

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23rd, 2018



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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 22nd:</b>
8:00 am	Joseph & Jason Dispinziere
5:00 pm	Louisa & Richard Verito
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 23rd:</b>
7:30 am	Elide Trezza
9:00 am	Antoinette & Salvatore LoFrisco & Fam.
10:30 am	Maria & Vincent Zanfardino
NOON	Luigi DeBenedictis
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24th:</b>
8:30 am	Fr. John Mercer
4:00 pm	Catherine & Joseph O'Brien & Henry J. Scroope III, Henry Scroope V
MIDNIGHT	Intentions of Lynne Allen
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25th:</b>
9:00 am	Pietro Franceschine Sr.
10:30 am	Langone, Bonaguro. Spivey & Emerling Families
NOON	Joseph Foresta, John Peres & Vito Abbruscato
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26th:</b>
8:30 am	Matteo Partenope
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27th:</b>
8:30 am	Teresa & Giulio Franceschini
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 28th:</b>
8:30 am	Frances Morale
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
8:00 am	Josephine Masso
5:00 pm	Laura & Anthony Schimmenti
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
7:30 am	Grippio & Iovine Families
9:00 am	Doreen Lanza
10:30 am	Constance & Felix Guido & Frank DeLeo
NOON	Angela, Antonio & Carmelo Vacirca

### 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.



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

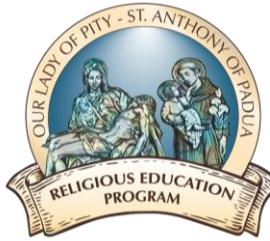
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 22nd:</b>
5:00 pm	Ralph & Loretta Amendola Requested by their Godchild
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 23rd:</b>
8:00 am	Anne & Joseph Modzelewski Requested by the family
11:00 am	Saladis Family Requested by the family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24th:</b>
7:30 am	Victoria Finn Requested by Alice & Stan Kochman
10:00 pm	<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b> Wolenski & Wicinski Families Requested by the family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
8:00 am	Wicinski, Vecsi & Hagan Families Requested by the family
11:00 am	Michael DeChiaro Requested by his daughter
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26th:</b>
7:30 am	Paul Wicinski Sr. – Birthday in Heaven Requested by the family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 28th:</b>
7:30 am	Merry Christmas in Heaven to my family Requested by -----
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
5:00 pm	Pauline & Stephen Covello Requested by their daughter Patricia
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
8:00 am	Charles Scepkowski Requested by Alfreda Scepkowski
11:00 am	Deceased Infuso Family Requested by Rose & Rosalie



### 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



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

There will be no Religious Education classes  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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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.



### 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.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade through High School are welcome to join. Please contact our Religious Education Office at 718-494-0308 for further details.

### 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.

### MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23rd:



#### OUR LADY OF PITY

#### THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

are being offered in memory of

#### JOHN MARMO

requested lovingly by the Marmo Family

#### THE MAIN ALTAR CANDLES

are being offered in memory of

#### JOSEPH GLEN CESARO

requested lovingly by the Marmo & DelFino Families

#### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

#### THE WINE, HOST & SANCTUARY LAMP

are being offered in memory of

#### MARIE & ANTHONY FUMANDO

requested lovingly by Jerry & Rhonda Leiberman and  
Lorraine & Tony Mignon

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



## 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: **R. P., 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 Galetto, 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](http://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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
5:00 pm	A. Davis-J. Salcedo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	R. Colella-L. Sottile
10:30 am	E. Bocchieri-M. Mendez
NOON	A. Mannino-G. Mannino

### LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. Salcedo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
7:30 am	R. Rose
9:00 am	N. Tricorico
10:30 am	L. Buttacavoli
NOON	S. Bilardi

### ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29th:</b>
5:00 pm	N. Lopez-F. Aum-K. Romero
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
7:30 am	D. Pangilinan-J. Inigo
9:00 am	M. Maguire-I. Maguire-H. Bailey
10:30 am	C. Baria-M. Tubay-E. Baria-M Maningas
NOON	M. Santa-C. Santa

### **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: 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

### HIS WORD TODAY

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby stirred in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out in a loud voice: 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'...'Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled.'"**

What a wonderful family reunion. Two expectant mothers meeting, greeting, celebrating imminent births. St. Luke points out the presence of the Holy Spirit, even before the Pentecost event. The question posed by Elizabeth 'who am I?'...can be changed for us today.

Who am I that my Lord and Savior should come to me? A loving Father saw our need, and in concern for us, sent, not the mother or our Savior, but the saving Lord Himself. How frequently we pray the words of Luke in the Hail Mary. As we complete our advent may the question of Elizabeth, and my question be answered.

As we approach the feast of the birth of Christ this week, may we live the visitation event, greeting others in the name of the Lord, recognizing His presence among us in our needy world. The two holy women rejoiced in Christ's presence, and so do we. Reflect for a few moments on the biblical basis of the Hail Mary.

### THE BIBLE TIMELINE:

#### THE STORY OF SALVATION

The Bible Timeline is a twenty-four-week program that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The program will be given in two 12-week sessions, first 12 weeks will be from February 11<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we will break for spring and summer and start the second 12 weeks in September 2019. Cost for materials is \$40. Please register by calling the rectory and speaking with Joanne or Frank @ n718-494-0308 by January 20<sup>th</sup> to give us enough time to order materials. For more information please contact Vincent Violetta @ 317-836-5920.

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is always a time of great joy and anticipation for the children, but hopefully for us adults as well. We anticipate the parties and gift giving and most importantly we anticipate the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

We rejoice that Jesus came at last after being longed for, for centuries. He came to us in human flesh, one of us in every way but sin. His coming to us in human vesture is the greatest event in all of human history, past, present or future.

How do we express our gratitude to Him for becoming one of us. When someone does something good for us we express our gratitude to that person for their kindness. So how about thanking Jesus for having done for us what no one else has done or ever will. He brought us salvation.

The best way to thank Jesus for what He did for us is to be His faithful follower, not one day of the year but every day of the year. It means following His commandments; it means following His will and loving Him above all and our neighbor.

May God bless you not only during this holy season of Christmas but always.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Fr. John



### THE MEANING OF THE CANDY CANE

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas – **JESUS**

The hard candy was shaped like a “J” to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of **JESUS**. The red represents the blood that **JESUS** asked to save us from our sins.

So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of **CHRISTMAS – JESUS!**

### 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.



**SINCERE THANKS**



Once again we had a very successful Christmas Tree and Wreath Program. Father John would like to thank all those who purchased a tree or wreath. A special thank you to Gene Boccieri, Mike Pastena, Linda Buttacavoli, Fran Kardel, Anthony DeStefano, Frank Marchese, the Knights of Columbus and all the men and women who gave their time and talents to help clean and decorate the Church.



### 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.



### CARNIVALE

Fat Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
The Staaten, Forest Avenue  
Cost is \$55. per person

For information and reservation please contact Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567  
If anyone would like to donate new items for the raffle tables you may bring them to the rectory at Our Lady of Pity.

### 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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