

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26th, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY JULY 25TH:

5:00 pm Anthony and Connie Pinnisi

SUNDAY JULY 26TH:

7:30 am Gloria Creazzo

9:00 am Giovann Tedenco

10:30 am Rosa Fracchiolla

NOON Arnold J. Criscuolo

MONDAY JULY 27TH:

7:30 am Ana Maria Romero

TUESDAY JULY 28TH:

7:30 am Nicholas Anthony Iovine

WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH:

7:30 am For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY JULY 30TH:

7:30 am Frank Riso

FRIDAY JULY 31TH:

7:30 am Gaetano & Carmine DiBenedetto

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST:

8:00 am Margherita & Giuseppe Marino

5:00 pm John Lagana

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND:

7:30 am In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio

9:00 am Rose & Salvatore Aiello

10:30 am Bill Weldon

NOON Teresa Condello

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



In July and August the weekday Mass will be at 7:30 am. Following 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 **\$64,610.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **302** families. We are now at **91%** of goal. We're getting closer to goal, please consider a gift and let it happen!

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS SCHEDULE

4055 Victory Blvd. 718-761-6660

Sundays 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

EVERYTHING NEW

They say that "time flies when you're having fun". After 25 wonderful years, I will be retiring on August 3rd. As the Parish Manager I have had the great fortune of knowing most of the families here at Our Lady of Pity and during my time shared both laughter and tears with you. I will continue on in a part-time basis until the end of the year in order to help train whoever will come to replace me. I will not be a stranger to Our Lady of Pity.

May God bless you all.....Marietta



MEMORIAL FOR WEEK OF JULY 26TH:



The **FLOWERS** this week are in memory of:

GLORIA CREAZZO

requested lovingly by her daughters Diane and Gloria Ann



SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19TH

Our parish will be holding its "Annual Family Day Picnic" on **Saturday September 19th**. The event begins at 11:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. All are invited - bring your family and friends. Many surprises for the children are planned for the day. Further details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

JOIN THE CHOIRS



All Choir practices are suspended for the summer months. New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses.

The Adult Choir will begin practicing on Wednesday Sept. 16th at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

The Youth Choir will have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center beginning on September 30th. There has been a change in the Youth Choir Sunday.

Beginning on Sunday Oct. 18th the New Youth Choir will be singing at the Noon day Mass at Our Lady of Pity. For information call our Music Director Ron at 347-770-3477.

"In this digital age, where do you get to participate in live music? RIGHT HERE IN CHURCH!"

RCIA PROGRAM

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.**

VISITING-VACATION?

Make Mass part of every weekend, even if you are away from home... Find Mass times where you are: www.MassTimes.org or automated phone 1-858-207-6277.



GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread was collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make Him King so He fled alone.

HIS WORD TODAY

“But the servant objected, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ Elisha insisted, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the Lord ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’ And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.”... “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish” ... When they had had their fill, He said to the disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.’”

At a time of picnics and alfresco dining, reading from the book of Kings and the Gospel of John is most enjoyable. In both cases we learn that we can use our resources whether abundant or scarce to touch the lives of others. Whether it be the one hundred or the ‘large crowd’ people had a hunger, a need, and there were gifts to be given to change their lives.

When we gather for the Eucharist, gifts are brought to the altar. They represent our ability to offer something for the needs of others, who have a hunger we can satisfy, not just bread and wine, but care, concern, support and understanding. People are hungering for peace, justice, work, freedom. We cannot overlook them, for we are the resources to produce change. Don’t waste food; recognize the Christ in the homeless and hungry. Provide for the many charities who depend on us. The question remains: *“What are the five loaves and two fish I have” and “what I am doing with them?”*

RADIO MARIA’S DAY OF PRAYER

The Italian Station “Radio Maria” will sponsor and broadcast a Day of Prayer (in Italian) at Our Lady of Pity on Sat. Aug. 15th from 10 am to 4 pm. The day begins with the Rosary followed by Mass, Consecration, Adoration and Confessions throughout the day. You are asked to bring a bag lunch. For information call 718-417-0550.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received...” Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you strengthen your Sacrament of Matrimony. For weekend dates and/or information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

SFCS (30’S-50’S) will be meeting on Fri. August 7th at 7:30 pm for their annual ICE CREAM NIGHT. Cool off on a hot summer night at Egger’s Ice Cream Parlor on Forest Ave. RSVP email sfcssi@gmail.com by Wed. Aug. 5th.

THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH

This weekend our Missionary Cooperative Appeal will be taken. Father Emil Rodrigo, a missionary father from the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, will be speaking at all Masses.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

The children of our parish need a helping hand! We have a few openings for Religious Education Teachers...can you help? If interested in volunteering your time once a week during the school year, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so one of our priests and/or Sister Marcia, our CCD Director, can meet with you.

ATTENTION SACRAMENT PARENTS First Holy Communion and Confirmation still photos will be at the rectory for one more week. Afterwards you may pick them up at the Parish Center when school begins Sept. 28th.

