

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10th, 2017**



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

**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  
NOON        Lucy Gallo

**MONDAY**    **DECEMBER 11th:**  
7:30 am    For All Parishioners  
8:30 am    Peggy & Peter Maczuba

**TUESDAY**    **DECEMBER 12th:**  
7:30 am  
8:30 am    Jose Ernesto Velez Rey

**WEDNESDAY**    **DECEMBER 13th:**  
7:30 am  
8:30 am    In Honor of St. Lucy

**THURSDAY**    **DECEMBER 14th:**  
7:30 am  
8:30 am

**FRIDAY**        **DECEMBER 15th:**  
7:30 am    Jose Ernesto Velez Rey

**SATURDAY**    **DECEMBER 16th:**  
8:00 am    Giuseppe Granta  
5:00 pm    Henry J. Scroope III

**SUNDAY**        **DECEMBER 17th:**  
7:30 am    In Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Anthony  
9:00 am    Nicholas Zappetti & Catherine Lodato  
10:30 am    Maria & Vincent Zanfardino  
12:00 NOON    Teresa Franceschini



**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 9th:**  
5:00 pm    Jeanette Tatar

**SUNDAY**        **DECEMBER 10th:**  
8:00 am    Francis W. Laub  
11:00 am    Marion & Lou Tolas

**MONDAY**        **DECEMBER 11th:**  
7:30 am    Blessings for Barbara Wesolowski

**WEDNESDAY**    **DECEMBER 13th:**  
7:30 am    Kazimiera Grudzinska

**FRIDAY**         **DECEMBER 15th:**  
7:30 am    Kazimiera Grudzinska

**SATURDAY**    **DECEMBER 16th:**  
5:00 pm    Francis W. Laub

**SUNDAY**        **DECEMBER 17th:**  
8:00 am    Michael Vecsi  
11:00 am    Judy & Paul Saladis & Catherine & Tom Magee

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10th:**



**Our Lady of Pity**

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

**ANGEL & ZAIDA GUERRERO**

requested lovingly by JoAnne & Gene Bocchieri

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

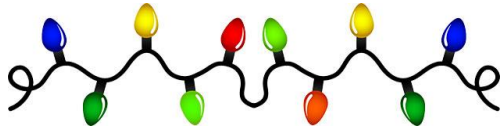
**SHUT-INS**

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? 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.



## 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 16<sup>th</sup>** after the 5:00 pm Mass. After the tree lighting we invite all present to our parish center for light refreshments.

**Please note:** there are still a few trees available.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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

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

**Christmas Caroling** on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be no Religious Education classes from December 25<sup>th</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND RAISER

Our Religious Education Program will be having a fundraiser. They will be selling "**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**" car magnets. The cost of the magnets is \$5.00. Please be supportive!

## 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](mailto:ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com). Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 16th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. O'Brien-R. Colella
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17th:</b>
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	T. Hanley-A. Davis
10:30 am	E. Bocchieri-J. Bocchieri
NOON	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>DECEMBER 16th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. Ponterella
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17th:</b>
7:30 am	C. Daniels
9:00 am	N. Tricorico
10:30 am	J. Magliocco
NOON	S. Bilardi

**ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 16th:</b>
5:00 pm	C. Baria-E. Baria
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17th:</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

**ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50**

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

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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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**MARK 1:1-8**

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

**HIS WORD TODAY  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**"The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it 'delay.' Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance...I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, 'Make ready the way of the Lord clear him a straight path.'"**

The letter of Peter and Isaiah's message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father's love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let's face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others.

'Come Lord Jesus.'

**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](http://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.

## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 18th

Confessions will be heard from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Pity Church and from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Advent gives us a wonderful opportunity to preach on the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and to remind our parishioners that this Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of our Savior.

**May God Bless you all this Christmas Season.**



### 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.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember to place the tag on your package.

## 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.

**The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Social** will be held Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1

## ST. CLARE'S EMPLOYMENT GROUP

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.



### 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.

#### 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.



## 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”

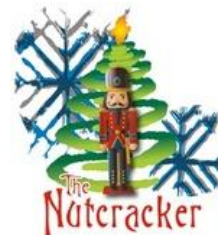
## MOORE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Invites you to attend “I Will Always Love Christmas”, at Moore on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kdalto@moorechs.org)



## MOORE CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

100 Merrill Ave., December 10, 2017 from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm, vendors, raffles, white elephant table, Santa's Café, baked goods by our own elves.  
Admission is \$1.00



## A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

The Staten Island Ballet's holiday spectacular “The Nutcracker” will be performed Saturday and Sunday on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

