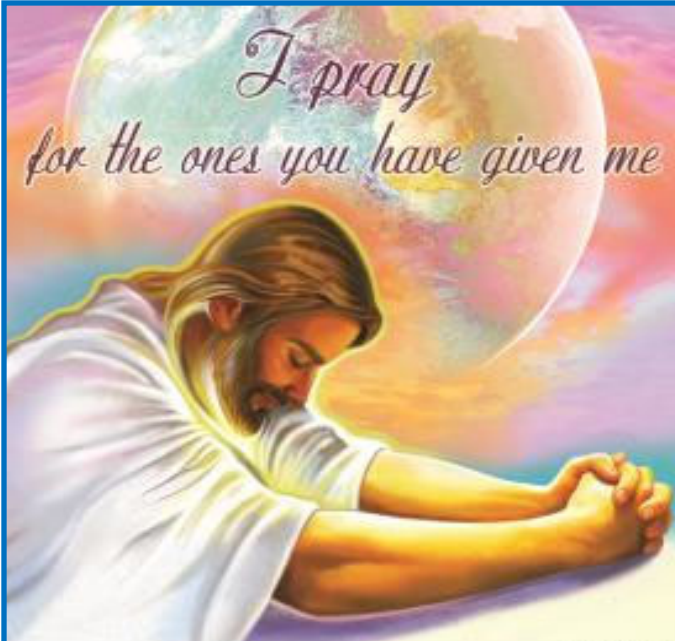


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SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017



THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE

It is easy to remember the distress we feel when someone we love goes away. Death is the most profound loss, but we feel some of this same pain when someone moves away to take a new job or goes off to school or gets married. People we love leave us all too often. The days immediately after they leave are the hardest as we adjust to their absence. The days become easier as we experience the ways they remain with us by remembering the times spent together and anticipating the time when we will be together again. Jesus' prayer teaches us that by remembering and anticipating we experience the eternal life of love, a life and love that do not end with distance or death. Eternal life is rooted in the love of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit that remains with us. If our life, loves, and suffering are joined with Jesus, then we know eternal life and love even as we live in a world of loss.

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MEMORIAL DAY. MONDAY, MAY 29th

The Parish Offices will be closed.
Mass will be offered at 9:00am only.

Come join the fun at...

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Monday, July 10th to Friday, July 14th

9:30am to 12:30pm

St. Rita School Gymnasium, 281 Bradley Avenue

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*Cost: \$30.00 one child ~ \$50.00 two children
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Please call Mrs. Mary Gillespie
at 718-982-6948 for a reservation form.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 16th.



Welcome to St. Rita's Parish Community

Please introduce yourself and register at the parish office. We welcome new parishioners to participate in the spiritual and social life of our church.



Church Website: www.stritachurch.net **School Website:** www.stritaschoolsi.org

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Rev. Anthony Gonzales, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Stephen Challman, In Residence

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61 Wellbrook Avenue ~ Phone: 718-698-3746
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Ms. Mary Grace Liss, Parish Manager

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30 Wellbrook Avenue ~ Phone: 718-761-2504
Mrs. Nicole C. Fresca, Principal

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:00pm

**Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm,
and 6:00pm**

Monday to Friday: 7:00am and 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am

Holy Days: Please refer to the bulletin or website

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm,

First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses
and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Second & Fourth Sundays after the 12:30pm Mass.
Baptism class for the parents is held on the
Second Saturday of the month at 5:00pm by appt.

SICK CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to arrange Communion
Calls and Hospital Visits.

MARRIAGES

Must be arranged six months in advance.
Couples must see a priest to secure a date.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH NOVENA

First Saturday of the month after the 4:00pm Mass,
reception following in Church Hall.

SAINT RITA NOVENA

Tuesdays after the 7:00am and 9:00am Masses

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Thursdays after the 7:00am and 9:00am Masses

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mondays 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

ADULT CHOIR

Adults sing every Sunday at the 11:00am Mass.
Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Church Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children sing every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.
Rehearsal Wednesdays at 5:15pm in Church Hall.

LORD'S FLOCK

First Friday Mass at 8:00pm in the Chapel.
Third Friday Prayer Meeting at 8:00pm in Chapel.

ST. RITA'S LADIES GUILD

First Tuesday of the month at the 9:00am Mass,
meeting following in the Parish Center.

ST. RITA'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

First Monday at 7:30pm in the School Café.

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ST. RITA'S BOY SCOUTS

Fridays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

ST. RITA'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:00 Verne Bruzzese & Rose Caracappa

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:00 Joseph Parelli

9:30 Rosemary Abati

11:00 John Miller

12:30 Michael Vinidomini

6:00 For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 29— Memorial Day

7:00 No Mass

9:00 For Those Who Died for Our Country

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00 Yvonne Reinhardt

9:00 Mary Antony & Nisha Antony (Living)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:00 Abraham Ariola

9:00 Gino Everisto, Andrea Codispoti, Dennis Donovan

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 Leonardo Salud

9:00 Jenny Olonko

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 Katrina DeSimone

9:00 Roberto, Raffaella & Luigi Rosa

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 Gaetano Buonsante

4:00 Rosaria Lauria

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 Joseph Parelli

9:30 Ladies Guild Deceased Members

11:00 Roberto, Raffaella A& Luigi Rosa

12:30 Giuseppe Tallegra

6:00 For the People of the Parish

Tree of Life Call the Parish Office

FATHER'S DAY MASSES

St. Rita's Church will offer special Masses on honor of fathers, living and deceased. The envelopes are included in your envelope packet mailed to your home and are available at the entrance of the Church. This is truly a spiritual way of remembering our loved ones and friends at the Altar of the Lord. Please return the envelope with whom you wish remembered in the collection basket or to the office.



