

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23RD, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND:

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

MONDAY AUGUST 24TH:

7:30 am For our parishioners

TUESDAY AUGUST 25TH:

7:30 am Fr. Francis Kline

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH:

7:30 am Jason Ravelo

THURSDAY AUGUST 27TH:

7:30 am Jose S. Tia

FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH:

7:30 am Bernard Lettieri

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH:

8:00 am Nancy Ponterella

5:00 pm Nardiello & Garafola Families

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH:

7:30 am Jerry & Louise Esposito & Anthony Ferrantelli

9:00 am Michael Melfi

10:30 am Louis Colacurto

NOON Helen & Fredrick Blossfeld

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND:

5:00 pm Julia Holewska

SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD:

8:00 am Florence & John Hagan

11:00 am Bernice Matusiak

MONDAY AUGUST 24TH :

7:30 am Joseph Gawarkiewicz

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH:

7:30 am For all Our Parishioners

FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH:

7:30 am John Cincotta

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH:

5:00 pm Leo Gniewkowski

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH:

8:00 am Frank Ottomanelli

11:00 am Leocadia Wicinski

***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. 23RD:



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

GIULIO & TERESA FRANCESCHINI

lovingly requested by their children.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of

JOSEPH A. MAGLIOCCO

lovingly requested by Lena.

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of

DOROTHY SPIEZIA

requested by the Tacopina 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, 10:00 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. You can also call St. Anthony's Rectory at 718-761-6660.

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.



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** 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. **A volunteer sheet is set up in the vestibule of both Churches.**



GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

HIS WORD TODAY

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites... As for me and my household we will serve the Lord." ... "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" ... "Does this shock you? ... But there are some of you who do not believe... For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

We make countless decisions every day. What will I wear, what route will I take, what do I wish to eat. They are routine decisions. Joshua calls our attention to decide what God we will serve, as well as how we will serve Him.

He spoke about the pagan gods, yet we are confronted by gods or idols, such as money, prestige, reputation or material things. They secretly occupy our time and attention. Today the word of God can shake us, or in the words of Jesus 'shock' us.

Isn't it about time to take stock of our lives and ask what we can do to draw closer to our God? If we are honest, don't we get caught sometimes only going through the motions? Does my prayer life, my worship and my service reflect a decision made from my heart and not just my head? Joshua told his followers to decide then and there and not put it off. The Lord looks for my decision today.

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.

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.

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date Our Lady of Pity has received **\$70,020.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **329** families. We are now at **98.4%** of goal. We need \$1,000.00 to reach our goal, please consider a gift and let it happen!

OUR LADY OF PITY SITE: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH:

5:00 pm M/M Geronimo

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH:

7:30 am M/M Madaio

9:00 am M/M Violetta

10:30 am M/M Mannino

NOON M/M Boccieri

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: AUGUST 29TH:

5:00 pm C. Daniels

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH:

7:30 am M. Ponterella

9:00 am B. Rose

10:30 am I. Bialza

NOON M. Donadic

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH:

5:00 pm C. Baria – E. Baria – M. Tubay

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH:

7:30 am J. Bosco – M. Santa

9:00 am J. Clyne – C. Rodriguez – J. Tangco

10:30 am R. Whalen – J. Venditto – J. Inigo –

H. Bailey

NOON N. Lopez – D. Pangilinan – M. Maguire –

I. Maguire

MARRIAGE BANNS

THIRD: Chris Durante and Christina M. Carney

FIRST: Robert Grosseto and Jennifer Tousson



SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR LADY OF PITY – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 31. Wednesday sessions are already filled. Grades 1 & 2 should sign up for Thursdays. 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 WILL ALSO BE HELD AFTER ALL THE MASSES AT OUR LADY OF PITY PARISH CENTER AUGUST 29 & 30.

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

All classes will be held at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center.



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 and 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.

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

BUS TRIP TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA Doylestown, PA - 50th Annual Polish Festival

Sun. Sept 13th. 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) call: Deacon Joe Rentkowski at 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.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

To Resorts Casino. **Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2015**
9:00 am departure from in front of Our Lady of Pity Church.
Cost: \$36 with \$25 back. Call Agnes at 718-494-5475

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.**

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.

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



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:

GORETTI GROUP EVENT AND CONCERT

Dawn Eden, former rock journalist, author of "Thrill of the Chaste" and "My Peace I Give You" and Catholic convert from Judaism, will be sharing about "How the Sacred Heart of Jesus Healed My Memories" on Friday, September 4th from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Join us for an organ concert by Chris Houlihan at 7:00 pm followed by Mass with Bishop Byrne at 7:30 pm and talk at 8 pm. Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Road, Staten Island 10314).



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

CYM YOUTH FEST

October 17, 2015 at Moore Catholic High School, 10 am to 5 pm. Featuring Father Augustino Torres, CFR. Talk, skits, music, dancing performance. Bishop Peter J. Byrne will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm. "My favorite part of CYM Youth Fest was listening to all of the stories and how God changed their lives." – Guadalupe. "I liked when we heard the band, the rappers and the skit." – Michael. "There's nothing not to like." – Lucero

BINGO

St. John Villa Academy Alumnae Association Bingo Fundraiser, Friday, September 18 in the High School Cafeteria located at 25 Landis Avenue. Doors open at 7 pm. Total cost is \$20 (\$10 admission and \$10 gift certificate in a gift bag) which includes bingo boards, coffee and cake; water and soda will be sold or you can bring your own food. Raffles, lucky bingo balls and 50/50 will also be sold. Reservations are strongly advised. For more information, please contact Toni Ann Tobin at sjvaasketauktion@gmail.com

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

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.

FACTS ON POPE FRANCIS

Baptism name: *Jorge Mario Bergoglio*

Is the first pope...

- From the Americas (Argentina)
- From the Jesuit order
- To take the name of Francis

Is known to...

- Take the bus and subway
- Cook his own meals
- Have strong devotion to Mary
- Visit the poor
- Be very spiritual
- Have low-key style
- Loves soccer and tangos

Speaks

- Spanish, Italian, English, French and German

MUSICAL NOTES

* God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises.

* Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy. The people are encouraged "to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalms, antiphons and hymns..." The musical formation of the assembly must be a continuing concern in order to foster full, conscious, and active participation.

PRAYER TO MARY AS UNTIER OF KNOTS

A Favorite Devotion of Pope Francis

Holy Mary, full of the presence of God, during your life you accepted with great humility the holy will of the Father and the legacy of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and evil never dared to entangle you with its confusion. Since then you have interceded for all of our difficulties as you did at the wedding feast of Cana. With all simplicity and with patience, you have given us an example of how to untangle the knots in our complicated lives. By being our mother forever you arrange and make clear the path that unites us to Our Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and ours, with your maternal heart, untie the knots that upset our lives. We ask you to receive into your hands (here mention your prayer request) and deliver us from the chains and confusion that restrain us.

Blessed Virgin Mary, through your grace, your intercession and by your example, deliver us from evil, and untie the knots that keep us from being united to God. So that free of all confusion and error, we may find him in all things, keep him in our hearts, and serve him always in our brothers and sisters. Mother of Good Counsel pray for us. Amen.



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.

SOMETIMES.....

**WE MUST BE HURT IN ORDER TO GROW.....
WE MUST FAIL IN ORDER TO KNOW.....
WE MUST LOSE IN ORDER TO GAIN.....
BECAUSE SOME LESSONS IN LIFE ARE BEST
LEARNED THROUGH PAIN!**