

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 10th, 2016



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 9th:
5:00 pm	Sarah Squicciarini
SUNDAY	JANUARY 10th:
7:30 am	Louis Fiore
9:00 am	Nancy Hammer
10:30 am	Dec. Members of the Masso, Giannini, Mannuzza, & Ricigliano Families
	Thanksgiving to St. Jude
NOON	
MONDAY	JANUARY 11th:
7:30 am	Billy Emmanuel Acevedo
8:30 am	John & Maureen Beale
TUESDAY	JANUARY 12th:
7:30 am	Vincent Gigante
8:30 am	Thelma Medida
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Frederick Fischer
THURSDAY	JANUARY 14th:
7:30 am	Linda Badalamenti
8:30 pm	Alexander Li
FRIDAY	JANUARY 15th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Michael, Sam & Ralph Langone
SATURDAY	JANUARY 16th:
8:00 am	For All Parishioners
5:00 pm	Frank Aversano
SUNDAY	JANUARY 17th:
7:30 am	Salvatore S Fraga
9:00 am	Lleanna Rivera
10:30 am	Caroline, Christie DePaola & Les Scaglione
NOON	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 9th:
5:00 pm	John Pszczola
SUNDAY	JANUARY 10th:
8:00 am	Vincent Infuso-15 th Anniv. In Heaven
11:00 am	John Pszczola
MONDAY	JANUARY 11th:
7:30 am	For all Parishioners
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	Frank O'Sullivan
FRIDAY	JANUARY 15th:
7:30 am	Helen Martin
SATURDAY	JANUARY 16th:
5:00 pm	Catherine & MaryAnn Laub
SUNDAY	JANUARY 17th:
8:00 am	Julie Rajewski
11:00 am	Pauline Choban

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 10th:



The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of
ROSE ROCCA
 requested by her loving family.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of
CARMINE & GAETANO DI BENEDETTO
 Requested lovingly by the DiBenedetto 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 JANUARY 10th



This week's Wine, Host and Sanctuary lamp are being
 offered in memory of **VINCENT INFUSO**.
 Lovingly requested by his wife Rose.



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

**On Sunday, February 7th, the fifth grade religious
 education class will have their class Mass at
 NOON at Our Lady of Pity.**

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.

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.



GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

HIS WORD TODAY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"...the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the sons of Israel, 'the good news of peace' proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all... I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed, of the way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good."

This teaching of Peter led Cornelius and his family to baptism and Christ. We listen to the words and realize that we too have been baptized, led to Christ and yes, even anointed with the Holy Spirit and power. We too come up from our Jordan, our baptismal font, and hear the similar words of praise 'You are my son. On you my favor rests.'

It is easy to picture the event, the people, the rippling water, a gently breeze. We might include a word of teaching by John the Baptist. Jesus began His mission. 'The mission of Christ the Redeemer He has entrusted to His Church', wrote Saint John Paul II. That mission continues today and we are all the hands, the face, the voice of Christ to others. At our baptism we were anointed with oil and the Holy spirit. We have been given power to do what Jesus did 'going about doing good.'



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.

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.

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 16th:
5:00 pm	J. Salcedo-I. Pastena
SUNDAY	JANUARY 17th:
7:30 am	V. Violetta-C. Violetta
9:00 am	R. Skelton-A. Davis
10:30 am	M. Bonamo-M. Martino
NOON	E. Bocchieri-J. Bocchieri

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	JANUARY 16th:
5:00 pm	M. Salcedo
SUNDAY	JANUARY 17th:
7:30 am	I. Bialza
9:00 am	C. Daniels
10:30 am	S. Bilardi
NOON	N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 16th:
5:00 pm	M. Tubay-J. Tangco-M. Santa
SUNDAY	JANUARY 17th:
7:30 am	C. Baria-E. Baria-C. Rodriguez
9:00 am	N. Lopez-R. Whalen-H. Bailey
10:30 am	J. Flood- D.Pangilinan-D. Boniface-A. Boniface
NOON:	J.Venditto-M.Zerega-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:

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF PITY MASS SCHEDULE

There is a change in our Mass schedule. Beginning in January weekday masses will be at 7:30 am and 8:30 am. The 7:15 am Mass will be discontinued.

