

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 31st, 2019**



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

**SATURDAY MARCH 30th :**  
8:00 am Jean Buccelato  
5:00 pm Adelaide & Philip DeGeorge

**SUNDAY MARCH 31st:**  
7:30 am Christina Maltempo  
9:00 am Josephine Masso  
10:30 am Maria Sorce  
NOON Salvatore & Libera Mazella

**MONDAY APRIL 1st:**  
8:30 am Shirley Stoddard

**TUESDAY APRIL 2nd:**  
8:30 am For All Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd:**  
8:30 am Richard Juliano

**THURSDAY APRIL 4th:**  
8:30 am Lenny Ingrassia IV

**FRIDAY April 5th:**  
8:30 am Concetta Abate  
7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6th :**  
8:00 am Carol Daponte  
5:00 pm Justina & Louis Facciolo

**SUNDAY APRIL 7th:**  
7:30 am Lucille Graziosa  
9:00 am James Ray Mullet  
10:30 am Fred Gambale  
NOON Frank Riso, Lucy D'Orlando & Joseph DeMeglio



**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 MARCH 30th:**  
5:00 pm Sally & Henry Fago  
Requested by Carol & Lori & families

**SUNDAY MARCH 31st:**  
8:00 am Antoni Mieczkowski  
Requested by the family  
11:00 am Henry Wesolowski  
Requested by Helen & John Keiling

**MONDAY APRIL 1st:**  
7:30 am Karen Maniscalco  
Requested by the family

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd:**  
7:30 am For All Parishioners  
Requested by

**FRIDAY APRIL 5th:**  
7:30 am Healing of Manaluz Family  
Requested by Manaluz family  
7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

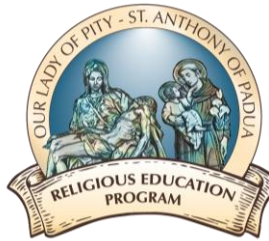
**SATURDAY APRIL 6th:**  
5:00 pm Helen Gawarkiewicz  
Requested by Patricia & Charles  
Gawarkiewicz

**SUNDAY April 7th:**  
8:00 am Peter Ottomanelli  
Requested by Susan Cole  
11:00 am Paul Saladis Sr., - Birthday in Heaven  
Requested by the family



**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.



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

Raffles were mailed home for our Religious Education fund raiser. The cost of the raffles is \$15 per ticket. Prizes are: \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Upon receipt of your raffles either return them by mail, put them in the Sunday collection or drop them off at one of the rectories. Winner need not be present to win. Please return any unused raffles.

### YOUTH GROUP

All students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade through High School are welcome to join our parish Youth Group. Please contact our Religious Education Office at 718-494-0308 for further details.

### MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31st:



#### OUR LADY OF PITY

#### THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

are being offered in memory of

**HENRY WESOLOWSKI**

Requested lovingly by the 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



## WEDDING BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the third time

*Adele Wolenski and Joseph Barlow*

### GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm.**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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## 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,**

**Dayanara Georzette Acevedo, Lawrence Ambrosino, Neil Amodio, Rusty Amodio, MaryAnn Azzarello, Edward Bach, Jeff Beauzil, Isabella Borzumato, Brook Balacco, Barbara Bilardi, Mary Ellen Bednar, Joan Lee Cammy, Jennifer Campione, Gianna Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Marc Dantoni, Dom Dealto, Donna DeFazio, Maureen Dragula, Ida Foresta, 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, Richie Pahopin, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa,**

**Darlene Remy, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi. Gloria Scaglione, 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.

### 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 @ 917-836-5920.

### 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.

## 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

### PALM CROSS SALE

The Youth Group will be selling 24-inch Palm Crosses. Please use the order form in the back of the church. The price of the palm crosses is 1 for \$15.00 or 2 for \$25. After you purchase two then each additional cross will cost \$10. Please return the form to the rectory, Religious Education Office or in the Sunday collection at both churches. The crosses will be ready for pick up during all Masses at both worship sites the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please make sure to indicate which church location you would like to pick up your crosses on the order form. Payment is due when you submit your order form. Additional Palm Crosses will be available for purchase in the Parish Center on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Checks are to be made payable to Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua. Please be supportive!

### 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.

## OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 6th:</b>
5:00 pm	R. Geronimo-V. Geronimo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 7th:</b>
7:30 am	V. Violetta-C. Violetta
9:00 am	L. Sottile-R. Collela
10:30 am	D. Marro-F. Marro
NOON	S. LaRosa-I. LaRosa

### LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>APRIL 6th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. Donadic
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 7th:</b>
7:30 am	R. Rose
9:00 am	P. Magliocco
10:30 am	L. Buttacavoli
NOON	S. Bilardi

### ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 6th:</b>
5:00 pm	M. Maguire-I. Maguire
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 7th:</b>
7:30 am	D. Boniface-A. Boniface
9:00 am	M. Maningas-K. Romero
10:30 am	J. Flood-M. Tubay-F. Aum-H. Bailey
NOON	C. Baria-E. Baria

### LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law.

Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken.

Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

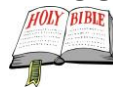
Remember all Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death Jesus accepted for us.

The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty extends from the First Sunday of Lent to Holy Trinity Sunday (June 16).

## OUR PARISH PRAYS FOR LIFE

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately following Stations of the Cross. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion and for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Please join us!

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



#### Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

### HIS WORD TODAY

#### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”**

We look at a broken, suffering world, blanketed with poverty, war, hate and division. We may question, is there any way such hardship and division can change?

As Paul wrote the Corinthians, we can find a solution, if we recognize that Christ came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another. But Paul also adds that we have been given the great responsibility to be ministers of reconciliation. That ministry is ours, all who are united to Christ. What is holding me back from working to ease tension, eradicate hate, and bring the peace of Christ to others? That was included in the beautiful prayer of St. Oscar Romero, reminding us that we are to be Christ's ministers, ambassadors of reconciliation, prophets of a future that is not our own.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Service hours available for students. The Bread of Life Food Drive needs young people and adults to sort, pack and box 65,000 items of food at Monsignor Farrell High School. The boxes of donated food will be sorted and delivered to 25 non-profit organizations on Staten Island. Volunteer for one hour or longer! Coffee and refreshments are available for all volunteers.

**WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**TIME: 7 am – 1 pm**

**WHERE: Monsignor Farrell High School  
Parking available in the football parking lot. Report to the gym.**

For further information call Susan Venditto at 917-881-8463.

## OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY SPRING FLING BASKET AUCTION

Join us for a delicious brunch including breakfast items, carving stations, salads & desserts. All you can drink mimosas, soda, coffee & tea. Basket Auction to be held at E.J. Michaels, 137 Bernard Ave. , S.I., NY on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person includes brunch, DJ & some raffle tickets. If you are reserving a table of 10 please send ONE check for \$550.00 Payment is due by March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Payable by check ONLY to Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua.



### SOUTHERN MAINE TRIP Lobster Bake & Boston

July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>, \$930 per person dbl occup., \$1275 single. Includes 3 nights hotel with breakfast, 3 dinners including a lobster bake, Kennebunkport & Dock Square, York Harbor & The Nubble Lighthouse, Kittery Point, Old Sturbridge Village, Tour of Boston and Quincy Market, tour manager and deluxe motorcoach, gratuities included. For information and reservation please contact Dcn. Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567.

### CALLING ALL VENDORS

Franciscan Handmaids of Mary, Inc.  
St. Edward Food Pantry Flea Market at  
Mount Loretta, May 18, 2019  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
To be held in the parking lot of  
Mount Loretto Friendship Club  
**718-984-1625**



### SANDS CASINO

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, bus leaves in front of Our Lady of Pity Church at 9:00 am. The cost is \$40 per person with \$25 slot play and \$5 food voucher. Must have 35 people for the bus to go. For information and reservation please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.

### 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



### TRAVIS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 pm  
Showplace Bowling, 141 East Service Rd.  
Cost: \$20, includes 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, 1 slice of pizza and 1 soda. Anyone and EVERYONE is invited to participate. There will be a 50/50 drawing. You can pay at the door!

### BUS TRIP

The Saint Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus bus trip to Atlantic City will take place on Thursday, **April 11, 2019**. We will be going to the TROPICANA CASINO. The bus is \$40 per person and each person will receive a \$25 casino credit. All are invited to join us for a day of fun. The bus will be leaving from Our Lady of Pity on Richmond Avenue at 9:00 am. Coffee and Danish will be available at 8:30 am in the parking lot. The bus will leave Atlantic City at 5:00 pm and we should be back by 7:00 pm. Checks can be made out to the Knight of Columbus, Council 16134 at PO Box 131509, Staten Island, NY 10313. Please contact Robert Liberto, cell 917-886-7210. email [ral09@aol.com](mailto:ral09@aol.com) or Angelo Chiapperino, at 718-698-6528, email [aijuice@msn.com](mailto:aijuice@msn.com), if you need any additional information.

### WELCOME SPRING LANCASTER, PA

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 night stay at the Fulton Steamboat Hotel;  
Day 1 – Dinner & show at the Dutch Apple  
Day 2 – Dinner & show at the Rainbow Comedy Play House  
Breakfast each morning at the hotel, visit to Kitchen Kettle and a farmers market  
Day 3 – Visit to Harrah's Chester Casino  
Double Occupancy per person \$500  
Triple Occupancy per person \$470  
Single Occupancy per person \$570  
For information & reservation contact Lena @ 718-761-8216

### BRANSON SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

May 25 – June 2

Motorcoach transportation, 8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Branson area, 14 meals: 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners, admission to 7 fabulous shows, including The Presley's Country Jubilee, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, The Million Dollar Quartet, 1 dinner show: Showboat Branson Belle and more. Visit a casino and Historic Downtown Branson and more. The cost is \$889 per person, double occupancy for 9 days and 8 nights departing from Our Lady of Pity Church. For additional information and reservation please contact Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.