

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 17th, 2016**



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

**SATURDAY JANUARY 16th:**  
5:00 pm Frank Aversano

**SUNDAY JANUARY 17th:**  
7:30 am Salvatore S. Fraga  
9:00 am Lleanna Rivera  
10:30 am Caroline & Christie DePaola & Leo Scaglione  
NOON Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

**MONDAY JANUARY 18th:**  
7:30 am Anne Segner  
8:30 am Carmen Iacobelli

**TUESDAY JANUARY 19th:**  
7:30 am Rose Rocca  
8:30 am Cathy Arcuri

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20th:**  
7:30 am Intentions of Kelly Butler  
8:30 am Peter Grancio

**THURSDAY JANUARY 21st:**  
7:30 am For All Parishioners  
8:30 pm Isabel Ayala

**FRIDAY JANUARY 22nd:**  
7:30 am Don Gori  
8:30 am Lena & Frank Amalfitano & Charles & Carol Faraci

**SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd:**  
8:00 am For All Parishioners  
5:00 pm Catherine O'Brien

**SUNDAY JANUARY 24th:**  
7:30 am Michael Stelmokas  
9:00 am Garzon Borda Family  
10:30 am Al Mustacuiolo & Julia Mann  
NOON Marie and Ernest Della Donna

**AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 16th:**  
5:00 pm Catherine & MaryAnn Laub

**SUNDAY JANUARY 17th:**  
8:00 am Julie Rajewski  
11:00 am Pauline Choban

**MONDAY JANUARY 18th:**  
7:30 am Msgr. Alfred A. Varriale

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20th:**  
7:30 am Doris Tierney

**FRIDAY JANUARY 22nd:**  
7:30 am Frank O'Sullivan

**SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd:**  
5:00 pm Paul Wicinski, Sr.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 24th:**  
8:00 am Stanley Clark  
11:00 am Frank O'Sullivan

## OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



### MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>:



The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of  
**SAL ALBANESE**  
requested lovingly by Jo, Joe & Frank.



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, 10:00 AM – 4 PM.

## **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**



This week's **Wine, Host** are being offered in memory of **RICHARD SULLIVAN and his daughter EILEEN SULLIVAN MEURER .**  
Requested lovingly by Susan & Family



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

**On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the fifth grade religious education class will have their class Mass at NOON at Our Lady of Pity.**

**FAMILY DAY** – All religious education children and their parents are invited to a “Family Day” on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Pity Gym and/or at St. Anthony’s Church on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Church Hall. Registration is necessary for either date. Children will be bringing home a flyer. For any further questions call Sr. Marcia at 718-494-0308.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

Sr. Marcia will be holding a First Holy Communion parent meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the church.

### **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.



**GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11**

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them."

## **HIS WORD TODAY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

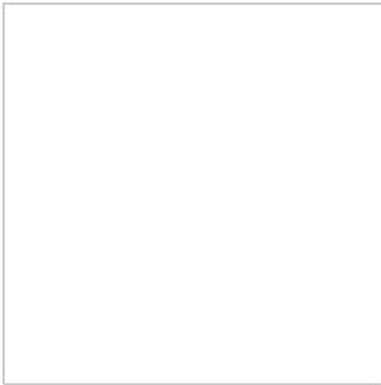
"There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration...His mother instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you." They did as he instructed them...Thus did he reveal his glory, and his disciples believed in him."

The wedding which made Cana famous captures our attention today. How frequently Jesus used the image of a wedding and marriage in His teaching.

Parables concerning brides and bridegrooms, wedding banquets fill the scriptures. Old testament readings reflect on covenants using the image of spouses, but today we find the Lord at a wedding. We have been robbed! The union of man and woman in the never-ending bond of love has been coopted. Legal opinions and legislation have stolen what has been God's plan from the beginning. No problem.

Jesus gave His church a great gift. It is a living sign of His presence in our world today. It is called the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is a gift offered to assist and sustain a loving couple in God's grace, to bind them together in a free, permanent exclusive relationship that is open to life.

