

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 18th, 2018**



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

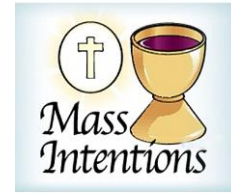
**SATURDAY** **FEBRUARY 17th:**  
8:00 am Angelo Arculeo  
5:00 pm Helen Maguire  
**SUNDAY** **FEBRUARY 18th:**  
7:30 am Adriana D'Alessio  
9:00 am Gloria Creazzo  
10:30 am Billy & Molly Horgan  
NOON Mary & George Smith  
**MONDAY** **FEBRUARY 19th:**  
8:30 am Angelo Scopellito  
**TUESDAY** **FEBRUARY 20th:**  
8:30 am Philip Rocca  
**WEDNESDAY** **FEBRUARY 21st:**  
8:30 am Frank Pollock  
**THURSDAY** **FEBRUARY 22nd:**  
8:30 am Margaret Montalbano  
**FRIDAY** **FEBRUARY 23rd:**  
8:30 am Bob Yeno  
7:30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**SATURDAY** **FEBRUARY 24th:**  
8:00 am Mariano Sclafani  
5:00 pm Rose Macari & Anthony LaTorre  
**SUNDAY** **FEBRUARY 25th:**  
7:30 am Frank Walsh  
9:00 am Intentions of Phillip Yoo  
10:30 am Margaret Cespoglio  
12:00 NOON Jules & Saverine Muscat



**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** **FEBRUARY 17th:**  
5:00 pm Paul & Pauline Wicinski  
**SUNDAY** **FEBRUARY 18th:**  
8:00 am Florence A. Hagan-Anniv. in Heaven  
11:00 am Bernadine Snyder  
**MONDAY** **FEBRUARY 19th:**  
7:30 am Michael Vecsi-Birthday in Heaven  
**WEDNESDAY** **FEBRUARY 21st:**  
7:30 am Josephine Aiello  
**FRIDAY** **FEBRUARY 23rd:**  
7:30 am Stella Koran  
7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**SATURDAY** **FEBRUARY 24th:**  
5:00 pm Anne Modzelewski  
**SUNDAY** **FEBRUARY 25th:**  
8:00 am Anne Modzelewski  
11:00 am Marie Dalton

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18th:**



**Our Lady of Pity**

**The Main Altar Candles**  
are being offered in memory of

**MICHAEL & DOROTHY MAZZELLA**

Requested lovingly by Teresa & Fred Monforte

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



## 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.

## 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.

## ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **FEBRUARY** "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

The monthly envelopes for the **FEBRUARY** "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. Please place your envelope in the collection basket. **Cash only**, no checks please.

**In observance of President's Day, the rectory will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**



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

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates – This is just a reminder that you need to submit your sponsor certificates and proof of your sponsor confirmation. Please get that to Mr. Frank ASAP. Any questions please call the Religious Education Office.

We are in need of Religious Education teachers. If anyone is interested in becoming a catechist, please call Mr. Frank Marchese @ 718-494-0308.

## 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 Mrs. Melinda Colon for details or email [youthgroup@olpsare.com](mailto:youthgroup@olpsare.com). Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

## LENT

The Season of Lent is a penitential time of prayers, fasting, almsgiving and personal sacrifice meant to draw Christians more deeply into the sacred mysteries of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

During Lent, the Church calls the faithful to bring a spirit of penance into their lives through fasting and abstinence. Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence. **All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.**

**Fasting** required that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other, smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals combined should not equal a full meal in quantity. The ages of obligation for fasting is **from 18 through 59.**

**Abstinence** prohibits the eating of meat on a particular day. Abstinence is an obligation for all Catholics beginning at age 14 and continues throughout one's lifetime. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast or to abstain (who are ill) are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

## 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:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. O'Brien-J. Coraci
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25th:</b>
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	P. Knecht-R. Colella
10:30 am	A. Mannino-G. Mannino
NOON	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo

## LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. Ponterella
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25th:</b>
7:30 am	C. Daniels
9:00 am	N. Tricorico
10:30 am	P. Magliocco
NOON	S. Bilardi

## ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24th:</b>
5:00 pm	C. Baria-E. Baria
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25th:</b>
7:30 am	M. Zerega-M. Maningas
9:00 am	J. Inigo-M. Maguire-I. Maguire
10:30 am	N. Lopez-M. Tubay-M. Santa-H. Bailey
NOON	J. Venditto-D. Pangilinan-F. Aum

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### MARK 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

## HIS WORD TODAY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**"Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit...This prefigured baptism, which saves you now...The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."**

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?



## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center for a 20 session Bible Study on the Book of Acts of the Apostles. The study is designed by Ascension Press based on a study by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmeyer. Cost is \$30.00 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**\*Please note: Adoration for the month of March will be from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.**



### 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, Fannie Marro, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Lenora Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Gloria Scaglione, and Phillip Yoo**

**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 (WE SHARE 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 on to [churchofourladyofpity.churchgiving.com](http://churchofourladyofpity.churchgiving.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:

<b>Golden Age</b>	Tues. 12-3 pm	Parish Center
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	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 12:00 pm; 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.



### 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.



## OUTER BANKS OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Outer Banks is a place of discovery and adventure and peaceful beauty all in one destination! 3 Nights at Oceanfront Hotels! Sunday to Thursday, April 15 – 19, 2018. Cost is \$935 per person twin/\$1,235 pp single/\$915 pp triple

### Trip Includes

4 Nights Hotel Accommodations including...  
1 Night Oceanfront in Virginia Beach, VA  
2 Nights Oceanfront in Outer Banks, NC  
1 Night at The Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, DE  
4 Breakfasts and 4 Dinners  
Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel  
Wright Brothers National Memorial  
Safari Beach Tour  
Nascar "Behind The Scenes Tour" at Dover Downs  
\$50 Slot Play at Dover Downs Casino  
Baggage handling  
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation  
All Tips & Taxes (including bus driver)  
For information and reservation please call  
Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567

## VOLUNTEERS

Clove Lakes Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, located at 25 Fanning Street, is looking for volunteers to assist in the Coffee Shop. Hours and days of volunteering are flexible. To hear more about this and other volunteer opportunities please contact Eileen Bardel, Volunteer Coordinator at 718-289-7114.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

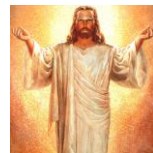
Place nonperishable food items in a bag and place them in the back of **St. Anthony's Church**. Thank you and God Bless.

## GOLDEN NUGGET

February 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$38. Per person with \$25 cash back and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves in front of Our Lady of Pity at 9:00 am. 35 people needed for bus to go. For reservation and information please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475

## HOUSE FOR RENT

6 ROOM HOUSE FOR RENT. \$2250  
No dogs, no smoking. For information please call Dominic or Fannie @ 718-761-4529



## SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER "JESUS"

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, Lancaster, PA  
A miraculous journey alongside God's Son and the everyday people, whose lives He changed forever. Price includes transportation, lunch smorgasbord at Shady Maple and show. All gratuities are included. Cost is \$125. Per person. Call Lena at 718-761-8216 for reservations and prices for teens and children. Bus departs from Our Lady of Pity at 7:45 am.



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ROSE PROGRAM

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the Trenches at Belleau Wood. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Marine Corps League members distributing these remembrances take and wear one proudly.

**February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Pity welcomes members of the Marine Corps League-Staten Island Detachment #246. They will be on hand after Masses offering their lapel roses. For further information:**

Marine Corps League Detachment #246  
46 Ontario Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10301  
(718)447-2306/email: [246mcl@gmail.com](mailto:246mcl@gmail.com)



## ST. PETER'S BOYS H.S. CHINESE AUCTION

Annual Chinese Auction – Friday, March 2, 2018, in the school gym. 200 Clinton Ave. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted. Raffles, refreshments and prizes.

## 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.