

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>:**

8:00 pm Frances Cesario

**SUNDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:30 am Anthony J. Annunziato

9:00 am Virginia LaRocco

10:30 am Frank Riso, Lucy DeOrlando and Joseph DeMeglio

NOON Joseph McGoff

**MONDAY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:15 am Intentions of Gigante Family

8:30 am Anne Marie Manzi

**TUESDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Grace Mosca

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:15 am Anna Trupia

8:30 am Vivian Conti

**THURSDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:15 am John Magrino

8:30 am Lucille Vetri

**FRIDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:15 am Dominick, Michael and Marco Vuotto

8:30 am Guisepina Francavilla and Family

**SATURDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>:**

8:00 am Jaime Merchan

5:00 pm Gloria Esposito

**SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:30 am Olga D'Elia

9:00 am Jean Spisto

10:30 am Arthur Tomasuolo

NOON Laura Klus, Lillian Bayer and Roxane Murano

**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.



**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>:**

The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINE** this week are in memory of:

**SALVATORE GERARDI**

requested by Chuck, Val, Lucia and Nicoletta.

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS SCHEDULE  
4055 Victory Blvd.**

**Rectory located at 24 Shelley Ave. - 718-761-6660**

Mon., Wed. and Fridays: 7:30 am

Saturday-Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am and

11:00 am



**JOIN THE CHOIRS**

The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



**Children's Choir: Do you like to sing?** Children (from second grade or older) practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Join the Choir and make new friends.

**CCD PROGRAM**

**EASTER BREAK:** Classes resume on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CCD CLASSES END:** Last classes for the year will be on Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup> and Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 & 11:30 AM**  
**CONFIRMATION - MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 12 NOON**

**MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2016**

The Marriage Schedule Book at our parish for the year 2016 weddings is open. Please call the rectory to set up an appointment to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish. **Pre-Cana books are in the rectory.**

**PRE-CANA CLASSES-ST. PATRICK'S ON SI**

Final course will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 11 am to 5:30 pm. To register please call 718-979-4227.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."* It is easy to doubt how great our marriage can be unless we trust in Him to strengthen our marriage. Find out how on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information on their next weekend call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**THIRD:** Matthew Pinkston and Lisa LaBruzzo

**RCIA PROGRAM**

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. The RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wed. at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary. There is NO FEE for this program.

**FLOWER ENVELOPES**

The flowers that adorn our Church at Easter Season are a tribute and a memorial to the loved ones of our parish families, who have been called home to God. Their names remain in the Sanctuary as a tribute to and a remembrance of them.

## HIS WORD TODAY

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them."*

Living the Easter experience was truly special for the initial Christian community. Imagine how they shared the story of their experience of the Risen Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Words as 'power', 'witness' and 'favor' mark that special time in the early church.

The Gospel calls the missionary disciples to the same witness of the same Christ empowered by the same Spirit, and endowed with the same favor or grace. It was not a phenomenon only for first century Christians. The Easter experience we are living today calls us to become more aware of the gifts of the Spirit and grace, to bear witness, address the needs of those around us, and provide what gifts we have for those who need a deeper spiritual life, a community of believers. This season of the Church year calls us to make the same Risen Christ present for ourselves and others. We find Him in our parishes, reflection groups and social gatherings.



### GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the Disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in His name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for Himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present and told him, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed".

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meetings resume this Tues. April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

## 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 the parish for at least 3 months or known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

## CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$49,330.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 219 families. We are now at 70% of goal. As always, thank you to those who have faithfully supported the Appeal this year and in all the years past. Those who haven't yet given, there is time.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING (Parish Pay Program)

Go to [www.parihsipay.com](http://www.parihsipay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

## MORNING DEVOTIONS



Following the 8:30 am weekday Mass is the Recitation of the Rosary and spiritual devotions. On Fridays there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On First Fridays there is Benediction. On Sat. following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

#### SATURDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>:

5:00 pm A. Davis – J. Coraci

#### SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am M/M V. Violetta

9:00 am K. Carpenito – J. Porto

10:30 am M/M D. Marro

NOON M/M G. Mannino

### LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

#### SATURDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>:

5:00 pm S. Kelly

#### SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am R. Rose

9:00 am M. Donadic

10:30 am P. Magliocco

NOON C. Daniels

### ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

#### SATURDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>:

5:00 pm N. Lopez – C. & E. Baria – A. Rivas

#### SUNDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am M. Santa – J. Tangco

9:00 am D. Boniface – J. Bosco – C. Rodriguez  
M. Zerega

10:30 am J. Venditto – R. Eckman- M. Tubay

H. Bailey – Rbt. Eckman

NOON R. Whalen – M. & I. Magurie

L. & S. DeMartino

## YOUNG ADULTS (20's-30's-40's)

Our Lady of Pity Young Adult Group plans to meet in the Parish Center at a date to be decided. For further information, call Rosemarie Archer @ 917-636-2187.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas on Amboy Rd., Staten Island, holds a 2:30 pm Special Needs Mass every second Sunday of each month. Next Mass will be this Sun. April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENT AT OUR LADY OF PITY

Plans are being made to broadcast "Radio Maria" here at our Church on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an Italian Mass and religious programs. More information will follow.