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

Classes resume on Sept. 28th. Registration forms are available from the rectory. New children or those coming from another program must provide a copy of child’s Baptism Certificate. If coming from another School of Religion, a transfer form from that school is necessary. Register before August 31st.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

All teachers in Religious Education Programs should be working toward certification. There are courses offered on Aug. 14-15th at Holy Rosary Church - Epifano Center, in South Beach, Fl. **TOPICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

FRIDAY AUG. 14TH:

“Prayer & Spirituality”. (Sister Jean Wagner). “Methodology For Elementary Catechesis.” “Profession of Faith” (Sister Marcia will teach this course).

SATURDAY AUG. 15TH:

“Methodology for Elementary Catechesis.” “Celebration of the Christian Mysteries.” Registration is required. Call the regional Office at 718-273-3833.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Sunday August 2nd will be our Summer Blood Drive!

The summer is always a very difficult time for the blood center as donations drop to very low levels while schools are out of session and many people are on vacation. The need for blood is great and your donation will be instrumental in increasing the supply during these hard times. Please come out and support your local community and save lives by donating blood. The drive takes place from 8:15 am to 2:15 pm in the Cardinal O’Connor Center. Your blood donation is a blessing but it is also crucial for the blood center. They need you to put aside your fears and help them increase the levels of blood so they can supply all communities. **In order to donate you will need ID, weigh more than 110 lbs., be from the age of 16 to 75. If you are 16, you will need parental consent and if you are older than 75 you will need a doctor’s note. Please make sure to have a good meal and drink fluids before you donate.**

DONATE AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST:

5:00 pm J. Salcedo – I. Pastena

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am R. Skelton – A. Davis

10:30 am M. Bonamo – M. Martino

NOON M/M E. Bocchieri

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: AUGUST 1ST

5:00 pm M. Salcedo

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND:

7:30 am M. Pontarella

9:00 am C. Daniels

10:30 am S. Bilardi

NOON N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST:

5:00 pm M.Tubay – J. Tangco – M. Santa –J. Bosco

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND:

7:30 am C. & E. Baria – J. Clyne – C. Rodriguez

9:00 am N. Lopez – R. Whalen – H. Bailey

10:30 am R. & R. Eckman – D. Pangilinan – J.Inigo

NOON J. Venditto – M. Zerega – D. & A. Boniface

TRIP TO SARATOGA AND LAKE GEORGE

An enjoyable summer trip to beautiful Saratoga and Lake George. Enjoy riding on a deluxe bus.

Date: Mon. Aug. 31st to Fri. Sept. 4th, 2015

Cost: \$898 per person double occ.; triple occ. \$855

Spend 4 nights at the luxurious Georgian Lakeside Resort. A Welcome Reception with wine and assortment of Hors d'oeuvres. Guided tours through historic Saratoga Springs and a day stop at the casino or if you wish to the racetrack. Many extras included during your stay. For information and/or reservations call Lena at 347-546-5250.

FALL TRIP TO NIAGRA FALLS AND TORONTO

Date: Mon. Sept. 21st to Fri. Sept. 25th, 2015

Cost: \$525.00 per person based on double occupancy. Add \$159 for single occupancy.

Deposit: \$75.00 due upon reserving. Final payment due August 1, 2015.

Bus departs at 8:00 am from the front of our Church. Trip includes a Continental Breakfast each morning, followed by many tours and attractions. Tour the majestic castle estate "Casa Loma". Lastly a visit to Fallsview Casino. For further information and/or reservations call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

FEAST OF ST. CLARE...FESTIVAL

Join the parishioners at St. Clare's Church on Nelson Ave. as they celebrate their parish feast day on Sat. Aug. 8th at 1 pm. Event includes games with prizes, rock climbing, raffles, hot dogs, BBQ food court, dunk tank, bouncy house. Arts and crafts, vendors, popcorn, pretzels and cotton candy!

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF LIFE

Good Counsel Home

Our parish (as well as other parishes in the NY Diocese) has been contributing to this charity, in many aspects, for over 20 years. Good Counsel has assisted more than 6500 women and children in providing them with a home. They have opened residents in 8 different states. They have homes in the Bronx, Harrison, and Spring Valley, NY and also in Riverside, NJ. Besides providing homes for many pregnant women and women with their new born babies, they also run a crisis pregnancy call program known as Lumina in nearly 50 states. They are happy to announce that a new home will be opened in Rose Bank, Staten Island, on August 1st. Any donation would be appreciated. For what would be needed, call 201-795-0637.



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, Carol Divine, Jim 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.

**THE REAL ART OF CONVERSATION...
IS NOT ONLY TO SAY THE RIGHT THING AT
THE RIGHT TIME...
BUT ALSO TO LEAVE UNSAID THE
WRONG THING AT THE TEMPTING MOMENT!**

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who suffer persecution for justice's sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let the chalice pass from them if such be Thy holy Will: yet, in all things, may thy Will be done. Grant to those who persecute, light to see the truth and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comfort of the Afflicted, help thy children in their time of bitter trial. O Lord our God, by the sign of Thy holy cross deliver us from our enemies.....AMEN.

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