

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3rd, 2016



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 2nd:
5:00 pm	Angel Luis Rios
SUNDAY	JANUARY 3rd:
7:30 am	Intentiions of Dwight Boston
9:00 am	Jean Tomasuols
10:30 am	Dorothy Spiezia
NOON	John Portano
MONDAY	JANUARY 4th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Anthony Camanda
TUESDAY	JANUARY 5th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Carmen Iacobelli
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 6th:
7:30 am	Marietta Rocca
8:30 am	Domenica & Maria D'Elia
THURSDAY	JANUARY 7th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 pm	For All Parishioners
FRIDAY	JANUARY 8th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Maria Vecchio
SATURDAY	JANUARY 9th:
8:00 am	Lena Franceschini
9:00 am	Mass for Deceased Parishioners
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
NOON	Thanksgiving to St. Jude

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 2nd:
5:00 pm	Leo Gniewkowski
SUNDAY	JANUARY 3rd:
8:00 am	John Pszczola
11:00 am	Dach Family
MONDAY	JANUARY 4th:
7:30 am	Hermania Manaluz
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 6th:
7:30 am	Frank O'Sullivan
FRIDAY	JANUARY 8th:
8:00 am	Frank O'Sullivan
SATURDAY	JANUARY 9th:
5:00 pm	John Pszczola
SUNDAY	JANUARY 10th:
8:00 am	Vincent Infuso
11:00 am	John Pszczola

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3rd:



The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of
GEORGE DIGARBO
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Esposito

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of
THELMA MEDIDA
Requested by her friends at the rectory.



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 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 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
not 7:15 am.



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

On Sunday, January 10th, the fourth 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.



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

HIS WORD TODAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. For he shall rescue the poor man when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.” We are so familiar with the persons of the scripture today, a devious king, star-gazing pilgrims, a baby and His mother. We know the gifts, the beckoning star, and the informative dream. We proclaim Jesus as the savior of all humankind.

As we reflect upon the words of the psalm we discover the mission of the Christ and hear the echo of the mission of Pope Francis. In his teaching in the Joy of the Gospel and in proclaiming the year of mercy, we are caught up with a special concern for those in great need. As the Holy Father and psalmist speak of the poor, we not only consider the economically downtrodden, but those who are poor because they lack hope and direction, who are not able to find a place for Christ in their lives.

As the magi went seeking and discovered the One they sought, may we begin this new year with a concern for those in need and be the source of strength and support for them.



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 JANUARY 9th:
5:00 pm J. Coraci-J. Porto
SUNDAY JANUARY 10th:
7:30 am B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am J. Almero-T. Hanley
10:30 am M. Terracino-N. Terracino
NOON

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: JANUARY 9th:
5:00 pm N. Tricorico
SUNDAY JANUARY 10th:
7:30 am C. Daniels
9:00 am P. Magliocco
10:30 am L. Buttacavoli
NOON I. Bialza

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

“It’s a Holy and Wholesome Thing to Pray for the Dead”

During the year 72 families in our parish experience the death of a loved one. As is our custom, there will be a Memorial Mass for our beloved deceased who were buried from Our Lady of Pity this year. All family members, friends and parishioners are invited to attend this memorial Mass which will be held on January 9th, 2016 at 9:00 am. Our prayer is that God will give your loved ones eternal life and those who remain behind the strength and courage to carry on. ***“We give back to You, O God, those whom You gave us. You did not lose them when You gave them to us, and we did not lose them by their return to You. Your dear Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die.”***

**CCD CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 4TH.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat. Jan. 16th @ 10:00 am Removal of trees
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.

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.”

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

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 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.

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

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

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 December.

Augusto Salaria

Nathuli Weinman

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

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 December.

Edward Lee, Dorothy Lee, Josephine Simeone, Rose Addalli, Maryann Amorosa, Leonard Zagara, Charles Dantone, Thelma Medida, and Richard Francis.

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.

GOLD STAR POST – RAFFLE

The winners of the Gold Star Post Raffle drawing on December 19th are:

1st – Merrell Post of the American Legion

2nd – Julie Matusiak

3rd – Neil Schimler

Many thanks to all that participated!

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.



ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS

Dates:

January 12th - 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, 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 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.

**WORRYING DOESN'T TAKE AWAY
TOMORROW'S TROUBLES, IT TAKES
AWAY TODAY'S PEACE!**

