

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29th, 2015**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th
5:00 pm Dana Marie & Anthony Mattera

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29th:
7:30 am Vinny Galiano
9:00 am Stefano Fazio
10:30 am Maria Tedesco
NOON Mary & Louis Iacoponi

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30th:
7:15 am Fr. John Mercer
8:30 am Delano Cowan

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1st:
7:15 am Colleen P. Barry
8:30 am Angelo & Josephine Marmo

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2nd:
7:15 am For All Parishioners
8:30 am Robert Cascone

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3rd :
7:15 am Anthony & Rose Ballarino
8:30 am Orlando Marrazzo

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th :
7:15 am For All Parishioners
8:30 am Maureen & Jim Beale

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5th:
8:00 am Guiseppe Abate
5:00 pm Vincent Pollis

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th:
7:30 am Jeanette Martino & Peter Liggio
9:00 am John J. Beale
10:30 am Jason Ravelo
NOON Paul & Mary Cataldo

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th:
5:00 pm Helen Wilson

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29th:
8:00 am Kathleen O'Brien – 3rd Anniversary
11:00 am Billy Sawicki

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2nd:
7:30 am Mary Clarkin & Margaret McGrath

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th:
7:30 am Hermania Manaluz

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5th:
5:00 pm Jeanette Tatar

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th
8:00 am Robert Merlino
11:00 am Marion & Lou Tolas

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29th:



The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of
DOROTHY SPIEZIA
requested lovingly by her daughter Linda Buttacavoli

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of
REV. MSGR. ROBERT MAZZIOTTI
requested by his family



Anyone wishing to offer a memorial of Wine, Host or
Sanctuary Lamp in memory of their loved ones or any
intention at either church, please contact the
respective rectory Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM – 4 PM.

ADVENT SEASON

During this Advent Season as we celebrate the new
relationship between God and his people, may that be
mirrored in our renewed relationships with spouses,
children, family and those near and dear to us.

May we speak tenderly to each other amidst all the rush of
the season and transform shopping days til Christmas into
the true "Advent of Christ."

MORNING DEVOTIONS



Following weekday 7:15 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity:
Recitation of the Rosary. On First Fridays only there is
the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy
Hour. On Saturday following the 8 am Mass, novena
prayers are said.

At St. Anthony of Padua there is recitation of the
rosary and devotions after the weekday 7:30 am
Masses.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH



This week's Wine and Host is being offered in
memory of:

ROSE KISSEL

Requested by Vinnie, Diane & Family



This week's Sanctuary lamp is being offered in
memory of:

BILLY SAWICKI

Requested by the Family



GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

**HIS WORD TODAY
First Sunday of Advent**

“May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the holy ones.”

We end a month and begin a new season of prayer. The advent season rushes upon us, and in the coming weeks we will be filled with activity, busyness and excitement, recalling the birth of Christ and anticipating His coming to us each and every day. The words of instruction of the scripture can be the word of greeting on the cards you write and receive, as it reflects a wish, not just for Christmas, but our task for every day of advent. Words like “overflow” or “strengthen,” “blameless” and “holy” mark our approach to this season of joy and peace.

May the first gift you receive or give be for yourself, to take a few minutes each day in quiet prayer, telling the Lord what your desire is for this season of preparation. Those few minutes can be the source of internal peace and the comfort we need, in order to recognize the presence of the One who is to come.

Don't let advent become a “lost season” but a great opportunity to reflect on the incarnation and our need for Christ's coming today.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Lady of Pity: Second Sunday of the month Mass at 10:30 am; that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony of Padua: Second Sunday of every month at 8:00 am Mass, meeting follows Mass.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

Our Lady of Pity Rosary Altar Society: Mass First Sunday of every month at 9:00 am and that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony of Padua Ladies Auxiliary: Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

NOTE TO ALL ST. ANTHONY PARISHIONERS

If you attend Mass at either church, you can drop your weekly envelope(s) in the collection and it will be sent to the site where you are registered.

**OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
MASS SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 5th:
5:00 pm	J. Salcedo – M O'Brien
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6th:
7:30 am	B. Madaio –M. Madaio
9:00 am	V. Laperuta-J. Porto
10:30 am	D. Marro-F. Marro
NOON	M. Terracino-N. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	DECEMBER 5th:
5:00 pm	M. Salcedo
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6th:
7:30 am	I. Bialza
9:00 am	D. Konczynski
10:30 am	S. Bilardi
NOON	N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 5th:
5:00 pm	C. Baria-E. Baria-J. Inigo
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6th:
7:30 am	C. Rodriguez-J. Tangco-M. Zerega
9:00 am	J. Flood-J. Clyne-J. Bosco
10:30 am	R. Whalen-J. Flood-D. Boniface-A. Boniface
NOON:	J. Venditto-L. DeMartino-S. DeMartino

ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH

We cordially invite all parishioners from St. Anthony of Padua's Church to join any of the groups at Our Lady of Pity. Following are the group titles and days they meet:

Golden Age	Tues. 12-3 pm	Parish Center
Legion of Mary	Thurs. 7:00 pm	St. Jude Chapel



**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OUR LADY OF PITY – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.**

Mark your calendar: Sunday, December 20th at the noon Mass at Our Lady of Pity Church.

