

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3rd, 2017**



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

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 2nd:
8:00 am	Phillip Yoo
5:00 pm	Adolfo & Jean Tomasuolo
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 3rd:
7:30 am	Vincenzino, Lazzara & Verga Families
9:00 am	Anthony & Rose Ballarino
10:30 am	Orlando Marrazzo
NOON	Arnold J. Criscuolo
MONDAY	DECEMBER 4th:
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Intentions of Fannie Marro
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 5th:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Giuseppe Abate
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 6th:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Jason Ravelo
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 7th:
7:30 am	
8:30 am	Jim & Maureen Beale
7:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 8th:
7:30 am	
9:00 am	Connolly Family
7:30 pm	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
8:00 am	Madeline Inconiglios
5:00 pm	Adelaide & Philip DiGeorge
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10th:
7:30 am	Luigi Gassoso
9:00 am	Michele Feula
10:30 am	Nazzareno Cestra
12:00 NOON	Lucy Gallo



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	DECEMBER 2nd:
5:00 pm	Pauline Wicinski – 2 nd Anniv. In Heaven
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 3rd:
8:00 am	Robert Merlino
11:00 am	Helen Wilson
MONDAY	DECEMBER 4th:
7:30 am	Hermania Manaluz
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 6th:
7:30 am	Maria Vecchio
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 8th:
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
7:30 am	Blessing for Chris Wesolowski
7:00 pm	Frank DeChiaro
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
5:00 pm	Jeanette Tatar
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10th:
8:00 am	Francis W. Laub
11:00 am	Marion & Lou Tolas

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3rd:



Our Lady of Pity

The Main Altar Candles
are being offered in memory of

CATHERINE GRACE COFFIN

requested lovingly by JoAnne & Gene Boccieri

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

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.



PEACE THAT ONLY CHRIST CAN GIVE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Do you desire a more loving relationship with Jesus? Beginning September 1st and every 1st Friday thereafter, 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.



CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

We still have a few Christmas trees available that adorn our properties during the Christmas and New Year seasons. You may order one in memory of your loved one, in dedication to someone, or with personal family Christmas greetings. Forms are in the back of the church if you wish to purchase a tree. You can put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the rectory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sat., Dec. 9th @ 9:00 am-Lights on Trees

If you would like to volunteer see Gene Boccieri or call him at 917-886-7190.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Many parishioners have been asking when we are lighting the trees. We are happy to announce that Father John Wroblewski will be lighting the trees this year. We are celebrating this event on Saturday, December 16th after the 5:00 pm Mass. After the tree lighting we invite all present to our parish center for light refreshments.

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.



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

Christmas Pageant Practice

Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 7th and Dec. 8th. All practices are from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church.

The **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be Dec. 10th at the 12:00 noon Mass.**

Rel. Ed Confession during classes:

Mon, Dec. 4th Grades 3,4 & 5

Tues. Dec. 5th Grades 3, 4 & 5

Wed. Dec. 6th Grade 8

Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 10th following the 12:00 noon Mass. Meet at Our Lady of Pity Parish Center. We will be caroling in the neighborhood for about one hour. All ages are welcome. A parent must accompany their child.

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.



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. or call Fernando Pascual at 718-494-6438.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MARK 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
5:00 pm	Mike Pastena-Ida Pastena
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10th:
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	M. Langone-T. Hanley
10:30 am	K. Carpenito-J. Porto
NOON	M. Terracino-N. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	DECEMBER 9th:
5:00 pm	C. Daniels
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10th:
7:30 am	N. Tricorico
9:00 am	M. Donadic
10:30 am	R. Rose
NOON	L. Buttacavoli

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
5:00 pm	J. Venditto-J. Bosco-M. Zerega
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10th:
7:30 am	C. Baria-E. Baria
9:00 am	J. Tangco-F. Aum-M. Maningas
10:30 am	N Lopez-J.Flood-D.Boniface-A Boniface
NOON	J. Inigo-M. Maguire-I. Maguire

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **DECEMBER** "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.

