

Church of Saint Rita

281 Bradley Avenue - Staten Island, NY 10314

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

As we think of Peter's "shadow" bestowing Jesus' healing, we recall that Peter's current successor, Pope Francis, declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy, that the many varied "wounds" afflicting God's people may be healed by Jesus' mercy offered through his loving disciples. Francis announced the Jubilee last year on this Sunday, named by Pope Saint John Paul II Divine Mercy Sunday, honoring Saint Faustina Kowalska's spiritually comforting devotion. How fitting! For in today's Gospel, guilty disciples, whose denial and desertion helped inflict Jesus' wounds, heard Jesus' merciful words: "*Shalom — Peace!*" Jesus' next words sent them—and now send us—as the Father sent Jesus: to heal and reconcile others, even at the risk of being wounded ourselves. Again, how fitting! For Jesus, who assured Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," had earlier declared, "Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy." Divine Mercy Sunday, in this Jubilee Year, sends us out to share the comfort, mercy, and forgiveness that we ourselves have so joyfully received.



The relics of St. Faustina will be at Holy Family Church on Monday, April 4th.

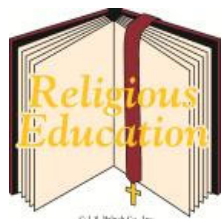
2:45pm ~ Welcome the Relic
3-4pm ~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4-6pm ~ Veneration & Confession
6:00pm ~ Rosary
6:30pm ~ Reflection
7:00pm ~ Mass



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New Student Registration for 2016-2017

will take place on **Wednesdays April 6th, 13th and 20th, 2016** from 6:30pm until 7:30pm in the school lobby, 30 Wellbrook Avenue.



A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required along with proof of any other sacraments received. Families should be registered parishioners who attend Mass every Saturday evening or Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation. *Any questions please call Mrs. Mary Gillespie at the CCD Office at 718-982-6948.*

Private school students, who are parishioners at St. Rita's and wish to receive Communion or Confirmation in 2017, are asked to contact Mrs. Gillespie as soon as possible.

Clothing Drive



Do your Spring Cleaning and Help Support St. Rita School!

Date: Wednesday, April 6th

Time: 8:00am – 11:00am

We are collecting:

- ◆ Wearable & Usable Clothing (Men's, Women's, & Children's)
 - ◆ Shoes, Belts, Handbag
 - ◆ Home Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels)
 - ◆ Stuffed Animals and Toys
- PLEASE NO: Books, Furniture, Glassware

St. Rita School will receive .10 cents for every pound we collect.

Please put all that you are donating into tightly tied plastic bags.

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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PARISH OFFICES

61 Wellbrook Avenue ~ Phone: 718-698-3746
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Ms. Mary Grace Liss, Parish Manager

ST. RITA SCHOOL—S. I. REGION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone: 718-982-6948
Mrs. Mary Gillespie, Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

4:00 Mary Santangelo

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 Thomas Lynch, Sr. & Thomas Lynch, Jr.
9:30 Salvatore Lombardi
11:00 Filippo & Rita Alabiso (Living)
12:30 Stella Marino
6:00 For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 Joel Kuriakose & Family (Living)
9:00 Caterina Inguaggiato

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 Katherine Wasilewski
9:00 Eileen Scamardella

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 Giuseppina Seraguso
9:00 Concetta Vicidomini

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 Anthony Classi (Living)
9:00 Joseph Guastella

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 Sr. Anne Marie Perugini
9:00 Joseph Guastella

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 Tommaso Vitale
4:00 Peter Murray

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 Paul C. Falco
9:30 Antonio Assenso
11:00 Ida Presutti
12:30 John Sung & Maria Loan and Son
6:00 For the People of the Parish

Tree of Life—Call the Parish Office

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.

stritasports@gmail.com

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.

FAMILY MASS

Our fifth and sixth grade St. Rita School and CCD students will host the **Family Mass** next **Sunday, April 10th** at 9:30am. All parishioners and friends are cordially invited to worship.



THANK YOU

- We are grateful to our parishioners for their kindness and generosity at Easter.
- Thank you to our Adult and Children's Choirs, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for the gift of their ministries.
- Thank you to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to beautifully decorate our church for Easter. A job well done!



Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on **Saturday, June 25th or Sunday, June 26th** at 2:00pm. *Please call Mary Grace Liss at the parish office as pre-registration is required through the church. A copy of your sacramental marriage certificate is needed to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th.*

ST. RITA'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

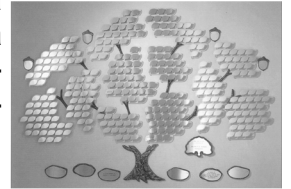
The SRAA monthly meeting will take place on **Monday, April 4th** at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria for all coaches, volunteers and parents. Email: stritasports@gmail.com.

KEEP GOD'S HOUSE NEAT AND CLEAN

Before you leave the church, please place the missals back neatly in the racks. Please dispose of any garbage (tissues, papers, etc.) . Thank you for your cooperation.

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 more information, please call the parish office.



50-50 CLUB

Congratulations to March's 50-50 Club drawing winner, Mrs. Iolanda Iacoune. The drawing raised **\$890** and paid **\$445**. Why not try your luck? The next drawing will be held April 26th. 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.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Thank you to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal. You can make your donation online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.

ST. RITA'S LADIES GUILD

St. Rita's Ladies Guild will gather for Mass on **Tuesday, April 5th, 2016** at 9:00am, followed by a meeting in the Parish Center. All women are cordially invited. For information call Marie Brech at 718-494-7960.

NEW Pre-K 3 Program for the 2016-2017 school year

A tuition based full day 3 year old Pre-K Program for September 2016.

2 Full Day: Tuesday & Thursday: \$3,000

3 Full Day: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: \$4,100

5 Full Day: Monday-Friday: \$5,000

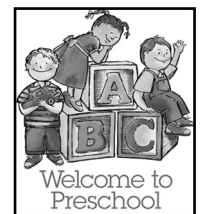
Registration Fee: \$100 per child , Activity Fee: \$200 per child

School Hours: 8:15am-2:30pm

Child must be 3 years of age by December 31, 2016.

- All children must be fully toilet trained by the first day of school.
- School gym uniform is mandatory. This can be purchased through our school uniform company: Flynn & O'Hara
- After care is available on your child's scheduled day (s) of school for an additional cost.

Please contact the school office for registration and additional information at 718-761-2504.





St. Rita's Athletic Association Presents...

3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 9, 2016

Silver Lake Golf Course - 915 Victory Blvd, Staten Island NY

Breakfast: 8:00 AM ~ Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

All Inclusive Cost: \$120.00 per Golfer

Includes: Continental Breakfast, 18 Holes of Golf, Shared Riding Cart, Hot Dog and Beverage at the Turn, Deluxe BBQ after golf with Draft Beer and Soft Drinks

If you can't or don't play golf, join us for the BBQ only after the outing: \$30.00 per Person

- Hole Sponsorships with Sign Displayed at Hole: \$100.00 per Hole
Breakfast /Beverage Cart or BBQ Sponsorship: \$500.00 Each

Raffles**50/50** Prizes

Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to Pin and Straightest Drive as well as hole in one prizes on all par 3's

Proper Golf Attire Required: NO DENIM

Contact: Joe Infantino @ joe.infantino@us.hsbc.com (917)885-4294, Bed Ignacio @ bignacio@verizon.net (718)288-9254

Anthony Iraci @ stritasports@gmail.com (917)400-3067

Number of Golfers (all inclusive) _____ X \$110.00 = _____ Names 1 _____

(all inclusive = Breakfast, Golf/Cart and BBQ after the round) 2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

BBQ Only after golf _____ X \$30.00 = _____

Checks must be made payable to: Saint Rita's Athletic Association, 25 Home Place, S. I., N.Y. 10302

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Rita

PASTA DINNER

Saint Rita School Auditorium

Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

ADULTS: \$20 ~ CHILDREN 11 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER: \$20

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The meal includes pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, dessert, soda, water and wine.

50-50 drawing ~ Birthday Board ~ Gift Baskets

Reservations are requested by Sunday, May 14, 2016.

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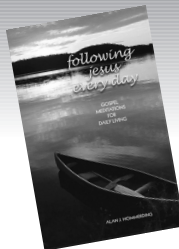
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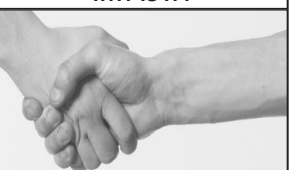
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