

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7th, 2018**



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

SATURDAY **JANUARY 6th:**
8:00 am Marietta Rocca
9:00 am Yearly Deceased Memorial Mass
5:00 pm Sarah Squicciarini
SUNDAY **JANUARY 7th:**
7:30 am Stanley Butterworth
9:00 am Jozef Kozlowski
10:30 am Lucille Prestino
NOON John Portano
MONDAY **JANUARY 8th:**
8:30 am Neal Merino
TUESDAY **JANUARY 9th:**
8:30 am Frank Filippino
WEDNESDAY **JANUARY 10th:**
8:30 am Jim & Maureen Beale
THURSDAY **JANUARY 11th:**
8:30 am Angelo Edward Ciaravino
FRIDAY **JANUARY 12th:**
8:30 am John Wicenski
SATURDAY **JANUARY 13th:**
8:00 am Norma DeGuzman
5:00 pm Connie & Salvatore Garafalo
SUNDAY **JANUARY 14th:**
7:30 am Stanley Butterworth
9:00 am Phillip Yoo
10:30 am Jen & Sanuel Abbate
12:00 NOON Janice Ward



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following weekday 8:30 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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:**

SATURDAY **JANUARY 6th:**
5:00 pm Deborah A. Scott
SUNDAY **JANUARY 7th:**
8:00 am Janice Blanchard
11:00 am Marion & Lou Tolas
MONDAY **JANUARY 8th:**
7:30 am Marie Vecchio
WEDNESDAY **JANUARY 10th:**
7:30 am Catherine Opulski
FRIDAY **JANUARY 12th:**
7:30 am Theresa Mathiasen-Birthday in Heaven
SATURDAY **JANUARY 13th:**
5:00 pm Andrew Roddini
SUNDAY **JANUARY 14th:**
8:00 am Vincent Infuso
11:00 am Joseph J. Rentkowski

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7th:



Our Lady of Pity

The Altar Bread and Wine
are being offered in memory of

THE WESOLOWSKI FAMILY

requested lovingly by the 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, 10:00am–4:00pm

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

"It's a Holy and Wholesome Thing to Pray for the Dead" During the year many families in our parish experience the death of a loved one. As is our custom, there will be a Memorial Mass for our beloved deceased who were buried from Our Lady of Pity this year. All family members, friends and parishioners are invited to attend this memorial Mass which will be held on January 6th, 2018 at 9:00 am. Our prayer is that God will give your loved ones eternal life and those who remain behind the strength and courage to carry on.

"We give back to You, O God, those whom You gave us. You did not lose them when You gave them to us, and we did not lose them by their return to You. Your dear Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die."



JOIN THE CHOIRS

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Youth Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, from 7 – 8 pm in the Parish Center.

New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses, or you may call Ron at 347-770-3477 for information.

Choir at St. Anthony of Padua meets after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Please see our organist Austin Lee. New members are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Pity is excited to announce an upcoming performance by Father Ho Lung and friends of the Missionaries of the Poor of Jamaica. Formally known as The Five Tenors, the group will be performing a concert in our church on March 4th, 2018 at 3:00 pm. This is a fund raising event for the Missionaries of the Poor. Tickets will be sold at the door. Further details will be provided in upcoming bulletins and during Sunday announcements.



BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center plans to run another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity. The drive will take place on January 28, 2018 from 8:15 am-2:15 pm in the gym.

FORMED CATHOLIC MEDIA

Join Catholics around the country with this fantastic program. Formed is a digital program that can be used on your computer, smart phone or tablet. There is something for everyone, Catholic information Audio talks, eBooks, films, documentaries and video based study programs for both adults and children. There is no cost.

To Register go to Formed.org. The Parish Code is K36ZWZ. It will request your name and email address and the Parish Code. Once registered it will ask for a password. That's all there is to it. If you need help you can call Vincent Violetta @ 917-836-5920.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Attention **Confirmation Students**: Assignment #2 is due January 17, 2018.

OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group (grades 6-8 and High School) meets every third Friday of the month in the parish center. New members are always welcome! See Mrs. Amparo Caruso or Ms. Marissa Ponterella for details or email ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com. Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A reminder from our Youth Group members...save the picture part of your Christmas Cards to use for next year's Giving Tree Tags. You may leave them in the box provided in the vestibule of the Church before or after Mass.

RCIA PROGRAM

If you or a friend are interested in becoming Catholic, or perhaps you need to be confirmed, the RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary.

SHUT-INS

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, please notify the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring them the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

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.