OUR LADY OF PITY 50/50

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HIS WORD TODAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'Be constantly on watch, stay awake. You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge each with his own task, and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you.'"

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.

Like the person in Mark's gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?

I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God's gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully 'Come Lord Jesus.'



THE ADVENT WREATH

The advent wreath is packed with symbolism and is a great way to teach the children about god, Christ and the Christmas season. The round shape stands for God's eternity. Like God it has no beginning and no end. The greens used to make the wreath are EVERgreen, and therefore unchanging, just like God. The four candles symbolize the four centuries that man waited for the coming of the savior. Three of the candles are purple since Advent is a time of penance. It was because of our sinfulness that we needed a savior, and so we must prepare ourselves through sacrifice and penance during Advent for Christ's coming at Christmas. However, we know that Christ has and is coming again, and so our penance is a joyful one. We are joyfully anticipating and preparing ourselves for the coming. Therefore, one candle is pink to represent our joy.



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: **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 Galeto, 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.



PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Lady of Pity Christmas Giving Tree will stand in the vestibule of our Church for the next two weekends starting December 2nd. It is a reminder to us all that many families are in need again this year. Our volunteers spend numerous hours writing tags with "wish list" from many organizations on Staten Island and for our own parishioners who we know are in need. You are invited to remove a tag, purchase the gift item written on the tag, wrap the gift and place the original tag on the package. Return it to the giving tree on the date listed on the tag. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Anthony of Padua Christmas Giving Tree will also stand in the back of the Church this weekend. Please take a tag and return your gift by December 17th. Remember to place the tag on your package.

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.

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
***There will be no Golden Age meeting November 21st.**

Legion of Mary Thurs. 7:00 pm St. Jude Chapel

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.

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Social will be held Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm at Casa Nova Restaurant on Victory Blvd. in the Top Tomato Plaza. Cost is \$30.00 per person. All are welcome to attend. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church or you can call Helen Keiling @ 917-957-6084.

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.

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. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP

November 16, 2017 – "Opportunities in Hospitals and Health Professions" – Rachel Santos, Human Resources Generalist, Richmond University Medical Center

December 21, 2017 – "Opportunities in Teaching, Teaching Fellows Program, and for Paraprofessionals with the New York City Department of Education" – Angelo Caterina, Jr., Teacher, New Dorp H.S.

In addition to our monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month, one on one advisement is also available on an appointment basis. Please call the Rectory Office at 718-984-7873 for further information from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

The Employment Group is open to all jobseekers and their family members. During this twenty-third year of St. Clare's Employment Group services, there continues to be no charge for Employment Group services.

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.



TROPICANA CASINO

Thursday, December 7th. Bus leaves in front of Our Lady of Pity Church at 9:00 am. Cost is \$38.00 per person with \$25.00 cash back. There must be at least 35 people for the bus to go. For information and reservation please call Agnes Davis at 718-494-5475.

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



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"

MOORE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Invites you to attend "I Will Always Love Christmas", at Moore on Friday, December 15th and Saturday, December 16th at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30 pm). Get into the holiday spirit with this celebration of traditional carols, dancing, comedy and a living Nativity.

Admission is \$15 at the door. For more information or to reserve tickets email kdalto@moorechs.org



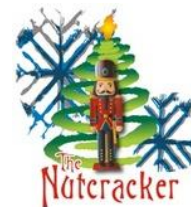
MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

80 + vendors: jewelry, crafts, clothing, toys, collectibles, ornaments & more. Spectacular raffle baskets and door prizes every hour. Baked goods & festive food. Admission: \$3.00 per person

\$5.00 per family (max. 5 people) includes one raffle ticket for door prize. Free parking.

Msgr. Farrell H.S., 2900 Amboy Rd., S.I., NY 10306



A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

The Staten Island Ballet's holiday spectacular "The Nutcracker" will be performed Saturday and Sunday on December 16th and 17th at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm at CSI Center for the Arts. Tickets may be purchased by phone at SI Ballet Box office at 718-980-0500.

