

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th</b>	Vincent Pollio
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6th:</b>	
	7:30 am	Jeanette Martino & Peter Liggio
	9:00 am	John J. Beale
	10:30 am	Jason Ravelo
	NOON	Paul & Mary Cataldo
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7th:</b>	
	7:15 am	For Our Parishioners
	8:30 am	Michael LaSorsa
	7:30 pm	Vigil Mass for Holy Day
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8th:</b>	
	7:00 am	Sandra Crevoiserat
	9:00 am	Rosaria & Salvatore DiGiacomo
	11:00 am	Rose Duca & Jeanette Papisodero
	4:30 pm	Child. Mass – Intentions of Garden Family
	7:30 pm	Rosaria & Antonio Davi
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9th:</b>	
	7:15 am	For All Parishioners
	8:30 am	Madeline Inconiglios
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10th :</b>	
	7:15 am	Richard Lichota
	8:30 am	Jay Frizalone
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11th :</b>	
	7:15 am	Billy Emanuel Acevedo
	8:30 am	Joanne & Vita Zagara
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 12th:</b>	
	8:00 am	Andrew & Lucille Gargano
	5:00 pm	Philip & Adelaide DiGeorge
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13th:</b>	
	7:30 am	Nemesia Dayte Chua & Reynaldo Chua
	9:00 am	Elizabeth Andrizzi
	10:30 am	Lucy Gallo
	NOON	Joseph McGaff & Luis Salviani

**AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th:</b>	Jeanette Tatar
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6th:</b>	
	8:00 am	Robert Merlino
	11:00 am	Marion & Lou Tolas
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7th:</b>	Jane Percherski
<b><u>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS</u></b>		
	7:00 pm	Wicinski & Wolenski Families
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Concept.</b>	
	8:00 am	Wroblewski & Wesolowski Families
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9th:</b>	
	7:30 am	For All Parishioners
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11th:</b>	
	7:30 am	Leo Gniewkowski
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 12th:</b>	
	5:00 pm	Mary Sawicki
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13th</b>	
	8:00 am	Leo Gniewkowski
	11:00 am	Richard & Jacqueline Pentony

**OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:**



**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 6th:**



The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of **MARIE ESPOSITO** requested lovingly by the D'Albero Family.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of **ANDREW & LUCILLE GARGANO** requested by Josephine Candiano



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.

**MORNING DEVOTIONS**



Following weekday 7:15 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 Masses.



**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**OUR LADY OF PITY – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.**

Mark your calendar: Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the noon Mass at Our Lady of Pity Church.

There will be two rehearsals:

Wednesday: Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm following CCD Class

Friday: Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm

Both rehearsals will be held in Our Lady of Pity Church.

Confession schedule for Religious Education 2015

Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm grades 3-4-5

Tues. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm grades 3-4-5

6:30 pm grades 6-7

Wed. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm grade 2 1<sup>ST</sup> CONFESSION

Thurs. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm grade 2 1<sup>ST</sup> CONFESSION

December 8<sup>th</sup> is a holy day of obligation of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Masses for the children will be at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Parents are welcome to join us. Dismissal will be from the church.

**Help wanted:** Due to changes in work and school schedules we are in need of two CCD teachers: Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm for grade 5 and Thursdays 4-5:30 pm for grade 1.



### GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

### HIS WORD TODAY Second Sunday of Advent

"In every prayer I utter, I rejoice as I plead on your behalf, at the way you have all continually helped promote the gospel from the very first day. I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion right up to the day of Christ Jesus...It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you to the glory and praise of God."

Greeting card writers cannot compare with such beautiful words offered today by Saint Paul. He reveals the content of his prayer, prayer for others, tracing the journey of members of this first Christian community. He made them feel good, reflecting on what he saw in them, and offered his thanks to God for what He had done for them.

Today the message is no different as we direct our focus to the advent message of John to prepare the way of the Lord.'

### THE ADVENT WREATH

The advent wreath is packed with symbolism and is a great way to teach the children about God, Christ and the Christmas season. The round shape stands for God's eternity. Like God it has no beginning and no end. The greens used to make the wreath are EVERgreen, and therefore unchanging, just like God. The four candles symbolize the four centuries that man waited for the coming of the savior. Three of the candles are purple since Advent is a time of penance. It was because of our sinfulness that we needed a savior, and so we must prepare ourselves through sacrifice and penance during Advent for Christ's coming at Christmas. However, we know that Christ has and is coming again, and so our penance is a joyful one. We are joyfully anticipating and preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christmas, as well as Christ's second coming. Therefore, one candle is pink to represent our joy. Purchase or make an Advent wreath for your home this Advent.

