

**THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17th, 2017**

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

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16th:
8:00 am	Melville O'Connor
1:00 pm	Mass of Remembrance (Matthew's Funeral Home)
5:00 pm	Alison Cunningham
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17th:
7:30 am	Stefano J. Adamo
9:00 am	Billy & Molly Horgan
10:30 am	Ricardo & Pietro D'Elia
NOON	Paolo & Donata Pesce
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 18th:
7:30 am	Evan Daugherty
8:30 am	Msgr. John B. Ahern
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 19th:
7:30 am	Joseph & Josephine Saitta
8:30 am	Rev. Francis Principe
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20th:
7:30 am	Carmel Messina
8:30 am	Ann Jablonski
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 21st:
7:30 AM	Lucy Barletto
8:30 am	Janice Langella
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 22nd:
7:30 am	Delphine Higgins
8:30 am	Janice Blanchard
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23rd:
8:00 am	Carmine Colombo
5:00 pm	Joseph Mazzola
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24th:
7:30 am	Josephine D'Agosto
9:00 am	Arcadio Arqueza
10:30 am	Louis & Mary Iacoponi
12:00 NOON	Frederick Blossfeld

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

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

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16th:
5:00 pm	Wladyszaw Holewski
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17th:
8:00 am	Michael Vecsi
11:00 am	Catherine Magee
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 18th:
7:30 am	Wanda Wroblewski
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20th:
7:30 am	Wanda Wroblewski
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 22nd:
7:30 am	Maria Ciollo
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23rd:
5:00 pm	Catherine Opulski
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24th:
8:00 am	Stella Koran
11:00 am	Christopher Straub

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17th:



Our Lady of Pity

**The Altar Breads and Wines,
Sanctuary Lamp,
Main Alter Candles, and
Blessed Sacrament Altar Candles**

are being offered in celebration of our

50th Wedding Anniversary

JoAnne and Gene Bocchieri

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

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.

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

Do you desire a more loving relationship with Jesus? Beginning September 1st and every 1st 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.

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 18th, 2017**. Please see the following reminders below:
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.

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 10th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

**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. 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.

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

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23rd:
5:00 pm	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24th:
7:30 am	V. Violetta-C. Violetta
9:00 am	A. Davis-J. Almero
10:30 am	J. Coraci-J. Porto
NOON	R. Skelton-R. Colella

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	SEPTEMBER 23rd:
5:00 pm	P. Magliocco
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24th:
7:30 am	R. Rose
9:00 am	M. Pontarella
10:30 am	N. Tricorico
NOON	C. Daniels

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23rd:
5:00 pm	J. Inigo-D. Pangilinan
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24th:
7:30 am	D. Boniface-A. Boniface
9:00 am	M. Tubay-M. Maningas
10:30 am	J. Flood-J. Venditto-M.& I. Maguire
NOON	J. Tangco-C. Baria-E. Baria

WEDDING BANNES

Third: Daniel Adam Rich & Christina Marie Rossi

**2017 CARDINAL’S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP
APPEAL**

To date our parish has received \$90,627.00 in pledges/gifts toward the 2017 Cardinal’s Appeal from 324 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.

September 23, 2017 – Family Day Picnic

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

In Our Lady of Pity's parking lot, rain or shine. burgers, hot dogs, salads, coffee & cake, music, games & activities. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 kids 6-13 and 5 and under are free. Tickets the day of picnic are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 6-13, under 5 are free.

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

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MATTHEW 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

HIS WORD TODAY

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"Forgive your neighbor's injustices, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself can he seek pardon for his own sins?...Remember your last days, set enmity aside, remember death and decay, and cease from sin. Think of the commandments hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults."

When we consider the word power, we might think of electricity, strength, or brute force. The greatest power available is not material, physical or even emotional. The greatest power resides in every person, yet often goes unused.

The scriptures today reflect that power and it is found in the word forgiveness. Every person has the power to forgive. In our world beset with hatred, war, discrimination rarely do we resort to the use of this power,. We are set on dominating, getting even, putting others in their place. We judge, presume intentions and motivation, yet fail to see the splinter in our own eye. The power to forgive is a gift for use, for my own well being and for others.

I recall a wise old priest who directed others to 'look the other way'.

ST. ANTHONY'S GOLDEN JACKPOT

Once again our Annual Golden Jackpot was a great success. A special thank you to the committee members and to all who attended or participated.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1 st Prize	\$10,000	Ellen Carletti
2 nd Prize	2,500	Julianna Matusiak
3 rd Prize	1,000	Julianna Matusiak

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **SEPTEMBER** "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 **SEPTEMBER** "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

The **Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 20th at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Youth Choir** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 20th from 7 – 8 pm in the Parish Center.

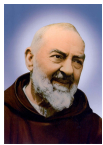
New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses, or you may call Ron at 347-770-3477 for information.

