

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 8TH, 2014**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY JUNE 7TH:

5:00 pm Henry J. Scroope III

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH:

7:30 am Florence Semo
9:00 am Vincent and Josephine D'Orio
10:30 am Maria Rosa DiMeglio
NOON Salustiana Lanuevo

MONDAY JUNE 9TH:

7:15 am Katherine Graziano
8:00 am Angelo and Michelle Aromando

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH:

7:15 am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
8:00 am Carmine and Gaetano DiBenedetto

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH:

7:15 am Anna Maria Romero
8:00 am Ragone Family

THURSDAY JUNE 12TH:

7:15 am Christine and Charles Fagan
8:00 am Joseph Montalbano

FRIDAY JUNE 13TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners
8:00 am Rosa Fracchiolla
9:00 am Catherine Fortunato Esposito

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH:

8:00 am Thomas J. Ginch
5:00 pm Intentions of Deacon Venditto

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH:

7:30 am Anthony J. Annunziato
9:00 am Joseph A. Magliocco
10:30 am Fred Gambale
NOON Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish

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.

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. ANTHONY NOVENA

The Novena begins here at our church on Thurs. June 5th and ends on the Feastday, June 13th. The Novena prayers will be recited for 9 days after all the Masses including Sat. and Sun. The Blessed Bread of St. Anthony will be distributed after all the Masses on June 13th.

St. Anthony Feast Day Mass Schedule:

7:15 am, 8:00 am and 9:00 am



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 8th



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

HENRY J. SCROOPE III

requested by his loving wife Catherine A. Scroope.

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:

BARBARA FITZSIMMONS

requested lovingly by Mickie and Grace.

The **BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of:

ORLANDO SCOTTO

requested lovingly by Angela Diaz and Family.

MAKING THE MOST OF COMMUNION ATTIRE...

Donating Communion attire to the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica, West Indies. You could only imagine the joy it brings a child to come before the Lord in a beautiful dress or handsome suit. Clothing can be dropped off at the sacristy after Mass, or left at the parish office. The clothes will be personally hand delivered to the Missionaries on our next trip. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Joe Magliocco at 718-698-8054. God bless you all.



The Old Church

PARISH JUBILEE



The New Church

Theme for JUNE prayer is for:

THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND THE DYING

In our Catholic tradition, a Jubilee Year is a time for both celebration and prayer. On **Tues. July 15th at 7 pm** in the evening, we will join Sister Marcia on a Jubilee Pilgrimage to their beautiful Marian Shrine here on Staten Island (15 min. from our Church). We will car pool if you like, meeting in the Church parking lot at 7 pm or go directly to the Shrine on 337 Cary Ave. The shrine has been granted a plenary indulgence this year for Schoenstatt's 100th Anniversary. There will be common and private prayer, an introduction to the history and spirituality of the Shrine. Refreshments will be served afterwards and then we can visit the shop that the sisters run in conjunction with the Shrine. Mark the date on your calendars and speak to Sister Marcia if you have any questions. Or, e-mail the Jubilee Committee at olp100years@gmail.com.

FLEA MARKET

Date: **Sat. June 21st Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.** Vendors are asked to call Lena at 718-761-8216. Free admission.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." Renew your Sacrament of Matrimony on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For dates call toll-free 877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Feast Day, Church, a Blessed Pentecost to you! "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth." This is our prayer today. May the fire of God's love enflame with His saving presence! I have news.

I want to formally tell you that now I know who's coming to Our Lady of Pity Church as your new pastor. It is Father John Wroblewski, pastor of Saint Anthony's Church in Travis. Father John and I attended Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx and he graduated a year ahead of me. Although I was ordained about 15 years ahead of Father John, I got acquainted with him in 1988-1990 when I was a Special Assistant to Cardinal O' Connor for Vocations and he was a seminarian at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

He has spent several years in Travis as pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Church. About two years ago there was a lightning bolt that struck their church tower and it caught fire. Thank the Lord, it was contained and repaired. Father worked hard in renovating Saint Anthony's Church when he first arrived. Father John is a wonderful priest and has served faithfully many years here on Staten Island. He was a parochial vicar at Saint Adalbert's Church.

