

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 4th , 2016**



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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3rd:</b>
8:00 am	Orlando Marrazzo
5:00 pm	Rose & Anthony Ballarino
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4th:</b>
7:30 am	Salvatore Angioletti
9:00 am	John J. Beale
10:30 am	Nazzareno Cestra
NOON	Arnold J. Criscuolo
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th:</b>
7:30 am	Vincent Gigante
8:30 am	Giuseppe Abate
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6th:</b>
7:30 am	Anna Bablamenti
8:30 am	Jason Ravelo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7th:</b>
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Jennie Fable
7:30 pm	<b>VIGIL MASS FOR FEAST DAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8th :</b>
7:30 am	Jennine Punzone & Family (LIVING)
9:00 am	Madeline Inconiglios
11:00 am	Carmen Yacobelli
7:30 pm	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9th:</b>
7:30 am	Cpl. Joseph P. Fagan
8:30 am	Thomas Heaning
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10th:</b>
8:00 am	Gerald Carannante
5:00 pm	Philip & Adelaide DiGeorge
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11th:</b>
7:30 am	Billy Emmanuel Acevedo
9:00 am	Michael Mazzella & Carmela Rubino
10:30 am	Lucy Gallo
NOON	Jeanette Martino & Peter Liggio



**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:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3rd:</b>
5:00 pm	Kathleen O'Brien
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4th:</b>
8:00 am	Robert Merlino
11:00 am	Richard Modzelewski, Sr.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th:</b>
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7th:</b>
7:30 am	Maria Vecchio
7:00 pm	<b>VIGIL MASS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>
	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8th HOLY DAY OF OBLIG.</b>
	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:00 am	Paul Shovak
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9th:</b>
7:30 am	Anthony Cerbone
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10th:</b>
5:00 pm	Jeanette Tatar
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11th:</b>
8:00 am	Michael Vecsi
11:00 am	Stewart Wroblewski

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 4th:**



**OUR LADY OF PITY**

The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** is being offered in Thanksgiving of

**ST. ANTHONY**

Requested by Josephine Morale

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is being offered in memory of

**JOHN FRANCA**

requested lovingly by his wife Jennie & Family

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** is being offered in memory of

**LUCILLE & ANDREW G.**

requested lovingly by their daughter.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

The **WINE AND HOSTS** is being offered in memory

**ROSE KISSEL**

requested lovingly by Vinnie, Diane & 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

**Prayer, reflection, refreshments  
Schoenstatt Shrine  
337 Cary Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10310  
Free will offering  
For reservations call 718-727-8005**

### **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.

### **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.



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

The next meeting of the youth group will be an Ugly Sweater party on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.

Our annual children's Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the noon Mass at Our Lady of Pity Church. Practices will be on Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm and Friday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the church.

Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 18 at 1:30 pm. Meet at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. We will be caroling in the neighborhood for about an hour. All ages are welcome.

There will be no religious education classes Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classes resume on Tues. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION Our Shrine – A Bethlehem My Heart – A Bethlehem**



**Sunday, December 4, 2016  
1:00 – 5:00 pm**



### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12**

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

### **HIS WORD TODAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**"Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide. But he shall judge the poor with justice and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips...When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme 'Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand.'"**

Although the prophet Isaiah offers an image of the ideal king to come, we are able to apply his vision to the person of John the Baptist and even better to the future Messiah. Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of Justice, offers hope to a people in turmoil, at the time of Isaiah, and in our own day.

The theme of John's preaching seems to fall on deaf ears and hardened hearts. The brief period of advent invites us to refocus on what is truly important. If the kingdom of God is at hand, what must I do to make it real in my life? What can I do to build that kingdom now? How often Jesus taught using parables to tell us what the kingdom of heaven, what the kingdom of God is like. It is found today in our church. Advent summons us to listen and recognize that the kingdom is here and we are to make it apparent. 'Come Lord Jesus.'

