

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH, 2015



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH:

8:00 pm For Newly Baptized and Confirmed

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH:

7:30 am Langone, Bonaguro, Spivey and Emerling Families

9:00 am Lenny Ingrassia

10:30 am Fred Gambale

NOON For Our Parishioners

MONDAY APRIL 6TH:

7:15 am Michael and Margaret Vuotto

8:30 am Luigi DeBenedictis

TUESDAY APRIL 7TH:

7:15 am Lanuevo Family

8:30 am John Bonamo

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am John Bonaguro

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH:

7:15 am Mary and Mr. Granese

8:30 am John Marro

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH:

7:15 am Kathy Manzi

8:30 am Salvatore Gerardi

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH:

8:00 am Mary Cerrati

5:00 pm Frances Cesario

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH:

7:30 am Anthony J. Annunziato

9:00 am Virginia LaRocco

10:30 am Frank Riso, Lucy DeOrlando and Joseph DeMeglio

NOON Joseph McGoff

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.



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 March:

Theresa A. Arias, Samuel J. Cirincione, Anne DiDomenico, Gerard J. DiResta, Ann Intorcchia, Merlita Z. Olivares, Dianne Rivera, Rebecca M. Soriano and Armida B. Tesoriero.



FLOWER ENVELOPES

The flowers that adorn our Church at Easter are a tribute and a memorial to the loved ones of our parish families, who have been called home to God. Their names remain in the Sanctuary as a tribute to and a remembrance of them.



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 5TH:

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of:
SALVATORE GERARDI
requested by your friends Loretta and Charles.



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

EASTER BREAK: There are no CCD Classes on April 7th or 8th. Classes resume on April 14th and 15th.

CCD CLASSES END: Last classes for the year will be on Tues. May 19th and Wed. May 20th.

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.**

PRE-CANA CLASSES-ST. PATRICK'S ON SI

Final course will be held on July 19th. It will run from 11 am to 5:30 pm. To register please call 718-979-4227.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Alleluia, He is Risen!" His Resurrection brings new life. You can bring new life to your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information on their next weekend call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THIRD: Anthony Imbasciani and Tiffany LaDuca
SECOND: Matthew Pinkston and Lisa LaBruzzo

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.



HIS WORD TODAY

“Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, ‘Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large... He said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised up, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. But go and tell the disciples and Peter... There you will see Him as He told you.’”

What a wonderful discovery, an empty tomb. How important the witness of the young man, and the women. Imagine the conversation as they were walking to the tomb, grieving, feeling sad, and not ready to meet the young man. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they walked and talked. The Jesus who had spent His ministry with them, is now not only deceased, but His body is missing. They had a right to be saddened and disappointed.

The reassuring word of the young man still left them wondering. The message of Easter joy would gradually replace doubt, fear, and bewilderment. That word is meant for us. We roll back the stone which blinds us to the person of Jesus. The deep joy which the Easter mystery generates is to raise us up.

The full meaning of the Easter mystery is sometimes slow to move our hearts, yet it is the center of our faith. Jesus died to save us and lives today to accompany us each and every day. Our faith tells us to go and tell others of the great victory Christ has won for us today. Others are seeking Jesus and we are the bearers of His Good News.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciples came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scriptures' message of Jesus' Resurrection.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

NO meeting during Holy Week and Easter Week. Meetings resume April 14th.

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 **\$43,730.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 201 families. We are now at 60% of goal. As always, thank you to those who have faithfully supported the Appeal this year and in all the years past. Those who haven't yet given, there is time.

ELECTRONIC GIVING (Parish Pay Program)

Go to www.paritypay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo – I. Pastena

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am R. Skelton – A. Davis

10:30 am M/M V. Violetta

NOON M/M E. Boccieri

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH:

5:00 pm M. Salcedo

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH:

7:30 am I. Bialza

9:00 am J. Magliocco

10:30 am S. Bilardi

NOON N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH:

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

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH:

7:30 am C. & E. Baria – J. Clyne – C. Rodriguez

9:00 am N. Lopez – R. Whalen – C. Garzon

10:30 am R. & Rbt. Eckman – J. Flood – J. Inigo

NOON J. Venditto – M. Zerega – H. Bailey L. & S. DeMartino

YOUNG ADULTS (20's-30's-40's)

Our Lady of Pity Young Adult Group will be meeting again after Easter in the Parish Center. For further information, call Rosemarie Archer @ 917-636-2187.