### 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 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 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

**No meetings for December, January & February.**

### OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th:</b>
5:00 pm	J. Salcedo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6th:</b>
7:30 am	B. Madaio – M. Madaio
9:00 am	R. Colella – R. Skelton
10:30 am	V. Laperuta – J. Porto
NOON	M. Bonamo – M. Martino

#### LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. Salcedo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6th:</b>
7:30 am	I. Bialza
9:00 am	D. Konczynski
10:30 am	M. Donadic
NOON	N. Tricorico

#### ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5th:</b>
5:00 pm	C. Baria-E. Baria-J. Inigo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6th:</b>
7:30 am	C. Rodriguez-J. Tangco-M. Zerega
9:00 am	J. Flood-J. Clyne-J. Bosco
10:30 am	R. Whalen-J. Flood-D. Boniface-A. Boniface
NOON:	J. Venditto-I. DeMartino-S. DeMartino

### 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:

<b>Golden Age</b>	Tues. 12-3 pm	Parish Center
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Thurs. 7:00 pm	St. Jude Chapel

### ADVENT SEASON

During this Advent Season as we celebrate the new relationship between God and his people, may that be mirrored in our renewed relationships with spouses, children, family and those near and dear to us.

May we speak tenderly to each other amidst all the rush of the season and transform shopping days until Christmas into the true "Advent of Christ."



### PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Lady of Pity Christmas Giving Tree will stand in the vestibule of our Church for the next two weekends. Additional tags have been added. It is a reminder to us all that many families are in need again this year. Our volunteers spend numerous hours writing tags with "WISH LIST" from many organizations on Staten Island and for our own parishioners who we know are in need. You are invited to remove a tag, purchase the gift item written on the tag, wrap the gift and place the original tag on the package. Return it to the giving tree on the date listed on the tag. Thank you for your generosity.

### OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 pm \*after the Christmas Pageant\* We will walk/carol down Arlene Street. Try to wear "Christmas" colors, Santa hats. Meet in Our Lady of Pity parking lot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP: Miss Cheri Rosen at 917-797-3229 or MissRosen5@aol.com.



### JOIN THE CHOIRS

New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to the organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses. **The Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday at 8 pm in the Parish Center. **The Youth Choir** have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center. 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. New members are always welcome.



Join fellow parishioners at the Christmas Show on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Departure from Our Lady of Pity parking lot. At 8:00 am. COST:\$145.00 Includes : Four Course Meal at Da Nico – Little Italy, Bus, and Show (Orchestra Seats). The show begins at 11:00 am so there is time for you to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. For information and reservation call Agnes Davis. 718-494-5475



### SRI LANKEN MASS

Each Sunday at 6:00 pm here at Our Lady of Pity Fr. Mendis holds a Sri Lankan Mass. All are welcome.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses..." Be strengthened in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, For more information go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME EXT 3.

### ADOPTION?

Baby girls and boys in China need homes for 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

### 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.

### ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

Thursday – December 10, 2015 at Our Lady of Pity Church 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Special Guest Speaker Fr. B. McWeeney. The theme for our spiritual evening is the "Year of Mercy." Fr. McWeeney will share the Holy Father's announcement of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year and the importance for all of us to live the words of the Lord, "Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful." Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by December 7, 2015 – Sr. Marcia

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

### SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

There will be a special needs Mass at St. Joseph-St. Thomas, Staten Island, NY at 2:30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Entrance to the parking lot is off McGuire Ave

### \*NOTE TO ALL ST. ANTHONY 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.

## OUR LADY OF PITY/ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sunday, December 6, 2015, 10:30am – 2:30 pm at Z-TWO Restaurant, 2925 Veterans Road West, SI,NY Adults \$35, Children 7 to 12 \$15, Under 7 FREE, Pancakes & waffles/French toast/sausage and bacon/omelette station/scrambled eggs/home fries/muffins/bagels/penne vodka/mussels, clams & calamari/sliced steak/chicken francaise/vegetables/unlimited soda, bloody mary & mimosa  
Gene: 718-979-6919 or duoplg64@aol.com



### CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

Once again we have a successful Christmas Tree Program. This year we have surpassed all other years. Father would like to thank all those who purchased a tree.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am Removal of trees  
If you wish to volunteer for any or all of the above you can call Mike Fazio @ 917-560-0235 or e-mail him @ [mikefaziosr@gmail.com](mailto:mikefaziosr@gmail.com) to leave you name and phone # with him.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Many parishioners have been asking when we are lighting the trees. We are happy to announce that Bishop O'Hara will be lighting the trees this year. We are celebrating this event on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. What an honor once again for our parish to have a Bishop lighting the Christmas trees. After the tree lighting we invite all present to our parish center for light refreshments.

