 10th century. "But the commemoration was not widespread, even in Ireland," according to James Doherty's article "A Saint Becomes an Occasion," written for the Irish heritage website The Wild Geese.

Wadding used his influence to have Patrick and his March 17 feast day inserted into the church calendar. Such official recognition was, according to Doherty, the "major impetus in the creation of St. Patrick's Day as we know it." Of course, this contribution would take years to unfold. During his life-time, Wadding was viewed largely as a scholar and a voice for the Irish in Rome. Reportedly, he received votes to become pope during the papal conclaves of 1644 and 1655. This would make his case as close as the church has come to having an Irish pope. It's very possible that Wadding would not have wanted the papacy.

He rejected offers to become a bishop and even intercepted and suppressed a petition (discovered after his death) that recommended him for the cardinalate. "His preference always was for the quieter pastures of scholarship and research," according to Father Luke Wadding, a commemorative volume released in 1957 by the Franciscan friars.

But the "quieter pastures" of scholarship can be tiring in their own right, especially when combined with constant ecclesiastical duties. Wadding's physical health was strained often, and he was beset by violent recurring headaches for much of his adult life. Following a brief illness, he died in Rome on Nov. 18, 1657 at age 69. The last 40 years of his life had been spent in Italy, and the overwhelming majority of his years were spent outside a homeland for which he so mightily had campaigned.

In 1913 Catholic Encyclopedia says that every year Wadding had commemorated March 17 with "great solemnity." In the fullness of time, though, St. Patrick's Day would become anything but solemn.

The first organized celebration took place in 1737 and was conducted by Boston's Irish Charitable Society. The New York City parades arrived in 1762, and such festivities soon spread to Philadelphia. The early-1800s saw celebrations in New Orleans; the mid-1800s saw them in Chicago and San Francisco; and the late-1800s saw celebrations in Kansas City, Mo.

Not until the 20th century, would St. Patrick's Day parades occur in Ireland, where March 17 was acknowledged more as a day of religious obligation. In fact, until recent decades the pubs in Ireland actually were kept closed on March 17. Such was never the case in America, where St. Patrick's Day began as a declaration of Irish-American identity, but often devolved into inebriate mayhem.

The March 19, 1860, edition of The New York Times ran a piece titled "St. Patrick's Day," which relates that: "The policemen had their hands full. Business was lively at the Tombs. An unbroken procession defiled through its doorways." Among this procession were "drunken women with infants in their arms" and men argumentatively disposed to establish logically the fact of their own sobriety."

Despite these hiccups, the festivities not only would endure, but would surface in some unexpected locations. These days, St. Patrick's Day merriment takes place in Russia, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore, among other faraway lands.

In fact, the celebrations actually have gone beyond the planet. In 2011, on board the International Space Station, astronauts - floating in the air and attired in green - played the flute and tin whistle. Amid the spreading revelry, the day's key contributor (aside from Patrick himself) tends to go overlooked. Outside of his native Waterford, most Irish are unaware of Wadding. However, he has received some recent notice: In Oct. 2015, the Irish Voice newspaper ran an editorial on Wadding titled "Waterford man who created St. Patrick's Day is now long forgotten."

But the "forgotten" Wadding's perennial contribution continues to grow. Undoubtedly, it has gone far beyond what the devout Franciscan had in mind.

St. Patrick, pray for us now and forever.
God bless you
MSGR. FINN