

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16th, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY AUGUST 15th:

5:00 pm Anthony Scandaglia

SUNDAY AUGUST 16th:

7:30 am Louisa Verito

9:00 am Lucille Graziosa

10:30 am Felice & Faustina Ieraci

NOON Girolamo & Colomba Delre

MONDAY AUGUST 17th:

7:30 am Enrico and Joseph Fiocco

TUESDAY AUGUST 18th:

7:30 am John Mustaciuolo

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19th:

7:30 am Lucille Jones

THURSDAY AUGUST 20th:

7:30 am Kris Hermansen

FRIDAY AUGUST 21st:

7:30 am Joseph A. Magliocco

SATURDAY AUGUST 22nd:

8:00 am Cayedano G. Medida

5:00 pm Joann & Robert Young & John Gallo

SUNDAY AUGUST 23rd:

7:30 am Edith Ponzi

9:00 am Joann Paranonte

10:30 am Francesco & Teresa Ieraci

NOON Richard Juliano

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY AUGUST 15th:

5:00 pm Julia Holewska

SUNDAY AUGUST 16th:

8:00 am Michael Vecsi

11:00 am Richard Modzelewski, Sr.

MONDAY AUGUST 17th :

7:30 am For All Parisioners

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19th:

7:30 am Maria Vecchio

FRIDAY AUGUST 21st:

7:30 am Andrzej Kubrak

SATURDAY AUGUST 22nd:

5:00 pm Leo Gniewkowski

SUNDAY AUGUST 23rd:

8:00 am Florence & John Hagan

11:00 am Bernice Matusiak

***NOTE TO ALL 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.

Monthly envelopes for the Aug. 50/50 drawing are available in the back of St. Anthony's Church. Fee is \$5 per envelope.

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF AUG. 16th:



The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:
GIUSEPPE ABATE
requested lovingly by your daughter & family.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of:

RICHARD MODZELEWSKI, SR.
requested by Barbara & Nick Chicola.



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.

INSTALLATION OF FATHER JOHN AS PASTOR

The Most Reverend John O'Hara, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will solemnly install **Father John Wroblewski** as pastor of the new parish of Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua, on **Sunday, September 27th, 2015, at 3:00 pm.** Following Mass there will be a reception in the parish gymnasium. Everyone is invited for this happy occasion. Kindly RSVP via the enclosed flyer or call the parish office at 718-761-5421 so that we can plan for the food.

MORNING DEVOTIONS



Following weekday 7:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity: Recitation of the Rosary. On Fridays 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.

RCIA PROGRAM

The RCIA Program invites you to meet on Wed. at 7:30 pm in Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. No registration necessary. There is NO FEE for this program.

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 known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

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.



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that “those who feed on this bread shall live forever.”

HIS WORD TODAY

“I am the living bread. That came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”

How many times Jesus uses the ‘I am’ statements to describe Himself. This is the name God revealed to Moses in the book of Exodus. Usually the references are descriptive, as the good shepherd giving His life for the sheep, or the vine and branches needing to be connected. Sometimes Jesus uses them to describe Himself, as way, truth and life, or the gate and gatekeeper. Constantly we are reminded of these descriptions.

The passage today speaks of the reality, He is the bread of life, and the prime source of life for us. Christ is present to give us the gift of eternal life. The Eucharist is the source of that life. We are called to approach this sacrament with faith, reverence and devotion. After receiving the great gift of the Eucharist, take time to reflect, to thank and realize that Christ is present in me, to give me life. What I do with that life is supported and directed by Him. It is this gift which will lead me home.

