

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 6th, 2019**



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

SATURDAY JANUARY 5th:
8:00 am For All Parishioners
9:00 am Memorial Mass for Deceased of 2018
5:00 pm Mary Jaccarino

SUNDAY JANUARY 6th:
7:30 am Hilda Delgado
9:00 am Lenora Rosen
10:30 am Jean Tomasuolo
NOON John Portano

MONDAY JANUARY 7th:
8:30 am Frances Mangieri

TUESDAY JANUARY 8th:
8:30 am Intentions of Stefania Kasza

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9th:
8:30 am In Honor of St. Lucy

THURSDAY JANUARY 10th:
8:30 am Bernice Darcy Brown

FRIDAY January 11th:
8:30 am Steven Manzi

SATURDAY JANUARY 12th:
8:00 am Frank Procaccio
5:00 pm John & Sarah Squicciarini

SUNDAY JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am Ely Berano
9:00 am Norma DeGuzman
10:30 am Carol Rinaldi
NOON Rose Giallombardo



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



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

SATURDAY JANUARY 5th:
5:00 pm Henry Fago
Requested by Louise Razzano

SUNDAY JANUARY 6th:
8:00 am Florence & John Hagan
Requested by Sue & Paul Wicinski
11:00 am Vincent Infuso
Requested by his wife Rose

MONDAY JANUARY 7th:
7:30 am Paul & Pauline Wicinski
Requested by the family

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9th:
7:30 am Maria Vecchio
Requested by the family

FRIDAY JANUARY 11th:
7:30 am For All Parishioners
Requested by

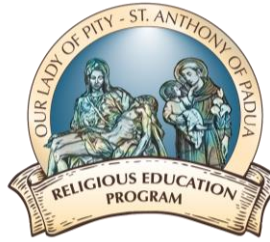
SATURDAY JANUARY 12th:
5:00 pm Deborah A. Scott
Requested by Mark & Nicole Blanchard

SUNDAY JANUARY 13th:
8:00 am Eileen Sullivan Meurer-Anniv in Heaven
Requested by her mom Susan Sullivan
11:00 am Joseph J. Rentkowski
Requested by son, Deacon Joe



**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.



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

Religious Education classes have resumed. Please note, there will be no classes on January 21st, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 6th:



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE WINE, HOST & SANCTUARY LAMP

are being offered in memory of

VINCENT INFUSO

requested lovingly by his wife Rose

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

ST. ANTHONY'S 50/50

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

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.

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.

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.

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.



NY BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center plans to run another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity. It is planned to take place Sunday, January 27, 2019 in the gym.



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 Galetto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Richie Pahopin, 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

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

"It's a Holy and Wholesome Thing to Pray for the Dead"

As is our custom at Our Lady of Pity, there will be a Memorial Mass for our beloved deceased who were buried from Our Lady of Pity this year. All family members, friends and parishioners are invited to attend this memorial Mass which will be held on January 5, 2019 at 9:00 am. Our prayers that God will give your loved ones eternal life and those who remain behind the strength and courage to carry on.

"We give back to You, O God, those whom You gave us. You did not lose them when You gave them to us, and we did not lose them by their return to You. Your dear Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die."

JOIN THE CHOIRS



The New Our Lady of Pity Choir

We have one combined choir for all ages which rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of the Parish Center. Our choir sings 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	JANUARY 12th:
5:00 pm	V. Violetta-C. Violetta
SUNDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	J. Almero-J. Coraci
9:00 am	R. Colella-M. Mendez
10:30 am	E. Boccieri-L. Sottile
NOON	R. Skelton-A. Davis

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	JANUARY 12th:
5:00 pm	N. Tricorico
SUNDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	C. Daniels
9:00 am	R. Rose
10:30 am	S. Bilardi
NOON	L. Buttacavoli

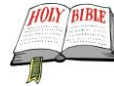
ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JANUARY 12th:
5:00 pm	J. Tangco-F. Aum
SUNDAY	JANUARY 13th:
7:30 am	E. Baria-C. Baria
9:00 am	D. Boniface-A. Boniface
10:30 am	M. Tubay-J. Inigo-D. Pangilinan-C. Noby
NOON	H. Bailey-M. Maningas-K. Romero

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.

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Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

HIS WORD TODAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.”

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy – because we have a Savior, hope – because our world can become better, happiness – because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. “They departed for their own country by another way.”

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

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 11th through April 29th, 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 @ 718-494-0308 by January 20th to give us enough time to order materials. For more information please contact Vincent Violetta @ 317-836-5920.



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.

SERVE THE POOR

Experience a personal encounter with Christ by serving the "poorest of the poor." If you are ready for life changing experiences and spiritual fulfillment then join us in Jamaica working side by side with the Brothers and Sisters of the Missionaries of the Poor. Next scheduled mission: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 to Monday, March 4, 2019. Visit www.missionariesofthepoor.org for missionary description. Call Joe Magliocco at 718-698-8054 for trip information. *Kind hearts can build a better world...SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!*



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.



SUPERBOWL

Our Holy Name Society will be selling Superbowl Boxes. There will be \$25 boxes and \$10 boxes. Please see one of the ushers in the back of the church. Good Luck to All!



January 16th, 2019, Bus trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA. Cost is \$38 per person with \$35 cash back. Bus leaves at 9:00 am in front of Our Lady of Pity Church. We must have 35 people for the bus to go. For information and reservation please contact Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475