

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7th, 2016



MASSES FOR THE WEEK AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY February 6th:
5:00 pm Rocco & Margaret Delassandro

SUNDAY February 7th:
7:30 am Stefan Kasza
9:00 am Catherine Torey
10:30 am Giovanni Marangio
NOON Girolamo & Colomba Delre

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8th:
7:30 am Vincent Gigante
8:30 am Tadeusz Jez

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners
8:30 am Janina Kostiw

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners
8:30 am Angelo Scopellito

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners
8:30 pm Frank Perna

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners
8:30 am Anthony Bonaguro Sr., Sam Langone Sr., and Dr Kohl
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13th:
8:00 am Luigi DeBenedictis
5:00 pm Michael Mazzella & Carmella Rubino

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14th:
7:30 am Millie Annunziato
9:00 am Lillian & Jeff Dier
10:30 am Gloria Creazzo
NOON Frank, Riso, Lucy D'Orlando & Joseph DeMeglio

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th:
5:00 pm Deborah A. Scott

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th:
8:00 am Bennitto Tammone
11:00 am Julie Rajewski

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10th:
ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 am Betty & Ed McPadden
3:00 pm **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
7:00 pm **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12th:
7:30 am Hermania Manaluz
7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13th:
5:00 pm Dorothy Blanchard

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14th:
8:00 am Julie Rajewski

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF February 7th:**

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

VITTORIA COSENTINO

requested lovingly by The Cosentino 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.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7th**



This week's **Wine and Host** are being offered in memory of

WILLIAM KISSEL

Requested lovingly by Vinnie, Diane & Family



**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

FAMILY DAY – All religious education children and their parents are invited to a “Family Day” on February 20th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Pity Gym and/or at St. Anthony’s Church on February 27th from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Church Hall. Registration is necessary for either date. Children will be bringing home a flyer. For any further questions call Sr. Marcia at 718-494-0308.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Sr. Marcia will be holding a First Holy Communion parent meeting on March 2nd, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the church.

There will be no CCD classes on February 8th or the week of February 15th.

MORNING DEVOTIONS



Following weekday 8:30 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.



GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

HIS WORD TODAY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing, but if you say so, I will lower the nets.’ Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point...Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus saying, “Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.”

Great timing. Lent begins this week, a time of repentance, renewal and new hope. Pope Francis has placed special emphasis for us, providing us with ‘Messengers of Mercy’ for reconciliation.

The Bishop of Rome invites us to walk with Jesus. What better time, than the season of Lent. We do not wish to walk alone, so, take a moment to go fishing, to invite someone else, one or two persons, to join in the Lenten journey with us. It may be a person who has grown weak in the practice of the faith, someone who has experienced hurts in the church, or is suffering from sickness or lack of hope.

The nets we have are prayer, sacrifice and good works. We are the ones reaching, extending ourselves, so that others may come to know the mercy of God. The Pope described himself as a sinner. I too, can utter the words of Peter, not to leave me, but to walk and support me.

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.

ST. ANTHONY FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group is looking for a guitarist (or other instrument), to play for the Group at Mass on Saturday 5:00 pm and perhaps an occasional Sunday.

Please contact: Terese Walsh (917) 293-9105

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 13th:
5:00 pm	M. Pastena-I. Pastena
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 14th:
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	R. Colella-J. Coraci
10:30 am	V. Violetta-C. Violetta
NOON	J. Almero-M. Mendez

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	FEBRUARY 13th:
5:00 pm	R. Rose
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 14th:
7:30 am	Ponterella

9:00 am M. Donadic
10:30 am S. Bilardi
NOON N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13th:
5:00 pm J. Venditto-R. Eckman-Rbt. Eckman
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14th:
7:30 am C. Baria-E. Baria
9:00 am J. Clyne-C. Rodriguez-J. Tangco
10:30 am R. Whalen-D. Pangilinan-J. Inigo-H. Bailey
NOON: N. Lopez-M. Maguire-I. Maguire

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
Legion of Mary Thurs. 7:00 pm St. Jude Chapel

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.



SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

Relics of Saint Pope John Paul II will be available for viewing at Our Lady of Pity Church on February 13th-14th.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

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

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.

Weekday Masses are available for 2016. Please call or come to the Rectory to schedule a Mass.

OUR LADY OF PITY – 718-761-5421

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – 718-761-6660

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the FEBRUARY "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.

THE MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2017

The Marriage Schedule Book here at our parish for the year 2017 weddings opens on Tuesday, January 17th. Please call the rectory between 9 :00 am and 4:30 pm to set up an appointment to meet with a priest to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish.

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 or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME EXT 3.

RCIA PROGRAM

If you or a friend are interested in becoming Catholic, or perhaps you need to be confirmed, the RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary.

OUR LADY OF PITY PARISHIONERS

Our Lady of Pity is in need of the following:

BRAZIER (Used for lighting the new fire on Holy Saturday)
\$2000.

PITCHER & BASIN (Gold Plated) \$1000.
(Pewter) \$500.

Anyone wishing to donate the cost of any of the items as a gift or memorialize for a loved one, please call the rectory. Thank you for your generous support.

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.

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

Thursday, February 18th at 7:15 pm – movie night

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Spring-Into-Summer Party on Saturday night, June 25, 2016 at the Mansion Grand, Great Kills, S.I..