### CHRISTMAS IN TUSCANY CABARET

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Four-course dinner, wine pairing & Cabaret Show. At the Hilton Garden Inn. 1100 South Avenue, SI,NY Micheal Castaldo performs classic Christmas carols and nostalgic Italian Christmas songs. Celebrate the Holidays with family and friends.  
Dinner 7:00 pm/Showtime 9:30 pm \$89.95/\$104.95 (premium seating) per person plus tax & gratuity. Purchase tickets online [www.PartyEatStay.com](http://www.PartyEatStay.com). Advance Ticket Purchase Required.

### MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, December 6, 2015 – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.  
A visit from Santa, 80 plus vendors, grand prize raffle and door prizes every hour, homemade baked goods and raffle baskets. Admission: \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family.  
2900 Amboy Rd., S.I., NY

## “MISA DE GALLO”

Our parish, along with the Filipino community, cordially invites you to celebrate the Misa de Gallo – Christmas Novena Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Filipino tradition of preparing for Christmas) at 8 p.m. on December 15, 2015 at St. Charles Church. The schedule for Novena Masses at other parishes are:

Wed. Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Church
Thurs. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Blessed Sacrament Church
Fri. Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Sylvester's Church
Sat. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Rita's Church
Sun. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary Church
Mon. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	St. John Neumann's Church
<b>Tues. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Pity Church</b>
Wed. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Peter's Church

**Midnight Mass – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at St. Paul's Church.**

For any questions or suggestions please call 917-609-4830.

### DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Due to the Christmas holiday for this month only, we will hold our baptisms on the third Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm.



### NEEDY MOTHERS PROGRAM

We are in need of baby items: strollers, high chairs, seats, baby wash etc.. Also newborn and gently used baby clothes to size 24 months and childrens sizes up to size 16. Also women's toiletries. Please bring items on Tuesday 12:00 to 4:00pm to: 2187 Victory Blvd. next to Alba House Chapel. Needy mothers@aol.co

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

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. Meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd., SI,NY

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 – 11:00 pm for their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party at Crown Palace, 201 New Dorp Lane, SI NY Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a child 3 – 14 yrs. \$35 pp or \$45 if received after Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

For more information visit our website: [www.sqspsi.org](http://www.sqspsi.org), or email [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com)

**BLESSED ARE WE WHO CAN LAUGH  
AT OUR SELVES...FOR WE SHALL  
NEVER CEASE TO BE AMUSED!**



## ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the NOVEMBER "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.



## CHRISTMAS IN THE POCONOS

### "A Christmas Holiday Lobster Feast"

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

2 nights hotel accommodations at Best Western Inn, Matamoras, PA (indoor pool, Lounge, restaurant..

Christmas Holiday Day Fest at your hotel Wednesday.  
Shopping at the Crossings Premium Outlets on Thursday.

Lobster Feast Thursday night – menu to include lobster, crab legs, fresh clams, mussels, shrimp, scallops, crab cakes, calamari, salmon, prime rib, ham, chicken marsala, ribs and more...All you can eat!  
Friday spend the day at Mount Airy Casino.

Double Occupancy \$415 per person

Bus departs at 8:00 am from 134 Sommer Ave. SI, NY

For information and reservations contact: Lena Magliocco at 718-761-8216

## GOLD STAR POST GOLDEN JACKPOT RAFFLE

The Gold Star Post drawing for the Jackpot has been postponed until December, as all of the 200 tickets have not been sold. Each ticket is \$50 and the prizes are \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$500 (prizes may vary if all tickets are not sold)

Tickets can be purchased by calling:  
Ed Matuziak (718) 698-0237

## RESPECT LIFE

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all those who will pray for the unborn babies and for the generosity of our parish family. Many needed items were donated to Good Counsel Home for mothers and babies. Thank you again and God Bless you.



## ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS

**Dates:** December 10<sup>th</sup> - Tropicana

December 30<sup>th</sup> - Resorts

January 4<sup>th</sup> - Golden Nugget

Bus departs at 9:00 am from the front of Our Lady of Pity Church. COST: \$38.00, return 25.00. This is the same for all casinos. For Information and reservations call Agnes at 718-494-5475.



## 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, Annette McGoff, Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose.**

**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.

## 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](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Place nonperishable food items in a bag and place them in the back of St. Anthony Church. Thank you and God Bless!

**"Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see."**

**-Mark Twain**