It is the sacrament of holy matrimony that couples live out daily in our parishes, for which people are anxiously preparing. Just as at Cana, Jesus and his disciples, the church, are there. May God bless all married couples.



### **JOIN THE CHOIRS**

New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to the organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses.

**The Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

**The Youth Choir** have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center. For information call our Music Director Ron at 347-770-3477.

**Choir at St. Anthony of Padua** meets on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Church. New members are always welcome.

### **SRI LANKEN MASS**

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

### **OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:**

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd:**

5:00 pm J. Coraci

**SUNDAY JANUARY 24th:**

7:30 am B. Madaio-M. Madaio

9:00 am K. Carpenito-J. Porto

10:30 am D. Marro-F. Marro

NOON V. Geronimo-R. Geronimo

#### **LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY: JANUARY 23rd:**

5:00 pm S. Kelly

**SUNDAY JANUARY 24th:**

7:30 am R. Rose

9:00 am M. Donadic

10:30 am L. Buttacavoli

NOON J. Magliocco

## ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd:**  
5:00 pm M. Tubay-C. Baria-E. Baria

**SUNDAY JANUARY 24th:**  
7:30 am M. Santa-J. Tangco-M. Zerega  
9:00 am A. Boniface-D. Boniface-C. Rodriguez  
10:30 am J. Venditto-R. Eckman-J. Bosco-  
Rbt. Eckman  
NOON: J. Inigo-M. Maguire-I. Maguire

## **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

## **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.

## **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 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

**No meetings for December, January & February.**

## **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 McGuire Ave

## **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.

## **NY BLOOD DRIVE**

The New York Blood Center plans to have another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity. It is planned for **January 31<sup>st</sup>**, beginning after the 7:30 am Mass in the gym. Please be supportive.

## **MASS BOOK FOR 2016**

Weekday Masses are available for 2016. Please call or come to the Rectory to schedule a Mass.

**OUR LADY OF PITY – 718-761-5421**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – 718-761-6660**



## ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS

### Dates:

**Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> - Resorts**

Bus departs at 9:00 am from the front of Our Lady of Pity Church. COST: \$38.00, return 25.00. This is the same for all casinos. For Information and reservations call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

### 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.

### THE MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2017

The Marriage Schedule Book here at our parish for the year 2017 weddings opens on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the rectory between 9 :00 am and 4:30 pm to set up an appointment to meet with a priest to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish.

### POPE FRANCIS OPENED "A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY" at the Vatican December 8<sup>th</sup>:

This Extraordinary Holy Year is a gift of grace, a means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. The Holy Father said:

**"The history of sin can only be understood in the light of God's love and forgiveness. Were sin the only thing that mattered, we would be the most desperate of creatures. But the promised triumph of Christ's love enfolds everything in the Father's mercy. The Word of God which we have just heard leaves no doubt about this. The Immaculate Virgin stands before us as a privileged witness of this promise and its fulfillment."**

While Pope Francis stressed that this year we will grow ever ore convinced of God's mercy, he pondered:

"How much wrong we do to God and His grace when we speak of sins being punished by His judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by His mercy! But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event, God's judgment will always be in the light of His mercy."

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses..." Be strengthened in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, For more information go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME EXT 3.

### SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be registered in either Church for at least 3 months or be known by one of the priests.

Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

A Contemporary circle of men and women in their 30s, 40s, and 50s 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., SI,NY

### **PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face on the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

### **ADOPTION?**

Baby girls and boys in China need homes for both infants and toddlers. Older parents and singles are welcome. For further information call Barbara from St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet, New York, at 845-623-5277



### **NEEDY MOTHERS PROGRAM**

We are in need of baby items: strollers, high chairs, cribs, car seats, baby wash, diapers, formula, baby food, blankets, etc.. Also newborn and gently used baby clothes to size 24 months and children's sizes up to size 16. Also women's toiletries. Please bring items on Tuesday 12:00 to 4:00pm to: 2187 Victory Blvd. next to Alba House Chapel. Needy mothers@aol.com

### **DAYS OF PRAYER AND HEALING**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion.

For confidential registration call the sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 or e-mail [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

**Days of Prayer and Healing for Men:** For more information or to register for men please call Lumina at 877-586-4621 or e-mail [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org).

