

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 23RD, 2014**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND:

5:00 pm Dana Marie and Anthony Mattera

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD:

7:30 am Bunny Howley
9:00 am Costabile and Vincenzia Comunale
10:30 am Maria Tedesco
NOON Frank Riso, Lucy D'Orlando and Joseph DeMeglio

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners
8:30 am For Canization of Rev. Joseph Kentenich

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH:

7:15 am In Thanksgiving for all our Blessings
8:30 am For the Success of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH:

7:15 am Rev. John E. Mercer
8:30 am Francesco Baldassarre
7:30 pm For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH:

7:15 am Anthony Istrico
8:30 am Alfred and Amalia Rossi

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH:

7:15 am For World Peace
8:30 am Gloria Creazzo

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH:

8:00 am Marie T. Merola
5:00 pm Frank and Jennie Monforte

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH:

7:30 am Anna Miqueli
9:00 am Lucille Gargana
10:30 am Giustina and Louis Facciolo
NOON Rev. John E. Mercer

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.**



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 23RD:



The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINES** this week are in:
THANKSGIVING TO PADRE PIO
requested by J. M.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of:
KATHLEEN NICHOLSON
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

Father John and Father Mendis have set aside 3 days for **Advent Confessions for our CCD children.** Grades 3 to 7 will have confession during class time. Dates are:

December 2nd, 9th and 10th

We thank all our children for participating in the Thanksgiving Food Drive this year. It is a holy thing to help those who are less fortunate than our selves.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will be held Mon. through Fri. from 12 to 4:30 pm in St. Christopher's Church, Midland Ave. Each Wednesday from 3 to 4 pm is dedicated to praying for vocations. For further information call 718-351-2452.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society of our parish is holding its Christmas Brunch on Sunday December 7th at Z-Two's Diner (2955 Veterans Rd. West). Price: \$35.00 per person, children ages 7 to 12 - \$15.00, 7 years old or under free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses, or by calling Steve at 347-861-0316 or Gene at 718-979-6919.

RICHMOND DIVISION

The annual retreat for the Holy Name Societies on Staten Island will be held this year on Jan. 17, 2015 (snow date January 31) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Rev. Thomas Devery will be the spiritual leader. Day starts with Mass at 9 am, continental breakfast at 10:15 am, discussion at 11 am, lunch at 12:30 pm, final discussion at 1:30 pm. Cost; \$25 per person. Reservations will be accepted for all of November. Call Steve at 347-861-0316.

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.

HIS WORD TODAY

“I Myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend My sheep... I Myself will pasture My sheep. I Myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal...shepherding them rightly... ‘Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of Mine, you did for me.’”

We claim allegiance to a Shepherd King, Jesus Christ. On this final Sunday of the Church's year of grace, we profess our faith in the One who is the center of our lives. How often the parables spoke of the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God as Jesus taught His disciples the way to the Father. He came to establish His Kingdom.

Today the image of the shepherd caring totally for the flock is what Jesus is for us and the Church, His Kingdom on earth, and what it does in her ministry. The works of mercy, the norms at the time of judgment reflect the role of the kingdom and the life of its members.

Who among us is not aware of the hungry seeking our help, the homeless asking for some useable and warm clothing as winter approaches, people thirsting for love, care and compassion either living alone or in rehab or in an institution. An immigrant seeking acceptance, an ex-offender seeking a job, these are the sheep who need the Shepherd and we are the means the Lord wishes to use to make His Kingdom real.

Last spring, the news featured the future King of England Prince George capturing hearts on his visit to Australia. It will be interesting to see how he grow into his role. The Kingdom of Jesus Christ cannot wait to see, but needs to act upon what we really know right now. The Kingdom of God is....



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since He is present in all people, whatever they do to **“one of my least brothers” they do to Him; and whatever they fail to do to His “Least,” they fail to do to Him.**



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.

MISA DE GALLO

The Misa de Gallo is a Filipino tradition of preparing for Christmas by a Novena of Masses honoring Our Lady. It has been decided by the Filipino community that they would split the Masses up at various parishes. Our Special Novena Mass will be held on Thurs. Dec. 18th at 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

The next Bible Study, lead by Sister Marcia, will be on **“Mary in the Bible”** beginning on Jan. 12th and running for eight (8) weeks. **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** is a Catholic Bible study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Sessions will be held on Mon. evenings at 7:30 pm and Wed. mornings at 9:30 am. Cost is \$30. Register at the rectory.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo – J. Almero

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30th:

7:30 am R. Colella – J. Carluzzo

9:00 am T. Hanley – V. Laperuta

10:30 am M/M D. Marro

NOON M. Bonamo – M. Martino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30th:

