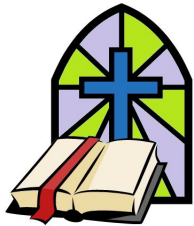


**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12th, 2017**



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

SATURDAY	MARCH 11th:
8:00 am	Vincent Gigante
5:00 pm	Joseph O'Brien
SUNDAY	MARCH 12th:
7:30 am	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart & The Blessed Mother
9:00 am	Dec. Members of the Fonti & Sicari Families
10:30 am	Dec. Members of the Holy Name Society
NOON	John Portano
MONDAY	MARCH 13th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Celestina Nacinovi & Franceska Salamoni
TUESDAY	MARCH 14th:
7:30 am	Diane Rivera
8:30 am	Mary & Tim Horgan
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 15th :
7:30 am	Donald Logan
8:30 am	Louis J. DelRosso
THURSDAY	MARCH 16th:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Fr. James Nieckarz
FRIDAY	MARCH 17th:
7:30 am	Francesca Richiusa
8:30 am	Luigi DeBenedictis
7:30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MARCH 18th:
8:00 am	Joseph Foresta & Rosemarie Watkins
5:00 pm	Adelaide & Philip DeGeorge
SUNDAY	MARCH 19th:
7:30 am	Joseph A. Magliocco
9:00 am	Rose & Salvatore Aiello
10:30 am	Felice & Maria Procaccio
NOON	Michael LaFemina



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

SATURDAY	MARCH 11th:
5:00 pm	Paul & Pauline Wicinski
SUNDAY	MARCH 12th:
8:00 am	John & Florence Hagan
11:00 am	Helen Wolenski - Anniv. in Heaven
MONDAY	MARCH 13th:
7:30 am	Helen, Dot, Jack, Eleanor & Dan Kardel
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 15th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
FRIDAY	MARCH 17th:
7:30 am	Mildred Aleski
7:00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION
SATURDAY	MARCH 18th:
5:00 pm	Kleafas Sek
SUNDAY	MARCH 19th:
8:00 am	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.
11:00 am	Mildred Aleski

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12th:



OUR LADY OF PITY

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINES** are being offered in memory of

THE PORTANO FAMILY

requested lovingly by Julia Ruocco

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

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.

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.

2nd after the 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12 noon Masses at Our Lady of Pity. Crosses will be sold Sunday, April 2nd at St. Anthony of Padua after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. The price of crosses will be \$15 each. All money raised will go towards our youth group retreats, activities and community service.



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

First Communion Parent Meeting: Thursday, March 16th – 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Pity

First Communion Retreats: Saturdays, April 22nd and 29th at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center, 10:00am – 12:00 noon. An adult must accompany each child.

First Communion – Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 am and noon Masses at Our Lady of Pity.

Confirmation for Youth with Disabilities: Sunday, May 14th at 10:15 am at St. Patrick Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan, Contact sister Marcia at 718-494-0308 for application and information.

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

The Youth Group meets every third Friday of the month in the parish center. New members are always welcome! See Mr. Frank or Mrs. Joanne for details or email frank.marchse.ourladyofpity@gmail.com. Grades 6-8 and High School. Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

Family Movie Night-There will be a family movie night in the gym on **March 18th** from 7pm to 10 pm. We will be showing Beauty and the Beast. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available to purchase for \$1.00 Tickets are \$5.00 per person. You can purchase tickets during CCD classes or see Mr. Frank or Mrs. Joanne for details.

Living Stations of the Cross- The Youth Group will be putting on the production of Living Stations. This will take place on Friday, March 24th at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of Pity Church. All are welcome.

Palm Cross Sale-The Youth Group will be selling 24 inch Palm Crosses on April 1st after the 5:00 pm Mass and April

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

HIS WORD TODAY THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"God has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to his own design – the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior. He has robbed death of its power..."

With Peter, James and John we join Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is a transforming moment, when the Lord reveals to us who He is. The voice speaks, not only telling us of Jesus, but also that we are chosen, His favor rests in us, and our lent is our moment to be transformed by God's forgiving grace. We remember the simple definition that 'grace is the very life of God, communicated to us as a gift, and accepted.'