OUR LADY OF PITY SITE:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND:

5:00 pm M. O'Brien – J. Coraci

SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD:

7:30 am R. Colella – J. Coraci

9:00 am M/M Marro

10:30 am J. Carluzzo – J. Almero

NOON M/M LaRosa

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: AUGUST 22ND:

5:00 pm B. Rose

SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD:

7:30 am S. Kelly

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli

10:30 am C. Daniels

NOON S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND:

5:00 pm C. Baria – E. Baria

SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD:

7:30 am M. Tubay – J. Inigo – M. Zerega

9:00 am R. Eckman – Rbt. Eckman – J. Flood

10:30 am N. Lopez – D. Pangilinan – C. Rodriguez – J. Bosco

NOON R. Whalen – M. Maguire – I. Maguire



SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR LADY OF PITY – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

All classes will be held at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. Registration forms are available from both sites. Bring them to the parish office at the rectory at Our Lady of Pity. M-F 9-5; W, T F 9-7, Sat 10-1.

New children and those coming from St. Anthony of Padua should provide a copy of child's Baptism Certificate. If coming from another School of Religion, a transfer form from that school is necessary.

REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 31. Wednesday sessions are already filled. Grades 1 & 2 should sign up for Thursdays.

TEACHER MEETINGS -Tues. Sept. 1 at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. at the Parish Center. Choose whichever time is convenient for you.

PARENT MEETINGS - Sept. 16 and 17 at 7:30 pm in Our Lady of Pity Church. Choose whichever day is convenient for you.

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 28

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass



This five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their

profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience. We will use DVDs of Dr. Edward Sri.

The classes, facilitated by Sister Marcia, will be held on Monday evenings 7:30-9:00 pm or Friday mornings at 9:30-11:00 am, starting the week of October 19, 2015 at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. Cost is \$20.00. Reservations can be made at the rectory 718-761-5421.

MARRIAGE BANNES

SECOND: Chris Durante and Christina M. Carney

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date Our Lady of Pity has received **\$69,710** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **309** families. We are now at **98%** of goal. We're getting closer to goal, please consider a gift and let it happen!

UPCOMING TRIP OF POPE FRANCIS...please do not call the rectory concerning distribution of tickets. When the Archdiocese is ready to send them to parishes with instructions it will be posted in the bulletin.

PARISH EVENTS



JOIN THE CHOIRS

All Choir practices at Our Lady of Pity are suspended for the summer months. New members are always welcome and should

introduce themselves to the organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses.

The Adult Choir will begin practicing on Wednesday Sept. 16th at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

The Youth Choir will have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center beginning on September 30th. There has been a change in the Youth Choir Sunday. **Beginning on Sunday Oct. 18th the New Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity.** 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.

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 CLUB MEETINGS

Our Lady of Pity Rosary Altar Club: 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 Wed. of the month at 7 pm in the Church basement.

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
(Club is suspended during Aug. It resumes Sept. 29th)

Legion of Mary Thurs. 7:30 pm Church Chapel

TRIP TO SARATOGA AND LAKE GEORGE

An enjoyable summer trip to beautiful Saratoga and Lake George. Enjoy riding on a deluxe bus.

Date: Mon. Aug. 31st to Fri. Sept. 4th, 2015

Cost: \$898 per person double occ.; triple occ. \$855

Spend 4 nights at the luxurious Georgian Lakeside Resort. A Welcome Reception with wine and assortment of Hors d'oeuvres. Guided tours through historic Saratoga Springs and a day stop at the casino or if you wish to the racetrack. Many extras included during your stay. For information and/or reservations call Lena at 347-546-5250.

BUS TRIP TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Doylestown, PA - 50th Annual Polish Festival

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Mass at 11:00 am - Mummies & Philadelphia String Band to Perform. Includes: Admission, Bus and Gratuities.

Cost: 30 people - \$60 per person / 40 people - \$50 per person (cost determined according to number booked)

Contact: Deacon Joe Rentkowski 718-727-4567

BUS TRIP TO FATIMA SHRINE IN NJ

Celebrate Our Blessed Mother's Birthday

Saturday, September 5, 2015, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Blue Army Fatima Shrine in Washington, NJ, Mass, rosary, confession.

