

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2015



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>:

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hsammer

### SUNDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Cashin Family

9:00 am Marciano V. Papa

10:30 am Tim and Mary Horgan

NOON Paolo Cacciatore

### MONDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>:

7:15 am Intentions of Joseph and Marietta Tacopina

8:30 am Kay and Sam Langone

### TUESDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>:

7:15 am In Thanksgiving to St. Patrick

8:30 am Luigi DeBenedictis

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Florence Zampetti

### THURSDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>:

7:15 am In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

8:30 am Intentions of all Josephs and Josephines

### FRIDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>:

7:15 am For the Success of the Cardinal's Appeal

8:30 am Edward Cardinal Egan

### SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>:

8:00 am Edward Cardinal Egan

5:00 pm Joseph O'Brien

### SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>:

7:30 am John Bonagura

9:00 am Mario Tedesco

10:30 am Felix J. Guido

NOON Michael LaFemina

## 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.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross in our parish are recited every Fri. evening at 7:30 pm during Lent. Benediction follows.



## MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following the 8:30 am weekday 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.



## MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>:



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

**THE PORTANO FAMILY**

requested by Julia Ruocco.

## JOIN THE CHOIRS



The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



**Children's Choir:** Do you like to sing? Children (from second grade or older) practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Join the Choir and make new friends.

## CCD PROGRAM

**EASTER BREAK: NO CCD** classes on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 & 11:30 AM**  
**CONFIRMATION - MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 12 NOON**

## MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2016

The Marriage Schedule Book at our parish for the year 2016 weddings is open. Please call the rectory to set up an appointment to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish. **Pre-Cana books are in the rectory.**

## PRE-CANA CLASSES-ST. PATRICK'S ON SI

Couples preparing for marriage are required by the Catholic Church to attend a Pre-Cana program. St. Patrick's parish on Richmond Rd. is offering Pre-Cana sessions at their school. One class is on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the other is on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Both classes run from 11 am to 5:30 pm. To register for either of the sessions call 718-979-4227.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."* Today's Gospel urges us to live a life centered on Christ. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help our marriage. For information on their next weekend call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

## RCIA PROGRAM

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. 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.



**REMEMBER ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT). GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF BOTH FAST AND ABSTINENCE.**

## HIS WORD TODAY

**“God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has constantly reminded us that the greatest virtue is mercy. All other virtues surround it.

St. Paul told the Ephesians, and us, that because of mercy, we have salvation in Christ Jesus. This comes to us through grace, which is the life of God, given as a gift, not earned, but accepted.

How often we take this gift for granted. How rarely do we recognize the gift of God's grace in others. How rapidly we gloss over the inspired words which Paul included in his letter, words like 'brought to life', immeasurable riches, His kindness.

Reflecting upon The Word will strengthen us to continue our Lenten journey, for it is in completion of the paschal mystery where we place our hope.

Yes, 'we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.' 'Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.'



### JOHN 3:14-21

God so loved the world, He sent us His only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in Him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

## SOCCER CLINIC

Our Lady of Pity will be running a Soccer Clinic at the parish gym for grade school boys and girls. Mr. Raul Maturana will be their coach; his phone number is 718-761-2815. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This is to introduce the coach to the children and parents. There will be no clinic during Holy Week. So practice begins on Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING (Parish Pay Program)

This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you to participate in this program. Log onto [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

## 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.**

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo – J. Almero

### SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>:

7:30 am R. Colella – J. Coraci

9:00 am T. Hanley – V. Laperuta

10:30 am M/M D. Marro

NOON M/M V. Violetta

## LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo

### SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>:

7:30 am D. Konczynski

9:00 am S. Kelly

10:30 am J. Magliocco

NOON N. Tricorico

## ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>:

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

### SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>:

7:30 am C. Garzon – J. Carristo

9:00 am J. Inigo – J. Gonzalez – D. Boniface

10:30 am R. Eckman – J. Flood – E. Baria – N. Lopez

NOON Rbt. Eckman

R. Whalen – M. & I. Maguire – J. Tangco

## YOUNG ADULTS (30's-40's-50's)

Our Lady of Pity Young Adult Group will be meeting again after Easter in the Parish Center. For further information and dates of gatherings, call Rosemarie Archer @ 917-636-218.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas on Amboy Rd., Staten Island, holds a 2:30 pm Special Needs Mass every second Sunday of each month.

## WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Our parish is running a Spring Retreat for Women on April 24-26<sup>th</sup> at St. Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. For Information and/or reservations call 718-494-5475.

## LITURGY AND BRUNCH FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS

The NY Archdiocesan Catechetical office will be holding their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Brunch for Catholic Teachers teaching in public schools on Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. Liturgy will be celebrated by Msgr. Edward Weber. Dr. JoAnn Paradise will speak on "The God of Love Who Creates in Love." Afterwards enjoy a delicious brunch facing the Palisades and overlooking the Hudson River. All who attend will gather at The Riverview, 1 Warburton Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Donation \$30.00. Registration due by March 27<sup>th</sup>. If interested call Sr. Catherine Ryan at 212-923-0950. Registration forms are available (with directions) at the rectory.

## INAUGURAL GALA

The Catholic School Region of Staten Island will be sponsoring an Inaugural Gala honoring his Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Thurs. April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn. Guest speaker will be Most Rev. Bishop John O'Hara. For tickets and information contact Diana Gatto

### BIBLICAL THEME SONGS

Songs that will lighten the days of Lent for each of us...

<b>JEZEBEL:</b>	"The Lady is a Tramp"
<b>SAMSON:</b>	"Hair"
<b>SALOME:</b>	"I Could Have Danced All Night"
<b>DANIEL:</b>	"The Lion Sleeps Tonight"
<b>JOSHUA:</b>	"Good Vibrations"
<b>PETER:</b>	"I'm Sorry"

### B.O.L.D. FOOD DRIVE

Our parish will again join with parishes and schools to help re-stock the food pantries on Staten Island. Last year, our parish collected 54 cartons of food. This year's harsh weather has depleted the supplies at the pantries which serve the Island's poor and elderly. So, it is important that we be even more generous this year. Collection boxes will be in the vestibule of the Church next weekend, March 21-22<sup>nd</sup>. Remember the words of Jesus: **"For I was hungry and you gave me food."** (Matt.25:35)

### CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$31,750.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **142** families. Your support of this Appeal is an investment in the future of Catholic education, our seminaries and religious educational programs. It is not too late to make your gift and to help us to reach our goal of **\$71,000.00** **we are now at 44.7% of goal.** Please be as generous as you can. You can make your gift online at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). May God bless you for your generosity

### WOODLOCH PINES – POCONO MTS. WEDNESDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>

Trip includes transportation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners, nightly entertainment and daily activities. A visit to the Mt. Airy Casino is planned on trip coming home. Cost: \$445 for Dbl. occupancy and \$415 for triple occupancy For reservations call Lena at 718-761-5421. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave.

### ORLANDO FLORIDIA TRIP SUNDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

Deluxe bus departs at 8 am on July 5<sup>th</sup> from the front of the Church. Cost: \$579 per person, double occupancy – add \$180 for single occupancy. \$75.00 is due upon reserving, final payment to be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup> or Sun. June 21<sup>st</sup>. Both Masses will be at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm Mon. through Fri. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING EVENT AT PITY

Plans are being made to broadcast "Radio Maria" here at our Church on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4:00 pm.

### LENT

Each year the Season of Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity to joyfully prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate the most sacred days of the year when we recall and remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Below you will find the complete schedule of Holy Week Services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please extend an invitation to family members or friends who have been away from the church to join us for our Holy Week Services. All are most welcome at Our Lady of Pity.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Reconciliation Monday - March 30<sup>th</sup>

Confessions: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

#### Holy Thursday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

(There will be NO Mass on Thursday morning)  
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Followed by a Procession to the Repository  
Repository is in the Chapel and will remain open until Midnight for personal prayer.

#### Good Friday - April 3<sup>rd</sup>

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Veneration of the Cross  
7:30 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross  
(Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence)

#### Solemn Easter Vigil Saturday - April 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm  
(NO 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evening)

#### Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> Mass Schedule:

7:30 am, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12 Noon



**A Blessed and Happy Easter to all**

### 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, Sally Caputo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Paul Davis, Dianne Rivera and 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 you the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month.

ALL OF US COULD TAKE A LESSON FROM THE  
WEATHER.  
IT PAYS NO ATTENTION TO CRITICISM!