I recall the happy coincidence in 2001 when I was pastor at Holy Child Parish that he and I were both chaperones for our altar servers' trip on the same day to Great Adventure Park. We both agreed that the two fastest roller coaster rides would do us in, so we watched the wild ones take on all that adventure. It was a great day for us.

I have seen the e-mail version and await the hard copy of my letter from Cardinal Dolan appointing me on July 1, 2014 to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church as Administrator. His Eminence mentioned in the letter that when the "Making All Things New Process" is completed the term of pastor will commence. In any case I accept God's will and although I am sad to leave Our Lady of Pity Church, I am convinced how wonderful the people of God of this parish are.

Last Saturday morning we had nearly 80 people gather to clean, scrub, paint and totally refresh our church. Even the little sign and lights over the doorway were painted. "Our Lady of Pity" words over the door has now a metallic bronze shine. Thank you for all the elbow grease and effort you gave to the cleaning and the joy you brought to me that day. Along with the men from Gallo Landscaping, it looked like an old television commercial for "Janitor in a Drum". The paint never arrived in time for the bumpers in the parking lot and the lines for parking. That will have to wait for another day.

I could write a book about all the changes and updating that went on with very little interference. For the most part, I was thrilled to get my feet wet with parish life again after having been in an office for 6 years, and then enjoying nearly 8 months on Sabbatical. Arriving when I did around the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, I was hungry and ready to assume pastoral work. I want to thank Monsignor Phil Franceschini for his kindness and hospitality to me during my first days here. He was going through a difficult time transitioning. I now know in small way how that feels. I am convinced that Our Blessed Mother has special graces for this parish

When I consider all that happened during the year, for instance in Advent we welcomed "The Voyces for Christmas Concert" and the amazing singing of the choir, I was blown away. When I first arrived we had our Parish Picnic and the weather was glorious. More than 400 people came and it took on a life of its own. I was glad to have the chance to meet and greet and pour the beer that day. Then another highlight for me was having a dream come true. We had an amazing response on Ash Wednesday, when from 7:45am to 9:30pm there was a non-stop flow of people surprised by God's overflowing mercy. We estimated about 500 people went to confession that day alone. The ashes weren't the big thing of the day; it was the freedom of being totally forgiven that eclipsed that day – Lent was off to a good start. I have grown close to the dozen men who come every Saturday morning at 6:30 AM for Scripture and Faith Sharing. During the season of Lent we experienced the Parish Mission Team model of a parish mission and both novices and veterans gave magnificent witnesses and touched our hearts. Jubilee graces poured out during the parish mission. We saw 11 new members come into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night. That was the highlight of the year for me. To see you pray, play and socialize and grow as a faith community is the delight of any pastor. It's like being a proud grandfather at a large family reunion.

Yes, there have been sad and sorrowful occasions too, sickness, accidents, people struggling with cancer, funerals, that long winter and too much snow. There was the stress of cancellations of events and postponing, a million phone calls asking for times for parish events. I hate keys, and that annoying question, "Father, where's the key to ...?" Watching all the construction, deconstruction, waiting for railings, sound systems, confessional furniture, these are just mosquitoes in Paradise compared to the awesome privilege of having this blessed time to be with you.

Please welcome with open arms Father John Wroblewski. Show him the great kindness and warmth that was displayed to me. As Pope Francis said to the laity of the Church, "Importune your pastor!" In other words, bother him for services, ministries and spiritual gifts and treasures of the Holy Spirit. Don't stop the momentum of our parish revival. If you do this, my joy will be complete. So a Blessed Pentecost and a new birthday for the Church! "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth" With grateful affection,

Father Tom Devery



GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after His resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel open 24 hrs.-7days a week located on the grounds of Alba House. Would you like to be an **Adorer of Christ?** Sign up and consider becoming a **guardian**. Call Peter & Gabriella at 718-442-5884 or Lydia at 718-761-2932.