For more information visit our website: www.sgspci.org, or email scssi@gmail.com

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION

The Gift of a Catholic Education

The 2016 Staten Island Catholic Elementary School Open Houses are: February 23, March 8, and April 12 from 9-11 am.

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education. Staten Island Catholic Schools are Christ centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ,

the Church, and one another. To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, visit www.buildboldfutures.org or call 646-794-2885. Additional Open Houses and private tours are available.

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

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.



THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Ashes and the Word of God: As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves ashes have little meaning, but received in light of God's revealing word, ashes can become for us as Christians the biblical symbol they are intended to be: **A sign of our desire to turn back to God.** It is for this reason that the Church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Therefore, Ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment."

Ash Wednesday is February 10th, distribution of Ashes at Our Lady of Pity will follow the 7:30 am and 8:30 am Masses and again at 12 noon, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

NO ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE RECTORY.

Who May Receive Ashes: Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason. **Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should NOT be presented to receive ashes, as ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin.**

The keeping of Ash Wednesday is for leading the baptized members of the Church to repentance and renewal of Baptismal promise at Easter.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Fasting: Requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity.

Fasting obliges those from 18 to 59 years of age. Individuals not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence: Prohibits us from eating meat on a particular day. **ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. Abstinence obliges those who are 14 and continues throughout their entire life.** Those not specifically obliged from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.



The Stations of the Cross will be recited in Our Lady of Pity Church every Friday evening (beginning February 12th) at 7:30 pm during Lent. Benediction follows the Stations. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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 in January: Francis DeLise, Michael Macari, Joseph Savino, Sally Owens, Leonard Puglisi, Theodozia Farrales, Vincenza Carucci, Joanne DeBetta, Patricia Merone, Julia Celardo, Frances Manno and Anna DeLasse.

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



NEEDY MOTHERS PROGRAM

We are in need of baby items: strollers, high chairs, cribs, car seats, baby wash, diapers, formula, baby food, blankets, etc.. Also newborn and gently used baby clothes to size 24 months and children's 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.com

DAYS OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available. "Days of Prayer and Healing" offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion.

For confidential registration call the sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 or e-mail hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Days of Prayer and Healing for Men: For more information or to register for men please call Lumina at 877-586-4621 or e-mail Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom – Part 1 will begin February 29 and last 12 weeks. Part 2 will be held in the fall.

Cost is \$35. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm and on Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am. Register and pay at the rectory Mon-Fri 9am to 4:30 pm. 718-761-5421. Deadline to register is February 22.

BAPTISM

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

Carlo John Bujka and Calvin Eiosh Capacia

Congratulations to the happy parents! Let us pray and be mindful of our serious obligation to bring up these children in the practice of the faith.

THANK YOU

The New York Blood Center would like to thank Our Lady of Pity for hosting the blood drive on January 31st. At our drive, 44 donors attempted to donate, resulting in 39 lifesaving blood donations!



ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

DATE: February 11, 2016

TO: Tropicana Casino

COST: \$38. per person with \$25. cash back

LEAVING: Our Lady of Pity Church parking lot at
9:00 am

For reservations call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475

BUS TRIP

TATTOO, VIRGINIA BEACH**

With side trips to Cape May & Atlantic City

Wednesday to Saturday, April 20-23 2016

Trip includes:

- 2 nights Virginia Beach
- 1 night in Cape May
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch at Phillips, 3 Dinners
- Reserve seating at International Tattoo Show (**Military Bands), "Hullabaloo Festival" prior to show
- Chesapeake Bay & Tunnel stop
- Cape May Ferry to Cape May
- Free time in Victorian Cape May
- Tropicana Casino with free slot of the day

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

Baggage Handling: Tips & Taxes

Cost: Double - \$662. per person

Single - \$874. per person

Insurance - \$31. per person (Double Occupancy)

\$47. per person (Single)

A deposit of \$100. is due immediately

Send check to: Deacon Joseph Rentkowski

24 Houston St.

Staten Island, NY 10302

(718) 727-4567

Bus leaves from St. Anthony of Padua, Travis

SPRINGTIME TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA

Thursday, March 31st to Friday, April 1st, 2016

New production of **SAMSON** at the Sight and Sound Theatre. Package includes:

Overnight Accommodations at the Country Inn.

Buffet Dinner at Diener's Country Restaurant, an authentic Penn. Dutch original

Tickets to Sight & Sound Theatre

Buffet Breakfast

Shopping at Tanger Outlets

Visit to Harrah's Philadelphia Casino

Price: \$309 Dbl. Occup. Per Person

\$290 Triple Occup. Per Person

For info & reservation call Lena @ 718-761-8216

UPCOMING CAKE AND CANDY SALE

The Rosary Altar Society will be holding a cake and candy sale on February 13th and 14th in the vestibule of Our Lady of Pity Church.



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, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Eileen

Hermansen, Lillian Miner, 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 or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

ST. ALFONSO RETREAT

Long Branch, New Jersey

Tuesday, March 15th

Mass/Guest Speakers/Time for Recollection

\$55. – Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Transportation

Bus leaves St. Rita's @ 8:00 am – returns 4:30 pm

For Reservations – please call Linda Santino at

718-536-4290

CHINESE AUCTION

St. Peter's Boys High School – Annual Chinese Auction of Friday, March 4, 2016 in the gym, 200 Clinton Ave. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00 – Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.

IF YOU LEARN FROM DEFEAT, YOU HAVN'T REALLY LOST!