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MASSES

Our Lady of Pity Church

Saturday evening ..... 5:00 pm
Sunday ..... 8:30, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon
Holy Days .....Consult bulletin
Weekdays .....8:30 am
Saturday.....8:00 am

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Saturday evening ..... 5:00 pm
Sunday ..... 8:00 & 11:00 am
Weekday First Friday Mass & Holy Days of Obligation

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH

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Rectory Hours.....Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 5:00 pm
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Lady of Pity Church .....Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 pm
St. Anthony of Padua Church.....Saturday, 4:00 to 4:40 pm
or by appointment at each Church

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

For either Church: Couples should make arrangements with a priest at least one year in advance to secure a date and time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Our Lady of Pity Church: Celebrated on the fourth (4th) Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm.

St. Anthony of Padua Church: Celebrated on the second (2) Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm.

NOVENAS

Our Lady of Pity Church: Miraculous Medal, St. Jude and Infant of Prague Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Our Lady of Pity Church: Rosary is recited after the 8:30 am weekday Mass; on Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass; and, occasionally on Sundays.

Mass Intentions

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
OUR LADY OF PITY

Saturday March 20th, 2021
8:00 am **Andrew Longo**
5:00 pm **Joseph O'Brien**

Sunday March 21st, 2021
8:30 am **Charles & Lucille Messina**
10:30 am **Philip & Adelaede DeGeorge**
12:00 pm **Giovanni Sciara, Calogera & Giuseppe Ciccotto**

Monday March 22nd, 2021
8:30 am **John Vasselli**

Tuesday March 23rd, 2021
8:30 am **Henry Wesolowski**

Wednesday March 24th, 2021
8:30 am **Charles Skelton**

Thursday March 25th, 2021
8:30 am **Anna Kowalczuk**

Friday March 26th, 2021
8:30 am **Anna Martrano**
7:00 pm **Stations**

Saturday March 27th, 2021
8:00 am **Ryszard Kuczer**
5:00 pm **Dennis Valdner**

Sunday March 28th, 2021
8:30 am **Richard Santangelo**
10:30 am **Helen Blossfeld**
12:00 pm **Anthony Caggiano**

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Saturday March 20th, 2021
5:00 pm **Ellen Thatcher**
Requested by Virginia & Madeline
&
Janette Tatar
Requested by Her Husband

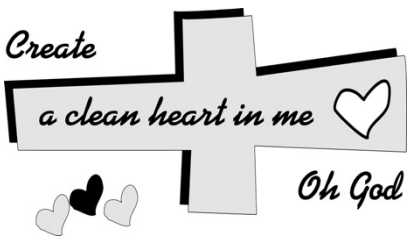
Sunday March 21st, 2021
8:00 am **Elizabeth Bonner**
Anniversary in Heaven
Requested by her Family

11:00am **Angelina & James Stavola**
Requested by Rose & Rosalie

Saturday March 27th, 2021
5:00 pm **Kevin Mc Padden**
Requested by Sue & Paul Wicinski

Sunday March 28th, 2021
8:00 am **Stella Koran**
Requested by Sandy Sanchez
&
Fred Morrar
Requested by His Wife Gladys

11:00am **Deceased Members of the Guerren & Corrao Family**
Requested by Donna & Christine Guerren



Pray for the Sick

Every worshiping 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, Helen Keiling, Frank A. Marchese, Frank J. Marchese, Agnes Mueller, Dayanara Georzette Acevedo, Rusty Amodio, MaryAnn Azzarello, Edward Bach, Ray Beshara, Jeff Beauzil, Isabella Borzumato, Brook Balacco, Joan Lee Cammy, Joann Cavallaro, Gianna Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Ida & Jerry Coraci, Alexander Passante, Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Maureen Dragula, Phyllis Esposito, Danny Fortunato, Rose Infuso, Vincent Infuso, Frank Maltempi, Fannie Marro, Jack Masso, Lillian Miner, Julio Pagan, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Jaclyn Mooney, Darlene Remy, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Khadijah Sabir, Gloria Scaglione, John Serri, Dcn. Michael Venditto, Phillip Yoo, Brigette Stano, Bettie Wilde, Lucy Nicholasi, Ann Arena, Tom Scarpaci, Michael Mannino, Dominic DeBenedito, John Mooney, Jesus Ayala & Jeanette & Anna Ayala

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

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.

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 9:45 am 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.

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

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 extraordinary minister will bring them the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

Combined Collection

Our Lady of Pity & St. Anthony

4th Sunday of Lent 2021

Weekly Collection…… $ 7,922.00

4th Sunday of Lent 2020

Weekly Collection…… $ 2,000.00

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Online Giving with OSV

Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

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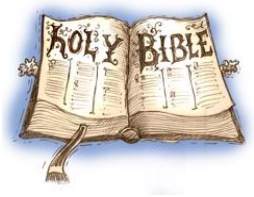

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

Annual Memorial Mass

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. Date TBD!

THANK YOU!