CONFIRMATION

On Ascension Thursday, May 29, 2014, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop Emeritus of Hartford, CT, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 7th grade students:

CONGRATULATIONS

Anthony Busacca, Nicholas Cupo, Michael DeLeo, Austin D'Sousa, Anna Marie Ferraro, James Flood III, Chloe Flores, Camilo Garzon, Caitlyn Holzer, Erica Holzer, Ryan Irizarry, Christopher Lopez, Anmarie Maguire, Giselle Maturana, Marko Milosavljevic, Carolyn O'Brien, Adrianna Razzore, Chaz Rodriguez, Sayuri Sayakkara, Dana Tufaro, Christina Valdes and Christina Varano.

Special thanks to their teachers, Sister Marcia and to their parents!

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to all our volunteer CCD teachers and teacher aides. The vital task of preparing our young in religion is a priority to all of us. Parents, teachers and children working together assures us that these children will grow up to be the fine Catholics we ask them to be.

We wish all our children and their families a very happy and healthy summer. Please remember to attend mass during the summer months. God bless you all.

CCD PROGRAM

Fall registration will be held Sept. 9th and 10th from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Classes begin Sept. 23rd.



BASKETBALL PROGRAM

For anyone interested in our Basketball Program call our Athletic Director Bob Anderson at 347-838-1121 and he will meet with you at a convenient time.

NAMES PLEASE

It is that time of the year when parishioners are asked to submit the names of family members who will be, or already have, graduated from College this year. Please leave the graduate's name, degree and the college he/she attended at the rectory. Call the parish office to leave the graduate's information. **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Nicholas Furio BS Communication Arts St. John's U.

UPCOMING TRIP TO ORLANDO FLORIDA

Motorcoach trip, 7 days – 6 nights (Sun.-Sat.) August 3-9th. Trip includes 6 nights lodging, including 4 nights in Orlando. Many interesting tours.. Cost: \$549, \$75 due upon reserving. Interested call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

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

"Spring-into-Summer" party on Sat. June 21st from 8 pm to 12 at the Mansion Grand. Cost: \$65. Payments due by June 16th. Checks made out to Cash and mailed to St. Francis Friary, Attn: Singles June Party, 500 Todt Hill Rd. SI 10304. For further information, email info@sgspsi.org.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH:

5:00 pm M/M Boccieri – J. Coraci

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH:

7:30 am M. Langone – A. Davis – R. Colella

9:00 am J. Almero – T. Hanley – V. Laperuta

10:30 am M/M D. Marro – M/M V. Violetta

NOON K.Carpenito-M.Bonamo-M.Martino-W.Volpe

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH:

5:00 pm P. Magliocco

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH:

7:30 am D. Konczynski

9:00 am S. Kelly

10:30 am R. Rose

NOON I. Bialza

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH:

5:00 D. Pangilinan – J. Inigo – L. Campione

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH:

7:30 am J. Bosco – J. Carristo – C.Garzon

9:00 am R. Eckman – c. Rodriguez – M. Santa

10:30 am R. Whalen-J.Venditto-C.Agosta –J. Tangco

NOON M. Tubay – A. and D. Boniface

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

Revised date: June 16th to "Sands Casino". Bus departs from the front of our Church at 9 am. Cost: \$36-back 25. If interested, call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

NEEDY MOTHERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

The SI Right to Life committee is in urgent need of summer (boys and girls) clothes, sizes 4 to 14, as well as infant car seats, basinetts, pampers and formulas. If you can donate any of the items mentioned please drop them off (any Tues. noon to 4 pm) at 2187 Victory Blvd. - Alba House.

DELUXE TRIP TO THE SOUTH COAST OF MAINE

August 25th – 29th, 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners (including a Lobsterbake dinner). Much touring and entertainment. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave. For information and/or reservations call Lena at 718-761-8216. Cost per person: Dble.\$890; triple:\$860; single \$1090.



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:

Maryann Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Nora Bonilla, Sally Caputo, Rosalie Carroll, Vera Cerullo, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Donna Hazen, John Hudson, Vanessa McIntosh, Ralph Moceo, Maria Scaglione, Ann Volpe and Joseph 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 add the 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.