



PEACE THAT ONLY CHRIST CAN GIVE EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.

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, Music Director at 718-494-6438.



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

December 7, 2017 – CCD Christmas Paegant Practice
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

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.



CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

We are in the process of ordering Christmas trees 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. 2nd @ 9:00 am-Set Up Trees

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

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



OUR LADY OF PITY/ST. ANTHONY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sunday, December 3, 2017 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at **Z-TWO Restaurant**, 2925 Veterans Rd. West, S.I., NY Adults \$37.50, Child \$15, Under 7 yrs. Free. Call Gene at 917-886-7190.

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd:
5:00 pm R.Geronino-V. Gerinimo
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd:
7:30 am V. Violetta-C. Violetta
9:00 am A. Davis-J. Almero
10:30 am J. Coraci-J. Porto
NOON R. Skelton-R. Colella

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 2nd:
5:00 pm P. Magliocco
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd:
7:30 am R. Rose
9:00 am M. Pontarella
10:30 am N. Tricorico
NOON C. Daniels

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd:
5:00 pm J. Venditto-D. Pangilinan
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd:
7:30 am D. Boniface-A. Boniface
9:00 am J. Inigo-M. Maningas
10:30 am J. flood-M. Tubay-M. Maguire-I. Maguire
NOON J. Tangco-C. Baria-E. Baria

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

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

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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.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**



MATTHEW 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least," they fail to do to him.

**HIS WORD TODAY
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord when...'"

It is easy to recall this teaching, the well known corporal works of mercy. It is easy to place a name and face on friends or agencies who carry out their tremendous works of service. It is easy to offer support through donations to enable others to carry out their mission.

As we reflect upon these signs of compassion and concern, and admire the dedication of those who serve the needs of others, why not ask the question that causes people to be in such vulnerable conditions. A famous Brazilian bishop once declared, 'When I take care of the poor, people praise me. When I ask why they are poor, I am called a communist.' Dom Helder Camara wants us to ask the question which leads me to help alleviate the suffering of others. It may be my active involvement in direct service or maybe indirect service through legislative action, helping understand the issues involved or both.

On this great feast of Christ the King take time to answer the question posed to Jesus and myself 'When...?'

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.



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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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 or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1



HOLIDAY MAGIC

Dinner Dance at Resorts Casino Hotel, AC
Christmas comes but once a year, come out and celebrate with some holiday cheer!! Thursday & Friday, November 30th to December 1st, 2017, \$215. per person. Trip includes 1 night at Resorts Hotel & Casino, \$30 lunch voucher, \$5. breakfast voucher. \$20 slot play, holiday gift for all, holiday dinner dance at Resorts, sit down dinner, music & dancing, Santa Claus, live show, Resorts Casino Matinee Show, deluxe motorcoach transportation.
Contact Lena Magliocco at 718-761-8216

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. For information and reservation please call Agnes Davis at 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 labled "Carnivale"



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



YOU'RE INVITED TO P.S. 26 ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR CELEBRATION

4108 Victory Blvd., P.S. 26 Auditorium
November 30th from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
December 1st from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Nintendo Switch: \$10 for 2 tickets
50/50 tickets: \$5 for 3 chances
Basket raffles: \$5 for 6 chances
CASH ONLY



WEDDING BANNS

Nestor Cabada and Vanessa Maria Joseph
Franklin Cataldi and Dana Bono