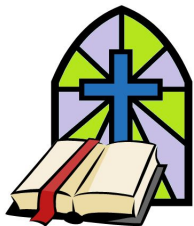


**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8th, 2017**



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

SATURDAY	JANUARY 7th:
8:00 am	Saila Argudo & Raul Angulo Ortiz
5:00 pm	Salvatore & Libera Mazzella
SUNDAY	JANUARY 8th:
7:30 am	Sarah Squicciarini
9:00 am	Sam, Ralph, & Michael Langone
10:30 am	Haydee Rosario
NOON	Salvatore Vacirca
MONDAY	JANUARY 9th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Grzegorz Serafin
TUESDAY	JANUARY 10th:
7:30 am	Paul DiDio
8:30 am	Nancy Hammer
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 11th :
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Vincent Gigante
THURSDAY	JANUARY 12th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	For All Parishioners
FRIDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Norma DeGuzman
SATURDAY	JANUARY 14th:
8:00 am	Linda Badalamenti
5:00 pm	Marie & Angelo Andolino
SUNDAY	JANUARY 15th:
7:30 am	John J. Flanagan
9:00 am	Maria Ferrer & Carmen Martinez
10:30 am	Caroline & Christie DePaulo & Leo Scagilone
NOON	Kenny G. Fung

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	JANUARY 7th:
5:00 pm	Deborah A. Scott
SUNDAY	JANUARY 8th:
8:00 am	Carolina Cabela
11:00 am	Vincent Infuso
MONDAY	JANUARY 9th:
7:30 am	Maria Vecchio
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 11th:
7:30 am	Lucille Margarella
FRIDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	Catherine Cavalieri
SATURDAY	January 14th:
5:00 pm	Charles Scepkowski
SUNDAY	JANUARY 15th:
8:00 am	All Soul's in Purgatory
11:00 am	Joseph Rentkowski

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8th:



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

The **WINE, HOST AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are being offered in memory of

VINCENT INFUSO

Requested lovingly by his wife Rose.

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



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

Join us for the next Family Day on Saturday, February 11th, 1:30 – 4:00 pm. Our topic will be the Mass.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:30 – 8:30 pm at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

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.



CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sat., Jan. 14th @ 10:00 am Removal of trees
If you wish to volunteer you can call Mike Fazio @ 917-560-0235 or e-mail him @ mikefaziosr@gmail.com to leave your name and phone # with him.

Please note: If you would like your Christmas decorations or plaque back, kindly remove them from your tree by January 9th. Thank you.

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.



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 after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Or call Fernando Pascual, Music Director at 718-494-6438.

MUSIC AT MASS

There is a flyer available in the lobby of the church with information about the selection of music we sing at Mass. Please pick one up in order to inform yourself about this process.

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

HIS WORD TODAY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God's secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel."

While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as 'missionary disciples.' It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ's presence to others.

Did you discover the Christ this Christmas? Be the star to reveal Him to others.

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

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.



EPIPHANY

The great celebration of the **Epiphany** also known as the **visit of the Magi** or the **journey of the Three Kings**, is well noted in art, music and literature. Stories related to the wise men or astrologers, tell of persons searching, inquiring and discovering the person of the Christ. After their visit with the Christ Child they faded into history but the plan of God was revealed.

The joy surrounding the visit should be little in comparison to our search and discovery, as we encounter Christ today. We are not the gift bearers but the receivers of the great gift of inheritance, membership and sharers in the promise.

At this time of gift giving and gift returns, apply the Epiphany moment to consider the gift of God to us of the Savior. Is it not more precious than those brought by the Magi? As we pay Him homage, what is the gift we offer Him in return? The drummer boy's was His song, the shepherd's a lamb. What gift do we bring? How often, when receiving a gift a person says "you shouldn't have..." As we find the Lord in our life today we say "Thank you for giving Him to us." We too search, inquire and discover.

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.

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



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, 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship being held on Saturday January 21, 2017 at Our Lady of Pity Gym. Registration is 9:30 am followed by the competition at 10:00 am. Local winners will be chosen by the best out of 15 foul shots. Local winners will move on to district and state competitions and would be advised of the date and time of those events.

All contestants at the local level will be recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate if handy) and written parental consent. For entry forms and additional information, contact Joseph Scalici 718-885-7687, joe83952001@yahoo.com or Louis Rotondo 718-757-8502, louisarotondo@gmail.com.