We begin our second week on our journey, aware that we have been chosen. God offers us the gift of His grace, but we need to seek it and accept it. As Paul told Timothy, God's grace robs sin of its power. Another name for grace is 'power.' Use it, seek forgiveness and forgive someone else.

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 – 718-761-6660**

MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2018

The Marriage Schedule Book at Our Lady of Pity is open. Please call the rectory between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest to set your marriage date.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary **anytime during 2017** are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2017. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



St. Anthony's Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Lotto Raffle beginning February 4th. Drawing will be held on March 12th after the 11:00 am Mass. Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Thank you for your support. Good Luck to All!!



St. Anthony's Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a **FREE** Easter Basket raffle for all children 14 years old and under beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Each time a child attends Mass or a Lenten Service they will receive a FREE raffle ticket. Children must be present to fill out the ticket. Ten names will be drawn on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. Winners will receive an Easter basket filled with goodies. A child may win more than once. Good Luck to All!



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.

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.

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.



BIBLE STUDY

Opening the Word – Bible Study on readings of the Sunday's in Lent. Monday evenings starting February 27, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Fee is \$10. To register, please call the Rectory at 718-761-5421.

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

During Lent, the Church calls the faithful to bring a spirit of penance into their lives through fasting and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other, smaller meals may be taken during the day but should not equal a full meal in quantity. The ages of obligation for fasting is **from 18 through 59**.

Abstinence prohibits the eating of meat on a particular day. Abstinence is an obligation for all Catholics beginning at age 14 and continues throughout one's lifetime. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast or to abstain (who are ill) are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

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

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

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.

LUCKY 40 CLUB

The winners for week #1 of the Lucky 40 Club are as follows:

Katelyn Vecsi
Michael Vecsi
Congratulations!!

Staten Island Centering Prayer Group

At St. Joseph Retreat Center, 850 Hylan Blvd., S.I., NY
Please call to reserve at 718-720-1097.

Invites you to come pray, be still and rest in God's presence. The group will meet twice per month on the second and fourth Wednesday. The next prayer sessions will take place on Wednesday, March 8th and 22nd from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. the fee is \$10 per session. For more information please contact Anne-Louise DePalo at 718-351-3748.

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

St. Francis Catholic Singles is 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. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd, 7:15 pm – Movie Night: Quiz Show, directed by Robert Redford, chronicles the Twenty One quiz show scandals of the 50s, the rise and fall of a popular contestant after the rigged loss of another and the Congressional investigator's subsequent probe. Nominated for Best Picture and several Golden Globes. Popcorn and beverages will be served. Guided discussion to follow. Holy Family Parish, 366 Watchogue Road, S.I., NY 718-761-6663



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:

Hugo Acciazatti, MaryAnn Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Mary Ellen Bednar, Janice Blanchard, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto,

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.

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

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

ANNUAL HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society is hosting their annual Communion Breakfast on April 2, 2017. This year's guest speakers are Mary Ann and Charlie Edkins. We welcome you to come and witness how their faith led them through tragedy and great loss. The day will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9:00 am followed by a buffet breakfast and talk in the gym. Tickets will be sold after all Masses. Cost is \$20.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 7 to 13, and children under the age of 7 are free. Our Lady of Pity Communion children are also free, when accompanied by an adult.

St. Clare Employment Group

The St. Clare's Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advisement to the unemployed and their families, and anyone who is concerned about a layoff or career advancement. We also provide one on one employment advisement by appointment. To make an appointment or for general information, please call the Rectory at 718-984-7873.

March 16, 2017- "Resume Critique" – Holly Block, Asst. Recruitment Director, College of Staten Island. Please submit your resume in advance of this session to Cathy Feeks – fhelpme123@aol.com and Art Merlino – arthmerl0718@aol.com.

OUR LADY OF PITY PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of Pity is in need of the following:

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.

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.

