A CHILD IS BORN

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Our Lady of Pity ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Staten Island, New York

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Mass Intentions

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
OUR LADY OF PITY

Saturday December 24th, 2022
8:00 am **Giulio, Elisa & Maria Colella**
4:00 pm **Joseph Cesaro**
Happy Heavenly Birthday
12:00 am **The Messina Family**
Merry Christmas in Heaven

Sunday December 25th, 2022
9:00 am **Ida & Joseph Foresta & John Press & Vito Abbuscato**
10:30 am **Brian & Jason Weeks**
12:00 pm **Joseph T. McGoff**

Monday December 26th, 2022
8:30 am **For All Parishioners**

Tuesday December 27th, 2022
8:30 am **Peggy Fitzgibbon**

Wednesday December 28th, 2022
8:30 am **Raffaella Rosa**

Thursday December 29th, 2022
8:30 am **Frances Morale**

Friday December 30th, 2022
8:30 am **Anna Debenedictis (Living)**

Saturday December 31st, 2022
8:00 am **Jazmine Parks**
5:00 pm **Salome Villaaverde**

Sunday January 1st, 2023
9:00 am **Saverio Camporale**
10:30 am **Joseph Ponzi**
12:00 pm **John Portano**

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Saturday December 24th, 2022
10:00 pm **Frank Ottomanelli**
Requested by Parents
&
Theresa Testagrossa
1st Ann. In Heaven
Requested by Family

Sunday December 25th, 2022
8:00 am **Michael De Chiaro**
Requested by Family
&
Richard Sullivan
Anniversary in Heaven
Requested by Wife

11:00am **Judy & Paul Saladis**
Requested by Family

Saturday December 31st, 2022
5:00 pm **Dolly Cirillo**
Requested by Family
&
Stella Koran
Requested by Sandy Sanchez

Sunday January 1st, 2023
9:00 am **Frank Ottomanelli**
Requested by Family

11:00am **For All Parishioners**

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:

Virginia Corrente, Emil Kurak, Michael Ragonese, Helen Keiling, Agnes Mueller, Dayanara Georzette Acevedo, Rusty Amodio, , Edward Bach, Ray Beshara, Jeff Beauzil, Isabella Borzumato, Brook Balacco, Joan Lee Cammy, Joann Cavallaro, Gianna Cerullo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Alexander Passante, Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Maureen Dragula, Phyllis Esposito, Danny Fortunato, Vincent Infuso, Frank Maltempi, Fannie Marro, Lillian Miner, Julio Pagan, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Annette McGoff, Angie Mendez, Jaclyn Mooney, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi, Khadijah Sabir, Gloria Scaglione, John Serri, Phillip Yoo, Brigette Stano, Bettie Wilde, Lucy Nicholasi, Ann Arena, Tom & Mae Scarpaci, Dominic DeBenedito, John Mooney, Jeanette & Anna Ayala, Teresa Guida, Anthony Pelle Jr. Joan Conroy, Eugene LaPeruta, Javier Rivera, Tony Driscoll, Salvatore Gambarella, Lauren Russ, Gerard & Patricia Esposito, Diane Mooney, Angelo Chiapperino, Lewis Reno, John Nelson, Barbara Mikolajczak, Cynthia Russello, Anthony Pelle, Anthony Di Tore, Henry Radd, MaryJane Desalvo, Kathy Carpenito, Providencia Rios, Emma Villiarola, Rosalie Siconolfi, Mackenzie Craven, Lynn Brennan, Teresa Baptista, James Donzella Jr., Salvatore Mazzaro, & Dominick Marro

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

Jacobs Well Food Pantry

Located at Our Lady of Pity

If you need assistance or know someone that does. Please feel free to stop by any Thursday and speak to one of our volunteers.

Food will be distributed every Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon.
Please visit our website at
www.jacobswellfoodpantry.com
for food applications and donations and volunteering information.

We continue to encourage all parishioners to assist by donating nonperishable food items at all mas**ses.**

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.

https://www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-pity-rcchurch/funds

Our Lady of Pity & St. Anthony of Padua
Sunshine Club

We are happy to announce that we are forming a sunshine club that reaches out to our homebound church community.
The Sunshine Club Is a unique volunteer program designed to bring cheer and companionship into the lives of local seniors.
If you know anyone who is homebound and/or if you would like to volunteer in this program, please contact Jackie Johnson at 347-409-9197 or Marianna Pastena 917-547-7845 (Eucharistic Minister)

Our Lady of Pity & St. Anthony of Padua
Golden Age Club

Our Golden Age Club will be resuming on Tuesday January 10th from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

New Envelope Company
Starting August

Mid July, all parishioners who are registered will be receiving new envelopes from our new company Church Budget. If you haven't received your envelopes sets over the last few months, you may have been removed because no donations have been recorded over the past year. If you wish to be readded, please reach out to the rectory and we will mail you a temp set of envelopes & once we see a record of donation you will get a permeant set.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the rectory Monday – Friday 9-5pm

Rectory Office Closed

The Rectory will be closed on Monday December 26th, 2022. We will reopen on Tuesday December 27th at 9am.

