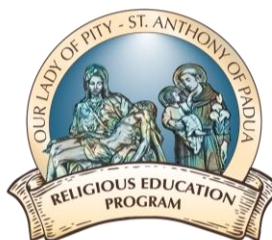


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2nd, 2018



MASSES FOR THE WEEK AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 1st:
8:00 am	Alfred Urciuoli
5:00 pm	Frank & Jennie Monforte
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 2nd:
7:30 am	Salvatore Anzalone
9:00 am	John J. Beale
10:30 am	Sam Cirincione
NOON	Nazzareno Cestra
MONDAY	DECEMBER 3rd:
8:30 am	Anthony & Rose Ballarino
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 4th:
8:30 am	Josephine Rocca
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 5th:
8:30 am	Guiseppe Abate
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 6th:
8:30 am	Jason Ravelo
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 7th:
8:30 am	Molly & John Tuohy
7:30 pm	VIGIL-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 8th:
8:00 am	Baby Jackson Joseph Hickman
9:00 am	Immaculate Conception
	Rosaria & Salvatore DiGiacomo
5:00 pm	Philip & Adelaide DiGeorge
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
7:30 am	John Marmo
9:00 am	John & Tony Saccomagno
10:30 am	Madeline Inconiglios
NOON	Lucy Gallo



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

Christmas Pageant Practice
December 6th 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm
December 14th 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm
December 15th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm



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

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 1st:
5:00 pm	Pauline Wicinski
	Requested by the family
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 2nd:
8:00 am	Kathleen O'Brien
	Requested by Kathy Kryger
11:00 am	Helen Wilson
	Requested by Charles & Patricia Gawarkiewicz
MONDAY	DECEMBER 3rd:
7:30 am	Marie Vecchio
	Requested by the family
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 5th:
7:30 am	Robert Merlino
	Requested by Kathy Merlino
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 7th:
7:30 am	Healing for Manaluz Family
	Requested by the Manaluz Family
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 8th:
9:00 am	Marylou Carucci
	Requested by the family
5:00 pm	Jeanette Tatar
	Requested by her husband Stan
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
8:00 am	Vito DeChiaro-Birthday in Heaven
	Requested by the family
11:00 am	Paul & Elvira Guerra
	Requested by Thomas Dantoni



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 DECEMBER 2nd:



OUR LADY OF PITY

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

is being offered in memory of

STEWART WROBLEWSKI

requested lovingly by his family

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



CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

There are still trees available if you wish to 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. The Tree Lighting will take place on **December 15th** after the 5:00 pm Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sat., Dec. 1st or 8th - @ 9:00 am – Lights on Trees
If you would like to volunteer please see Gene Boccieri or call him at 917-886-7190.



PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will stand in the vestibule of the church. 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.



CHRISTMAS WREATH PROGRAM

For our Christmas Wreath Program approximately 100 lighted wreaths will surround the property at St. Anthony’s Church. The cost of the wreath is \$100. If you wish to purchase a wreath in memory of someone, to honor someone or with a personal family message, please fill out the form in the back of the church.

There will be a special ceremony at 5:00 pm on Sunday evening, **December 16th** when all the wreaths will be lit. In a world filled with darkness, what a wonderful sign to have our whole property in the Christmas season glistening with the lights of these wreaths, showing Jesus as the Light of the World.



**PEACE THAT ONLY CHRIST CAN GIVE
EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Parish will be starting a **new** Youth Group. All students in the 5th grade through High School are welcome to join. The first meet and greet will be held in the Parish Center on November 10th at 1:00 pm. Please contact our Religious Education Office at 718-494-0308 for further details.

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.



WEDDING BANNES

Are announced between:

Luigi Mascia and Jillian Nati

Lucien Salerno and Diana Marie Cangemi



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, Frank Marchese, Lawrence Ambrosino, Neil Amodio, Rusty Amodio, MaryAnn Azzarello, Edward Bach, Jeff Beauzil, Isabella Borzumato, Brook Balacco, Barbara Bilardi, Mary Ellen Bednar, Joan Lee Cammy, Gianna Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Marc Dantoni, Dom Dealto, Donna DeFazio, Maureen Dragula, Danny Fortunato, Larry Hanley, Rose Infuso, Vincent Infuso, Charles Knecht Sr., Victoria Larson, Fannie Marro, Jack Masso, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Fred Monforte, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Darlene Remy, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Gloria Scaglione, Rosalie Shust, Dcn. Michael Venditto, 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.