**2nd ANNUAL FR. CAPODANNO
BIKE BLESSING & PARTY**

Saturday, April 22, 2017 @ 12:00 noon – Outdoor Blessing at Holy Family church Park8ng Lot, 366 Watchogue Road, followed by voluntary police escorted ride to the party at The Elks Lodge # 841, 3250 Richmond Ave. The price for the party is \$20. Includes buffet lunch (to be collected at The Elks Lodge). For more information call Fr. Micciulla @ 718-761-6663 or email: rev.micciulla@aol.com

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.

**UPCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
APRIL 7th – 8th**

Two day trip – to Museum of African Americans, Washington, D.C. and city tour.

Trip includes: Round trip transportation
One night hotel
Deluxe continental breakfast
Two all you can eat buffet dinners
Admission to the museum
Hotel taxes and meal gratuities

Fare: Dbl. \$299.00 each
Trip. \$289.00 each
Quad. \$279.00 each

Deposit: \$150.00 due February 16, 2017
Balance due March 15, 2017.

For additional information and reservation please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475

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

SATURDAY MARCH 18th:
5:00 pm E. Boccieri-J. Boccieri
SUNDAY MARCH 19th:
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: MARCH 18th:
5:00 pm I. Bialza
SUNDAY MARCH 19th:
7:30 am M. Salcedo
9:00 am R. Rose
10:30 am M. Donadic
NOON J. Magliocco

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 18th:
5:00 pm J. Venditto-M. Zerega-M. Miningas-F. Aum
SUNDAY MARCH 19th:
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

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL OFFICE
THE STATEN ISLAND REGIONAL CATECHETICAL
OFFICE**

Invites you to be spiritually refreshed and renewed at our **25th Annual Day of Prayer for Catechists and Catechetical Leaders**, Saturday, March 18, 2017, St. Charles School, 200 Penn Avenue, 9:30 am
Presenter: Dr. Carole Eipers, Sadlier National Religion Consultant. Please RSVP to your Director/Coordinator by March 10, 2017. Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by: W.H. Sadlier, Inc.

**COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO A VOCATION AS A
SECULAR FRANCISCAN?**

The **Order of Secular Franciscans** is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. It was founded by St. Francis of Assisi himself for those lay people who are single or married, but who wish to follow in his footsteps as their way to grow in the spiritual life, and we endeavor to sincerely mirror his Christ-like example, especially toward those we encounter as we go about our day.
For more information, email us at Franciscans@verizon.net and check out our website at franciscansatfarrell.org.

**THE CRYSTALS & HUNTERDON HILLS
PLAYHOUSE
MOUNT AIRY RESORT**

Wednesday, April 26th thru Thursday April 27th

Tickets to see The Crystals at the Mount Airy Resort. Their hits include "He's Sure the Boy I love", "He's a Rebel",

SAVE THE DATE

“Da Doo Ron Ron” and “Then He Kissed Me”. Buffet voucher for dinner, \$10.00 voucher for breakfast, baggage handling and overnight accommodations. Tickets to “Born Yesterday” at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (This famous comedy enjoyed one of the longest runs in Broadway history)

Day 1: Departs early morning...Arrive at the Mount Airy Resort...Tickets for the 1PM show of the Crystals! Afterwards check into your room and the remainder of the day and night is yours to enjoy at your leisure...Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, slots, gaming and more!

Day 2: Enjoy breakfast before check-out – Today is a treat! Lunch and show “Born Yesterday” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Afterwards depart for home.

Bus Departs at 9:00 am from 134 Sommer Avenue
For information and reservation contact Lena Magliocco
(718)761-8216

Price Per Person: Single \$445 – Dbl. \$360 – Trip. \$340 –
Package includes: Deluxe transportation, overnight accommodations at the Mount Airy Resort, baggage handling, \$30 slot play, buffet dinner voucher, \$10 breakfast voucher, tickets for The Crystals, lunch and matinee show at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, taxes

**KIND WORDS CAN BE SHORT AND EASY TO
SPEAK, BUT THEIR ECHOES ARE TRULY
ENDLESS. – ST. TERESA**