

**THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 27th, 2017**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26th:</b>
8:00 am	Jason Ravelo
5:00 pm	Frank Ammatune
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27th:</b>
7:30 am	James Slattery
9:00 am	Anthony & Rose Deliso
10:30 am	Joan & Robert Young & John Gallo
NOON	Fr. Francis Kline O.C.S.O.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28th:</b>
8:30 am	Patricia Bencivegna
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 29th:</b>
8:30 am	Jean Sackel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 30th:</b>
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 31st:</b>
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 1st:</b>
7:30 am	Robert Franceschini
8:30 am	John Tuzzio
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2nd:</b>
8:00 am	Graclynn Sebiniano
5:00 pm	Michael Mazzella & Carmela Rubino
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3rd:</b>
7:30 am	Osaldo Mendez-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv in Heaven
9:00 am	Esperanza & Ernesto Luis
10:30 am	Napolion Tavarez
12:00 NOON	Michael V. Terracino

**MORNING DEVOTIONS**

Following weekday 8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity: Recitation of the Rosary. On First Fridays only, there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On Saturday following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

At St. Anthony of Padua there is Recitation of the Rosary and Devotions after the weekday 7:30 am Masses

**SRI LANKAN MASS**

Each Sunday at 6:00 pm here at Our Lady of Pity, Fr. Mendis holds a Sri Lankan Mass. All are welcome.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26th:</b>
5:00 pm	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27th:</b>
8:00 am	Stella Koran
11:00 am	Helen Straub
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28th:</b>
7:30 am	Petra Espada
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 30th:</b>
7:30 am	Leocadia Wicinski
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 1st:</b>
7:30 am	Hermania Manaluz
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2nd:</b>
5:00 pm	Dolores Bray
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3rd:</b>
8:00 am	Richard Sullivan & his daughter
	Eileen Sullivan Meurer
11:00 am	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 27th:**



**Our Lady of Pity**

**The Altar Breads and Wines**

are being offered in memory of

**Stewart Wroblewski**

requested lovingly by his family

Anyone wishing to offer a memorial of Wine, Host or Sanctuary lamp in memory of their loved ones or any intention at either church, please contact the respective rectory Monday – Friday, 10:00am–4:00pm

**SHUT-INS**

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, please notify the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring them the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

**BEREAVEMENT**

***“Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.”*** **-Matthew 5:4.**

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

Religious Education classes will be starting the week of **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please see the following reminders below:

Open Registration will take place August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 pm in the Parish Center.

Parent Meeting will take place in the church on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to collect hand outs and to sign in.

We are always looking for volunteer teachers and or class aides. Please contact Mr. Frank Marchese at 718-494-0308 for more details.

The Communion and Confirmation pictures are in. If you have not received your pictures, you may pick them up in the Parish Center on Wednesday's during CCD registration.

**OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group (grades 6-8 and High School) meets every third Friday of the month in the parish center. New members are always welcome! See Mrs. Amparo Caruso or Ms. Marissa Ponterella for details or email [ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com](mailto:ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com). Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

**RCIA PROGRAM**

If you or a friend are interested in becoming Catholic, or perhaps you need to be confirmed, the RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary.

**PEACE THAT ONLY CHRIST CAN GIVE  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Do you desire a more loving relationship with Jesus? Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> and every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday thereafter, you will have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Our Lady of Pity Church from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Eucharistic Guardians will be needed. For further information call Joseph Magliocco at 718-698-8054.

**OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2nd:</b>
5:00 pm	Mike Pastena-I. Pastena
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3rd:</b>
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	M. Langone-K. Carpenito
10:30 am	S. LaRosa-I. LaRosa
NOON	D. Marro-J. Coraci

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2nd:</b>
5:00 pm	R. Rose
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3rd:</b>
7:30 am	M. Pontarella
9:00 am	L. Buttacavoli
10:30 am	S. Bilardi
NOON	N. Tricorico

**ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2nd:</b>
5:00 pm	C. Baria-E. Baria
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3rd:</b>
7:30 am	D. Boniface-A. Boniface
9:00 am	M. Maguire-I. Maguire-M. Maningas
10:30 am	N. Lopez-D. Pangilinan-J. Bosco-H. Bailey
NOON	M. Venditto-M. Tubay-F. Aum

**2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP  
APPEAL**

To date our parish has received \$87,717.00 in pledges/gifts toward the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal from 312 families. Our goal is \$93,500.00. As always, thank you to those who have faithfully supported the Appeal this year and in all the years past. There is still time for those who have not yet made their pledge.