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.

ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

We cordially invite all parishioners to join any of the groups in our parish. 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

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.

Ladies Auxiliary: Meet on the first **Wednesday** of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome. The next meeting will be in October.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Lady of Pity: Second Sunday of the month Mass at 12:00 pm; that Monday is their meeting at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony of Padua: Second Sunday of every month at 8:00 am Mass, meeting follows Mass

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.

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

JOIN THE CHOIRS



The New Our Lady of Pity Choir

We now have one combined choir for all ages which rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of the Parish Center. Our new choir will sing at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses, or you may call Ron at 347-770-3477

Choir at St. Anthony of Padua meets after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Please see our organist Austin Lee. New members are always welcome.

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

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 8th:
5:00 pm	J. Coraci-M. O'Brien
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
7:30 am	J. Porto-J. Salcedo
9:00 am	K. Carpenito-M. Mendez
10:30 am	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo
NOON	A. Mannino-G. Mannino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

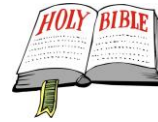
SATURDAY:	DECEMBER 8th:
5:00 pm	M. Donadic
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
7:30 am	M. Salcedo
9:00 am	M. Pontarella
10:30 am	R. Rose
NOON	S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 8th:
5:00 pm	N. Lopez-J. Tangco-J. Bosco
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 9th:
7:30 am	M. Zerega-M. Maningas
9:00 am	M. Maguire-I. Maguire
10:30 am	D. Pangilinan-J. Flood-M. Santa-C. Santa
NOON	C. Baria-E. Baria

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Luke: 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

HIS WORD TODAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, at that time, I will raise up for David, a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land...May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love for you.”

The Holy Season of Advent has begun. A time of yearning, of expectation, of longing that things can be better. As the prophet told of God fulfilling His promise, may we participate in allowing that to happen today.

The advent time is brief, but offers a great opportunity to do two things. Consider what it was like before the coming of the Messiah, the chaos, the desire, the need for the Father to send someone.

Consider our time, when the same disturbing chaos dominates our thinking with wars, poverty, hate expressed in so many ways. The expected Messiah, would bring that injustice to an end, and will if we but seriously live these special days in prayer, reflection and signs of love and support of others. In this time of commercialism, may we pause to consider those who are hurting in any way, those who are poor, those who do not know our Savior.

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.



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 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.



CHINESE NEW YEAR Chinatown, NYC

Celebrate "The Year of the Pig" with Authentic Chinese Cuisine & Entertainment! New Year's is the grandest traditional festival with many legends, traditions and taboos. Learn the customs & traditions of the world's oldest culture. Live Performance By The Chinese Cultural Society, Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Trip includes: Family Style Cantonese Luncheon, Authentic Chinese Entertainment, Introduction to Chinatown, Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation \$115 per person. Please contact Dcn. Joe Rentkowski at 718-727-4567.



STATEN ISLAND BALLET THE NUTCRACKER

Saturday, December 15th – 2 pm & 5 pm
Sunday, December 16th – 2 pm & 5 pm.
Center for the Arts – College of Staten Island
2800 Victory Blvd. free parking, orchestra \$50/
balcony \$40
Box Office 718-980-0500

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.

OUR LADY OF PITY 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. Please place your envelope in the collection basket. **Cash only**, no checks please.



MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 10 am to 5 pm
80+ vendors, jewelry, crafts, clothing, toys, collectibles, ornaments & more. Spectacular raffle baskets and door prizes every hour. Baked goods and festive foods, visit from Santa, free parking. Admission is \$3.00 per person/\$5.00 per family (includes one raffle ticket for door prize. Located at 2900 Amboy Road.



RESORTS CASINO

Monday, December 10th. Resorts Casino. Bus leaves at 9:00 am in front of Our Lady of Pity. The cost is \$38 per person with \$25 cash back. We must have at least 35 people to go. For information and reservation please contact Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.



MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

The St. Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus Council is having a Murder Mystery Night on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at St. Anthony's Hall, 4055 Victory Blvd. The doors open at 7 pm. The show includes buffet dinner and the cost is \$50 per person or \$40 for a table of ten (must submit one check for table of ten). Please contact Mike Pastena at 718-698-0094 (mpastena@aol.com) or Robert Liberto @ 917-886-7210 (ral09@aol.com) for more information.