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

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.parishpay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1

SAVE THE DATE



PADRE PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Saint Patrick Cathedral

5th Avenue, New York, NY 10022

Come venerate the official relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, in this first US tour to celebrate the 130th anniversary of St. Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 7 am to 8pm

Monday, September 18, 2017 from 7 am to 8 pm

On Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:15 am a Mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Padre Pio by H.E. Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. For information about the public veneration, please call 646-537-7830 ext. 828.

ST. PADRE PIO ANNUAL FEAST DAY MASS

Procession with Statue of St. Padre Pio, Veneration of St. Padre Pio Relic, Blessing with Relic after Mass, Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm. **Holy Rosary Church**, 120 Jerome Ave., Staten Island, NY, Procession begins at Fr. Epifanio Parish Center on Jerome Ave. Across the street from Holy Rosary Church in South Beach. Refreshments will be served after the Mass at 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 Galeto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Lucille Messina, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Gloria Scaglione**

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 11th 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.

NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Discover Scripture, discover yourself. Blessed Sacrament Church, Staten Island, will host a class on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 6, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Who should apply? Adults seeking "something more" in their spiritual journey, and who can commit to two years of study and weekly assignments. No particular educational background is required. Parish catechists who have completed Levels 1 & 2 Catechist Formation and are seeking Levels 3 & 4 through the Bible School. Special discounts for catechists. Registration is a must. For more information e-mail: Bible@archny.org or telephone Maureen McKew, Firector @ 646-794-2855 or Elda Luisi, Registrar @ 646-794-2862

ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH

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. 26th**.

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.

a school that is strong and vibrant and a real blessing for the Staten Island of the present and future.

CHINESE AUCTION

Once again our successful Chinese Auction will take place at Our Lady of Pity gym on Friday, October 13th at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.00 which includes some tickets for prizes, cake and coffee. The cost of the book of chances is \$15.00. Prizes are: \$2,000, \$500, and \$300. Upon receipt of your Chance Books, either return them by mail, put them in the Sunday collection or drop them off at one of the rectories. Winner need not be present to win. Please return any unused chance books. Proceeds from these chances help to defray the many costs and expenses incurred by our parish throughout the year. Anyone wishing to donate new items would be greatly appreciated. As always, thank you for your support.

PASTA DINNER

Knights of Columbus, Saint Anthony of Padua Council 16134, 3rd Annual Pasta Dinner, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 7pm – 11 pm, Our Lady of Pity Gym, donation \$25 per person, children 6-13 yrs. \$15/5yr. & under free!, For tickets contact: Ralph Bencivenga @ 917-499-3609, Joseph Carolei @ 718-300-1784, Joseph Scalici @ 718-885-7687. Various pasta & meat dishes, salad, dessert, coffee, beer, wine, soda, 50/50 and raffles.

ST. PETER'S BOYS H.S. CELEBRATES ITS 100 ANNIVERSARY

Education is an awesome advantage for individuals and their communities, and this year marks the 100th anniversary of a great blessing for the people of Staten Island. For it was in 1917 that The Brothers of the Christian Schools came to Staten Island to open St. Peter's Boys H.S. in West Brighton. Since then, more than 10,000 graduates have received a Catholic High School education of heart and soul as well as mind and body. In fact, it is the goal of the faculty of St. Peter's to be Builders of Boys, Makers of Men. Therefore it is very fitting that hundreds of grateful supporters and alumni will join our Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan for an inspiring Centennial Mass in St. Peter's Church at 3 pm on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Tickets are required for the Mass. It will be followed by a Gala Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn at 5:30 pm. Space is limited in both spaces, so please plan now to be part of these happy events. Alumni, friends and supporters can go online now to www.SaintPeters100Years.org to reserve a table of seats, to take an ad in the commemorative book that is being created, and to see other ways that you can be part of this historic and impressive commemoration for

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

BUS TRIP

Golden Nugget Casino

Wednesday, September 20th

Bus leaves in front of Our Lady of Pity Church at 9:00am. 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

SANDS CASINO, BETHLEHEM, PA

Cirque Dreams Holidaze

Monday, November 27, 2017

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

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

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2017, Cirque Dreams Holidaze, 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

HOLIDAY MAGIC

Dinner Dance at Resorts Casino Hotel, AC

Christmas comes but once a year, come out and celebrate with some Holiday cheer!! Thursday & Friday, November 30th to December 1st, 2017, \$215. per person. Trip includes 1 night at Resorts Hotel & Casino, \$30 lunch voucher, \$5. breakfast voucher. \$20 slot play, holiday gift for all, holiday dinner dance at Resorts, sit down dinner, music & dancing, Santa

Claus, live show, Resorts Casino Matinee Show,
deluxe motorcoach transportation.
Contact Lena Magliocco at 718-761-8216