### **JOIN THE CHOIRS**

The **Adult Choir**  
rehearses on  
Wednesdays at 8:00

pm in the Parish Center. The **Youth Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, from 7 – 8 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our Music Director, 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 on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Church. New members are always welcome.

**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.



**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, Mary Ellen Bednar, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi, Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Annette McGoff, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose.**

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.



**THE ADVENT WREATH**

The advent wreath is packed with symbolism and is a great way to teach the children about God, Christ and the Christmas season. The round shape stands for God’s eternity. Like God it has no beginning and no end. The greens used to make the wreath are EVERgreen, and therefore unchanging, just like God. The four candles symbolize the four centuries that man waited for the coming of the savior. Three of the candles are purple since Advent is a time of penance. It was because of our sinfulness that we needed a savior, and so we must prepare ourselves through sacrifice and penance during Advent for Christ’s coming at Christmas. However, we know that Christ has and is coming again, and so our penance is a joyful one. We are joyfully anticipating and preparing ourselves for the coming. Therefore, one candle is pink to represent our joy. Purchase or make an Advent wreath for your home this Advent.

**ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH**

We cordially invite all parishioners from St. Anthony of Padua’s Church to join any of the groups at Our Lady of Pity. Following are the group titles and days they meet:

- Golden Age**            Tues. 12-3 pm      Parish Center
- Legion of Mary**      Thurs. 7:00 pm    St. Jude Chapel

**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.

**SHUT-INS**

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, please notify the rectory and if

**WOMEN’S SOCIETIES**

you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring them the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

### SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

There will be a special needs Mass at St. Joseph-St. Thomas, Staten Island, NY at 2:30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Entrance to the parking lot is off Maguire Ave. Come! Help women choose life! Alternatives to abortion are available!

### 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](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1

### OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

##### MASS SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10th:**

5:00 pm

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th:**

7:30 am

R. Colella-J. Coraci

9:00 am

T. Hanley-M. Mendez

10:30 am

C. Violetta-V. Violetta

NOON

D. Marro-F. Marro

##### LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 10:**

5:00 pm

R. Rose

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th:**

7:30 am

C. Daniels

9:00 am

M. Donadic

10:30 am

I. Bialza

NOON

P. Magliocco

##### ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10th:**

5:00 pm

R. Eckman-J. Venditto-N. Lopez-J. Flood-

M. Tubay-J. Tangco

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th:**

7:30 am

E. Baria-C. Baria

9:00 am

D. Boniface-A. Boniface

10:30 am

J. Inigo-D. Pangilinan-H. Bailey-M. Zerega

NOON

R. Whalen-M. Santa-M. Miningas

### CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM



We are in the process of ordering Christmas trees that adorn our properties during the Christmas and New

Year seasons. You may order one in memory of your loved one, in dedication to someone, or with personal family Christmas greetings. Forms are in the back of the church if you wish to purchase a tree. You can put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the rectory. The Tree Lighting will be **December 10<sup>th</sup>** after the 5:00pm Mass.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Sat., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** @ 10:00 am Removal of trees

If you wish to volunteer for any or all of the above you can call Mike Fazio @ 917-560-0235 or e-mail him @ [mikefaziosr@gmail.com](mailto:mikefaziosr@gmail.com) to leave your name and phone # with him.



### 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.

### ADVENT SEASON

During the Advent Season as we celebrate the new relationship between God and his people, may that be mirrored in our renewed relationships with spouses, children, family and those near and dear to us. May we speak tenderly to each other amidst all the rush of the season and transform shopping days til Christmas into the true "Advent of Christ."

### OUR LADY OF PITY/ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

**Sunday, December 4, 2016, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm** at **Z-TWO Restaurant**, 2925 Veterans Road West, Adults \$37.50, children 7 to 12 \$20 and under 7 years old are free. pancakes & waffles, french toast, sausage & bacon, omelette station, scrambled eggs, homefries, muffins, bagels, penne vodka, mussels, clams & calamari, sliced steak, chicken francaise, vegetables, unlimited soda, bloody mary & mimosa. Gene 718-979-6919 or [duoplg64@aol.com](mailto:duoplg64@aol.com)

### ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **DECEMBER "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 **DECEMBER "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.



