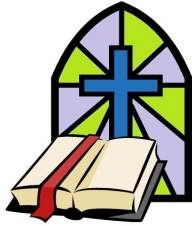


**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 19th, 2017**



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

SATURDAY	MARCH 18th:
8:00 am	Joseph Foresta & Rosemarie Watkins
5:00 pm	Adelaide & Philip DiGeorge
SUNDAY	MARCH 19th:
7:30 am	Joseph A. Magliocco
9:00 am	Rose & Salvatore Aiello
10:30 am	Felice & Maria Procaccio
NOON	Michael LaFemina
MONDAY	MARCH 20th:
7:30 am	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
8:30 am	Joseph Tutone
TUESDAY	MARCH 21st:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Ferrara Family
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 22nd :
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Joseph & Jean Noce
THURSDAY	MARCH 23rd:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	
FRIDAY	MARCH 24th:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Felix Guido
7:30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MARCH 25th:
8:00 am	Maria Elena Cucchiana
5:00 pm	Peter Marascia
SUNDAY	MARCH 26th:
7:30 am	Vincent Gigante
9:00 am	Gargano Family
10:30 am	Anna Souffren
NOON	Helen 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	MARCH 18th:
5:00 pm	Kleafas Sek
SUNDAY	MARCH 19th:
8:00 am	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.
11:00 am	Mildred Aleski
MONDAY	MARCH 20th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 22nd:
7:30 am	Henry Wesolowski-4 th Anniv. in Heaven
FRIDAY	MARCH 24th:
7:30 am	Stella Koran
7:00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION
SATURDAY	MARCH 25th:
5:00 pm	Elvira R. Portano
SUNDAY	MARCH 26th:
8:00 am	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.
11:00 am	Nicholas S. Chicola, Jr.

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19th:



OUR LADY OF PITY

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

JOSEPH & JEAN NOCE

requested lovingly by children, grandchildren & great grandchildren

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** are being offered in Memory of

ROSE & SALVATORE AIELLO

Requested lovingly by Mickie, Doug, Grace & Marty

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.

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.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.



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

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.

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 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.

HIS WORD TODAY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink? Jesus replied: 'If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water.'...Now that we have been justified by faith we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Remember the raging waters which roared through Houston and Baton Rouge last summer? Remember the arid conditions of the droughts in California and New Jersey at the same time? Too much water, or no water at all. Water give life, sustains life. Without it, we die.

Jesus, as He conversed with the Samaritan woman brought her to new insights making her wonder if He might be the Messiah. She opened her eyes and heart, acknowledging that He knew her need. How few of us would invite others to come and meet someone who told me everything I ever did." Could this be the Messiah?"

The lady took steps – a man, a Jew, a rabbi, a messiah, as she grew to accept Jesus. Cancer unfortunately is classified as being at certain stages. The spiritual life, like the Samaritan woman, happily finds us moving forward. As I begin this third week of Lent, I ask myself 'at what stage am I?' How ready am I to move forward, Are my eyes and heart open?

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.

Ron at (347) 770-3477 for information.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

MOORE CATHOLIC H.S.

The award winning Performing Arts program at Moore Catholic will be presenting the musical "Crazy for You" on April 6, 7 and 8 at 7PM. Among the memorable Gershwin tunes in this musical are "someone to Watch Over Me", "I Got Rhythm" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me." If you would like to reserve tickets (\$15 each) you can call or e-mail Ms. Kristen Dalto, Moore's director of Performing Arts. (718) 761-9200 ext. 125, or kdalto@moorechs.org. General admission tickets will also be sold at the door.

LUCKY 40 CLUB

The winners for week #2 of the Lucky 40 Club are as follows:

Joseph Pratti
and
Ed Rios

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

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.

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

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.

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.

GOLDEN CROSS for EDUCATION AWARD

Please join us in prayer and celebration as we honor the individuals who have supported Staten Island Catholic Schools, at the Golden Cross for Education-Award Breakfast, Sunday, April 23rd, Mass at 8:15 am at St. Charles, followed by award breakfast at the Excelsior Grand from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The 2017 Honorees will be Assemblyman, Michael Cusick for his sponsorship of the Education Tax Credit Bill and Rev. Msgr. Peter G. Finn for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Staten Island Catholic elementary schools. Nominees from each of the Catholic elementary schools will receive the 2017 Outstanding Catholic Community Award. Tickets are \$37 or \$350 for a table of ten. For more information visit our website at www.adny-si.org or email Diana.Gatto@archny.org or order tickets online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-golden-cross-for-education-award-breakfast-tickets-32417167621

2nd ANNUAL FR. CAPODANNO BIKE BLESSING & PARTY

Saturday, April 22, 2017 @ 12:00 noon – Outdoor Blessing at Holy Family church Parki8ng 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

MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	MARCH 25th:
5:00 pm	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo
SUNDAY	MARCH 26th:
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	Mar. Pastena-M. Langone
10:30 am	J. Salcedo-M. Mendez
NOON	V. Violetta-C. Violetta

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	MARCH 25th:
5:00 pm	P. Magliocco
SUNDAY	MARCH 26th:
7:30 am	R. Rose
9:00 am	C. Daniels
10:30 am	M. Salcedo
NOON	S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	MARCH 25th:
5:00 pm	J. Bosco-D. Boniface-A. Boniface
SUNDAY	MARCH 26th:
7:30 am	M. Tubay-M. Zerega
9:00 am	R. Eckman-J. Flood-F. Aum
10:30 am	M. Santa-R. Whalen-M. Santa-M. Zerega
NOON	D. Pangilinan-J. Inigo-C. Baria-E. Baria

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

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.

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

**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", "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