## MARIAN CONFERENCE

Sat. May 9<sup>th</sup> St. Joachim, St. Ann's Church, on the grounds of Mt. Loretto Rosary Procession and May Crowning. Sat. Mass and speakers. Time: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. (Lunch is included and special activities available for children and teens). Cost: \$45.00 per adult, children free. For information call 646-662-3914.

## NAMES PLEASE

It is that time of year when parishioners are asked to submit the names of family members who will be, or already have, graduated from **College** this year (2015). Please call the rectory during regular work hours and leave the **graduates name, degree and the college that he/she attended.**

## WOODLOCH PINES – POCONO MTS.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>:** Trip includes bus, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners, nightly entertainment and daily activities. A visit to the Mt. Airy Casino is planned on trip coming home. Cost: \$445 for Dbl. occupancy and \$415 for triple occupancy For reservations call Lena at 718-761-5421. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave.

## ORLANDO FLORIDIA TRIP

**SUNDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>:** Bus departs at 8 am on July 5<sup>th</sup> from the front of the Church. Cost: \$579 per person, double occupancy – add \$180 for single occupancy. \$75.00 is due upon reserving, final payment to be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

## ROSARIAN ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Since the turn out and weather cooperated so well last year having held the Flea Market in June (rather than the usual May date) we are holding it on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the Church parking lot. More details to follow.



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Members of the Cross Road Foundation will be visiting our Church the weekend of May 2-3<sup>rd</sup> handing out “Baby Bottles”. Since 1987 they have been helping women facing unplanned pregnancies with the positive alternatives to abortion. The funds from these Bottles will be used to help expectant and new mothers on Staten Island. Please be prepared to return them the following weekend May 9-10<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY

St. John Villa Academy is sponsoring a “Basket Auction” on Fri. May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at their school. Admission: \$10.00. There will be many great prizes, a 50/50 and Disney Hopper Passes. For information call 718-477-4150 X171.

## HOST A STUDENT! Contact Joel @ 718-689-0018

Moore Catholic HS has many international students, boys and girls, high school age, from China. They need room and board nearby to Moore Catholic for the school year only. Introduce your family to a new culture and language. All the international students speak English as well. You will receive generous compensation for your hosting service.

## ST. JOSEPH-BY-THE SEA HS SUMMER CAMP

Their Sports Camp is for boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Visit their web [www.josephsea.org](http://www.josephsea.org) or call 718-984-6500 X532 for information.

## ST. FRANCIS SINGLES (30’S-50’S)

Singles next gathering will be on Thurs. April 23 at 7:15 pm at Holy Family Church. Cost: \$10. A representative from Doody’s Home Center will be the guest speaker sharing knowledge for spring projects - indoors and out.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Mercy is an opportunity for everyone to experience the overwhelming mercy of our loving Father. His message to Sister Faustina Kowalska was a call for all people to believe in the power of forgiveness. No sin is greater than God’s Mercy. One can receive a Plenary Indulgence on Mercy Sunday if you go to confession and receive Holy Communion. These indulgences can also be applied to the souls in purgatory. **“Jesus, I trust in You!”**

## FULFILLMENT OF YOUR EASTER DUTY

We pray that by Trinity Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, all our faithful parishioners will have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) and Holy Communion.

## ANNUAL HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Members of our Holy Name Society will be in the vestibule of our Church for the next few weekends selling tickets for their Communion Breakfast to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00 am Mass. **Cost:** Adults \$15.00, children ages 7-12 \$5.00, children under 7 free. Deadline for tickets purchasing is May 9<sup>th</sup>. For further information call Steve at 347-861-0316.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup> or Sun. June 21<sup>st</sup>. Both Masses will be at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm on Mon. -Fri. Last date to register is Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup>.



## 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, Sally Caputo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Paul Davis, Carol Divine, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Ann Volpe.**

**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.

**WE CAN'T REMAKE WHO WE ARE,  
BUT WE CAN STRIVE TO BE  
THE BEST THAT GOD HAS MADE US!**

If you can't sing... hum!