

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17^H, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY May 16th:

5:00 pm Catherine O'Brien

SUNDAY May 17th:

7:30 am Angela (Julie) Bonomo and All Living and Deceased Mothers

9:00 am Rose and Salvatore Aiello

10:30 am Dominick Casucci

NOON Arnold J. Criscuolo

MONDAY May 18th:

7:15 am Intentions of James Casey and All Living and Deceased Mothers

8:30 am Thomas J. Ginch

TUESDAY May 19th:

7:15 am Vincent Gigante and All Living and Deceased Mothers

8:30 am Dorothy Campione

WEDNESDAY May 20th:

7:15 am Antonio Giovanni and Vincenzo Saitta

8:30 am Maria Elena Schreiber and All Living and Deceased Mothers

THURSDAY May 21st:

7:15 am Marietta Rocca and All Living and Deceased Mothers

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

FRIDAY MAY 22nd:

7:15 am Urbana Coampued and For all Mothers

8:30 am Domenico D'Elia and Family

SATURDAY MAY 23rd:

8:00 am Philip Rocca and All Living and Deceased Mothers

5:00 pm Frank Ammatuna

SUNDAY MAY 24th:

7:30 am Concetta Partenope and All Mothers

9:00 am Anthony Fonti

10:30 am Giuseppa Infantino

NOON Gaetano Cavallaro

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



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.

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS SCHEDULE

4055 Victory Blvd. 718-761-6660

SUNDAY MAY 17TH:

8:00 am Michael Vecsi

11:00 am Ted Jasko

MONDAY MAY 18TH:

7:30 am Mothers Day Novena

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH:

7:30 am John Hagan

FRIDAY MAY 22ND:

7:30 am Percy Decker

SATURDAY MAY 22ND:

5:00 pm Deborah AnnScott

SUNDAY MAY 24TH:

8:00 am John and Florence Hagan

11:00 am Joseph Pecherski



JOIN THE CHOIRS

The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wed. evenings at 8 pm.



Children's Choir: Do you like to sing? Children (from 2nd grade or older) practice on Wed. at 7:00 pm. Join the Choir and make new friends. Both Choirs practice in the Parish Center and new members are always welcome.



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MAY 17th:



The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINES** this week are in thanksgiving to:

OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

requested by J. M.

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

ROSE AND SALVATORE AIELLO

requested lovingly by Mickey.

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.

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.**

CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$56,425.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 245 families. We are now at **80%** of goal. We are happy to announce that our Merger Church St. Anthony of Padua has excelled its goal by 24%. Let's let it happen here as well.

GOLDEN JACKPOT St. Anthony's Church runs a raffle, tickets are \$100 each; prizes are \$10,000, \$2,500 & \$1,000. Tickets are on sale at their rectory until June 4th. You may call one of the committee members at 718-761-9410.

HIS WORD TODAY

“Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers... He said ‘My brothers, the Scriptures had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand...It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day He was taken up from us, become with us a witness of His resurrection.’ Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who knows the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen.”

Reading the Acts of the Apostles we are constantly reminded of the role and the power of the Holy Spirit. The group of eleven and their companions depend on the grace and power of the Spirit to direct them into their new found mission. In sports language, the Holy Spirit was the twelfth person on the field. They knew they needed outside help. It is no different today. The Church calls us all to ministry, some ordained, some consecrated, all dedicated to the building of His Kingdom. The Spirit speaks to you as you read today, expressing the need as well as the call. We too pray ‘Oh, Lord, You know my heart, show me what you want me to do for Your Church.’



GOSPEL: John 17:11b-19

Jesus prays for His disciples at the Last Supper. He knows that by knowing the Word of God as they do, they no longer belong to the world. He asks that God consecrate them in truth and protect them from the enemies they have made because of their belief in Jesus.

FULFILLMENT OF YOUR EASTER DUTY

We pray that by Trinity Sunday May 31st, all our faithful parishioners will have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) and Holy Communion.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 23rd:

5:00 pm A. Davis – I. Pastena

SUNDAY MAY 24th:

7:30 am J. Porto - J. Almero

9:00 am M. Mendez – K. Carpenito

10:30 am M/M R. Geronimo

NOON R. Skelton – R. Colella

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 23rd:

5:00 pm M. Donadic

SUNDAY MAY 24th:

7:30 am M. Salcedo

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli

10:30 am R. Rose

NOON I. Bialza

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 23rd:

5:00 pm C. & E. Baria – C. Garzon

SUNDAY MAY 24th:

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

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

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

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

ROSARIAN ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Date: June 20th from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the Church parking lot. **NO ADMISSION FEE. Cost:** \$35 per space. Check or money order to be made out to Our Lady of Pity Church. There will be no refunds after June 5th. All types of dealers are welcomed and can arrive by 8 am. Refreshments are available. If interested, call Lena at 718-761-8216.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR LADY OF PITY

CLASSES END: Last classes for the year will be on Tues. May 19th and Wed. May 20th. Final report cards will be distributed at that time.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE MAY 18TH** for all new parents of Our Lady of Pity Church, as well as CCD parents from St. Anthony of Padua Church. At this time they may register their children into our program. Registration Fee is as follows: One child \$150.00; two children \$225.00; and three or more \$275.00.