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Couples celebrating their **50TH or 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY during 2017** will be honored at Mass at St. Rita's Church on **Saturday, June 3rd** at 4:00pm. Parishioners, family and friends are cordially invited to witness the couples renewal of vows.

ATTENTION!!!!

ALL GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 5 – 8!!!



Try-outs for St. Rita's Varsity Cheerleading Squad will be held on Saturday June 10, 2017 from 12 pm – 2 pm at St. Rita's Gym.

Please bring water (NO GLASS BOTTLES, PLASTIC ONLY) and wear comfortable clothing, i.e. sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts.

This is a great way to make new friends, exercise and just have fun!! So come down and see what it's all about. We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration Fee is \$125 per child & \$175 for two. There is a mandatory \$20 fee due at signup for The Night at the Races in January. This entitles you to one admission to The Night at the Races.

CHARITY OR SCAM?

Some of you might have noticed on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th, after the 12:30 Mass, and possibly after other Masses, both at the side and front doors of the Church, a family begging for money. They held signs that can easily fold away stating that they have hungry children. One of the children was with the man at the side door; he seemed to be an older teen ager. Some of you were giving them money. I would suggest that you not give money to anyone begging inside or outside of our Church. **We do not know who they are or if they are truly in financial need.** May I suggest that you do acts of charity with reputable organizations so that your money will benefit those who are truly in need. If we allow this to go on in front of our Church, we will soon find more and more people following suite. Again, Our Lord invites us to be people of charity; however, it would be a shame if our hard earned money went to those who would misuse our acts of charity; and encourage them to continue to do so.

-Fr. Eugene

50-50 CLUB

Congratulations to May's 50-50 Club drawing winners, **Mr. & Mrs. Alan Scutari**. The drawing raised **\$810** and paid **\$405**.

Why not try your luck?

The next drawing will be June 22nd.

The donation is \$5.00 per envelope, and 50% goes to the winner and 50% to the parish. The pink envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church, at the parish office or in your envelope packet.

TREE OF LIFE

Several parishioners have requested to purchase a leaf or foundation stone on the *Tree of Life*. Since the tree we have was completed, we installed a second tree on the wall on the right side of the church. We invite you to participate in our *Tree of Life* by donating a leaf or stone to be engraved with your special message of remembrance of a loved one, dedicated to a family member, or congratulations for a special occasion. For information, please call the parish office.



WANTED!

The St. Rita's Athletic Association (SRAA) is in need of a Basketball Director beginning in the Fall. SRAA also has three vacancies beginning in September 2017 on the Board of Directors. The SRAA Board of Directors serves as the governing body for all of the athletic programs administered for the Parish of St. Rita's. If you are interested in serving a two year term as the **1st Vice President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer**, please email Anthony Iraci at stritasports@gmail.com. **Board members must be active registered parishioners of St. Rita's Parish.**

GORETTI GROUP EVENT

Join them on **Friday, June 2nd** for the Feast of the Sacred Heart when Maria Giura will present on St. Pope John Paul II's letter, "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women," how it pertains to all women, and how men can find a deeper reverence for of their own vocation by understanding women's. The event will begin at 6:30pm with music and confession, followed by Mass at 7pm. Dinner and talk will follow.



THE 11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS RECOGNITION CELEBRATION was held on May 17, 2017 at the Excelsior Grand.

Thank you to St. Rita's **2017 Parish Honoree, Father Anthony Gonzales**, for his hard work and dedication to the children of our parish.

Congratulations to St. Rita School students upon receiving the following awards. We are so proud of you!

CYO Country Art Contest Winners

- ◆ Small Fry Division
Alyssa Andes - First Place
- ◆ Beginners Division
Rebekah Abraham - Second Place

2016 Christmas Card Art Contest Winners

- ◆ Novice Division
Jeremy Irizarry - First Place
Serena Ferrante— Second Place

2017 CYO Country Essay Contest Winner

- ◆ Master's Division
Jordan Morrissey - Third Place

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will host their **16th Annual Spring-into-Summer Party** on **Saturday, June 24**, 7:30 – 11:30pm with dinner, deejay, door prizes and wine at the Mansion Grand, located by the waterfront at 141 Mansion Ave. SI 10308. New and returning members as well as alumni warmly invited! Cost is \$60 if postmarked by June 2; \$70 afterwards. Please make checks out to Cash and mail to Holy Family, Attention: June Singles Party, 366 Watchogue Road, S.I. NY 10314. All payments must be postmarked by Monday June 19. For more information, find them on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, check www.sgspsi.org, or email sfcssi@gmail.com.

St. Francis Catholic Singles on S.I. is also seeking a practicing Catholic in their 30s, 40s, or 50s to be the group's new Moderator or Co-Moderator. This volunteer role involves planning and running topics or socials several times a year for Catholics who are single or single again. Candidate should be someone who cares about this population and has good organizational and communication skills. Training is available. This is truly a beautiful ministry for the right person/s! For more information, email sfcssi@gmail.com. We're happy to communicate with interested persons even on an exploratory basis.

GARDEN OF LIFE BRUNCH

The Cross Road Foundation is celebrating its 30th Anniversary of promoting the culture of life on Staten Island. The 4th Annual Garden of Life brunch and fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, June 11th** from 11am-1pm at the Excelsior Grand. Tickets are \$30 per person, with family pricing available. Bishop Peter Byrne will be the recipient of the Cardinal John O'Connor Guardian of Life award in recognition to his outstanding commitment to promote the culture of life on Staten Island. Mrs. Anita Pinnola will receive the volunteer of the year award. Councilman Joseph Borelli will be the featured speaker. Call 718-556-3474 or visit www.crossroadfoundation.org to reserve your seats.

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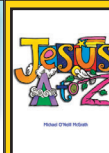
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