

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3RD, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY May 2nd:

5:00 pm Dana Marie & Anthony Mattera

SUNDAY May 3rd:

7:30 am Jaymee Anderson

9:00 am Patricia B. Merolo

10:30 am John Jablonski

NOON Deceased Members of DiLemmo Family

MONDAY May 4th:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Grace McGarry

TUESDAY May 5th:

7:15 am Jaymee Anderson

8:30 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

WEDNESDAY May 6th:

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

8:30 am Mary Granese

THURSDAY May 7th:

7:15 am In Thanksgiving Sofia Mae Dagdagon

8:30 am Special Intentions for Jim and Maria Gilhooly

FRIDAY MAY 8th:

7:15 am For All Mothers Living and Deceased

8:30 am Linda Badalamenti

SATURDAY MAY 9th:

8:00 am Salvatore D'Alessio

5:00 pm Salvatore and Libera Mazzella

SUNDAY MAY 10th:

7:30 am Millie Annunziato

9:00 am Living & Deceased Mothers of Langone,
Bonaguro, Spivey & Emerling Families

10:30 am Frances Sicari and Virginia Fonti

NOON All Living and Deceased Mothers 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.

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.

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 MAY 3RD:



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

JAYMEE ANDERSON

requested by your loving family Happy Birthday in Heaven.

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.

CCD PROGRAM

CCD 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.

COMMUNION PRACTICE:

For all Children: Tues. 4:00-5:30 pm

Children for 10:00 am Mass: Wed. 4:00-5:00 pm

Children for 11:30 am Mass: Thurs. 4:00-5:00 pm

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE:

Candidates Only: May 12th 6:30- 8:00 pm

MAY CROWNING

Sunday May 17th at the 12:00 Noon Mass

First Communion Children may wear their Communion clothes. All are welcome at this Mass.

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. 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

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage remain Christ-centered and fruitful. Sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



THIRD: Anthony LaPorta and Donna Jean Amerosa

FIRST: Michael Cannizzo and Diana DiNoto

Anthony Igneri and Danielle Cona

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Mother's Day Spiritual Mass Remembrance cards are available in the vestibule of our Church. A Novena of Masses will be said for the month of May.

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

HIS WORD TODAY

“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord and that he had spoken to him and how in Damascus He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.”

We probably remember the encounter of Saul with the Lord on the road to Damascus. We have little difficulty recalling that he wrote many letters to teach and encourage others in the faith. Many people choose one of the fourteen letters as their ‘favorite.’ Consider for a moment what would have happened if Paul was not welcomed into the apostolic community. What would have happened if Barnabas had not intervened in his behalf? Today, we are able to welcome others into our faith community. We can welcome back those who have been unchurched for a while. Unfortunately, we sometimes do not foster the unity which Jesus prayed for in John’s gospel. We are threatened by others who pray in a different language, embrace different religious customs. What a mistake was made until Barnabas intervened. What can we do to make someone feel part of our Church community?



GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares Himself to a vine, and compares His Father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from Himself, His followers could not bear fruit.

BAPTISM

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into the Church and our parish family the following children who were baptized during the month of April:

Alistaire Kalel Z. Cendana, Daniel Dennis Guidone and Emma Marie Guidone.

Congratulations to the happy parents! Let us all pray and be mindful of our serious obligation to bring up these children in the practice of the faith.

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 **\$54,155.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal, from **239** families. We are now at **76%** of goal.

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. May 10th is the next Mass.

FULFILLMENT OF YOUR EASTER DUTY

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS SCHEDULE

4055 Victory Blvd. 718-761-6660

Mon., Wed. and Fridays:	7:30 am
Saturday-Vigil:	5:00 pm
Sundays:	8:00 am and
11:00 am	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

An invitation is open to all parishioners to attend the upcoming **Town Hall Meetings**. Topic: The merger of the parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of Pity. Father John and members of the implementation committee will be present at both places to discuss this merger of our parishes. They will answer any question or concern you may have.

DATES:

Mon. May 4th at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall

Tues. May 5th at 7:30 pm at O. L. of Pity Parish Gym

You are invited to attend one or both of these meetings.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the newly married couples in our parish during the month of April:

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Imbasciani (Tiffany M. LaDuca)

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew E. Pinkston (Lisa Marie LaBruzzo)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 9TH:

5:00 pm M/M R. Geronimo

SUNDAY MAY 10TH:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am M/M V. Violetta

10:30 am M/M E. Boccieri

NOON M/M G. Mannino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 9TH:

5:00 pm Daniels

SUNDAY MAY 10TH:

7:30 am M. Ponterella

9:00 am P. Magliocco

10:30 am S. Bilardi

NOON I. Bialza

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY MAY 9TH:

5:00 pm C. & E. Baria – M. Tubay

SUNDAY MAY 10TH:

7:30 am M. Santa – M. Zerega – J. Bosco

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

10:30 am R. Whalen – J. Venditto – J. Inigo

H. Bailey

NOON N. Lopez – L. & S. DeMartino

D. Pangilinan

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.

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

Mon. May 11th Golden Age will be going to the "Golden Nugget" casino. Bus departs from in front of the Church at 9 am. Cost: \$36.00, back 25. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475.



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Members of the Cross Road Foundation will be visiting our Church the weekend of May 2-3rd handing out "Baby Bottles". Since 1987 they have been helping women facing unplanned pregnancies with the positive alternatives to abortion. The funds from these Bottles will be used to help expectant and new mothers on Staten Island. Please be prepared to return them the following weekend May 9-10th.

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.

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.

ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL

St. Teresa's School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. Plans are being made which includes 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.

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.**

ANNUAL HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Members of our Holy Name Society will be in the vestibule of our Church for the next few weekends selling tickets for their Communion Breakfast to be held on May 17th, following the 9:00 am Mass. **Cost:** Adults \$15.00, children ages 7-12 \$5.00, children under 7 free. Deadline for tickets purchasing is May 9th. For further information call Steve at 347-861-0316.

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

REST IN PEACE

Let us pray for our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors and for those who are most forgotten. Sympathies of our parish are extended to the families of those whose loved ones were buried from Our Lady of Pity in April:

Christine Cascone and Antoinette DiAngelo

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 on Mon. -Fri. Last date to register is Tues. May 19th.

MERCY DRIVE INC.

If you are interested in becoming a Direct Support Professional and need further information call 718-798-2158. Mercy Drive is non-profit and provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Some personal care and light housekeeping is involved. Mandatory fingerprinting is necessary. Compensation for your services is \$10 to \$13.25 per hour, depending on education and experience.

INTERESTED IN A RETREAT

San Alfonso Retreat House located on 755 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ has singles and couples retreats throughout the year. They are presenting a 2015 National Film Retreat "Love in the Movies" beginning on Fri. Aug. 28th to Sun. Aug. 30th. A stipend of \$250 includes the films, accommodations, all meals, plus a 32 page workbook. Retreat house is located on the oceanfront. If interested, call 732-222-2731 X14.



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, Ann and Angela Recker, Margaret Ryan Galeto, 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.

**NO ONE CAN MAKE YOU FEEL INFERIOR
WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION!**