

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF
THE LORD
MARCH 25th, 2018**



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

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

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

MONDAY MARCH 26th:
8:30 am Carmela Lombardo

TUESDAY MARCH 27th:
8:30 am Marilyn D'Carlo

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28th:
8:30 am Diane Isso

THURSDAY MARCH 29th: Holy Thursday
No Morning Mass
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY MARCH 30th: Good Friday
No Morning Mass
3:00 pm The Lord's Passion
7:30 pm **SOLEMN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

SATURDAY MARCH 31st :
No Morning Mass
7:00 pm **EASTER VIGIL**

SUNDAY APRIL 1st: EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 am Langone, Bonaguro, Spivey, Emerling & Yeno Families
9:00 am Fred Gambale
10:30 am William Ravelo
12:00 NOON The Gargano Family

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

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 25th:



Our Lady of Pity

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
is being offered in memory of

SAM CERINCIONE
requested lovingly by his family

THE MAIN ALTAR CANDLES
are being offered in memory of
ROSE AIELLO
requested lovingly by
Mickie, Doug, Grace & Marty

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

SATURDAY MARCH 24th:
5:00 pm Bernadine Snyder

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

MONDAY MARCH 26th:
7:30 am Jadwiga Bartosiewicz

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28th:
7:30 am Anne Modzelewski

THURSDAY MARCH 29th Holy Thursday
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY MARCH 30th: Good Friday
No Morning Mass
7:00 pm **SOLEMN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

SATURDAY MARCH 31st: EASTER VIGIL
7:00 pm Wicinski & Wolenski Families

SUNDAY APRIL 1st: EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 am Wicinski, Vecsi & Hagan Families
11:00 am Wicinski & Wolenski 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



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.

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

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 EUCHARISTIC 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 31st:
7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	APRIL 1st:
7:30 am	P. Knecht-J. Salcedo
9:00 am	T. Hanley-K. Carpenito
10:30 am	D. Marro-F. Marro
NOON	M. Terracino-N. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	MARCH 31st:
7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	APRIL 1st:
7:30 am	M. Salcedo
9:00 am	L. Buttacavoli
10:30 am	S. Bilardi
NOON	N. Tricorico

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	MARCH 31st:
7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	APRIL 1st:
7:30 am	D. Boniface-A. Boniface
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, Danny Fortunato, Fannie Marro, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Lenora Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mark 14:1-15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (council) is detailed.

HIS WORD TODAY PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The Lord has given me a well trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. The Lord God is my help therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint knowing that I will not be put to shame...Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend."

May the words of Isaiah and Paul help set the stage for our Holy Week. The gospel of Mark provides details of the passion not just to provide information but to rouse us to break from routine and ordinariness and appreciate the saving mystery of salvation.

We may read and reflect upon the scriptures and find great meaning as we live in 2018. The suffering servants are those displaced by war and the natural disasters. Those trying Christ are the oppressors, attacking Christians in various parts of the world as the Sudan, Syria and Nigeria. The passion of Christ continues today when wars rage, poverty grows, exploitation reigns, and worst of all, indifference to suffering continues.

We are called this week to die and rise with the Christ. Pope Francis has asked that we not be robbed of our missionary enthusiasm. He tells us not to look the other way but to address the cause, as well as the effects, out of concern for those who are marginalized and suffering. May this be a new approach to Holy Week.



Feeding the Community

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

A sincere word of thanks to all who contributed food during last week's Bread of Life Drive. Once again we surpassed last years total. Our hungry neighbors who will benefit from your generosity are grateful!



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
There will be no meeting during Holy Week and Easter Week. Golden Age will resume April 10th.

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

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.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy, not in the rectory.