

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 24th, 2017**



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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 23rd:</b>
8:00 am	Michael Vicidomini
5:00 pm	Michael Mazzella & Carmela Rubino
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24th:</b>
7:30 am	Luigi Gassoso
9:00 am	Ralph & Annette DeMarco
10:30 am	Father John Mercer
NOON	Pietro Franceschini, Sr.
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Catherine & Joseph O'Brien, & Henry J. Scroope III, Henry Scroope V
<b>MIDNIGHT</b>	Joseph A. Magliocco and Jaymee Leigh Anderson
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
9:00 am	Living & deceased Langone, Bonagura, Spivey & Emerling Families
10:30 am	Sam Cirincione
12:00 NOON	Luigi DeBenedictis
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26th:</b>
7:30 am	Norma DeGuzman
8:30 am	Matteo Partenope
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27th:</b>
7:30 am	Teresa & Giulio Franceschini
8:30 am	Daniel Stoddard
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 28th:</b>
7:30 am	For All Parishioners
8:30 am	Frances Morale
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
7:30 am	John Wicenski
8:30 am	Daniel Stoddard
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
8:00 am	Angela & Zaida Guerrero
5:00 pm	Anna & Leonardo Zagara
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
7:30 am	Thomas J. Ginch
9:00 am	Deceased Ionine & Grippo Families
10:30 am	Eugene Santos
12:00 NOON	Constance & Felix Guido & Frank DeLeo

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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 23rd:</b>
5:00 pm	Helene E. Stapleton
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24th:</b>
8:00 am	John & Florence Hagan
11:00 am	Vincent Infuso
<b>9:15 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Carols with the Choir</b>
<b>10:00 pm</b>	Wicenski and Wolenski Families
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
8:00 am	Paul & Pauline Wicenski & Michael Vecsi
11:00 am	Michael DeChiaro
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27th:</b>
7:30 am	Paul Wicenski, Sr. – Birthday in Heaven
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
7:30 am	Pauline & Stephen Covello
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
5:00 pm	Dorothy Blanchard
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
8:00 am	Stella Koran – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv. In Heaven
11:00 am	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24th:**



**Our Lady of Pity**

**The Altar Bread and Wine**  
are being offered in memory of

**THE DELASSE FAMILY**

requested lovingly by their family

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

**DANA MATTERA**

requested lovingly by Monforte Grandparents

**The Blessed Sacrament Altar Candles**  
are being offered in memory of

**JOSEPH CESARO**

requested lovingly by  
The Marmo and Delfino Families

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



## 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



## 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.

## 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

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 Pontarella for details or email [ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com](mailto:ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com). Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

## 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.

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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
5:00 pm	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	Mar. Pastena-M. Langone
10:30 am	J. Salcedo-M. Mendez
NOON	V. Violetta-C. Violetta

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
5:00 pm	C. Daniels
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
7:30 am	J. Magliocco
9:00 am	L. Buttacavoli
10:30 am	M. Salcedo
NOON	S. Bilardi

**ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
5:00 pm	D. Pangilinan-J. Inigo-J. Venditto
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
7:30 am	C. Baria-E. Baria
9:00 am	J. Flood-F. Aum-M. Maningas
10:30 am	N. Lopez-C. Baria-E. Baria-M. Santa
NOON	D. Boniface-A. Boniface-J. Bosco

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**LUKE 1:26-38**

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

**HIS WORD TODAY**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**"Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son the Most High."**

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn't you? Her response 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' redirected the course of human history.

The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight, allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus' entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of History, the Lord of today. We have been praying 'Come Lord Jesus' for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.



**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.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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





## **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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Christmas/New Years Bus Trip Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA

Cost: \$38.00 per person with \$30.00 cash back and \$5.00 food voucher. There must be at least 35 people for the bus to go. Payment must be made in advance. For information and reservation please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.

### **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.

## **SINCERE THANKS**

Once again we had a very successful Christmas Tree Program. Father John would like to thank all those who purchased a tree. A special thank you to Gene Bocchieri, Mike Pastena, Linda Buttacavoli and all the men and women who gave their time and talents to help clean and decorate the Church.



## **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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>. The start of the first race is 7:00 pm.



## **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.

