

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 31st, 2017**



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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
8:00 am	Angela & Zaida Guerrero
5:00 pm	Anna & Leonardo Zagara
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
7:30 am	Thomas J. Ginch
9:00 am	Deceased Iovine & Grippo Families
10:30 am	Eugene Santos
NOON	Constance & Felix Guido & Frank DeLeo
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 1st:</b>
9:00 am	Gregorio Agaloos
11:00 am	Lawrence Inconiglios
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 2nd:</b>
8:30 am	St. Expedito
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 3rd:</b>
8:30 am	Charles Rizzo, Jr.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 4th:</b>
8:30 am	Domenico & Maria D'Elia
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 5th:</b>
8:30 am	Daniel Stoddard
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 6th:</b>
8:00 am	Marietta Rocca
9:00 am	Yearly Deceased Memorial Mass
5:00 pm	Sarah Squicciarini
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 7th:</b>
7:30 am	Stanley Butterworth
9:00 am	Jozef Kozlowski
10:30 am	Lucille Prestino
12:00 NOON	John Portano



**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:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30th:</b>
5:00 pm	Dorothy Blanchard
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31st:</b>
8:00 am	Stella Koran – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv. In Heaven
11:00 am	Edward V. Matusiak, Jr.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 1st</b>
7:30 am	Danuta Dylska
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 3rd:</b>
7:30 am	Anne Modzelewski
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 5th:</b>
7:30 am	Mass in Thanksgiving
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 6th:</b>
5:00 pm	Deborah A. Scott
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 7th:</b>
8:00 am	Janice Blanchard
11:00 am	Marion & Lou Tolas

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31st:**



**Our Lady of Pity**

**The Altar Bread and Wine**  
are being offered in memory of

**THE WROBLEWSKI AND WESOLOWSKI FAMILIES**

requested lovingly by their 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



## JOIN THE CHOIRS *Choir*

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, at 8 pm in the Parish Center.

The **Youth Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays, from 7 – 8 pm in the Parish Center.

New members are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Mr. Ron D'Albero after the weekend Masses, or you may call Ron at 347-770-3477 for information.

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

## 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.

## 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.



*Father John along with the staff of the parish, wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe New Year!*



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

There will be no Religious Education classes from December 25<sup>th</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND RAISER

Our Religious Education Program will be having a fundraiser. They will be selling **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** car magnets. The cost of the magnets is \$5.00. Please be supportive!

## OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group (grades 6-8 and High School) meets every third Friday of the month in the parish center. New members are always welcome! See Mrs. Amparo Caruso or Ms. Marissa Ponterella for details or email [ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com](mailto:ourladyofpityyouthgroup@outlook.com). Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

## 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.

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

**SATURDAY JANUARY 6th:**  
5:00 pm M. O'Brien-J. Coraci  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 7th:**  
7:30 am T. Hanley-J. Salcedo  
9:00 am V. Violetta-C. Violetta  
10:30 am M. Terracino-N. Terracino  
NOON A. Davis-R. Skelton

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY: JANUARY 6th:**  
5:00 pm M. Donadic  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 7th:**  
7:30 am M. Salcedo  
9:00 am M. Pontarella  
10:30 am S. Bilardi  
NOON C. Daniels

**ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 6th:**  
5:00 pm D. Boniface-A. Boniface  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 7th:**  
7:30 am M. Maningas-M. Zerega  
9:00 am F. Aum-J. Tangco  
10:30 am M. Tubay-J. Venditto-J. Inigo-K. Romero  
NOON N. Lopez-M. Santa-C. Santa

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

**“It’s a Holy and Wholesome Thing to Pray for the Dead”** During the year many families in our parish experience the death of a loved one. As is our custom, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 am. Our prayer is that God will give your loved ones eternal life and those who remain behind the strength and courage to carry on.

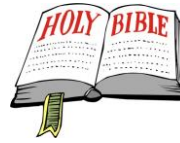
**“We give back to You, O God, those whom You gave us. You did not lose them when You gave them to us, and we did not lose them by their return to You. Your dear Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die.”**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

The New York Blood Center plans to run another Winter Blood Drive at Our Lady of Pity. The drive will take place on January 28, 2018 from 8:15 am-2:15 pm in the gym.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



**LUKE 2:22-40**

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God’s anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed “the glory of your people of Israel.” The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

**HIS WORD TODAY**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: ‘Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.’”**

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation ‘The Joy of Love’ provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, ‘Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.’

As we hear of all the new year’s resolutions, may we see this as our priority.



## PEACE THAT ONLY CHRIST CAN GIVE EUCHARISTIC 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.



## 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, Neil Amodio, Rusty Amodio, MaryAnn Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Barbara Bilardi, Mary Ellen Bednar, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Betteanne Foley, Fannie Marro, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Lenora Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Charles Messina, Lucille Messina, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Gloria Scaglione**

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.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING (PARISH PAY 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 onto [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1

## ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH

We cordially invite all parishioners to join any of the groups at Our Lady of Pity. The following are the group titles and days they meet:

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| <b>Golden Age</b>     | Tues. 12-3 pm  | Parish Center  |
| <b>Legion of Mary</b> | 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

**Our Lady of Pity 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.

**St. Anthony of Padua Ladies Auxiliary:** Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**Our Lady of Pity:** Second Sunday of the month Mass at 10:30 am; that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Congratulations to Mike Esposito, the winner of the 50/50 at the Christmas Brunch!!

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

## 10<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTER WITH CARDINAL DOLAN AND MANY OTHERS

The 2018 New York Encounter, themed An "Impossible" Unity, will take place January 12-14 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 158<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day, **FREE**, cultural event organized by members of Communion and Liberation, consisting of panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. These events and many others can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>. All are invited!





### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This event will be held on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am at **Our Lady of Pity Gymnasium**.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local district and state competitions. Last year thousands of sharpshooters participated in local competitions throughout the state. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to bring proof of age and be accompanied by a parent. For additional information contact Joe Scalici (718) 885-7687 or Lou Rotundo (718) 757-8502. Registration is simple and will take place at the time of the event.

### **BUS TRIP**

Savannah, Jekyll Island & Charleston, SC  
\$679 pp double occ., April 29-May 5 2018  
Motorcoach transportation, 6 nights lodging including 4 nights in Savannah area, 10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, guided trolley tour, harbor cruise and more.  
For reservation and information please call Agnes Davis @ 718-494-5475.

### **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**

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### **CARNIVALE**

Fat Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
DaNoi Restaurant, 4358 Victory Blvd.  
4 course meal – salad, pasta, entrée, soda, coffee and dessert. (cash bar)  
Reservations limited to 100 people, \$45.00 per person  
Anyone interested, please call St. Anthony's rectory at 718-761-6660 or OLOP rectory at 718-761-5421  
If you are interested in going please put your check made payable to Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua in the collection basket labeled "Carnivale"

### **ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
4 course luncheon at Verdi – Westbury  
Cost: \$110.00 per person  
For information and reservation please call Deacon Joe Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567



### **THE MEADOWLANDS**

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, The Holy Name Society is running a trip to the Meadowlands (PINK). The cost of the trip is \$100.00 which includes tax and tip, a prime buffet, coffee and dessert. (CASH BAR) If anyone is interested please contact Steve LaRosa at 646-250-4544. The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. The start of the first race is 7:00 pm.



### **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.