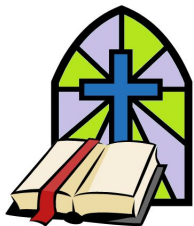


**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26th, 2017**



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

SATURDAY	MARCH 25th:
8:00 am	Marie 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
MONDAY	MARCH 27th:
7:30 am	Teresa Tacopina
8:30 am	
TUESDAY	MARCH 28th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Joseph Glen Cesaro
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 29th :
7:30 am	Michael Ross Russo
8:30 am	Margaret & Patricia Weinberg
THURSDAY	MARCH 30th:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Coccaro & Tutone Families
FRIDAY	MARCH 31st:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	
7:30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	APRIL 1st:
8:00 am	Francesca Richiusa
5:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Jenaro Torres
SUNDAY	APRIL 2nd:
7:30 am	Thomas J. Ginch
9:00 am	Frank Riso, Lucy D'Orlando & Joseph DeMeglio
10:30 am	Fred Gambale
NOON	Ann Volpe

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

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.
MONDAY	MARCH 27th:
7:30 am	Jadwiga Bartosiewicz
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 29th:
7:30 am	Robert R. Roth – Birthday in Heaven
FRIDAY	MARCH 31st:
7:30 am	Zofia Barszczewska
7:00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION
SATURDAY	APRIL 1st:
5:00 pm	Florence & George Wessman
SUNDAY	APRIL 2nd:
8:00 am	Paul T. Saladis, Sr. – Birthday in Heaven

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26th:



OUR LADY OF PITY

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

STEWART WROBLEWSKI

requested lovingly by his 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

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

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.

Letters will be sent home during CCD classes. There will be two sessions from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm. See Mr. Frank or Mrs. Joanne for any questions or concerns.



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.

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. 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.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny-Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua Youth Group will be sponsoring breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 15th. The cost will be \$15 per person, children under 5 are free. The cost includes continental breakfast, picture with the Easter bunny, and an Easter egg hunt. Registration is a must.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner", but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

HIS WORD TODAY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"There was a time when you were in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Well, then, live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness, and justice and truth...Then he told him, 'Go wash in the pool of Siloam.' (This name means 'One who has been sent.'")

With the coming of spring, days become longer and darkness fades. St. Paul tells his readers that they are children of the light. Jesus told us we are the light of the world. We recognize our role through our good works, our efforts to make a just society, and walking with Jesus who is the way, truth and life.

How common it is for us to look for a place to charge our telephones, renew the power in our ipad, or charge our battery. Sadly people fight to plug their charger and renew their telephone, computer or game. Lent is to produce the same effect. The light can become stronger as we strive for goodness, justice and truth. Lent is meant to restore power, or grace, fully. Lent is our opportunity to be and remain connected. We are to be charged by the Lord and radiate His presence.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Men and women volunteers needed to assist the "Missionaries of the Poor" in Kingston, Jamaica. Please call Joe Magliocco at (718) 698-8054 for further 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 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.

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.

LUCKY 40 CLUB

The winners for week #3 of the Lucky 40 Club are as

follows: Andrew Buovolo and Joseph Kogut
Congratulations!!

FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, April 1st & 2nd, Our Lady of Pity will be participating in the Bread of Life Drive to help re-stock the food pantries on Staten Island. Last year, during B.O.L.D. weekend we collected 90 cartons of food and you may recall that Cardinal Dolan was here to see your generosity and was honored for his support of B.O.L.D. He got the t-shirt but you got the satisfaction of helping neighbors who need a hand. So, this week look for sales on non-perishable food items and stock up—then bring the food when you come to Mass on next weekend. The food will be taken to Monsignor Farrell High School where B.O.L.D. volunteers will sort the donations and deliver them to food pantries on Staten Island. Your donated food will be appreciated by the people you help. If you want to do more than bring when coming to Mass on April 1st and 2nd.

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.

Holy Family Parish, 366 Watchogue Road, S.I., NY
718-761-6663

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES NEEDS NEW MODERATOR

St. Francis Catholic Singles on Staten Island is seeking a practicing Catholic in their 30s, 40s, or 50s to be the group's new Moderator or Co-Moderator. This volunteer role involves planning and running topics or socials several times a year for Catholics who are single or single again. Candidate should be someone who cares about this population and has good organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. Training is available. This is a truly beautiful ministry for the right person/s. For more info, email sfcssi@gmail.com. We're happy to communicate with interested persons even on an exploratory basis.



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.

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.

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.

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

**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

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

**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 APRIL 1st:
5:00 pm M. O'Brien-J. Coraci
SUNDAY APRIL 2nd:
7:30 am T. Hanley-J. Salcedo
9:00 am V. Violetta-C. Violetta
10:30 am S. LaRosa-I. LaRosa
NOON M. Terracino-N. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: APRIL 1st:
5:00 pm M. Donadic
SUNDAY APRIL 2nd:
7:30 am M. Salcedo
9:00 am M. Pontarella
10:30 am L. Buttacavoli
NOON I. Bialza

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY APRIL 1st:
5:00 pm J. Venditto-H. Bailey-J. Bosco
SUNDAY APRIL 2nd:
7:30 am M. Maningas-M. Zerega
9:00 am M. Tubay-M. Santa-M. Santa
10:30 am R. Whalen-D. Pangilinan-C. Baria-E. Baria
NOON R. Eckman-M. Maguire-I. Maguire

**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

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

Saturday, April 22, 2017 @ 12:00 noon – Outdoor Blessing

**MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER CAMPS**

Sports Camps

Basketball Camp (boys only/grades 5-10)

Session 1: July 10-14

Session 2: July 17-21

Football Camp (boys only/non contact/grades 5-9)

July 10-14

Soccer Camp (boys and girls/grades 5-10)

July 10-14

Lacrosse Camp (boys only/non contact/grades 5-10)

July 17-21

Wrestling Camp (boys only/grades 1-12)

July 10-14

Track & Field Camp (boys only/grades 4-12)

July 17-21

Academic Camps

Robotics Camp (boys & girls/grades 5-10)

July 17-21

Computer Animation (boys & girls/grades 5-10)

July 10-14

Register at www.msgrfarrellhs.org

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