

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2014



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH:

5:00 pm Joseph O'Brien

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH:

7:30 am Hilda Perez
9:00 am Rosa Fracchiolla and Her Sisters
10:30 am Reggie Rosado
NOON Luigi and Agusta Verdone

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners
8:30 am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH:

7:15 am Carmine Grasso
8:30 am Members of the D'Elia Family

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH:

7:15 am In Thanksgiving-Lilia Dagdagan
8:30 am For our Parishioners

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH:

7:15 am AnneMarie Manzi
8:30 am Francesco Baldassarre

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14TH:

7:15 am For All Deceased Priests and Religious
8:30 am In Celebration of the 60th Marriage
Anniversary of Ernestine and Luciano
Giallombardo

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH:

8:00 am Sam J. Langone and Gracelynn Langone
Sebiniana
5:00 pm Salvatore and Libera Mazzella

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH:

7:30 am Thomas Larsen
9:00 am Charles A. Lombino
10:30 am Carmelo Giallombardo
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.



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 9TH:



The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINES** are in:
THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY
requested by J. M.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last weekend's (November 1-2nd) collection was as follows:
Collection: \$ 10,730.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

FROM FATHER JOHN'S DESK

By now I'm sure you have heard of some of the changes occurring in the Archdiocese of New York. Specifically regarding the closing or merging of some parishes. Last Sunday a letter from the Cardinal was read at all the Masses to inform the people about the result of the study for the consolidation of some 60 churches. Some are scheduled to be closed, while others will be merged together in order to strengthen them for the future.

Our Lady of Pity parish is involved in this plan in so far as it relates to St. Anthony of Padua Church in Travis. The plan calls for St. Anthony of Padua to be merged with us. That is to say that our parish will certainly remain open going forward in the future. The hope is that the people of Travis will feel welcomed in coming to worship here with us.

I ask for your prayers for all of us as we follow the Lord's call to be one. Our parish has always been known for its hospitality and spirit. May our Lord and His Blessed Mother guide and protect us as we move into the future.

God Bless You for Your Kindness.



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 PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

YES there will be CCD classes on **Nov. 11th**

On Sunday Nov. 16th we will be holding the Confirmation Children's Mass at 10:30 am. All Sponsors are required to attend this Mass with the children.

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON DC

Join the Archdiocese of New York to a Pilgrimage to Washington DC, led by Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Sat. Nov. 15th. Experience a Day of Prayer at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the St. John Paul II National Shrine. For time and further information visit www.NYCatholicFaith.org.

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.

HIS WORD TODAY

"You are God's building. Thanks to the favor God showed me I laid a foundation as a wise master-builder might do, and now someone else is building upon it. Everyone, however, must be careful how he builds. No one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid, namely Jesus Christ.. Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

The church we reflect upon today, a major basilica in Rome, is called 'the mother of all churches of Rome and the world.' It has a special place in the history of the church.

We move from a physical building and are reminded by St. Paul that we too are temples of the Spirit. We are God's dwelling among His people. The words of John's gospel 'and the Word became flesh and He dwelt among us' speak not only of Mary and the Incarnation, but also of the reality, that God lives in and among us.

How meaningful as we read these words is the fact that the person sitting and praying next to us, is a temple of God's Spirit. How challenging for us to recognize the presence of the Lord in those of our family, those with whom we work. How beautiful we are as we reflect with Paul that 'I live, now, not I, but Christ lives in me.'

As we spend time in prayer, whether in a magnificent cathedral or humble chapel, the fact is that the Lord is present and that is what really matters. As we spend time with family and friends, and recognize the presence of the Lord in every individual that is what really matters. The next time we pass a church, may we remember that His dwelling is there and also with us. In the words of Oscar Romero, ***"Christ is the master builder, we are the ministers"***.



GOSPEL: John 2-13-22

Near the time of Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem and saw the temple had become a marketplace. He became angry and proceeded to drive out the vendors and livestock. Jesus spoke of destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days. The Jews did not know Jesus was speaking of His body, but when His resurrection from the dead came to pass, His disciples remembered what Jesus had said and came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

CONSIDERING A CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

Learn more about Catholic schools from grades Pre-K to 8th on Staten Island on **Touring Tuesday Nov. 18th from 9 to 11 am** or by appointment. To register for this event, call 718-667-5350 X1007.

FLOCKNOTE PRESENTATION

This weekend we will be introducing a new program from the NY Archdiocese. It allows the Cardinal to communicate directly with you, by Email or cell phone, of important information concerning the Church. Slips of paper are in the vestibule of the Church if you wish to join this program. You can either fill it in and hand it to our ushers, or take it home think about it and return it next weekend.

LETTERS TO OUR LOVED ONES LITURGY

November is the month when the Church remembers and prays for the dead. On **Sat. Nov. 15th at 10:30 am** we will celebrate a **special liturgy** for our deceased family and friends. Please join us for this **liturgical prayer service** and bring a **"Letter to a Loved One"**, which will be part of the liturgy. This is a letter to or a prayer for, a deceased friend, relative or loved one. Place your letter in a sealed envelope. All of the letters will be placed on the Altar during our service and then carried outside and burned. As the flames consume our pain, the smoke will carry our thoughts and prayers toward Heaven.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE OF STATEN ISLAND

Last weekend a representative for Respect Life, Mrs. Angela Leibold, was at our Church and spoke to everyone concerning the need for prayer. She wishes to thank our parishioners who committed to continue praying for unborn babies in danger of abortion. Your generosity to this program was deeply appreciated as well. The collection for this The Good Counsel Home for Needy Mothers and Babies on Staten Island amounted to \$750.00. Angela wishes to thank our volunteer woman who helped her distribute the prayer cards at Mass. **May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity toward the needy.**

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.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th:

5:00 pm A. Davis – I. Pastena

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th:

7:30 am M. Mendez – T. Hanley

9:00 am M/M D. Marro

10:30 am J. Carluzzo – J. Almero

NOON M/M E. Bocchieri

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th:

5:00 pm P. Magliocco

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th:

7:30 am M. Donadic

9:00 am R. Rose

10:30 am L. Buttacavoli

NOON S. Kelly

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th:

5:00 pm A. & D. Boniface – J. Venditto

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th:

7:30 am M. Tubay – J. Inigo

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

10:30 am N. Lopez – R. Whalen – L. & S. DeMartino

NOON R. Eckman – D. Pangilinan – J. Foresta

BUS TRIP TO MT. AIRY CASINO PA

Trip is on Wednesday November 12th. Cost: \$38, back 35. If interested, call Agnes at 718-494-5475.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” The Spirit of God dwells in our marriage Sacrament also. Learn tools to strengthen your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates and further information call toll-free 877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST: William DeFazio and Brianna Russo

OUR LADY OF PITY HOLY NAME SOCIETY

On Monday evening Nov. 10th at 7:45 pm in the Parish Center the members of our Holy Name Society will meet and invite all new men (young and older) to attend a meeting with the hopes of joining the group. The Holy Name Society members volunteer their time throughout the year in assisting with the many parish activities.

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.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Five Star Post American Legion will be holding a Veteran's Memorial Service on Veterans Day Tuesday Nov. 11th at 9:00 am at 900 South Ave. Staten Island. The service will be conducted in memory of our fallen comrades as well as those serving our country at this time. Richard and Lois Nicotra are hosting this, as well as offering refreshments at the Hampton Inn following the service. It would be a wonderful way to show our young grandchildren the sacrifices that were made for our freedom. Please join the American Legion members in showing respect to our servicemen and women.

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.

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

Next meeting will be held at Holy Family parish, on Thurs. Nov. 20th at 7:15 pm. Cost: \$10. A Thanksgiving Food collection will be taken at this meeting. Their Christmas Party will be on Fri. Dec. 12th at the Manor Restaurant, 917 Manor Rd. Price: 40 per person to be paid by Nov. 20th; \$50 afterwards. Checks made out to CASH and mailed to Holy Family Parish, Attn: Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Rd. SI NY 10314.

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 call Wayne at 738-971-3267. For program ads call Theresa at 738-981-8047.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

A letter from the office of the Cardinal, has confirmed that his Eminence Cardinal Dolan will come to Our Lady of Pity on Sat. Dec. 13th to celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass and following the Mass, he will preside over the Blessing & Lighting of our Memorial Christmas Trees. These trees donated in memory of the loved ones of our parishioners will remain lit each night until the feast of the Epiphany in January. All are invited to attend this Solemn Mass, in order to greet the Cardinal and to celebrate the lives of our loved ones memorialized on these holiday trees.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to all the families who decided to increase their offertory!! Increasing your offertory is like planting a seed in our Tree of Life. **Our tree is our parish.** Each and every one of our parishioners is the voice of our parish and our community. If everyone increases their giving and continues their promise, we will be able to have a brighter future. **Our Lady of Pity still needs your help!** By sharing and continuing to give, we will foster a better tomorrow. With your ongoing giving we are able to meet our financial obligations. **May God Bless you all.**

Electronic Giving (Parish Pay Program) 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sun. Dec. 7th 10-5 pm at Msgr. Farrell HS, Amboy Rd. Admission fee \$3.00 per person \$5 per family.

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, 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.

**WORRYING DOESN'T TAKE AWAY
TOMORROW'S TROUBLES IT TAKES AWAY
TODAY'S PEACE**