Meet at St. Sylvester, 854 Targee St. The bus will be on Rhine Ave. between Clove Rd and Baltic Ave. Park on the streets or convent parking lot inside the school compound. Bus leaves at 7:30 am promptly. The bus leaves the shrine at 6:00 pm. Cost \$35. Make checks payable to Thelma Hanley or Tita Payomo.

Send name, address, phone or cell number with check to Thelma Hanley at 40D Dinsmore St. 10314 or Tita Payomo, 58 Fayette Ave 10305. For more information call Tita at 718-442-2198 or Thelma 917-991-0623.

First come, first served. Dress in modest attire.



SAVE THE DATE **SEPTEMBER 19TH**

Our Lady of Pity - St. Anthony of Padua Church will be holding its "Annual Family Day Picnic" on **Saturday September 19th** at Our Lady of Pity. The event begins at 11:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. All are invited - bring your family and friends. Many surprises for the children are planned for the day. Further details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

FALL TRIP TO NIAGRA FALLS AND TORONTO

Date: Mon. Sept. 21st to Fri. Sept. 25th, 2015

Cost: \$525.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Add \$159 for single occupancy.

Deposit: \$75.00 due upon reserving.

Bus departs at 8:00 am from the front of our Church. Trip includes a Continental Breakfast each morning, followed by many tours and attractions. Tour the majestic castle estate "Casa Loma". Lastly a visit to Fallsview Casino. For further information and/or reservations call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA

Sights & Sound Theater - Show: "Joseph"

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Includes: Show; Lunch at Good & Plenty; Bus & Gratuities

Cost: \$160 per person

Contact: Deacon Joe Rentkowski

718-727-4567



CHINESE AUCTION

Once again our successful Chinese Auction will take place at Our Lady of Pity gym on Friday Oct. 16th at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.00, which includes tickets for prizes. The book of chances has remained the same in cost (\$15.00) as past years. Prizes: \$2,000, \$500, \$300. Chances will be available at St. Anthony of Padua Church (yellow basket in back of the church) and at the auction as well. Upon receipt of your Chance Books, either return them by mail, put them in the Sunday collection baskets or drop them off at one of the rectories. **All books are to be returned even if not taken.... Thank you for your generosity to this event.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN PHILADELPHIA September 22-25, 2015

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

Held every three years and sponsored by the Vatican, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. This is a once in a lifetime experience.

2015 Event Agenda

The World Meeting of Families will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia from Tuesday-Friday, September 22-25, 2015. There will be Daily Mass, Devotions, Keynote Addresses and multiple breakout sessions. Activities include a Youth Congress, child care, a film festival, Vatican art. Presentations are available in numerous languages.

Pope Francis will visit at the close of the Congress| September 26-27. For information about attending either event see <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org>

GOLD STAR POST - AMERICAN LEGION GOLDEN JACKPOT

The Gold Star Post is selling tickets for a Golden Jackpot Fund Raiser. Only 300 tickets will be sold. **Each ticket is \$50.** The prizes are \$5,000; \$2,000 and \$500 (prizes may vary if all tickets are not sold). The drawing will be held on September 12, 2015, at the Post's "Seafood Picnic". To reserve a ticket number call Ed Matusiak (718) 698-0237.

SCHEDULE: 2015 VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS TO NEW YORK

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to New York as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015.

Thursday, September 24

- 5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, September 25

- 8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly
- 11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- 4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church." Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn more about how important your marriage is to the Church. For more information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PRAYER

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

SOCCER PROGRAM

There will be a Soccer Clinic once again at Our Lady of Pity Site run by Mr. Raul Maturana for children ages 7-11. 20 sessions: from Wed. Sept. 9 through Sat. Nov. 14. Wed. at the gym 7:30-8:30 pm; Sat. time and place to be determined. There will be a \$50.00 registration fee for each child attending the clinic. Watch for upcoming flyer.

Please remember without the many advertises in the weekly bulletin we would not be able to produce our bulletins, so please patronize those businesses listed as advertises each week.