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. Next Mass will be held on April 12th.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Our parish is running a Spring Retreat for Women on April 24-26th at St. Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. For Information and/or reservations call 718-494-5475.

UPCOMING EVENT AT 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 after Easter.

MARIAN CONFERENCE

Sat. May 9th St. Joachim, St. Ann's Church, on the grounds of Mt. Loretto Rosary Procession and May Crowning. Sat. Mass and speakers. Time: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. (Lunch is included and special activities available for children and teens). Cost: \$45.00 per adult, children free. For information call 646-662-3914.

May) we are holding it on June 20th from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the Church parking lot. More details to follow.

**WESOLEGO ALLELUJA BUONA PASQUAL FELICES
PASCAUS MALIGAYANG PASKO NG PAGKABUHAY**

**JOYEUSES PAQUES FROHE OSTERN EL MASEEH QAM
HAPPY EASTER!**

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 March:

Chelsea Lyn Dobson and Victoria Ciara Williams

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.

SIMPLE WAYS TO PASS A MORAL CODE ON TO YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

How can parents pass down the wisdom we have received and now want to give to our own children? Moral lessons must first be taught at home, such as providing opportunities for children to serve others and teaching them to protect the innocent. Come and listen to Sue DiSisto, Education for Parenting Program Coordinator of the Archdiocese of New York. Date: Fri. April 17th from 10:30 am to Noon at St. Clare's Church, 110 Nelson Ave. SI (chapel basement) which is the white building in the parking lot. Supervised play for your children will be available. Please register at 646-794-3191 or susan.disistro@archny.org. Tell us your name, telephone number, number of children who will accompany you. Feel free to invite others.

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

WOODLOCH PINES – POCONO MTS.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND – 25TH: Trip includes bus, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners, nightly entertainment and daily activities. A visit to the Mt. Airy Casino is planned on trip coming home. Cost: \$445 for Dbl. occupancy and \$415 for triple occupancy For reservations call Lena at 718-761-5421. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave.

ORLANDO FLORDIA TRIP

SUNDAY JULY 5TH – JULY 11TH: Bus departs at 8 am on July 5th from the front of the Church. Cost: \$579 per person, double occupancy – add \$180 for single occupancy. \$75.00 is due upon reserving, final payment to be made by May 1st. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475. Agnes will run a trip to **Mt. Airy Casino** on **April 8th**. Bus departs from Church doors at 8:30am. Call Agnes to reserve. \$38, back 25.

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.**

ROSARIAN ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Since the turn out and weather cooperated so well last year having held the Flea Market in June (rather than the usual

EASTER GREETINGS!!

Our Easter faith is renewed each year on this most solemn of Sundays. ***"This is the day the Lord has made!"*** proclaims the Liturgy, ***"Let us be glad and rejoice in it!"***

The Catholic Church's foundations rest on the bedrock of faith in Christ's divinity and in the power of the Liturgy. If our faith has been weakened by going astray in sin or by following false prophets, we can begin our journey back to the feet of the Risen Christ today... at this Easter Mass. We may have come here with a friend, or for "old times' sake", or to see the lilies... Nevertheless, God's grace pours from the Altar and today can be the start of a new chapter in our spiritual lives. But, we must respond to God's grace. And yet, how?

When the Apostles pleaded: "Lord, increase our faith!" did Jesus comply? He turned and vehemently said to them: ***"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could move mountains!"*** Faith is given by God at Baptism. Let us exercise it and nourish it here where the Sacred Mystery of the Risen Christ is celebrated and shared every Sunday of the year.

We take this opportunity to wish you a Blessed and Joyous Easter and extend our thanks for your continued cooperation and generosity to the parish. Easter is the most joyful celebration of our faith and we will keep all of you in our prayers. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your



**loved ones. Devotedly yours in Christ,
Father John, Father Mendis, Deacon Venditto and
the Parish Staff**

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, Margaret Ryan Galetto, 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.

**THE GOSPELS DO NOT EXPLAIN THE
RESURRECTION; THE RESURRECTION EXPLAINS
THE GOSPELS. BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION**

IS NOT AN APPENDAGE TO THE CHRISTIAN
FIATH... IT IS THE CHRISTIAN FAITH!