### “LUCKY 40 CLUB”

This Fund Raiser is used for additional funds for the maintenance of BOTH worship sites. The Building Fund is not sufficient to cover any unexpected expenses that are incurred. The **LUCKY 40 CLUB** has two sessions. January to May and June to October. The cost is \$40 per session. Complete details are on the form. Thank you for your support.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY AWARDS

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Richmond County Holy Name Society held it's Communion Breakfast. At this breakfast two awards were presented to two of our own Holy Name Brothers. The Award of Achievement went to Salvatore Ballarino who has been a member of the Holy Name Society for over 25 years. The second award was given to Steven Bilardi for his faithful and meritorious service to the confraternity of the Holy Name.



### OUR LADY OF PITY PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Lady of Pity Christmas Giving Tree will stand in the vestibule of our Church for two weekends starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is a reminder to us all that many families are in need again this year. Our volunteers spend numerous hours writing tags with “WISH LIST” from many organizations on Staten Island and for our own parishioners who we know are in need. You are invited to remove a tag, purchase the gift item written on the tag, wrap the gift and place the original tag on the package. Return it to the giving tree on the date listed on the tag. All gifts must be returned by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

### SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

A contemporary circle of men and women in their 30's, 40's, and 50's who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome. Meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd. S.I., NY email: [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com)

The next meeting will be December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30 pm **Christmas Dinner**. (Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a child 3-14 years of age) Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth – St. Francis favorite holy day – at our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas dinner at the West Shore Inn, 3955 Victory Blvd. Price is \$35. per person and will include full dinner, dessert and wine. (For those who don't have to be up at dawn, join us for 9:30 pm Karaoke!) All payments must be made out to CASH (with SFCS Christmas Dinner in memo) with your name, phone number and email to Holy Family Parish, Attn: Singles Christmas Dinner, 366 Watchogue Rd., S.I., NY. For more info check the website: [www.sgspsi.org](http://www.sgspsi.org)

### MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016, 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Msgr. Farrell H.S., 2900 Amboy Road, S.I., NY  
A visit from Santa, 80 + vendors including crafts, jewelry, clothing & more! Grand Prize Raffle and Door Prizes every hour. Homemade baked goods and festive food. Admission: \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For additional information, contact [FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com](mailto:FarrellChristmasFair@gmail.com)



### CARNIVALE

Fat Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
DaNoi Restaurant, 4358 Victory Blvd.  
Menu: Salad, Pasta, Entrée, Unlimited Soda, Coffee and Dessert. (Cash Bar)  
Reservations limited to 100 people, \$40 per person  
Anyone interested, please call St. Anthony's Rectory 718-761-6660 or OLOP Rectory 718-761-5421  
**Please note: There are only 40 seats left.**

If anyone has gifts that they would like to contribute to the gift table for Carnivale, please call a rectory.



### CASINO BUS TRIPS

Dates: December 15<sup>th</sup> – Sands Casino

Cost: \$38. with \$25. back and \$5. food voucher  
There must be a least 30 people to go and all monies must be paid in full five days prior to departure. Bus will depart at 9:00 am from Our Lady of Pity Church. For information and reservations please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.



Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2016  
Time: 8:00 am – Departing from Our lady of Pity  
Show: 11:00 am – You will have an occasion to visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral & Rockefeller Center  
Cost: \$145, includes 4 course meal at DaNico in Little Italy; bus trip and show. “Orchestra Seats”. All taxes and tip included.  
Childrens fares available  
For information and/or reservations call Agnes Davis at 718-494-5475.



**STATEN ISLAND BALLET’S NUTCRACKER**

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 7:00 pm  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
Center of the Arts – College of Staten Island  
2800 Victory Blvd., S.I., NY - FREE PARKING  
Orchestra \$50., Balcony \$40. Staten Island Ballet Box Office 718-980-0500 to charge by phone.