There will be two rehearsals:

Wednesday: Dec. 16th @ 6:00 pm following CCD Class
Friday: Dec. 18th @ 4:30 pm
Both rehearsals will be held in Our Lady of Pity Church.

Confession schedule for Religious Education 2015

Mon.	Dec. 7 th	4:00 pm	grades 3-4-5
Tues.	Dec. 15 th	4:00 pm	grades 3-4-5
		6:30 pm	grades 6-7
Wed.	Dec. 16 th	4:00 pm	grade 2 1 ST CONFESSION
Thurs.	Dec. 17 th	4:00 pm	grade 2 1 ST CONFESSION

December 8th is a holy day of obligation of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Masses for the children will be at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Parents are welcome to join us. Dismissal will be from the church.



PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Lady of Pity Christmas Giving Tree will stand in the vestibule of our Church for the next two weekends starting Nov. 28th. It is a reminder to us all that many families are in need again this year. Our volunteers spend numerous hours writing tags with "WISH LIST" from many organizations on Staten Island and for our own parishioners who we know are in need. You are invited to remove a tag, purchase the gift item written on the tag, wrap the gift and place the original tag on the package. Return it to the giving tree on the date listed on the tag. Thank you for your generosity.



JOIN THE CHOIRS

New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to the organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses. **The Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday at 8 pm in the Parish Center. **The Youth Choir** have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center. For information call our Music Director Ron at 347-770-3477. **Choir at St. Anthony of Padua** meets on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Church. New members are always welcome.



Sister Marcia will be having a spring bible study on Matthew. Dates to follow.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses..." Be strengthened in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 16-18. For more information go to www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME EXT 3.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

Thursday – December 10, 2015 at Our Lady of Pity Church 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Special Guest Speaker Fr. B. McWeeney. The theme for our spiritual evening is the "Year of Mercy." Fr. McWeeney will share the Holy Father's announcement of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year and the importance for all of us to live the words of the Lord, "Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful." Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by December 7, 2015 – Sr. Marcia

SRI LANKEN MASS

Each Sunday at 6:00 pm here at Our Lady of Pity Fr. Mendis holds a Sri Lankan Mass. All are welcome.

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 either Church for at least 3 months or be known by one of the priests. Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

There will be a special needs Mass at St. Joseph-St. Thomas, Staten Island, NY at 2:30 pm every 2nd Sunday of the month. Entrance to the parking lot is off McGuire Ave

OUR LADY OF PITY/ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sunday, December 6, 2015, 10:30am – 2:30 pm at Z-TWO Restaurant, 2925 Veterans Road West, SI, NY Adults \$35, Children 7 to 12 \$15, Under 7 FREE, Pancakes & waffles/French toast/sausage and bacon/omelette station/scrambled eggs/home fries/muffins/bagels/penne vodka/mussels, clams & calamari/sliced steak/chicken francaise/vegetables/unlimited soda, bloody mary & mimosa
Gene: 718-979-6919 or duoplg64@aol.com



Join fellow parishioners at the Christmas Show on December 16th. Departure from Our Lady of Pity parking lot. At 8:00 am. COST:\$145.00 Includes : Four Course Meal at Da Nico – Little Italy, Bus, and Show (Orchestra Seats). The show begins at 11:00 am so there is time for you to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. For information and reservation call Agnes Davis. 718-494-5475





**CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

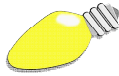
We are in the process of ordering Christmas trees that adorn our properties during the Christmas and New Year seasons. You may order one in memory of your loved one, in dedication to someone, or with personal family Christmas greetings. To purchase a tree, you may drop the flyer off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Additional flyers are in the rear of the Church.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sat. Nov. 28th @ 10:00 am Set up trees & wiring
Sat. Dec. 5th @ 10:00 am Place lights on trees
Sat. Jan. 16th @ 10:00 am Removal of trees

If you wish to volunteer for any or all of the above you can call Mike Fazio @ 917-560-0235 or e-mail him @ mikefaziosr@gmail.com to leave you name and phone # with him.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Many parishioners have been asking when we are lighting the trees. We are happy to announce that Bishop O'Hara will be lighting the trees this year. We are celebrating this event on Saturday, December 12th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. What an honor once again for our parish to have a Bishop lighting the Christmas trees. After the tree lighting we invite all present to our parish center for light refreshments.

"MISA DE GALLO"

Our parish, along with the Filipino community, cordially invites you to celebrate the Misa de Gallo – Christmas Novena Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Filipino tradition of preparing for Christmas) at 8 p.m. on December 15, 2015 at St. Charles Church. The schedule for Novena Masses at other parishes are:

Wed. Dec. 16th Sacred Heart Church
Thurs. Dec. 17th Blessed Sacrament Church
Fri. Dec. 18th St. Sylvester's Church
Sat. Dec. 19th St. Rita's Church
Sun. Dec. 20th Holy Rosary Church
Mon. Dec. 21st St. John Neumann's Church
Tues. Dec. 22nd Our Lady of Pity Church
Wed. Dec. 23rd St. Peter's Church

Midnight Mass – Dec. 24th will be held at St. Paul's Church.

