

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 31st, 2016



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY JANUARY 30th:
5:00 pm Salvatore & Libera Mazzella

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st:
7:30 am Lena Franceschini
9:00 am Lucy & Victor DeBartoli &
Carol Villamagna
10:30 am Maria Scaglione
NOON Rose Giallombardo

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1st:
7:30 am Dorothy Iovine
8:30 am Edward Inconiglios

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2nd:
7:30 am Robert DiFilippo
8:30 am Joseph & Luigia Bartolomeo

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd:
7:30 am For All Parishioners
8:30 am Sueann Borrell

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4th:
7:30 am Margaret & Michael Vuotto
8:30 pm Intentions of Esposito Family

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5th:
7:30 am Daniel Furlong
8:30 am Joseph Rentkowski

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th:
8:00 am Sharon Emerling
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 Grolamo & Colomba Delre

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY JANUARY 30th:
5:00 pm Stanley Clark

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st:
8:00 am Lucille Vigliotti
11:00 am Julie Rajewski

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1st:
7:30 am For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd:
7:30 am Lucille Vigliotti

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5th:
7:30 am Maria Vecchio

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

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

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 31st:



The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** this week are in memory of
VINCENT DE LUTIO

requested lovingly by Sister Liz.



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 31st**



This week's **Wine and Host** are being offered in memory of
JULIE RAJEWSKI
Requested by Nick & Barbara Chicola



**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.

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 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town..

HIS WORD TODAY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus began speaking in the synagogue: ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’ All who were present spoke favorable of him; they marveled at the appealing discourse which came from his lips. They also asked, ‘Is this not Joseph’s son?’...At these words the whole audience in the synagogue was filled with indignation. They rose up and expelled him from town...”

It didn't take many verses in the gospel of St. Luke to find a conversion, not to but away from Jesus. The person, admired and respected, became the challenger. He knew their hearts and was found to be too much for them. He told it like it was. We are called to turn constantly to the Lord. We hear His word proclaimed and a teaching on a weekly basis. God's word is 'like a two edged sword' which can cut deeply, inform and reform our lives. Sometimes we do not care for what we hear, because it challenges our way of life, our pattern of thinking, or our relationship with others. But remember, what is important is our relationship with God. As I recreate the scene in the Nazareth synagogue, I ask myself if I marvel at what I hear and how I respond.

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.

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 CHURCH:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th:

5:00 pm J. Salcedo-I. Pastena

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th:

7:30 am B. Madaio-M. Madaio

9:00 am D. Marro-F. Marro

10:30 am A. Davis-J. Almero

NOON A. Mannino-G. Mannino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 6th:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th:

7:30 am S. Kelly

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli
10:30 am R. Rose
NOON C. Daniels

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th:
5:00 pm D. Boniface-A. Boniface-M. Santa
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th:
7:30 am M. Tubay-M. Zerega
9:00 am M. Maguire-I. Maguire-H. Bailey
10:30 am R. Whalen-C. Baria-E. Baria-C. Rodriguez
NOON: J. Tangco-L. 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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 ore 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."

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.

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.sgspsi.org, or email sfcssi@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 on 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.

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.

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



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

THE JANE B. THOMPSON PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

High School Juniors and Seniors – 1st prize \$100

High School Freshman and Sophomores – 1st prize \$100

7th & 8th Grade – 1st prize \$100

Write an essay on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide or stem cell research. Mail original essay and keep a copy on or before March 1, 2016 to:

Staten Island Right to Life League Inc., P.O. Box 60520, Staten Island, NY 10306 For info call 646-662-3914

FEAST OF ST. BLASÉ

On Wednesday, February 3rd we celebrate the Feast of St. Blasé. Throats will be blessed after morning Masses at both worship sites and at 4:00 pm at 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 Galetto, 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

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION

The Gift of a Catholic Education

The 2016 Staten Island Catholic Elementary School Open Houses are:

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.

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

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.

DON'T RUIN A GOOD TODAY BY THINKING ABOUT A BAD YESTERDAY. LET IT GO!