PIG

ROAST

At Trattoria Romana Restaurant, 1476 Hylan Blvd. St Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Includes: Salad, Pizza, Pig Roast, Potatoes, Broccoli Rabe, Desert, Coffee, Tea, Soda & Cash Bar.

Cost: \$50 per person in advance

Contact: Deacon Joe Rentkowski 718-727-4567



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, Paul Davis, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Frank Sanna, 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.

LITURGY NOTES

What does the word "Mass" mean?

The term "Mass" is derived from the Late Latin word *missa* (dismissal), a word used in the concluding formula of the Mass in Latin: "Ite, missa est" ("Go; it is the dismissal"). "In antiquity, *missa* simply meant 'dismissal'. In Christian usage, however, it gradually took on a deeper meaning. The word 'dismissal' has come to imply a 'mission'. These few words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church".

US BISHOPS COMMENT ON MARRIAGE

Why can't marriage be "redefined" to include two men or two women?

The word "marriage" isn't simply a label that can be attached to different types of relationships. Instead, "marriage" reflects a deep reality – the reality of the unique, fruitful, lifelong union that is only possible between a man and a woman. Just as oxygen and hydrogen are essential to water, sexual difference is essential to marriage. The attempt to "redefine" marriage to include two persons of the same sex denies the reality of what marriage is. It is as impossible as trying to "redefine" water to include oxygen and nitrogen.

Isn't marriage just about love and commitment between two people?

Of course love and commitment are important for marriage – as they are for many relationships. But marriage is unique because the commitment it calls for is better described as *communion*, where "the two become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Only a man and a woman in marriage can become a "one flesh" communion. The unity of husband and wife is so intimate that from it can come a "third," the child – a new life to be welcomed and raised in love. No other relationship, no matter how loving or committed, can have this unique form of commitment –

Why does a person's gender matter for marriage?

Gender matters for marriage because the body matters for love. My body is not simply "the shape of my skin." Instead, my identity as a person (my "I") is inseparable from the reality of my body – I am a *body-person*. As John Paul II said, the body *reveals* the person. It is a deeply *personal* reality, not just a biological fact. The body is "taken up" into every human action, including the most important task of all: loving. Loving as a *human person* means loving as a *man* or as a *woman*. Marriage, the "primary form" of human love, necessarily involves the reality of men and women as *body-persons*. Marriage is intrinsically opposite-sex. To "write off" the body, and gender, as unimportant to marriage means treating the body as inconsequential or, at best, as an object or tool to be used according to one's pleasure, instead of as an essential – and beautiful – aspect of being human and loving as a human person. Such a write-off would ignore the very essence of what marriage is.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

We are happy to announce that Mr. Robert Pinnisi has been accepted to study for the priesthood for the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. He will continue to assist our parish over the weekends and we ask all to pray for Mr. Pinnisi as he enters into his vocation as a priest. We wish him all God's blessings.

ADOPTION?

Baby girls and boys in China need homes 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.

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who suffer persecution for justice's sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let the chalice pass from them if such be Thy holy Will: yet, in all things, may Thy Will be done. Grant to those who persecute, light to see the truth and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comfort of the Afflicted, help thy children in their time of bitter trial. O Lord our God, by the sign of Thy holy cross deliver us from our enemies.....AMEN

PRAYER TO PREVENT FALLS

Take my hand, Oh Blessed Mother Mary,
Hold me firmly so I do not fall.
I grow nervous while walking and
Humbly call to you to protect me.

Guide me as I cross the street,
Please watch me when I am on the stairs.
Please let me know that you are beside me
And guide me so I do not trip on or near the stairs.

Listen to my fervent prayers.
Please bring me to my destination
Safely along the way.
Bless my every undertaking
And my duties for the day.
And when evening creeps upon me
I will never fear to be alone.
Once again, Oh Blessed Mother Mary,
Please take my hand;
And when the time comes, lead me home.

UNDER AGED

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."