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. St. Patrick's Church on Staten Island is offering a one day Pre-Cana Course on July 19th; it runs from 11 am to 5:30 pm. To register call 718-979-4227**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.” Deepen your love for your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

UPCOMING EVENT AT OUR LADY OF 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.

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. Next Mass is June 14th.

NAMES PLEASE

It is that time of year when parishioners are asked to submit the names of family members who will be, or already have, graduated from **College** this year (**2015**). Please call the rectory during regular work hours and leave the **graduates name, degree and the college that he/she attended.**

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

Mark your calendars: “Spring-into-Summer Party” on Sat. June 20th from 8 pm to midnight, dinner and dancing, at the Mansion Grand (waterfront restaurant at 141 Mansion Ave. Great Kills). Cost: \$55 if received prior to May 28th; and \$70 afterwards. Check is to be made out to cash, bring to meeting or mail to Holy Family Rectory, 366 Watchogue Rd. SI 10314, Attn: June Singles.

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CAMP

All Girls and Boys entering Grades 2nd through 9th are invited to attend a basketball camp held at the Cardinal Cooke Centre on 150 Nelson Ave. parking lot of St. Clare's Church.

Girls:

Session 1 June 22-26th
Session 2 June 29-July 3rd
Session 3 July 27-31st

Boys:

Session 1 July 6-10th
Session 2 July 13-17th
Session 3 July 20-24th

For further information call 718-980-CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

St. John Villa Academy is running a 7 week Camp beginning on June 29th up to and including Aug. 14th (Monday through Friday) for boys and girls from 5 to 12 years of age. There is an option for a 3 or 5 day program as well. Early Bird rates for payments on or before May 22nd. Early drop-off and late pick-up available. There are 2 swimming pools (lessons available), carnival rides, arts and crafts and much more. For information and/or registration call Mary Ellen at 718-447-4156 X 156. Or visit www.sjva.org.

ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL

St. Teresa's School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. Plans are being made which include an anniversary Mass and brunch sometime in Oct. and a dinner/dance in the Spring of 2016. All alumni and their parents can be part of this year-long celebration. Contact Brian Lyons at 917-921-1517.

TOURING TUESDAY IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre-K through 8th grade on Staten Island? Register to visit a Catholic School on **TOURING TUESDAY, June 2nd from 9 am to 11 am** or by appointment. **Touring Tuesdays** are universal Open Houses scheduled periodically throughout the school year at Catholic Elementary Schools across the Archdiocese of NY. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 718-667-5350 X1007.

UPCOMING BUS TRIP

Next casino trip is to the "Sands Casino" in Bethlehem PA. DATE: Thursday June 25th. Bus departs from the front of our Church at 9:00 am on that day. COST: \$36 back 25. If interested, call Agnes Davis at 718-494-5475.

ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. Boys and girls from age 2 and up are in need of being part of a family. Older parents and single women welcome. For further information call Barbara at 845-623-5277 from St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet, NY.

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION

As you know Cross Road Foundation has helped expectant and new mothers in need since 1987. We here at our parish give often to this cause; our Giving Tree and the Baby Bottle Campaign are all part of this. The organization is inviting all parishioners across Staten Island to their Annual Garden of Life Brunch and Fundraiser on Sun. June 7th at the Excelsior Grand at 11 am to 1 pm. At this brunch they will be honoring Rev. Msgr. Edmund J. Whalen. Tickets: \$30 per person, Children 12 and under \$25. RSVP 718-556-3474.



CONFIRMATION

This past Thursday, Ascension Thursday May 14th, 41 children from our School of Religion (CCD) received their Sacrament of Confirmation, conferred by the Most Rev. Peter Byrne, DD. Bishop of New York.



CONGRATULATIONS

Carmelo Agosta, Jordan Alfonso, Salvatore Azzarello, Hailey Basile, Salvatore Callari, Joseph Carristo, Anthony Cirvello, Michael Colaci, Gianna Collo, Christine Cuenca, Michael Delfino, Salvatore DeMartino, Joseph Ferrara, Samantha Ferraiuolo, Alexander Ferrer, Miguel Filores, Joseph Foresta, Jordana Graziano, Kevin Hernandez, Alexandra LaBarca, Alexandra Manzo, Vincent Mascolo, Isabella Mileo, Francesco Milito, Jenna Nargi, Alyssa Nelson, Jason Nonnemacher, Brianna Perez, Brittany Perez, Raphael Pollante, Jenna Ricci, Jessica Rios, Thadeius Rivera, Bianca Roman, Gabrielle Ryan, Michael Santa, Samantha Sollitto, Faith Turk, Judith Willis, Victoria Zeh and Jessica Zimmerman.

A special thanks to all their teachers, all their parents and the teacher aides and especially to our Director Sister Marcia.

THE NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT

Hear the Word of God with reverence. Proclaim it with Faith. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of "Dei Verbum", The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation Summit is on Saturday June 20th at the New York Catholic Center located at 350 E. 56th St. Manhattan. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Michael Francis Kilarcik, S.J. Rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy. All attending the summit will have a new insight on Sacred Scripture, so that they will appreciate the readings proclaimed at Mass, read the Bible frequently and pray with the Bible. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes a free box lunch. For registration and/or further information call 646-794-2692 or visit WWW.nyfaithformation.org.



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, Carol Divine, Jim and Maria 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.

YOU MEASURE THE SIZE OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENT BY THE OBSTACLES YOU HAD TO OVERCOME TO REACH YOUR GOALS!