We wish to express our gratitude for all the contributions made in memory of Doris Tolas- Yellen

Renee Parris
Martine Olivier
Kenneth Yellen

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A journey in faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Is a process where you can experience the Catholic faith community. It is an opportunity for questions to be answered and for learning about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, and become a Catholic?
- A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and join the Catholic tradition?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has not received Eucharist or confirmation and would like to become a full patriciate in the life of the Church?

The Christian initiation process offers an environment of support and guidance as you discover God is working in your life. Through RCIA, the Our Lady of Pity- St. Anthony of Padua community can help you fulfill this journey, If you think the RCIA program is for you, and you would like registration information, please email cookvin1@aol.com.
RCIA Meets on Thursdays 7:30 pm in the parish center

Spring Sacraments **Religious Education**

After consulting with Fr. John in regard to our plans for the Spring Sacraments we have decided on the following:

- **March 19th, 2021:** Parent Meeting for Spring Sacraments via Zoom
- **March 27th, 2021:** First Reconciliation will take place by appointment only. Next week you will be receiving a letter in the mail with all the details. Please understand the issues we are facing in today's world and I won't be able to make any changes to schedules.
- **May 1st, 2021:** First Communion for our Wednesday Group
- **May 8th, 2021:** First Communion for our Thursday Group & Older Children
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**** Reminder** All these events & dates can change depending on the restrictions NYS & The Archdiocese could hold us to.**

All information regarding the above events will be in addressed in a letter that will be sent out next week.
Thank You for your patience & corporation during this time!
Mr. Frank

Welcome

Welcome Back Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony of Padua Family

Beginning Saturday September 12th, Confessions and 5:00 PM Mass will resume at Our Lady of Pity.

Our Mass schedule was revised as well; please note Our Lady of Pity will not have a 7:30 a.m. mass anymore; instead, it was combined with the 9:00 a.m. mass and is now 8:30 a.m. All 9:00 a.m. Mass intentions will move up to 8:30 a.m. If you had a Mass intention for 7:30 a.m., please reach out to the Rectory, and we could move it to 2021 for you or with permission, we could double up the Mass intention.

Beginning January 2021 our Weekday Mass schedule will resume to 6 days a week. Monday- Friday 8:30 am & Saturday at 8:00 am at Our Lady of Pity.

The supreme court decision blocks the implementation of capacity restrictions in red and orange zones because they treat house of worship differently than other institutions and businesses in New York. The decision will remain in effect until the court can hear the case in full after briefing and oral argument.

Effective immediately, the attendance restriction for our churches will remain at 50% of maximum capacity regardless of whether the parish is located in a red, orange, or yellow zone, or in no zone, as always subject to the two-meter physical distancing guideline.

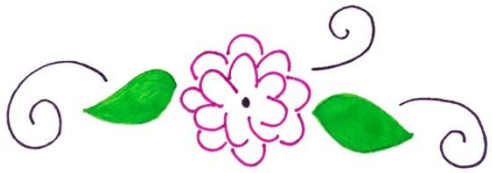
Our Lady of Pity- 120 Faithful

St. Anthony of Padua- 40 Faithful

Livestreaming will be continued for those who are still not comfortable to attend public masses at 10:30 am. The Cardinal extended the suspension of the obligation to participate in Mass until further notice.

As we reopen, please make sure to follow all the precautions that we outlined.

Thank You for continuing to support the parish and for the cooperation as we are planning for a safe return!



A Note of Thanks

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, ‘Father I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.’ And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus come out.’”

The bond of Jesus and the family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus was special. The sisters offered the gift of friendship, hospitality, with an eagerness to listen to Jesus. The death of their brother prompted Jesus’ visit and tears. Jesus restored his friend’s life.

The same miracle of Jesus takes place when we seek His forgiveness, express our own sorrow and are willing to forgive others. Forgiveness is a great power we all possess, but sometimes are slow or hesitate to use it. As with Lazarus, forgiveness produces new life in us and for others. As we continue our Lenten journey may I ask for forgiveness and be ready to forgive someone else.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

POWERED BY JESUS

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KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time…