Thank You & Merry Christmas!

Diane Becker, CRE

Office: 718-494-0308

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION IS CLOSED FOR THIS YEAR!

EMAIL: dbecker@olopsa.org

Religious Education Classes have begun!

10/4	Tuesday	4-5:30pm	4th & 5th Grade
		6-7:30pm	6th & 7th Grades
10/5	Wednesday	4-5:30pm	2nd & 3rd Grades
10/6	Thursday	4-5:30pm	1st Grade
		4:15-5:00pm	Bridge Class

Classes will Resume the Week of January 8th, 2023!

Have a Blessed Christmas & New Year

RCIA

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 gym.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

"Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us…"

This was the message of St. Paul to Titus.

In the joy of this season, as we recall the most significant event in human history, we might tend to forget, that the Father sent Jesus to save us and give us new life in Him. May we pause for a moment, not to visit the scene of Bethlehem, but consider what was our need and the Father's loving response, and our need today for His saving grace.

We were separated from God, but at this moment He bent down from heaven, sending us Jesus as our Savior. Today we are invited to respond to the Father's gift in gratitude and accept the greatest Christmas gift ever. Bring the meaning of this day to someone else.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

May 5th, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

I can't thank those enough who participated so far in our "Buy a Brick Fundraiser" to kick off our 100th Anniversary. To date we were able to raise $20,000 dollars towards our remodeling of "Our Lady" Shrine by the parish center. We have made it to 50% of our $40,000 dollar goal. You may continue to drop brick forms off at the rectory. They will be submitted in phases.

The first 110 bricks for Phase 1 have been sent to the engraver and we will announce soon when the unveiling will be in the fall. Stay Tuned! Also, over the next few months we will be holding two more fundraisers to continue the efforts to the beautification of the campus at Our Lady of Pity as well as St. Anthony of Padua in Travis. The next two fundraising events that will be kicked off in the fall are:

1. **The Path to the Station of the Cross** at Our Lady of Pity & St. Anthony of Padua.
    a. $500.00 donation to dedicate a station as a family or in memory of a loved one.
2. **Missalettes**- Both worship sites will be getting updated permeant missals that will be in the church. You can dedicate a missal as a family, to a loved one or in memory of someone.
    a. $50.00 donation per missal dedicated.

If there are any questions regarding fundraising or the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Pity, contact Frank Marchese at fmarchese@olops.org.

Thank You!

Joy to the WORLD

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 Wroblewski

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

PSALM 98:4

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) / John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

Year A

Merry Christmas

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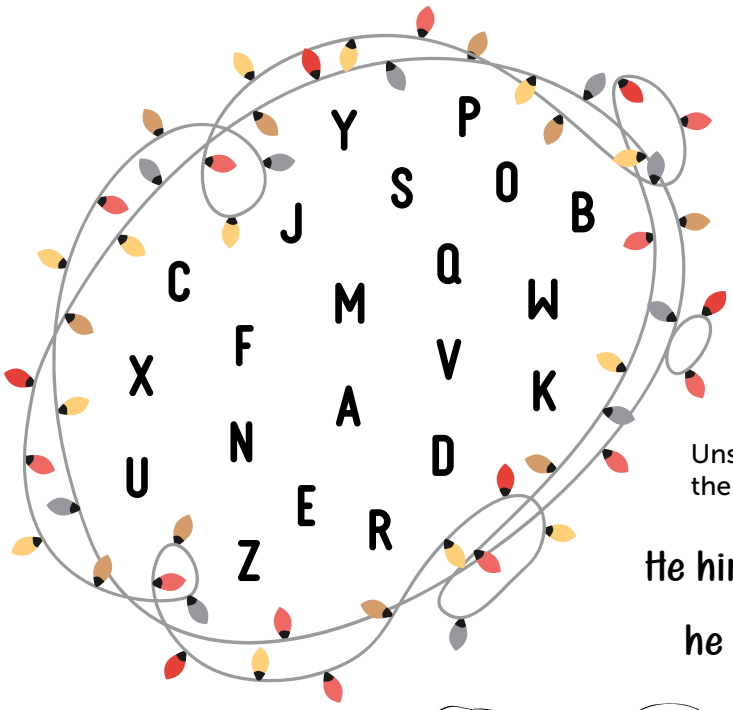

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

THE TRUE LIGHT

Find and write the missing letters (from A to Z) not found within the lights.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below (the same word is used twice).