For any questions or suggestions please call 917-609-4830.

BLESSED ARE WE WHO CAN LAUGH AT OUR SELVES....FOR WE SHALL NEVER CEASE TO BE AMUSED!



NEEDY MOTHERS PROGRAM

We are in need of baby items: strollers, high chairs, seats, baby wash etc.. Also newborn and gently used baby clothes to size 24 months and childrens sizes up to size 16. Also women's toiletries. Please bring items on Tuesday 12:00 to 4:00pm to: 2187 Victory Blvd. next to Alba House Chapel. Needy mothers@aol.co

ADOPTION?

Baby girls and boys in China need homes for both infants and toddlers. Older parents and singles are welcome. For further information call Barbara from St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet, New York, at 845-623-5277

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

A Contemporary circle of men and women in their 30s, 40s, and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome. Meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd., SI, NY

Friday, December 11th @ 7:30 – 11:00 pm for their 15th Annual Christmas Party at Crown Palace, 201 New Dorp Lane, SI NY Please bring a new unwrapped toy for a child 3 – 14 yrs. \$35 pp or \$45 if received after Dec. 4th

For more information visit our website: www.sqspsi.org, or email sfcssi@gmail.com

**MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Sunday, December 6, 2015 – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. A visit from Santa, 80 plus vendors, grand prize raffle and door prizes every hour, homemade baked goods and raffle baskets. Admission: \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. 2900 Amboy Rd., S.I., NY

MOORE CATHOLIC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm \$1.00 Admission, Raffles, Vendors, D.J., Christmas Carollers, Santa's Café, Handmade crafts.

BENEFIT DINNER

FOR SCHOENSTATT SISTERS OF MARY

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at LiGrecis Staaten, 697 Forest Ave., \$60. per person Seating is limited to 150 people. RSVP by November 18th to sister Marcia @ 718-494-0308 or Schoenstatt sisters @718-727-8005.

Payment due by Friday, November 27, 2015 to the Schoenstatt sisters of Mary, 337 Cary Ave. 10310 or drop off at Our Lady of Pity rectory. There will be a 50/50 raffle and various themed baskets to be raffled.

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Due to the Christmas holiday for this month only, we will hold our baptisms on the third Sunday, December 20th, at 1:30 pm.



CHRISTMAS IN THE POCONOS

“A Christmas Holiday Lobster Feast”

Wednesday, December 9th thru Friday, December 11th
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

2 nights hotel accommodations at Best Western Inn, Matamoras, PA (indoor pool. Lounge, restaurant..

Christmas Holiday Day Fest at your hotel Wednesday.
Shopping at the Crossings Premium Outlets on Thursday.

Lobster Feast Thursday night – menu to include lobster, crab legs, fresh clams, mussels, shrimp, scallops, crab cakes, calamari, salmon, prime rib, ham, chicken marsala, ribs and more...All you can eat!
Friday spend the day at Mount Airy Casino.

Double Occupancy \$415 per person

Bus departs at 8:00 am from 134 Sommer Ave. SI,NY
For information and reservations contact: Lena Magliocco at 718-761-8216

GOLD STAR POST GOLDEN JACKPOT RAFFLE

The Gold Star Post drawing for the Jackpot has been postponed until December, as all of the 200 tickets have not been sold. Each ticket is \$50 and the prizes are \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$500 (prizes may vary if all tickets are not sold)

Tickets can be purchased by calling:

Ed Matuziak (718) 698-0237

“BABY SHOWER”

BENEFITTING GOOD COUNSEL HOME

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, 326 Hart Ave., SI,NY 10310, Good Counsel Homes are in need of diapers & baby wipes. Hart & Soul is hosting a “Drive-by” and “Drop-off” Baby Shower – Please consider donating one or more packs of diapers (newborn to size 6, preemies to pull-up and/or baby wipes). If you would like to donate but can’t deliver, contact “Hart & Soul” and they will pick up your donation. Contact Loretta Mango Drogan 347-623-4682 e-mail ldrogon@yahoo.com or Angela Mango Leibold 718-966-4101 Please call before Dec. 2nd for pick-ups.

ST. ANTHONY’S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the NOVEMBER “50/50” drawing are available in the back of St. Anthony’s church. The fee is \$5 per envelope and you can enter as many times as you wish.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Place nonperishable food items in a bag and place them in the back of St. Anthony Church. Thank you and God Bless!



ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS

Dates: December 10th - Tropicana
December 30th - Resorts
January 4th - Golden Nugget

Bus departs at 9:00 am from the front of Our Lady of Pity Church. COST: \$38.00, return 25.00. This is the same for all casinos. For information and reservations call Agnes at 718-494-5475.



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, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Paul Davis, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Frank Sanna, Ann Volpe, Annette McGoff, Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose.

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.

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.parishpay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

**“Compassion is language the deaf can hear
and the blind can see.”**

-Mark Twain