This week I will pray for _____

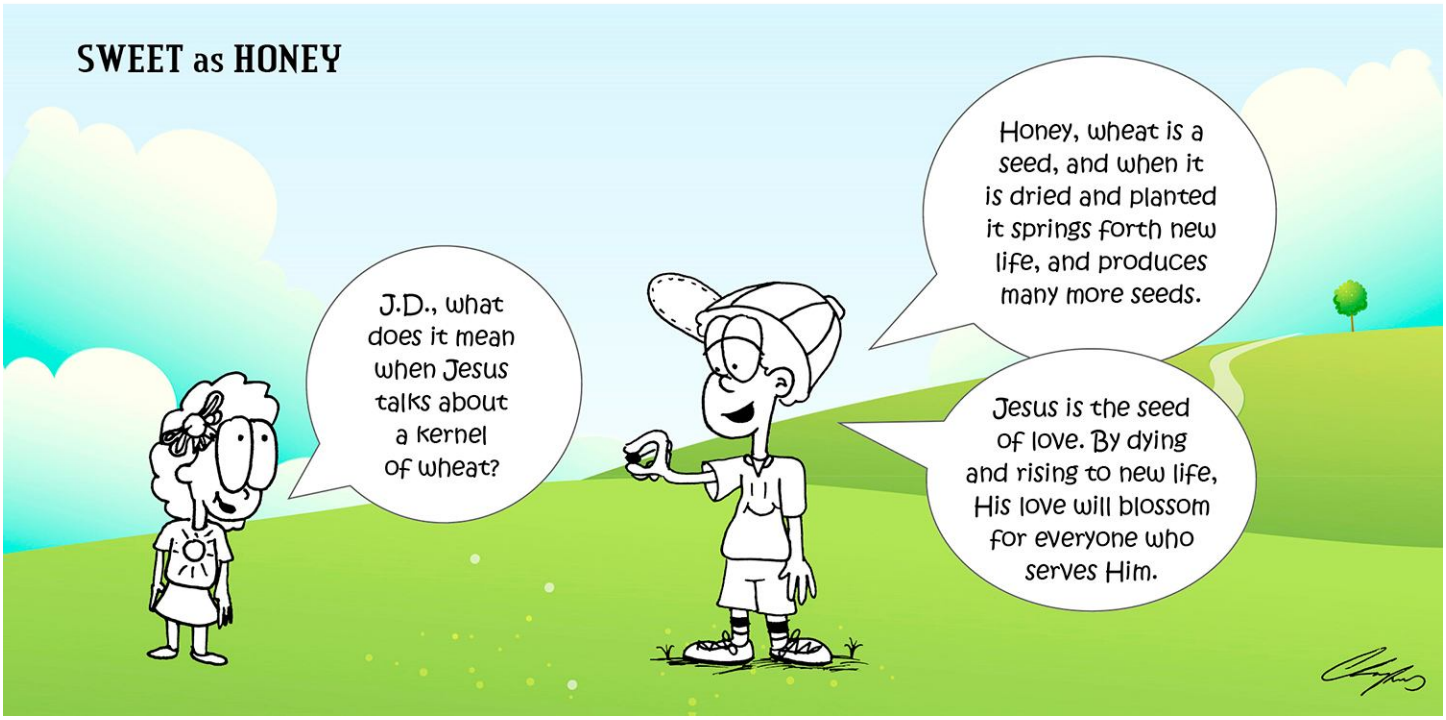
This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY



Lent

Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of Pity Church - Fridays 7:00 pm

Reconciliation Monday

Monday March 29th, 2021

Our Lady of Pity

4:00-6:00 PM

St. Anthony

4:00-6:00PM

Holy Week

Holy Thursday April 1st

OLOP: 7 PM & **St. Anthony** 7 PM

Good Friday April 2nd

OLOP: 3 PM Service & **St. Anthony** 3 PM Service

Holy Saturday April 3rd

OLOP: 7 PM & **St. Anthony** 7 PM

Easter Sunday April 4th

OLOP: 9 am, 10:30 am & Noon

St. Anthony: 8 am & 11 am

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 1st.

Ash Wednesday & 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 & Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the disciple of fasting to the extent that they are able to.
Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who reached the age of 14 are obligated 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 to.

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 of Jesus accepted for us.

The time for fulfilling your Easter Day extends from the Friday Sunday of Lent to Holy Trinity Sunday (May 30th)

OUR LADY OF PITY - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
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Mass Schedule
Effective January 2021

Our Lady of Pity
Max Occ. 120 Faithful

Weekday

8:30 am

Monday-Friday

Saturday

8:00 am

Confession
3:45-4:30 PM

5:00 PM
Mass

Sunday
8:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm

St. Anthony of Padua
Max Occ. 40 Faithful

Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 am

11:00 am

Overflow will be in the church basement

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Those who are at a higher risk for COVID-19 (i.e., those who are older than 65 or who have underlying health conditions) are urged not to come to church for Mass.

Those who feel in any way sick or who are worried about attending Mass should not enter the church.

In accordance with current state policy, the faithful (over 2 years old) must wear cloth face coverings when in public, including when they come to church.

Attendees should sanitize their hands at the entrance of the church via sanitizer stations.

All present at Mass should sit 6 feet or more away from others. Families may sit together.

Those who cannot attend Mass may be encouraged to spend time daily reading the Scriptures, praying with their families, watching a broadcast or livestreamed Mass, and making an act of spiritual communion.

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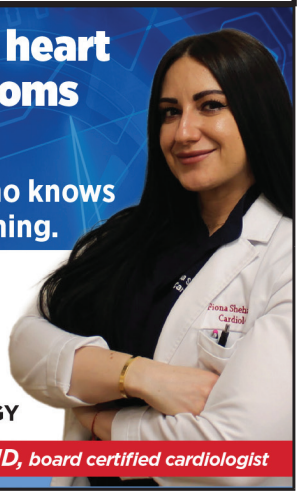

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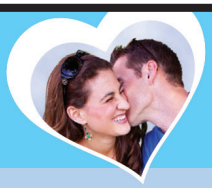

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