He himself was not the __ __ __ __ __ ;

he came only as a witness

to the __ __ __ __ __ .

–JOHN 1:8

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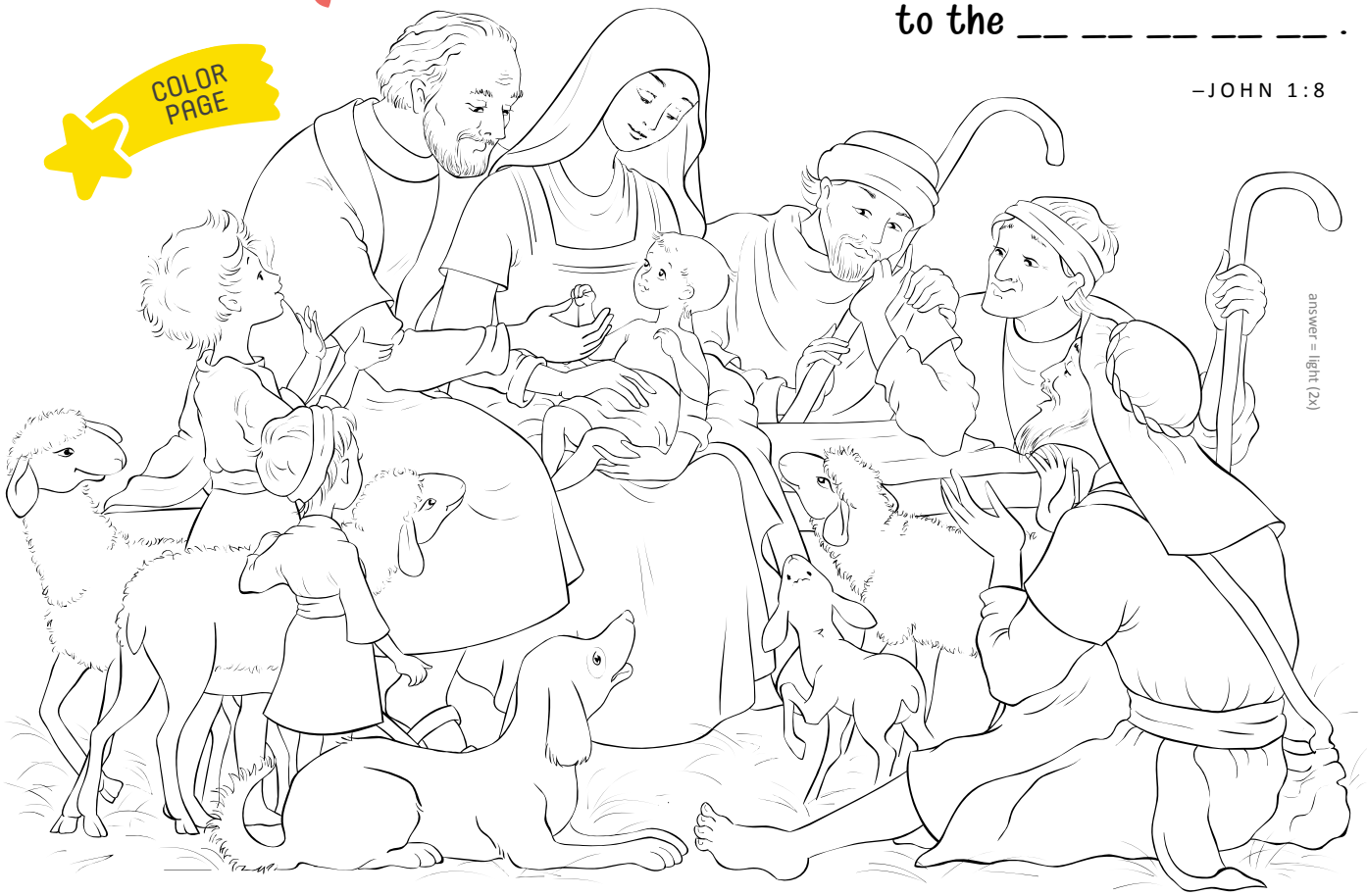

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The Nativity of the Lord

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:35

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