

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22ND, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST:

5:00 pm Joseph O'Brien

SUNDAY MARCH 22ND:

7:30 am John Bonaguro

9:00 am Mario Tedesco

10:30 am Felix Guido

NOON Michael LaFemina

MONDAY MARCH 23RD:

7:15 am Mauricio and Maxima Figueras

8:30 am Father George Fox

TUESDAY MARCH 24TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Intentions of Jim Stasney

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH:

7:15 am Frank, Josephine and Anne Marie Manzi

8:30 am Chris Sandora

THURSDAY MARCH 26TH:

7:15 am Father Kevin Cassidy

8:30 am Mary Granese

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH:

7:15 am Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

8:30 am For a Special Intention

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH:

8:00 am Joseph Glen Cesaro

5:00 pm Passante and DiGeorge Families

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH:

7:30 am Anthony and Anne Annunziato

9:00 am Anna Souffrin

10:30 am Helen Blossfeld

NOON Dominick and Anna Parisi

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 22ND:



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week are in memory of:

FRANK AND JOSEPHINE MANZI

requested by their children.



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 7th and 8th.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9TH @ 10 & 11:30 AM
CONFIRMATION - MAY 14TH @ 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

One class is on March 22nd and the other is on July 19th. 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 serves Me must follow Me..." These words of the Gospel can be difficult in today's modern world. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter give you valuable tools to keep your marriage strong.. For information on their next weekend call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST: Anthony Imbasciani and Tiffany LaDuca

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.

FLOWER ENVELOPES

The flowers that adorn our Church at Easter are a tribute and a memorial to the loved ones of our parish families, who have been called home to God. Their names remain in the Sanctuary as a tribute to and a remembrance of them.

one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**



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

HIS WORD TODAY

“Some Greeks... came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified’.. *“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.”*”

Our world today is marked by networking. One knows someone else, a good word is offered, we get a foot in the door, and success follows. The first step through is ‘who you know.’

Such was the case in the Gospel event. Foreigners approached Philip, who turned to Andrew, and the consultation was made. John’s Gospel once again refers to ‘His hour’ and Jesus tells us the voice spoke for our benefit.

What does it say? We are not unlike the pagan who approached Philip, but we do know to whom to turn. We have countless opportunities to see Jesus. We find Him in the Eucharist, inviting us to adoration. We find Him in the Sacraments where He reaches out to touch us. We find Him in the poor, the marginalized, the ‘least of His brothers and sisters.’

‘Sir, I too would like to see Jesus.’



JOHN 12:20-33

In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ death is also His being lifted up in glory. The moment of His death becomes the moment of drawing “all” to Himself. The “all” includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: In His death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth to Himself and into the mystery of God’s redemptive and transforming love.

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 25th at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This is to introduce the coach to the children and parents. There will be no practice during Holy Week; practice begins on Wed. April 8th.

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.paritypay.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

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Next Sunday, March 29th, is Passion (Palm) Sunday. Please make plans to arrive for Mass earlier than usual. As you know, parking becomes a major problem, as well as seating. Parents of children must remember to make use of the crying room in the back of our Church. Ushers will be happy to accommodate parishioners, their families and guests.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH:

5:00 pm M. O’Brien – I. Pastena

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH:

7:30 am J. Porto- J. Almero

9:00 am K. Carpenito – M. Mendez

10:30 am M/M R. Geronimo

NOON M. Mendez – R.collela

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH:

5:00 pm M. Donadic

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH:

7:30 am M. Salcedo

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli

10:30 am R. Rose

NOON I. Bialza

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH:

5:00 pm C. & E. Baria – C.Garzon

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH:

7:30 am D. Pangilinan – J. Inigo – J. Carristo

9:00 am J. Clyne – J. Tangco – C. Rodriguez

J. Bosco

10:30 am J. Venditto – R. Whalen – M. Zerega

M. Tubay

NOON R. & Rbt. Eckman – J. Flood – M. Santa

YOUNG ADULTS (20’s-30’s-40’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 24-26th at St. Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. For Information and/or reservations call 718-494-5475.

INAUGURAL GALA

The Catholic School Region of Staten Island will be sponsoring an Inaugural Gala honoring his Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Thurs. April 16th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Guest speaker will be Most Rev. Bishop John

O'Hara. For tickets and information contact Diana Gatto @Diana.Gatto@archny.org. or call 718-667-5350.

UPCOMING EVENT AT PITY

Plans are being made to broadcast "Radio Maria" here at our Church on Saturday August 15th, from 10 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an Italian Mass and religious programs. More information will follow after Easter.

B.O.L.D. FOOD DRIVE

In his message for Lent 2015, Pope Francis asks us to reach out to those in need: "...we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church's many charitable organizations. Lent is a favorable time for showing this concern for the other by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family". In response to the Holy Father's request, it makes perfect sense for us to think about **ALMSGIVING**. This weekend we're collecting Food to fill the pantries around SI which in turn serves our poor and elderly. So find in your heart, as Pope Francis says, this will be your act of charity this Lent. **"For I was hungry and you gave me food." (Matt.25:35)** Food collection boxes are in the vestibule of the Church. These boxes will remain in Church into next week.

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$37,195.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from **171** families. We reached 52% of goal. As always, thank you to those who have faithfully supported the Appeal this year and in all the years past.

50TH JUBILEE COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 50th 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 20th or Sun. June 21st. 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. Last date to register is Tues. May 19th.

BIBLICAL THEME SONGS

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

ESAU: "Born to be Wild"
Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego: "Great Balls of Fire"
THE THREE KINGS: "When You Wish Upon a Star"
JONAH: "Got a Whale of a Tale"
ELIJAH: "Up, Up and Away"
METHUSELAH: "Stayin' Alive"
NEBUCHADNEZZAR: "Crazy"

WOODLOCH PINES – POCONO MTS. WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND – 25TH

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 FLORDIA TRIP SUNDAY JULY 5TH - JULY 11TH

Deluxe bus departs at 8 am on July 5th 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 1st. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

PRAYER

Lent is a time of needs, of emptiness, of limitations. Lenten prayer rises out of our weakness, our needs. Only when we realize our emptiness and know that we have limitations can Lenten prayer begin. Prayer is a habit. We reserve time each day for it, the best time we can afford. Whatever else we pray, we begin by tracing the sign of the cross upon our bodies. It is a sign of defeat and a sign of victory. For the cross, which marked us at Baptism, continues to mark our lives as we struggle in our weakness, as we yearn for the victory of charity and justice.

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 30th

Confessions: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

(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 3rd

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 4th

8:00 pm

(NO 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evening)

Easter Sunday April 5th 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, 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 you the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month.

**"Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
-St. Francis of Assisi**