

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 18th, 2018**



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

SATURDAY **MARCH 17th:**
8:00 am Patricia Sabatino
5:00 pm Joseph O'Brien

SUNDAY **MARCH 18th:**
7:30 am Felice & Maria Procaccio
9:00 am Missionaries of the Poor
10:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Maguire
NOON Helen Blossfeld

MONDAY **MARCH 19th:**
8:30 am Gladys Cassidy

TUESDAY **MARCH 20th:**
8:30 am Lucille Messina

WEDNESDAY **MARCH 21st:**
8:30 am Carmela Lombardo

THURSDAY **MARCH 22nd:**
8:30 am Eleanor DeMaio

FRIDAY **MARCH 23rd:**
8:30 am Vincenzo Venturoso
7:30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

SATURDAY **MARCH 24th :**
8:00 am Michael Sapio
5:00 pm Philip & Adelaide DiGeorge

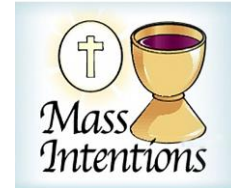
SUNDAY **MARCH 25th:**
7:30 am Robert E. Peters & Deceased Peters,
 and Richards Families
9:00 am Rose Aiello
10:30 am Anna Souffrin
12:00 NOON Anna & Dominick Parisi



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 **MARCH 17th:**
5:00 pm Mildred Aleski

SUNDAY **MARCH 18th:**
8:00 am Michael Vecsi
11:00 am Mildred Aleski

MONDAY **MARCH 19th:**
7:30 am Helen Greenwood

WEDNESDAY **MARCH 21st:**
7:30 am Henry Wesolowski

FRIDAY **MARCH 23rd:**
7:30 am Joseph Fairbrother
7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

SATURDAY **MARCH 24th:**
5:00 pm Bernadine Snyder

SUNDAY **MARCH 25th:**
8:00 am Henry Wesolowski
11:00 am Angelina & Vincent Stavola

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18th:



Our Lady of Pity

THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINES
are being offered in memory of

DAVID DEMM

requested lovingly by Joan Yeno

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

Choir

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.

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.



VOCATIONS SUMMIT

Interested in learning more or have questions about the priesthood and the religious life? Join in a Vocations Summit intended for students 8th grade through high school. (Parents and guardians of those attending are welcome)

Monday, April 16th – 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Complimentary refreshments and memorabilia. Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5371 Huguenot Ave., Staten Island, NY 10312, in the Darnato Room at the Athletic Center. For more information please call 646-244-4333 or email: josephclarocca@icloud.com



BIBLE STUDY

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 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.



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

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

Every Monday and Thursday in March there will be open registration in the Parish Center from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are registering a 1st grader, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. Please check the web site for fees.

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. 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.



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.

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	MARCH 24th:
5:00 pm	A. Davis-J. Salcedo
SUNDAY	MARCH 25th:
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	K. Carpenito-P. Knecht
10:30 am	J. Almero-M. Mendez
NOON	E. Boccieri-J. Boccieri

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	MARCH 24th:
5:00 pm	M. Salcedo
SUNDAY	MARCH 25th:
7:30 am	R. Rose
9:00 am	N. Tricorico
10:30 am	J. Magliocco
NOON	L. Buttacavoli

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	MARCH 24th:
5:00 pm	J. Venditto-M. Santa-C. Santa
SUNDAY	MARCH 25th:
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	N. Lopez-F. Aum-K. Romero



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, Joan Lee Cammy, Gianna Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Donna DeFazio, 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, Rosalie Shust, 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.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



JOHN 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

HIS WORD TODAY THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him ‘Sir we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew, then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them ‘the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’”

It is not rare for someone to use another to get help to get a job, admission to school, or even just to meet someone of importance. In the political field we call them lobbyists. Today we find some Gentiles using Philip, and he another apostle to gain access to Jesus. The same Andrew is the one who told Peter he had met Jesus and we know how important that meeting was.

How many other persons are seeking Jesus, today without knowing it or Him. They have need for access to the Lord. Our restless world turns, but people do not know to whom to turn. Each one of us can assume the role of Philip or Andrew, to bring them to Jesus or Jesus to them. The grain of wheat will then produce much fruit.



B.O.L.D. FOOD DRIVE

As part of our Lenten alms-giving, our parish will be collecting non-perishable food on March 17th and 18th to re-stock the food pantries on Staten Island that serve those in need. When you come to Mass at Our Lady of Pity that weekend, please bring cans or boxes of food. On Saturday March 24th, volunteers will sort the food donations and deliver it to several food pantries on Staten Island that afternoon. Last year we collected 130 cartons of food and this year we hope to meet or exceed that amount. Thank you for your generosity and support.



PADRE PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen, NJ, Tuesday, April 17, 2018 (from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm) For information about the public veneration, please call 732-548-0100 or email to info@stfranciscathedral.org Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion of the 50th commemoration anniversary of his passing. The Most Reverend James F. Checcio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, will lead a prayer service at 1:00 pm. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 pm by Father Timothy a. Christy, Vicar for Evangelization and Communications of the Diocese of Metuchen.

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:

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. Next meeting will be March 7th.

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.

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

POP THE CORK

At Tomasello Winery, Hammonton, NJ

Wednesday – Thursday, April 18 – 19, 2018

The Women We Love to Hate – Celebrate the Greatest Femmes Fatales in Movies like Barbara Stanwick, Gloria Swanson, Joan Crawford and Glen Close.

\$230 per person twin / \$274 per person single

Trip includes:

Pop the Cork Theme Party featuring...full luncheon / wine tasting / music & dancing

"Mommy Dearest" raffle & "Beauty Wins" door prizes

Overnight at Resorts Hotel & Casino on the boardwalk

Dinner at Breadsticks Restaurant / \$15 slot play

Resorts Casino Evening Show

Hosted by Rendezvous Travel Staff

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation / All tips & taxes

Bus leaves Our Lady of Pity at 9:00 am, returns next day at 7:00 pm. For information and reservation

please call Lena Magliocco at 718-761-8216

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP

Tropicana Casino, Thursday, April 19, 2018. Cost is \$35 per person, \$25 credit back from casino. Bus will be leaving Our Lady of Pity at 9:00 am and returns at 8:00 pm. For information and reservation contact Robert Liberto, at 917-886-7210, e-mail: ral09@aol.com or Angelo Chiapperino at 718-619-7874, email ajjuice7@msn.com



BUS TRIP

Sands Casino, Wednesday, March 21st, Cost is \$38 per person with \$25 cash back and \$5 food voucher. We must have at least 35 people for the bus to go. Leaves in front of Our Lady of Pity Church at 9:00 am. For information and reservation please call Agnes Davis at 718-494-5475.

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **MARCH** "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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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 or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1



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.