

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24th, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY May 23rd:

5:00 pm Frank Ammatuna

SUNDAY May 24th:

7:30 am Concetta Partenope

9:00 am Anthony Fonti

10:30 am Giuseppa Infantino

NOON Gaetano Cavallaro

MONDAY May 25th:

7:15 am For All Living and Deceased Mothers

8:30 am Mateo Salamon and Family

9:00 am For All Deceased Veterans

TUESDAY May 26th:

7:15 am Salustiana Lanuevo

8:30 am For All Living and Deceased Mothers

WEDNESDAY May 27th:

7:15 am Carmelo and Concetta DiBenedetto

8:30 am Mauricio and Maxima Figueras

THURSDAY May 28th:

7:15 am Intentions of Msgr. Philip Franceschini

8:30 am For All Living and Deceased Mothers

FRIDAY MAY 29th:

7:15 am Krystyna Orzech

8:30 am For All Living and Deceased Mothers

SATURDAY MAY 30th:

8:00 am For All Living and Deceased Mothers

5:00 pm Michael Mazzella and Carmela Rubino

SUNDAY MAY 31st:

7:30 am Anna Nicole Dagdagan

9:00 am Vincent Cinisomo

10:30 am Rosa Fracchiolla

NOON Vincenzo Pulito

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.

MORNING DEVOTIONS



Following the 8:30 am weekday Mass is the Recitation of the Rosary and spiritual devotions. On Fridays there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On First Fridays there is Benediction. On Sat. following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$57,915 .00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 250 families. We are now at **82%** of goal. We are happy to announce that our Merger Church St. Anthony of Padua has excelled its goal by 24%. Let's let it happen here as well.

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS SCHEDULE

4055 Victory Blvd. 718-761-6660

SUNDAY MAY 24TH:

8:00 am John and Florence Hagan

11:00 am Joseph Pecherski

MONDAY MAY 25TH:

7:30 am Mothers Day Novena

9:00 am Veterans Mass

WEDNESDAY MAY 27TH:

7:30 am Sale Turner

FRIDAY MAY 29TH:

7:30 am Peter J. Nigido II

SATURDAY MAY 30TH:

5:00 pm Billy Sawicki

SUNDAY MAY 31ST:

8:00 am Frank Ottomanelli

11:00 am Richard Modzelewski, Sr.

JOIN THE CHOIRS



The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wed. evenings at 8 pm.



Children's Choir: Do you like to sing? Children (from 2nd grade or older) practice on Wed. at 7:00 pm. Join the Choir and make new friends. Both Choirs practice in the Parish Center and new members are always welcome.



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MAY 24th:



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

LINA AJAMY

requested by Joanne Felicetta.

The **BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week for the Good Health of:

BRANKO DRAGISIC

requested lovingly by his wife Dorita

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. The RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wed. at 7:30 pm in our 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 the parish 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.**

ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph HS invites all incoming Freshmen and 7th graders to their annual BBQ Party/Field Day on Wed. May 27th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at Viking Park. Parents meet and greet at 4:30 pm in the cafeteria. Casual attire/rain or shine. For further information call 718-984-6500 X5341.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON MON. MAY 25TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

HIS WORD TODAY

"In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because He intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."

The Pentecost event is so well known. The signs of fire, wind and noise accompany the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. What was is no more, as the fear which brought them together was unlocked as were the doors and a new era began. The Spirit which Jesus breathed into the apostles became the breath of new life for the Church as the Spirit of God sent them to renew the face of the earth. As the doors were opened, the windows of Aggiornamento of Pope Saint John 23rd allowed new life to spring forth in the Church.

The Spirit comes to us in our weakness today, as we do not have all the answers but He intercedes for us, allowing us to be spirit driven to bring the Gospel to our waiting world.



GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after His resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.

GOLDEN JACKPOT St. Anthony's Church runs a raffle, tickets are \$100 each; prizes are \$10,000, \$2,500 & \$1,000. Tickets are on sale at their rectory until June 4th. You may call one of the committee members at 718-761-9410.

FULFILLMENT OF YOUR EASTER DUTY

We pray that by next week, Trinity Sunday May 31st, all our faithful parishioners will have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) and Holy Communion.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 30th:

5:00 pm J. Coraci – J. Porto

SUNDAY MAY 31st:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am J. Almero – T. Hanley

10:30 am M/M M. Terracino

NOON M. Bonamo – M. Martino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 30th:

5:00 pm N. Tricorico

SUNDAY MAY 31st:

7:30 am C. Daniels

9:00 am M. Donadic

10:30 am L. Buttacavoli

NOON S. Kelly

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 30th:

5:00 pm J. Inigo – H. Bailey – C. & E. Baria

SUNDAY MAY 31st:

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

9:00 am J. Bosco – J. Carristo – M. & I. Maguire

10:30 am R. Whalen – N. Lopez – L. & S. DeMartino

M. Tubay

NOON J. Venditto – C. Rodriguez – D. Boniface

PENTECOST?

From a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the Roman Catholic Church was started. This is true from a spiritual perspective as well, since the Spirit brings the Church into existence and enlivens it...thus,

Pentecost is the Church's Birthday!

On this day we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost (which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection), there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church."