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

We will be implementing a new policy regarding **cell phones**. First, discourage children from bringing them to class. This was specified in the Parent Handbook on the back side of the yearly calendar given out in the fall:

7. Children should not bring cell phones into the building. Any necessary messages can be given to the Director.

If it is really **necessary** for your children to have a phone, they are to place it in the box on the teacher's desk with their name on it as they enter the classroom. If someone does use a phone without permission, it will be confiscated and a fine of \$25 must be paid before it is returned.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Father John Wroblewski, Pastor

Sister M. Marcia Vinje, Director of Religious Education

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 14th:
5:00 pm E. Boccieri-J. Boccieri

SUNDAY JANUARY 15th:
7:30 am J. Coraci-J. Salcedo
9:00 am R. Colella-M. Mendez
10:30 am S. LaRosa-I. LaRosa
NOON A. Mannino-G. Mannino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: JANUARY 14th:
5:00 pm I. Bialza
SUNDAY JANUARY 15th:
7:30 am M. Salcedo
9:00 am R. Rose
10:30 am S. Bilardi
NOON J. Magliocco

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JANUARY 14th:
5:00 pm J. Venditto-M. Zerega-M. Miningas-F. Aum
SUNDAY JANUARY 15th:
7:30 am C. Baria-E. Baria
9:00 am M. Santa-M. Santa-M. Maguire-I. Maguire
10:30 am R. Eckman-J. Flood-D. Boniface-
A. Boniface
NOON R. Whalen-N. Lopez-H. Bailey

MASS BOOK FOR 2017

Masses are available for 2017. Please call or come to the Rectory to schedule a Mass.

OUR LADY OF PITY – 718-761-5421

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – 718-761-666

OUR LADY OF PITY PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of Pity is in need of the following:

PURPLE ALTAR CLOTH (Used during Advent & Lent)

RED ALTAR CLOTH (Used for Confirmation & Pentecost)
\$750. each

BRAZIER (Used for lighting the new fire on Holy Saturday)
\$2,000.

COPE, STOLE & HUMERAL VIEL

(Used for Stations during Lent)

\$750.

Anyone wishing to **donate the cost** of any of the items as a gift or memorialize for a loved one, please call the rectory @ 718-761-5421.

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm the parish of Our Lady of Pompeii at 25 Carmine St. in Greenwich Village will be hosting a gala Dinner Dance Reunion. All OLP alumni, family and friends are invited! Please go to their Facebook page titled, "OLP Reunion" for future announcements.



"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.

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

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

WHO WERE THE THREE WISEMEN?

While the bible does not contain much detail about the Three Wisemen, much study has been done on the astrologers named Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar.

Research indicates that each of them descended from a different part of the world. Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was African and Caspar was of European descent. These were the three continents known to the Old World so their presence signified the acceptance of Christ by all nations.

Each man presented a special gift to the baby Jesus. Melchior gave the gift of gold which symbolized Christ's "kingship." Balthazar brought frankincense which was used in temple worship and symbolized "honor and reverence." Caspar brought a flask of myrrh. Myrrh had medicinal qualities and was also used in burials. This gift symbolized Christ's "mortality."

Following their visit with the infant Savior, each man gave all of his possessions to the poor and lived his life preaching the Gospel of Peace.

All three were martyred in India. Their bodies are in the Cologne Cathedral where they are venerated as saints and called the Three Kings of Cologne. They are the patron saints of travelers.



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

If you are interested in going please put your check made payable to Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua in the collection basket labeled "Carnivale".

Please note: There are only 20 seats left.

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



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.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the Retrouvaille program may help you.

Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next program is scheduled for the weekend of **February 10-12, 2017**. All inquiries are confidential. For more details please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573. Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).



GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center plans to run another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity Church. It is planned to take place the morning of January 29, 2017 from 8:15 am to 2:15 pm.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Beautiful prayer cards will be distributed on the weekend of January 21st and January 22nd at **St. Anthony of Padua Church**. The precious prayer was written by the late Bishop Fulton Sheen. Join us in praying for the unborn. Please give generously as we will be collecting for Good Counsel Home for mothers and babies on Staten Island.

TOURING TUESDAY

Considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Staten Island Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre K3, Pre-K 4 Free UPF and Kindergarten through Grade 8? Register to visit a Catholic school on **touring Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 31st from 9-11 am**. Our online admission application is now open. For more information, to schedule a tour, apply for admissions, or to find out more about our financial assistance programs, visit www.buildboldfutures.org or call our bilingual phones at 646-794-2885. Private tours are available.