

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16th, 2018**



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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15th:
8:00 am John Mineo, Jr.
5:00 pm Henry J. Scroope III

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th:
7:30 am Millie Annunziato
9:00 am Luigi, Nancy & Louis Violetta
10:30 am Francavilla & D'Elia Families
NOON Gloria Creazzo

MONDAY DECEMBER 17th:
8:30 am Teresa Franceschini

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18th:
8:30 am Frank DelGuidice-30th Anniv in Heaven

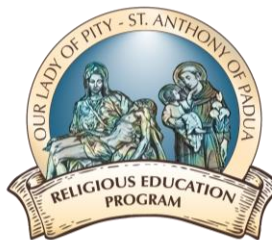
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19th:
8:30 am Peter Del Guidice

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20th:
8:30 am Victor DeBartoli

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21st:
8:30 am Michael Saviano

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22nd:
8:00 am Joseph & Jason Dispinziere
5:00 pm Louisa & Richard Verito

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23rd:
7:30 am Elide Trezza
9:00 am Antoinette & Salvatore LoFrisco & Fam.
10:30 am Maria & Vincent Zanfardino
NOON Luigi DeBenedictis



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

**Our Religious Education Christmas Pageant will be
Sunday, December 16th at the 12 noon Mass.**



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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15th:
5:00 pm Connie Del Giorno & Frances & Vincent Martucci
Requested by Margie & Eleanor Ruschak

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th:
8:00 am Michael Vecsi
Requested by Sue & Paul Wicinski

11:00 am Vincent Infuso
Requested by his children

MONDAY DECEMBER 17th:
7:30 am Victoria Finn
Requested by Bob Wilson & family

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19th:
7:30 am Frank De Chiaro
Requested by the family

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21st:
7:30 am Joseph & Josephine Aiello
Anniversary in Heaven
Requested by Sophie Jean, Marissa & Derek

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22nd:
5:00 pm Ralph & Loretta Amendola
Requested by their Godchild

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23rd:
8:00 am Anne & Joseph Modzelewski
Requested by the family

11:00 am Saladis Family
Requested by the 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 DECEMBER 16th:



OUR LADY OF PITY

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

are being offered in memory of

HENRY J. SCROOPE III

requested lovingly by Catherine A. Scroope

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE WINE, HOST & SANCTUARY LAMP

are being offered in memory of

VINCENT INFUSO

requested lovingly by Rose & 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 WREATH PROGRAM

The Christmas wreaths at St. Anthony of Padua will be lit at 5:00 pm on Sunday evening, **December 16th**. 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.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Tree Lighting will take place on **December 15th** after the 5:00 pm Mass. After the tree lighting we invite all present to our parish center for light refreshments.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND RAISER

Our Religious Education Program will be having a fundraiser. They will be selling “**CHRIST IS CHRISTMAS**” car magnets. The cost of the magnet is \$5.00. Please be supportive.

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. 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.



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 March.

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 22nd:
5:00 pm	Mar. Pastena-Mike Pastena
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 23rd:
7:30 am	J. Coraci-J. Salcedo
9:00 am	A. Davis-L. Sottile
10:30 am	V. Violetta-C. Violetta
NOON	M. Terracino-N. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

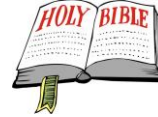
SATURDAY:	DECEMBER 22nd:
5:00 pm	C. Daniels
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 23rd:
7:30 am	M. Salcedo
9:00 am	M. Ponterella
10:30 am	L. Buttacavoli
NOON	S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 22nd:
5:00 pm	M. Maguire-I. Maguire
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 23rd:
7:30 am	E. Baria-C. Baria
9:00 am	F. Aum-C. Noby-H. Bailey
10:30 am	M. Tubay-N. Lopez-J. Inigo-K. Romero
NOON	J. Flood-M. Santa-C. Santa

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Luke: 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

HIS WORD TODAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord Himself is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God's own peace which is beyond understanding will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."...The crowds asked John 'What are we to do?'...the people were full of anticipation..."

At the midway point of Advent, we too can ask the question the crowds put to John the Baptist. We might preface it with another question: 'What have we done thus far?' What is the Lord asking of me during the next ten days? St. Paul is quite clear telling his audience to focus on the Lord, offering prayer, petitions and expressions of gratitude.

Do not fall into the trap of routine or busyness, without a moment each day of prayer that God's peace may reign in your heart. Our novena of preparation can consist simply by turning to the Word of God, reflecting on the mystery of Jesus' coming, and how we want Him to find us when we celebrate His birth. Then God's own peace will be really with us.

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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 17, 2018

Confessions will be heard from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Pity and from 4:00 pm – 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.

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

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A NIGHT AT PINK/PEGASUS MEADOWLANDS RACETRACK

The Holy Name Society is planning a trip to The Meadowlands Racetrack on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$65 per person which includes tax, tip, food, coffee, tea, and soda. Cash bar. Includes full buffet meal. Contact Steve LaRosa (646) 250-4544 for event information and reservations and Mike Pastena (718) 612-5570 for questions regarding transportation to the event.



SANDS CASINO

Thursday, December 20th. Sands 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.