ROSARIAN ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Date: June 20th from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the Church parking lot. **NO ADMISSION FEE.** **Cost:** \$35 per space. Check or money order to be made out to Our Lady of Pity Church. There will be no refunds after June 5th. All types of dealers are welcomed and can arrive by 8 am. Refreshments are available. If interested, call Lena at 718-761-8216.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OUR LADY OF PITY

CLASSES END: Last classes for the year will be on Tues. May 19th and Wed. May 20th. Final report cards will be distributed at that time.

REGISTRATION

There will be CCD Registration on **MAY 27TH at 7:30 pm** at the **Parish Center**. This is for all new parents of Our Lady of Pity Church, as well as CCD parents from St. Anthony of Padua Church. Registration Fee is as follows: One child \$150.00; two children \$225.00; and three or more \$275.00. New parents are to bring a copy of child's baptism and/or transfer form from their former school of religion.

MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2016

The **Marriage Schedule Book** at our parish for the year **2016 weddings** is open. Please call the rectory to set up an appointment to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish. **Pre-Cana books are in the rectory.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Lord send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth." Today's Psalm begs for renewal from the Holy Spirit. Come away for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and renew the face of your marriage.. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

UPCOMING EVENT AT OUR LADY OF PITY

Plans are being made to broadcast "Radio Maria" here at our Church on Saturday August 15th, from 10 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an Italian Mass and religious programs. More information will follow.

NAMES PLEASE

It is that time of year when parishioners are asked to submit the names of family members who will be, or already have, graduated from **College** this year (**2015**). Please call the rectory during regular work hours and leave the **graduates name, degree and the college that he/she attended.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES:

Jacqueline Caifa Monmouth U BA Criminal Justice in Jan. 2015

SOLEMN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Matthew Funeral Home is sponsoring a Memorial Mass to remember all those whose funerals they conducted during this past year. The Mass takes place on Sat. June 6th at 1 pm at Our Lady of Pity Church. This is a wonderful way to support other families who have lost loved ones and struggle with the feelings coming from grief. Please mark this important date and try to attend. For further information call Matthew Funeral Home at 718-761-5544.

A DAY OF DISCOVERY- Who are Lay Carmelites?

The Lecture will be given by Janel Rodriguez TOC. It takes place at O. L. Star of the Sea Church on Amboy Road on June 27th from 9 am to 3 pm. Donation is \$20.00. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Make check payable to: St. Simon Stock Chapter of Lay Carmelites and mail to Maria Ugenti, 40 Howton Ave. SI NY 10308. All checks must be received no later than June 20th.

ST. FRANCIS SINGLES (30'S-50'S)

The group will have their next gathering on Thurs. May 28th at 7:15 pm at Holy Family Church. Topic for meeting is "The Path Made by Walking: the Wisdom of our Single Lives." **Mark your calendars:** "Spring-into-Summer Party" on Sat. June 20th from 8 pm to midnight, dinner and dancing, at the Mansion Grand (waterfront restaurant at 141 Mansion Ave. Great Kills). Cost: \$55 if received prior to May 28th; and \$70 afterwards. Check is to be made out to cash, bring to meeting or mail to Holy Family Rectory, 366 Watchogue Rd. SI 10314, Attn: June Singles.

CAMP VERITAS 2015

Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2015; July 19-25th at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NJ; July 26-Aug. 1st at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg MD; and, Aug. 16-22nd at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NJ. Cost for each week is \$400 per camper. Details can be found at www.campveritas.com

TOURING TUESDAY IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre-K through 8th grade on Staten Island? Register to visit a Catholic School on **TOURING TUESDAY, June 2nd from 9 am to 11 am** or by appointment. **Touring Tuesdays** are universal Open Houses scheduled periodically throughout the school year at Catholic Elementary Schools across the Archdiocese of NY. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 718-667-5350 X1007.

UPCOMING BUS TRIP

Next casino trip is to the "Sands Casino" in Bethlehem PA. DATE: Thursday June 25th. Bus departs from the front of our Church at 9:00 am on that day. COST: \$36 back 25. If interested, call Agnes Davis at 718-494-5475.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

Anyone interested in undergraduate and graduate degrees are invited to an Information Session at Dominican College



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

This coming Monday May 25th is Memorial Day and we at Our Lady of Pity Church will hold a 9:00 am Mass honoring our service men.

The Five Post American Legion #1857, along with Mr. Matthw J. Scamardella, Past Commander, invites everyone to this Memorial Day Mass. There is no greater way to begin the day than to thank God for the freedom we enjoy. Come with your children and grandchildren as this is a valuable opportunity to remember those who gave so much and will show the children a lesson in gratitude. There will also be a Wreath Placing Ceremony (by the monument adjacent to the gym) by the Post and Auxillary Members. Light Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Center.

BUS TRIP TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWS

St. Anthony's Church is running a bus trip to Doylestown, PA for the 50th Annual Polish Festival. Mass is at 11am. Trip includes: admission, bus and gratuities. Cost: if they get 30 people will be \$60 per person; 40 people will be \$50 per person. Contact 718-727-4567 for reservations.

LIFE MARCH AND MOTOR CADE

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on Amboy Rd. on Sat. June 6th following their 9:00 am Mass. From there it travels to Staten Island University Hospital South on Seguin Ave. Together we can help women to **CHOOSE LIFE!** For information call 646-662-3914.



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, Sally Caputo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Paul Davis, Carol Divine, Jim and Maria Gilhooly, Sister Angela Macari, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, 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.

PROOFREADING IS A DYING ART!

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL
YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS!