

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2015**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12:

5:00 pm Anthony Scandaglia

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH:

7:30 am Anthony and Anne Annunziato

9:00 am Dominick Condello

10:30 am Allison Cunningham

NOON Wanda Wroblewski

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Theresa Arculeo

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH:

7:15 am Judy Ciaravalli

8:30 am Procaccio Family

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH:

7:15 am Annamarie Kulaka

8:30 am Robert Diver

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH:

7:17 am Dorothy Ayala (Living)

8:30 am Stefano Adamo and Bessie Adamo

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH:

7:15 am Mariette Coffman

8:30 am Wanda Wroblewski

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH:

8:00 am Joseph and Josephine Sortta

5:00 pm Riccardo D'Elia

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH:

7:30 am James A. Slattery

9:00 am Ann Jablowski

10:30 am Concetta and Vincent Cordaro

NOON Joseph McGoff

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 12TH:

5:00 pm Paul Wicinski, Sr.

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 13TH:

8:00 am Paul Shovak

11:00 am Marian and Lou Tolas

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH:

7:30 am Michael Vecsi – 1st Anniversary in Heaven

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH:

7:30 am Rose Panuccio

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH:

7:30 am Leo Gniewkowski

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH:

5:00 pm Antoni Mieczkowski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH:

8:00 am Michael Vecsi

11:00 am Doris Tracy Driscoll - Anniversary

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

Rose Kissel

Requested by Vinnie, Diane, and family

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 13TH:



The **ALTAR BREADS & WINES** this week are in memory of
ROBERT FRANCESCHINI
requested lovingly by the family.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of
REV. JOHN E. MERCER
requested lovingly by the rectory staff.

The **MAIN ALTAR CANDLES** burn this week in memory of
LOUIS FIORE
requested by his children.

The **BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTER CANDLES** burn this
week in loving memory of
ANN MUSTACIUOLO AND CHARLOTTE LIGGIO
requested by Marie Bonamo and Mary Martino



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.



YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS

All are welcome to sing at Father John's Installation
Mass on Sunday, September 27th at 3:00 pm. If
interested, it is important to call Ron D'Albero, our
Music Director, at 347-770-3477, for details and to
reserve seating at the Mass.

INSTALLATION OF FATHER JOHN AS PASTOR

The Most Reverend John O'Hara, Auxiliary Bishop of New
York, will solemnly install **Father John Wroblewski** as
pastor of the new parish of Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of
Padua, on **Sunday, September 27th, 2015, at 3:00 pm.**
Following Mass there will be a reception in the parish
gymnasium. Everyone is invited for this happy occasion.
Kindly RSVP via the enclosed flyer or call the parish office
at 718-761-5421 so that we can plan for the food. You can
also call St. Anthony's Rectory at 718-761-6660.

MORNING DEVOTIONS



Following weekday 7:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity:
Recitation of the Rosary. On Fridays 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.

RCIA PROGRAM

The RCIA Program invites you to meet on Wed. at 7:30 pm
in Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. No registration
necessary. There is NO FEE for this program.

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the SEPTEMBER "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.

*NOTE TO ALL 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.

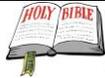
FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

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



SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19TH

Our Lady of Pity - St. Anthony of Padua Church will be holding its "Annual Family Day Picnic" on **Saturday September 19th** at Our Lady of Pity. The event begins at 11:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. All are invited - bring your family and friends. Many surprises for the children are planned for the day. Further details will follow in upcoming bulletins. **A volunteer sheet is set up in the vestibule of both Churches.**



GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus taught His disciples that as the Messiah, He had to suffer much, be put to death and rise 3 days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.

HIS WORD TODAY

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat well.' But you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself if it does not have works, is dead."

A prophet, some say is one who comforts the distressed and distresses the comfortable. St. James' letter should do just that. We can grill ourselves with questions of how I have wasted food just this week. I have outgrown clothes in my closet, how I have criticized the poor for being poor, without knowing the real cause.

Some say "I am a Catholic. I was baptized. Wonderful, but do I practice the faith, attending mass, receiving the sacraments, serving the needs of others? They are the things that Catholics do. I am a Catholic, but do I pay my employees a just wage, provide adequate heat to those who rent from me, do I send a meal to a home where someone is ill or grieving? That is what practicing Catholics do. Saint James' letter reminds us of the Archbishop in Brazil, who stated: "When I give bread to the poor, they praise me. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist." Pope Francis asks us, when we give a coin to a beggar, do we look him or her in the face? Do we fear touching them as we place the coin in their hand? Is Christ to be found in giver and receiver? Faith is real when accompanied by good works. Otherwise it is dead!

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.

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.

SRI LANKEN MASS

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

Father also asks that we donate toys and school supplies for the Sri Lanken children. Next Sunday Sept. 12-13th we will begin collecting them and Father will send them off to his country sometime in October. Thank you for always helping us out.

OUR LADY OF PITY SITE:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH:

5:00 pm J. Coraci – J. Porto

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH:

7:30 am B. Madaio – M. Madaio

9:00 am J. Almero – T. Hanley

10:30 am M. Terracino – N. Terracino

NOON M. Bonamo – M. Martino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 19TH:

5:00 pm Tricorico

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH:

7:30 am Daniels

9:00 am Donadic

10:30 am Buttacavoli

NOON Kelly

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH:

5:00 pm J. Inigo – H. Bailey – C. Baria – E. Baria

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH:

7:30 am M. Tubay – J. Tangco – M. Zerega

9:00 am J. Bosco – M. Maguire – I. Maguire

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

S. DeMartino

NOON J. Venditto – D. Pangilinan – C. Rodriguez

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 known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**



**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OUR LADY OF PITY – ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
REGISTRATION CLOSED AUGUST 31.**

PARENT MEETINGS - Sept. 16 and 17 at 7:30 pm in Our Lady of Pity Church. Choose whichever day is convenient for you.

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 28

All classes will be held at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY
A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**



This five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience. We will use DVDs of Dr. Edward Sri.

The classes, facilitated by Sister Marcia, will be held on Monday evenings 7:30-9:00 pm and Friday mornings at 9:30-11:00 am, starting the week of October 19, 2015 at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. Cost is \$20.00. Reservations can be made at the rectory 718-761-5421.

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 CLUB MEETINGS

Our Lady of Pity Rosary Altar Club: Mass First Sunday of every month at 9:00 am and that Monday is their meeting at 7:30pm 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. All are welcome.

JOIN THE CHOIRS



All Choir practices at Our Lady of Pity are suspended for the summer months. New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to the organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses.

The Adult Choir will begin practicing on Wednesday Sept. 16th at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

The Youth Choir will have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center beginning on September 30th. There has been a change in the Youth Choir Sunday. **Beginning on Sunday Oct. 18th the New Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity.** 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.

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
(Meetings resumes Sept. 29th)

Legion of Mary Thurs. 7:30 pm Church Chapel

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny Himself, take up his cross and follow Me." Marriage involves self-denial. Hear more about decisions to love that helps keep marriage strong on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go to www.wwme.org or call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).



CHINESE AUCTION

Once again our successful Chinese Auction will take place at Our Lady of Pity gym on Friday Oct. 16th at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.00, which includes tickets for prizes. The book of chances has remained the same in cost (\$15.00) as past years. Prizes: \$2,000, \$500, \$300. Chances will be available at St. Anthony of Padua Church (yellow basket in back of the church) and at the auction as well. Upon receipt of your Chance Books, either return them by mail, put them in the Sunday collection baskets or drop them off at one of the rectories. **All books are to be returned even if not taken.... Thank you for your generosity to this event.**

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.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

To Sands Casino – Date: Wed. October 7, 2015
9:00 am departure from in front of Our lady of Pity Church.
Cost: \$36. with \$25. back. Call Agnes at 718-494-5475

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 from 12 pm to 2 pm at the South Fin Grill, 300 Fr. Capodanno Blvd. & the Dolphin Fountain.

Considering a Catholic High School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Staten Island Catholic High Schools? Join us for our information day where we will be available to share TACHS information. Academic programs, The Road to College Success, Open House dates, and showcase our students and our Catholic High Schools. To RSVP please call (718) 667-5350 ext. 1007

SOCCER PROGRAM

There will be a Soccer Clinic once again at Our Lady of Pity Site run by Mr. Raul Maturana for children ages 7-11. 20 sessions: from Wed. Sept. 9 through Sat. Nov. 14. Wed. at the gym 7:30-8:30 pm; Sat. time and place to be determined. There will be a \$50.00 registration fee for each child attending the clinic. Watch for upcoming flyer.

UPCOMING TRIP OF POPE FRANCIS...

Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua Parish has been allotted 26 tickets for the Papal Mass at Madison Square Garden, Friday September 25th at 6:00 p.m.

If you wish to enter the lottery for tickets for the Pope's Mass please put your name, address, and phone number on the index card by the boxes in the rear of both churches. Winners will be drawn on Monday September 14th. Please be aware you must take public transportation to the Mass and be able to walk.

SCHEDULE: 2015 POPE FRANCIS VISIT

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to New York as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015.

Thursday, September 24

- 5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, September 25

- 8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly
- 11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- 4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN PHILADELPHIA September 22-25, 2015

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

The World Meeting of Families will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia from Tuesday-Friday, September 22-25, 2015.

Pope Francis will visit at the close of the Congress September 26-27. For information about attending either event see <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org>

PREPARING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Reflect upon these themes from the Love Is Our Mission preparatory text to help deepen your understanding of the Church's beautiful teachings on the family:

- **Creating the Future:** Children are the future of the world and of the Church. Through marriage, we are called to be fertile and multiply, reflecting God's love by building up our own domestic churches..
- **All Love Bears Fruit:** Regardless of whether or not we are called to marriage, every life created by God is meant to be fruitful and to trust in god, and to treat those we meet with love, mercy, patience, generosity, and service.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 3, 2015 Hilton Garden Inn, S. I. Cost \$100 per person Includes: Show, Dinner, Wine & Soda, Dessert. Contact: Deacon Joe Rentkowski 718-727-4567.

REMINDERS TO ALL PARISHIONERS

1. On Sunday September 27th there will be NO 12 pm Mass. The late Mass will be at 3:00 pm for our Pastor Father John's installation. A reception will follow, all are invited.
2. Due to the fact that some parishioners forgot that we open the new Mass Book every year on the Tues. after Labor Day, we are adding an opening day on Monday Sept. 14th after the 8:30 morning Mass in the Parish Center.

CYM YOUTH FEST

October 17, 2015, at Moore Catholic High School, 10 am to 5 pm. Featuring Father Augustino Torres, CFR. Talk, skits, music, dancing performance. Bishop Peter J. Byrne will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm. "My favorite part of CYM Youth Fest was listening to all of the stories and how God changed their lives." – Guadalupe. "I liked when we heard the band, the rappers and the skit." – Michael. "There's nothing not to like." – Lucero

BINGO

St. John Villa Academy Alumnae Association Bingo Fundraiser, Friday, September 18 in the High School Cafeteria located at 25 Landis Avenue. Doors open at 7 pm. Total cost is \$20 (\$10 admission and \$10 gift certificate in a gift bag) which includes bingo boards, coffee and cake; water and soda will be sold or you can bring your own food. Raffles, lucky bingo balls and 50/50 will also be sold. Reservations are strongly advised. For more information, please contact Toni Ann Tobin at sjvaasketauktion@gmail.com

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Welcome Back Mass and Wine & Cheese Social

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, SI 10314, on Thursday, September 24, 7:15 pm. Join us as we anoint a new SFCS season with the celebration of Mass at Holy Family. Confessions will be heard from 6:45-7:15. Mass will begin at 7:30. A wine and cheese social will follow in the lower level of the church where we'll mingle and enjoy one another's company. Cost: \$10 appreciated. For more information, check our website: www.sqspsi.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com.



PIG ROAST

At Trattoria Romana Restaurant, 1476 Hylan Blvd. SI Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Includes: Salad, Pizza, Pig Roast, Potatoes, Broccoli Rabe, Desert, Coffee, Tea, Soda & Cash Bar. Cost: \$50 per person in advance
Contact: Deacon Joe Rentkowski 718-727-4567.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH FR. BRENDAN T. GORMLEY

Listening to our Blessed Mother, September 26th (Saturday) in the Msgr. Glynn Center from 9 am – 3pm.
Mini Breakfast & lunch. Adults - \$20 - Teens-\$10
RSVP To Rectory @ Holy Family, 366 Watchogue Rd. by Sept. 16th (718) 761-6663.

2015 THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The Church recognizes the life of the **hermit** by which a person devotes his or her life to the praise of God and the salvation of the world through a greater than usual withdrawal from the world, the silence of solitude, and prayer and penance. The hermit publicly professes to live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience through a bishop, and lives an individualized program of prayer under his direction.

An **anchor** or **anchorite** is a hermit who lives solitude in the middle of a city with a close connection to parish life. Their mission is devoted to the praise of God and petitioning for the fullness of the Kingdom of God on earth. Their apostolate is connected to the liturgy, intercessory prayer, and Eucharistic adoration.

The people living this vocation are more numerous than one would expect, but because of their low profile, are not publicly known. They are praying for our needs. Let us pray for them.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION'S FALL FASHION SHOW

The Cross Road Foundation will be holding its 22nd Annual Fall Fashion Show & dinner on Thursday evening, October 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7:00 pm. The theme for the evening will be, "Mamma Mia". Tickets for the event are \$65 per person. This includes dinner, musical entertainment and a show of fashions from local boutiques. There will also be gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Please call 718-556-3474 to RSVP by September 24th. Proceeds from this event will go to help expectant and new mothers in need on Staten Island.

50TH H.S. REUNION

Class of 1965 & 1966
New Utrecht H.S.
Contact Angela Sutura @ 718-984-0827 for information

BAPTISM

St. Anthony of Padua had their monthly Baptism on August 9th. We welcome into the Church the following children:

Andrew William Bulcroft, Lucas Quejroga and Christopher Wachholtz, Jr.

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



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.

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.

RALLY

For the complete defunding of Planned Parenthood and for a complete investigation of this organization.

DATE: September 17, 2015
TIME: 1:00 p.m./ to 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Planned Parenthood
23 Hyatt Street
Staten Island, NY 10301

We call upon the New York Attorney General and federal authorities. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present!

For more info, please call The Staten Island Right to Life League (646) 662-3914

NEEDY MOTHERS PROGRAM

We are in need of baby items: strollers, high chairs, seats. Also newborn and gently used baby clothes to size 12 months. Please bring items on Tuesday 12:00 to 4:00pm to: 2187 Victory Blvd. next to Alba House Chapel.
Needy mothers@aol.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Sept. 23-Nov. 1, 2015

This fall's "40 Days for Life" campaign will be held Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, 2015. "40 Days for Life" is a peaceful, highly focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Since 2007 at least 10,331 unborn children have been saved from abortion during "40 Days for Life" campaigns, and 60 abortion facilities have closed. To learn more visit: www.40daysforlife.com

"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand"

-Mother Teresa