### **FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS**

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Sevigny, OFM Cap. And Fr. Julian Jagudilla, OFM will lead several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world, including a special pilgrimage for the Canonization of Mother Theresa in Rome. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at 646-736-7964 (in NYC) or on the web at [www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com](http://www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com) Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

**Canonization of Mother Theresa/"Franciscan Italy", "Footsteps of St. John Paul II – Poland/Prague", "Journey to Peace" – Medjugorje, "Fatima", "Catholic Ireland" "Our Lady in the New World" – Guadalupe/Mexico, "Catholic Spain", "Church of John and Paul" – Greece/Turkey**

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

March for Life, Washington, D.C., sponsored by:

The Staten Island Right to Life Committee

On: Friday, January 22, 2016

At: Church of the Sacred Heart, 6:30 am Mass, 981 Castleton Ave.

At: St. Charles Church, 6:45 am Mass, Corner of Penn Ave. & Hylan Blvd.

The cost round trip per person is \$25.00. If you are unable to go, but would like to sponsor someone, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Students & Youth Groups welcome! For reservations or information call:

Elisa Di Simone @ 718-815-4267 or 347-874-3346

Email: Brucebiggins@hotmail.com

**BUS TRIP  
TATTOO\*\*, VIRGINIA BEACH  
With side trips to Cape May & Atlantic City  
Wednesday to Saturday, April 20-23 2016**

Trip includes:

- 2 nights Virginia Beach
- 1 night in Cape May
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch at Phillips, 3 Dinners
- Reserve seating at International Tattoo Show (\*\*Military Bands), "Hullabaloo Festival" prior to show
- Cape May Ferry to Cape May
- Free time in Victorian Cape May
- Tropicana Casino with free slot of the day

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

Baggage Handling: Tips & Taxes

Cost: Double - \$662. per person

Single - \$874. per person

Insurance - \$31. per person (Double Occupancy)

\$47. per person (Single)

A deposit of \$100. is due immediately

Send check to: Deacon Joseph Rentkowski

24 Houston St.

Staten Island, NY 10302

(718) 727-4567

Bus leaves from St. Anthony of Padua, Travis



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:

**Brook Balacco, Mary Ellen Bednar, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Eileen Hermansen, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Frank Sanna, Ann Volpe, Annette McGoff, 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.

**SHUT-INS**

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

## **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.

### **ST. ALFONSO RETREAT**

Long Branch, New Jersey  
Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass/Guest Speakers/Time for Recollection  
\$55. – Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Transportation  
Bus leaves St. Rita's @ 8:00 am – returns 4:30 pm  
For Reservations – please call Linda Santino at  
718-536-4290

### **STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION**

The Gift of a Catholic Education

The 2016 Staten Island Catholic Elementary School Open Houses are:

February 2, February 23, March 8, and April 12 from 9-11 am.

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education. Staten Island Catholic Schools are Christ centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org) or call 646-794-2885. Additional Open Houses and private tours are available.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

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

### **NOTE TO ALL ST. ANTHONY PARISHIONERS\***

If you attend Mass at either church, you can drop your weekly envelope(s) in the collection and it will be sent to the site where you are registered.

### **OREMUS COMMUNICATIONS**

This New Year, we are continuing on a daily basis both our Novena Prayer Program in honor of Our Blessed Mother under her title: Our Lady of Fatima and our Oremus Communications Family Rosary Program starting at 12:05 pm (EST) Monday thru Saturday and 1:50 pm on Sunday. (Be sure to log onto: [oremuscomms.com](http://oremuscomms.com) and click on: Listen Live! We hope you can join us along with family and friends on a regular basis as we strive to make a Spiritual Difference. We will continue to pray for world peace, the intentions of our Holy Father, an end to world hunger and all of our other intentions for which we prayed in 2015.

### **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.

**THE KEY TO DEVELOPING PEOPLE IS TO CATCH THEM DOING SOMETHING RIGHT...**