7:30 am D. Konczynski

9:00 am S. Kely

10:30 am R. Rose

NOON N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th:

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30th:

7:30 am J. Forsta – J. Carristo

9:00 am C. Baria – J. Inigo – J. Gonzalez

10:30 am R. Whalen – J. Flood – J. Tangco

C. Rodriguez

NOON J. Venditto – N. Lopez - D. Pangilinan

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want”. Do we know what He asks of us in our Sacrament of Marriage? Find out on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates and further information call toll-free 877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD: William DeFazio and Brianna Russo

SECOND: Eric Naylor and Amanda Venturi

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It's that time of year again when we start thinking of the people that need our help. Please leave your non-perishables in the vestibule of the Church starting this week. Turkeys are not to be left in the Church. You can bring your turkeys to the rectory on Tuesday November 25th only.

ST. PAULS PUBLISHING

The Society of St. Paul at the Alba House on Victory Blvd. has a vacancy for a part-time sales assistant in its marketing department. Fluency in both English and Spanish, good computing skills and a pleasant phone manner are required. For a job application form, call Dora at 800-343-2522 from 1 pm to 5 pm, weekdays or email dora@stpauls.US.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thanksgiving is the time when more families come together than on any other day of the year. Although it occurs a full month before the official feast of the Holy Family, it is truly a holy family-time. It is a time when we put aside our daily distractions to celebrate our common gratitude for God's generosity. Often "Family" expands beyond the bonds created by blood, marriage and adoption to include others about whom we care.

The Mass of Thanksgiving for our parish family will be celebrated on **Wednesday evening Nov. 26th at 7:30 pm.** We will celebrate together the joy of giving thanks for all of God's good gifts to us. We invite all families to join in this great feast of our country.

This year especially we must thank God for sparing our country of any hardships. We pray for those from other parts of the world who suffered through many disasters this year. We pray for our servicemen who protect us and protect our freedom.

We wish all our parishioners, their families and friends a very safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father John, Father Mendis and Msgr. Mustaciolo

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to all our parishioners who have increased their offertory!! **Our Lady of Pity still needs your help!** There are envelopes in the vestibule of the Church for those who have not yet made a commitment to increase their donation. There is still time to commit to this project. By sharing and continuing to give, we are able to meet our increased financial obligations as you are all aware of. If at any time you have a problem meeting your initial increase, we understand. Once again thank you all for your generosity in the past and **May God Bless you all.**

ST. FRANCIS SINGLES CLUB (30's, 40's & 50's)

Their Christmas Party will be on Fri. Dec. 12th at the Manor Restaurant, 917 Manor Rd. Price: \$50.00. Checks made out to CASH and mailed to Holy Family Parish, Attn: Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Rd. SI, NY 10314.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sun. Dec. 7th 10-5 pm at Msgr. Farrell HS, Amboy Rd. Admission fee \$3.00 per person \$5 per family. A visit from Santa. Over 80 Vendors. Door prizes every hour. Homemade baked goods and raffle baskets.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Start the Christmas Season the old fashioned way! St. Peter's HS Seton Chorale/Glee Club Alumni present the 5th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church on Dec. 7th at 4 pm. Enjoy the much beloved "I Believe/Ave Maria" and many more. Tickets are \$10/\$15/\$20. For information call Wayne at 738-971-3267. For program ads call Theresa at 738-981-8047.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Memorial Christmas Trees that adorn the Church properties during the Christmas Season will be **lit by Cardinal Dolan on Saturday Dec. 13th.** The Cardinal will also celebrate the **5:00 pm Mass** on Dec. 13th. All are welcome to attend this very special occasion here at our parish.

Volunteer sheets are in the vestibule of the Church for getting the trees set up and then removed from our property. Dates for volunteering are the following remaining Saturdays: **Nov. 29 at 10 am; Dec. 6 at 10 am; and Jan. 10 at 10 am.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the US. It's grants improve education, support economic development and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society.

SOCCER PROGRAM

We welcome new "Soccer Stars" to Our Lady of Pity's Soccer Clinic held on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm in the gym. The Clinic is open to all children (boys and girls) from ages 8 to 12. If interested, call the rectory to sign up.

ELECTRONIC GIVING (Parish Pay Program)

This is an alternate means of supporting your parish instead of using the envelope system. This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you, the parishioner, to participate in this program. Log onto www.paritypay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

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, Josephine Cordaro, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Margaret Ryan Galeoto, Nicole Giambrone, Donna Hazen, John Hudson, Vanessa McIntosh, Ralph Moceo, Maria Scaglione 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.

PEOPLE WITH HUMILITY DON'T THINK

*LESS OF THEMSELVES, THEY JUST THINK OF
THEMSELVES LESS!*