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 13th:
5:00 pm	A. Davis-J. Salcedo
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14th:
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	K. Carpenito-P. Knecht
10:30 am	J. Almero-M. Mendez
NOON	E. Bocchieri-J. Bocchieri

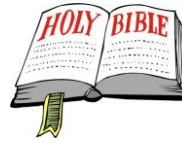
LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	JANUARY 13th:
5:00 pm	M. Salcedo
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14th:
7:30 am	R. Rose
9:00 am	N. Tricorico
10:30 am	J. Magliocco
NOON	L. Buttacavoli

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 13th:
5:00 pm	N. Lopez-M. Santa-C. Santa
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14th:
7:30 am	D. Pangilinan-J. Inigo
9:00 am	M. Maguire-I. Maguire-H. Bailey
10:30 am	C. Baria-J. Flood-E. Baria-J. Tangco
NOON	J. Venditto-F. Aum-K. Romero

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MATTHEW 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

HIS WORD TODAY

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“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit...it was not made known to people in other generations as it now has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The 'now' in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are 1) Coheirs, - something special is offered to us. 32) copartners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible is the heart of the Catholic Faith and our relationship with God. It is the living word of God. It is a place where we truly meet God and He speaks with us. The Book of Acts is the story of how a few Christians were empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ and the Good News of Gods Kingdom to the world and shows how the Holy Spirit is still with us in our lives today.

Come join us Monday evenings starting February 5th, 2018 at 7:30 pmat Our Lady of Pity Parish Center for a 20 session Bible Study on the Book of Acts of the Spostles. The study is designed by Ascension Press based on a study by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmeyer. Cost is \$25.00 to cover the cost of the workbook.

If you wish to attend please contact Vincent Violetta @ 917-836-5920, or the Rectory 718-761-5421.



PEACE THAT ONLY CHRIST CAN GIVE EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Do you desire a more loving relationship with Jesus? Every 1st Friday of the month, you will have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Our Lady of Pity Church from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Eucharistic Guardians will be needed. For further information call Joseph Magliocco at 718-698-8054.



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: **Michael Ragonese, Neil Amodio, Rusty Amodio, MaryAnn Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Barbara Bilardi, Mary Ellen Bednar, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Betteanne Foley, Fannie Marro, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Lenora Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Lucille Messina, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Gloria Scaglione** 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.

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

ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH

We cordially invite all parishioners to join any of the groups at Our Lady of Pity. The following are the group titles and days they meet:

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



LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary has a pilgrimage statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Anyone wishing to have the statue in their home, please call Ruth at 718-761-7717.

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 7:00 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

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.

Congratulations to Mike Esposito, the winner of the 50/50 at the Christmas Brunch!!

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

10th EDITION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTER WITH CARDINAL DOLAN AND MANY OTHERS

The 2018 New York Encounter, themed An "Impossible" Unity, will take place January 12-14 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 158th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day, **FREE**, cultural event organized by members of Communion and Liberation, consisting of panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. These events and many others can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>. All are invited!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This event will be held on Saturday, January 20th, 2018 at 10:00 am at **Our Lady of Pity Gymnasium**.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local district and state competitions. Last year thousands of sharpshooters participated in local competitions throughout the state. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to bring proof of age and be accompanied by a parent. For additional information contact Joe Scalici (718) 885-7687 or Lou Rotundo (718) 757-8502. Registration is simple and will take place at the time of the event.

BUS TRIP

Savannah, Jekyll Island & Charleston, SC
\$679 pp double occ., April 29-May 5 2018
Motorcoach transportation, 6 nights lodging including 4 nights in Savannah area, 10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, guided trolley tour, harbor cruise and more.
For reservation and information please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **JANUARY** "50/50" drawing are available in the back of the church. The fee is \$5 per envelope and you can enter as many times as you wish. **Cash only**, no checks please.

OUR LADY OF PITY 50/50

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FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

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



CARNIVALE

Fat Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
DaNoi Restaurant, 4358 Victory Blvd.
4 course meal – salad, pasta, entrée, soda, coffee and dessert. (cash bar)
Reservations limited to 100 people, \$45.00 per person
Anyone interested, please call St. Anthony's rectory at 718-761-6660 or OLOP rectory at 718-761-5421
If you are interested in going please put your check made payable to Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua in the collection basket labeled "Carnivale"

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
4 course luncheon at Verdi – Westbury
Cost: \$110.00 per person
For information and reservation please call Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567



THE MEADOWLANDS

On January 20th, The Holy Name Society is running a trip to the Meadowlands (PINK). The cost of the trip is \$100.00 which includes tax and tip, a prime buffet, coffee and dessert. (CASH BAR) If anyone is interested please contact Steve LaRosa at 646-250-4544. The deadline is January 15th. The start of the first race is 7:00 pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christmas trees on our property need to be removed. We are in need of volunteers to help. Please meet in the church parking lot between 8:00 am and 8:30 am on **January 13th**. Men, women and children are welcome. If you would like your decorations back, kindly remove them before January 13th as they will not be saved.