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.

POPE FRANCIS OPENED “A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY” at the Vatican December 8th:

This Extraordinary Holy Year is a gift of grace, a means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. The Holy Father said:

“The history of sin can only be understood in the light of God’s love and forgiveness. Were sin the only thing that mattered, we would be the most desperate of creatures. But the promised triumph of Christ’s love enfolds everything in the Father’s mercy. The Word of God which we have just heard leaves no doubt about this. The Immaculate Virgin stands before us as a privileged witness of this promise and its fulfillment.”

While Pope Francis stressed that this year we will grow ever more convinced of God’s mercy, he pondered:

“How much wrong we do to God and His grace when we speak of sins being punished by His judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by His mercy! But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event, God’s judgment will always be in the light of His mercy.”



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MARK YOUR CALENDARS

With the start of the New Year brings one last Holiday chore. The take-down of our beautiful trees. All are asked to help; men, women and children. There is a lot to be done so please mark your calendars. We need your help. The trees will be taken down next Sat. Jan. 16th @ 10:00 am. If you wish to volunteer you can call Mike Fazio @ 917-560-0235 or e-mail him @ mikefaziosr@gmail.com to leave your name and phone # with him.

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.

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.

The Memorial Plaques on the Christmas trees will be removed Wednesday, January 14th. If you wish to remove your plaque or decorations, kindly do so before the 14th. All plaques will be available for pick up at the rectory until Friday, January 22nd. They will no longer be available after this date. Decorations that are not removed will be discarded.

NY BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center plans to have another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity. It is planned for January 31st, beginning after the 7:30 am Mass in the gym. Please be supportive.

MASS BOOK FOR 2016

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. 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

For more information visit our website:

www.sgspci.org, or email sfccsi@gmail.com

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

NY BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center plans to run another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity. It is planned to take place the morning of **January 31st, 2016** beginning after the 7:30 am Mass until about 2:15 pm.

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, seats, baby wash 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

DEACON JOSEPH RENTKOWSKI

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Deacon Joseph Rentkowski who has served the Lord for the past 33 years. Deacon Joe has officially been assigned to our Parish, Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua.

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.

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the JANUARY "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.

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Seigny, OFM Cap. And Fr. Julian Jagudilla, OFM will lead several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world, including a special pilgrimage for the Canonization of Mother Theresa in Rome. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at 646-736-7964 (in NYC) or on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

Canonization of Mother Theresa/"Franciscan Italy", "Footsteps of St. John Paul II – Poland/Prague", "Journey to Peace" – Medjugorje, "Fatima", "Catholic Ireland" "Our Lady in the New World" – Guadalupe/Mexico, "Catholic Spain", "Church of John and Paul" – Greece/Turkey

OREMUS COMMUNICATIONS

This New Year, we are continuing on a daily basis both our Novena Prayer Program in honor of Our Blessed Mother under her title: Our Lady of Fatima and our Oremus Communications Family Rosary Program starting at 12:05 pm (EST) Monday thru Saturday and 1:50 pm on Sunday. (Be sure to log onto: oremuscomms.com and click on: Listen Live! We hope you can join us along with family and friends on a regular basis as we strive to make a Spiritual Difference. We will continue to pray for world peace, the intentions of our Holy Father, an end to world hunger and all of our other intentions for which we prayed in 2015.



ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS

Dates:

Monday January 18th - Resorts

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

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.



BUS TRIP SANDS CASINO & MARTIN GUITAR FACTORY Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Trip includes:

5 hour stay at the Sands Casino
Casino Bonus of \$30 slot Play & \$5 Food Credit
Martin Guitar Factory & Museum
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
All tips & Taxes (including Bus Driver)
\$50 per person for 40 or more passengers
Send check to: Deacon Joseph Rentkowski,
24 Houston Street, Staten Island, NY10302
or call him at (718) 727-4567.

Bus leaves from St. Anthony of Padua, Travis

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION

The Gift of a Catholic Education

The 2016 Staten Island Catholic Elementary School Open Houses are:

January 12, February 2, 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.

**THERE IS NO PILLOW AS SOFT AS A
CLEAR CONSCIENCE...**