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Place nonperishable food items in a bag and place them in the back of **St. Anthony's Church**. Thank you and God Bless.

**THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MATTHEW 16:13-20**

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

## HIS WORD TODAY THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**" He asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"**

How curious that Jesus should ask this question. Did He want to be sure that the disciples had a clear understanding? Was Peter's response partly his own and partly from the Father? The conversation led to the promise of responsibility to be conferred on Peter after the resurrection.

May we restate Jesus' question as He presents it to us. 'Who is Jesus Christ for me today?' 'Where do I expect to find Him?' There is a great difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them. Jesus wants us to know Him better, love Him more deeply, and serve Him, especially in the most vulnerable and the needy.

Our reflection should lead us to want to have a greater knowledge of Jesus as our personal Savior, not just a figure written up in the gospels. My response to the question requires a new and ongoing commitment to the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus makes a promise to me, as He did to Peter. I'm glad He asked this question.

### SAVE THE DATE

**September 23, 2017 – Family Day Picnic**

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

If anyone would like to sponsor the picnic with a donation of \$100 - \$250 please contact Steve Bilardi @ 917-892-3017

### GOLDEN JACKPOT

**WE HAVE "NEW" PEOPLE LOOKING FOR NUMBERS FOR THE GOLDEN JACKPOT! IF YOU DO NOT RESERVE YOUR NUMBER "ASAP", IT WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!!!**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Anthony's Golden Jackpot Fund-raiser will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. The prizes are \$10,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000. (prizes may vary if all tickets are not sold). A ticket also entitles **2 adults** to attend the social at St. Anthony's hall on September 9<sup>th</sup>. To reserve or purchase a ticket, please see a committee member or call Kathy Kryger at the Rectory (718) 761-6660 or Sue Wicinski (917) 596-2978.

### ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **AUGUST** "50/50" drawing are available in the back of St. Anthony's church. The fee is \$5 per envelope and you can enter as many times as you wish.

### OUR LADY OF PITY 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **AUGUST** "50/50" drawing are available in the back of the church. The fee is \$5 per envelope and you can enter as many times as you wish. Please place your envelope in the collection basket. **Cash only**, no checks please.

### JOIN THE CHOIRS

CHOIR NEWS- All Choir rehearsals at Our Lady of Pity are suspended for the summer. They will resume mid-September. New members for the Fall are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses, or you may call Ron at 347-770-3477 for information.

**Choir at St. Anthony of Padua** meets after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Or call Fernando Pascual, Music Director at 718-494-6438.

**The 2018 Mass Book** for Our Lady of Pity will open on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 Mass. Please see Lena in the Parish Center.



**The Sick**

### Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. **The Prayer List**

**for the Sick** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life: **MaryAnn Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Barbara Bilardi, Mary Ellen Bednar, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Betteanne Foley, Fannie Marro, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Lenora Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Lucille Messina, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi.**

The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list.

Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to put a name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

### BIBLE STUDY

Anyone interested in discovering a deeper relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit should join us in the Parish Center beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Classes will be held on Monday evenings. The Wild Goose is a 14 session program that will awaken our hearts in the transforming power of God's Love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Anyone interested in attending should call the rectory @ 718-761-5421 or Vincent Violetta @ 917-836-5920 to register. The cost is \$20. which will cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING (PARISH PAY PROGRAM)

This is an alternate means of supporting your parish instead of using the envelope system. This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you, the parishioner, to participate in this program. Log onto [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1

We cordially invite all parishioners to join any of the groups at Our Lady of Pity. The following are the group titles and days they meet:

**Golden Age** Tues. 12-3 pm Parish Center  
The Golden Age meetings will resume **Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Legion of Mary** Thurs. 7:00 pm St. Jude Chapel

### WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

**Our Lady of Pity Rosary Altar Society:** Mass First Sunday of every month at 9:00 am and that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**St. Anthony of Padua Ladies Auxiliary:** Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**Our Lady of Pity:** Second Sunday of the month Mass at 10:30 am; that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Second Sunday of every month at 8:00 am Mass, meeting follows Mass.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Festival, Doylestown, PA

Mummers to perform in the Pavilion

Bus will leave at 8:30 am from

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Payment for the trip is \$60

Please make check payable to:

Deacon Joe Rentkowski

You may put your payment in an envelope marked "Attn: Dcn Joe" and deposit in the weekly collection.

Seats are available.

For information and reservation please call  
Deacon Joseph Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567

**ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY  
CHURCH**

**GOLDEN NUGGET CASINO  
Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Bus leaves in front of Our Lady of Pity Church at

9:00 am. Cost is \$38 per person with \$25 cash back and \$5 food voucher. 35 people are needed for bus to go. For information and reservation please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

All alumni (ae) are invited to attend our Centennial Celebration on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Excelsior Grand, 2380 Hylan Blvd. Tickets are \$100 and checks should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Centennial Fund and mailed to 30 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314. Journal ads and raffle tickets are available. Raffle tickets are \$100 for a chance at a grand prize of \$10,000; first prize \$5,000; second prize \$2,500. Please contact the Parish House Office at 718-442-1581 for more information or to make a reservation.



### **WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA**

**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> "You at Least Try to Console Me."** World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ 08802, invites all. Honor Our Lady's pleas of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting five consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Sin of Alienating Children will be explained this month. Confessions 10:30 am; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute Meditation Fr. Charles Sabella; 12:00 Holy Mass/Homily Fr. Sabella; 2:00 Holy House: Confessions/Children's Video /Holy House Talk; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you? For information please call 908-689-1700 Ext. 210 or [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)

### **FLU SEASON**

Flu season is right around the corner! Protect yourself and your loved ones. Rite Aide will be offering flu shots in the Parish Center on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

### **Lancaster & Sands Casino**

**Thursday – Friday, September 28 – 29, 2017**

Celebrate Vegas's past & present

"Vegas Legends" captures the excitement & energy of Las Vegas while featuring the sweet refrains of yesterday & today's legendary musicians like Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton, Paul Anka, Tom Jones, Donny & Marie and more...

Triple: \$306 per person

Double: \$310 per person

Single: \$363 per person

Includes:

1 Night Hotel in Lancaster with Buffet Breakfast

Family Style Dinner in Lancaster

"Vegas Legends" at The American Music Theater

Kitchen Kettle Village

Sands Casino with \$30 Slot Play & \$5 Food Coupon

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, baggage handling, tips

& taxes

Bus will leave from St. Anthony's Church at

9:00 am.

For information and reservation please call

Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567



### **WESTBURY MUSIC FAIR "Married to Broadway"**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

**Featuring the stars of Les Miserables**

A Broadway Love Story for the Actors & the Audience!

Barbara Russell & Ron Sharpe – Join this couple and their friends for a Musical afternoon.

2:00 pm show

Dinner at Verdi's, Bus & Gratuities

Cost: \$100 per person

For Information & Reservation please call

Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567

### **SANDS CASINO, BETHLEHEM, PA**

Cirque Dreams Holiday

Monday, November 27, 2017

New Cirque Show, Broadway Musical & Christmas Spectacular – All in One!

Cost: \$98. Per person (includes \$30 slot play)

Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, Cirque

Dreams Holiday, lights up the holiday season with its

critically acclaimed holiday stage extravaganza. This

spectacular has over 300 costumes, 20 acts & 30

artists from every corner of the globe. See snowmen,

penguins, angels, toy soldiers, soaring acrobatics,

illusions & more!!

Bus will leave from St. Anthony's Church at 9:00 am.

Please call Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567



**BUS TRIP**

