

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>:

5:00 pm John Lagana

SUNDAY AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>:

7:30 am In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio

9:00 am Rose & Salvatore Aiello

10:30 am Bill Weldon

NOON Teresa Condello

MONDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>:

7:30 am Fanny Adarna

TUESDAY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am Luigi DeBenedictis

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am Intentions of Msgr. Philip Franceschini

FRIDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am RoseAnn Ballarino

SATURDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>:

8:00 am In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

5:00 pm Theresa Orland

SUNDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am John Grant

9:00 am Gerardo & Giuseppina Francanvorlla

10:30 am Elizabeth Maturo & Philip & Edith DePaul

NOON Frank & Jemma Monforte

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>:

5:00 pm Dorothy Blanchard

SUNDAY AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>:

8:00 am Wladyslaw Holewski req. by family

11:00 am Richard Modzelewski, Sr. req. by O'Sullivans

MONDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>:

7:30 am For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am Leo Gniewkowski req. by family

FRIDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am Hermania Manaluz req. by family

SATURDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>:

5:00 pm Charles and Lillian Tatar req. by son Stanley

SUNDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>:

8:00 am Richard Sullivan and Eileen Sullivan Meurer  
req. by Susan & Family

11:00 am John Wolenski, Jr. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven  
req. by brothers & sisters

**\*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.

**CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL**

Congratulations to the people of St. Anthony of Padua Church who have surpassed their goal of \$11,500 for the Cardinal's Appeal with pledges of **\$18,187**.

To date Our Lady of Pity has received **\$69,610** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **305** families. We are now at **98%** of goal. We're getting closer to goal, please consider a gift and let it happen!

**OUR LADY OF PITY SITE**



**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF AUG. 2<sup>ND</sup>:**



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

**JOSEPHINE RADICELLA**

requested by Mr. & Mrs. Sal DellaCroce.

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

**ROSE AND SALVATORE AIELLO**

requested lovingly by Mickey.



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.

**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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

There has been a change in the Youth Choir Sunday.

**Beginning on Sunday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> the New Youth Choir will be singing at the Noon day 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.

**"In this digital age, where do you get to participate in live music? RIGHT HERE IN CHURCH!"**

**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.



### GOSPEL: John 6: 24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in Him. He explains that He is the bread of life and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that He was speaking in the spiritual sense and not of actual food.

### HIS WORD TODAY

***“Then the Lord said to Moses: ‘I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus I will test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not... I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites’... ‘Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of God will give you’... ‘What can we do to accomplish the works of God?’”***

The Gospel of John does not include the story of the last supper, or the institution of the Eucharist. It does however, in the sixth chapter, teach us of the gift of life-giving bread which is Jesus Himself.

What God did for the people in the desert, offering the manna for their survival, He promised to do for us. Jesus wished to remain with His people, as we learn His concern in the priestly prayer in John’s gospel. He chose a way which made and makes this possible. The Eucharist is the gift of Jesus to sustain us in the Christian life. It is the abiding Presence by which He nourishes us and feeds us. It is the gift of His Presence, waiting to be acknowledged and adored. The Eucharist is the gift for our survival today. Ask the Lord to increase your desire for the Eucharist and avoid routine and monotony, but eagerly reach out for the gift He gives.



*“Let the little children come to me ....”*  
MATTHEW 19:14

### SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### OUR LADY OF PITY – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Classes resume on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be held at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. Registration forms are available from both sites. New children or those coming from another program must provide a copy of child’s Baptism Certificate. If coming from another School of Religion, a transfer form from that school is necessary. Register before August 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

If interested in volunteering your time once a week during the school year, please call the rectory at either site and leave your name and phone number so one of our priests and/or Sister Marcia, our Director of Religious Education, can meet with you.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**Our Lady of Pity:** Second Sunday of the month Mass is at 10:30 am and that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Second Sunday of every month Mass is at 8:00 am, 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 SITE

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 July & Aug. It resumes Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Legion of Mary** Thurs. 7:30 pm Church Chapel

### BAPTISMS

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the Church and our parish family the following children who were baptized during the month of July:

**Gianna Lisi Arrucci, Cassandra Elsie Gatti, Joseph Jacovino, Anthony Longobardi and Sofia Michelle Rongo.**

### MARRIAGE

Congratulations to the newly married couple in our parish during the month of July:

**Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Manrique (Daryn Klimova)**

### REST IN PEACE

Let us pray for our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors and for those who are most forgotten. Sympathies of our parish are extended to the families of those whose loved ones were buried from Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua in July:

**Iole Lubrano, Helen Avenoso, Margaret R. Santangelo, Angela Cialino, and Leonardo Scimeca.**

### 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.

### 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.**



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

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>:**

5:00 pm M. O'Brien – J. Coraci

**SUNDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:30 am M/M Violetta

9:00 am K. Carpenito – J. Porto

10:30 am M/M LaRosa

NOON M/M Mannino

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY: AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>:**

5:00 pm S. Kelly

**SUNDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:30 am B. Rose

9:00 am M. Donadic

10:30 am L. Buttacavoli

NOON C. Daniels

**ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>:**

5:00 pm N. Lopez – C. Baria – E. Baria

**SUNDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>:**

7:30 am M. Santa – J. Tangco – M. Zerega

9:00 am D. Boniface – A. Boniface – J. Bosco

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

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

**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. 31<sup>st</sup> to Fri. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 to be determined)

Contact: Deacon Joe 718-727-4567

**FALL TRIP TO NIAGRA FALLS AND TORONTO**

**Date: Mon. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to Fri. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PARISH EVENTS**



**SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Our Lady of Pity - St. Anthony of Padua Church will be holding its "Annual Family Day Picnic" on **Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**CHINESE AUCTION**

Once again our successful Chinese Auction will take place at Our Lady of Pity gym on Friday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.00, which includes tickets for prizes. The Chance Books for this event will be mailed out to registered OLP parishioners the week of Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The book has remained the same in cost (\$15.00) as past years. Chances will be available at St. Anthony of Padua 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.**

**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 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, Jim Gilhooly, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, 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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

SFCS (30'S-50'S) will be meeting on Fri. August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for their annual ICE CREAM NIGHT. Cool off on a hot summer night at Egger's Ice Cream Parlor on Forest Ave. RSVP email [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com) by Wed. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.

### FEAST OF ST. CLARE...FESTIVAL

Join the parishioners at St. Clare's Church on Nelson Ave. as they celebrate their parish feast day on Sat. Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Event includes games with prizes, rock climbing, raffles, hot dogs, BBQ food court, dunk tank, bouncy house. Arts and crafts, vendors, popcorn, pretzels and cotton candy!

### RADIO MARIA'S DAY OF PRAYER

The Italian Station "Radio Maria" will sponsor and broadcast a Day of Prayer (in Italian) at Our Lady of Pity on Sat. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. The day begins with the Rosary followed by Mass, Consecration, Adoration and Confessions throughout the day. You are asked to bring a bag lunch. For information call 718-417-0550.



### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN PHILADELPHIA

September 22-25, 2015

#### Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has strengthened the sacred bonds of families across the globe.

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

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.



### PIG ROAST

At Trattoria Romana Restaurant

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Includes: Salad, Pizza, Pig Roast, Potatoes, Broccoli Rabe, Desert, Coffee, Tea, Soda & Cash Bar

Cost: \$50 per person in advance

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

St. Paul tells us that we should put away the old self and put on the new self. Worldwide Marriage Encounter can transform your Sacrament of Matrimony or Holy Orders. For more information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

### 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.

### CATECHIST TRAINING

All teachers in Religious Education Programs should be working toward certification. There are courses offered on August 14-15 at Holy Rosary Church – Epifano Center, in south Beach, Staten Island. TOPICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

"Prayer & Spirituality" (Sister Jean Wagner)  
"Methodology for Elementary Catechesis"  
"Profession of Faith" (Sister Marcia)

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>

"Methodology for Elementary Catechesis" continued  
"Celebration of the Christian Mysteries"  
Registration is required. Call the Regional Office at 718-273-3833

### WHAT IS "MY PARISH"?

Your parish is the one in whose territory you now live permanently, or the one in which you now worship and practice your faith in communion with other Catholics.

Since most people move away from home after college or marrying, "your parish" today is often not the "parish of your childhood," in which you were baptized, attended parochial school / Religious Education, received Holy Communion, Confirmation, and perhaps Matrimony.

For the members of the former St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Pity, as of August 1 we are one new parish called Our Lady of Pity – St. Anthony of Padua (with a hyphen) with two worship sites. The church buildings keep their respective names

### 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.**

## **US BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE**

The U.S. Supreme Court decision, June 26, interpreting the U.S. Constitution to require all states to license and recognize same-sex "marriage" "is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

**WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS HAVING A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. WE ARE SPIRITUAL BEINGS HAVING A HUMAN EXPERIENCE.**

The full statement follows: Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable. Just as *Roe v. Wade* did not settle the question of abortion over forty years ago, *Obergefell v. Hodges* does not settle the question of marriage today. Neither decision is rooted in the truth, and as a result, both will eventually fail. Today the Court is wrong again. It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage

The unique meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is inscribed in our bodies as male and female. The protection of this meaning is a critical dimension of the "integral ecology" that Pope Francis has called us to promote. Mandating marriage redefinition across the country is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us, especially children. The law has a duty to support every child's basic right to be raised, where possible, by his or her married mother and father in a stable home.

Jesus Christ, with great love, taught unambiguously that from the beginning marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman. As Catholic bishops, we follow our Lord and will continue to teach and to act according to this truth.

I encourage Catholics to move forward with faith, hope, and love: faith in the unchanging truth about marriage, rooted in the immutable nature of the human person and confirmed by divine revelation; hope that these truths will once again prevail in our society, not only by their logic, but by their great beauty and manifest service to the common good; and love for all our neighbors, even those who hate us or would punish us for our faith and moral convictions.

Lastly, I call upon all people of good will to join us in proclaiming the goodness, truth, and beauty of marriage as rightly understood for millennia, and I ask all in positions of power and authority to respect the God-given freedom to seek, live by, and bear witness to the truth.