

Church of Saint Rita

281 Bradley Avenue - Staten Island, NY 10314

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017



*The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure
buried in a field*

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

SERVED BY

Rev. Eugene J. Carrella, Pastor
Rev. Abraham Berko, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Stephen Challman, In Residence

PARISH OFFICES

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

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, JULY 29

4:00 Caterina De Guida

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:30 Dolly Motchan

10:30 Adelina Cardoso

12:30 Camillo & Theresa Barbato

6:00 Camille Guastella Lemma (Living)

MONDAY, JULY 31

7:00 Marlon Dela Cruz

9:00 Alfred Miller

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 Dolly Motchan

9:00 Dr. Teodorico Alcantara (Living)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 Dr. Luigi Scala

9:00 Jeannine LaVerde

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 Lena Quan Llacer

9:00 Ms. Melva Osakwe (Living)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 David Passas

9:00 Dionicia Rivera

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 Roberto, Raffaella & Luigi Rosa

4:00 Dawn Marie Cangro

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 Mary & Joseph Morrone

10:30 Caterina DeGuida

12:30 Vincent Toa & Maria Quan Ngyuen

6:00 Stephen Anest

Tree of Life Call the Parish Office

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 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

Groups not meeting in Summer, resume in Fall

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesdays 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

ADULT CHOIR

Adults sing every Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.

Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Church Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children sing every Sunday at the 8:30am 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

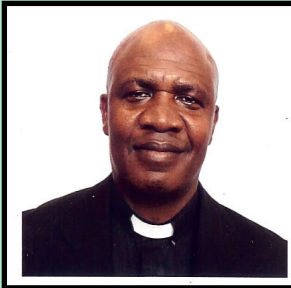
Fridays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

ST. RITA'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

WELCOME FATHER ABRAHAM BERKO

St. Rita's parish welcomes Fr. Abraham Berko as its new parochial vicar. Fr. Berko was ordained in his native Ghana in December 1998. In July 2003, he came to the United States and was assigned to Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, New York (Dutchess County). In February 2007, Fr. Berko was assigned to Christ the King Church in the Bronx. In November 2013, he was assigned to St. Adalbert Church here on Staten Island. In April 2015, he was incardinated into the Archdiocese of New York. During this time, St. Adalbert merged with St. Roch and Fr. Berko became the parish's temporary administrator. He served at St. Adalbert parish for nearly four years. He was asked to come to St. Rita's parish when Fr. Anthony Gonzales was sent to serve in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Fr. Abraham Berko is a quiet, gentle and humble priest who I'm certain will serve the Parish of St. Rita well. We will welcome him on August 7th as he begins his ministry at St. Rita's Parish.



-Fr. Eugene

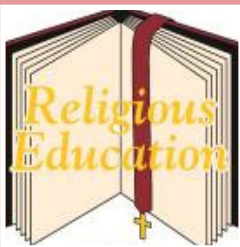
Congratulations to July's 50-50 Club drawing winners, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Palma. The drawing raised **\$820** and paid **\$410**. Why not try your luck? The next drawing will be August 24th. The donation is \$5.00 per envelope, and 50% goes to the winner and 50% to the parish. The pink envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church, at the parish office or in your envelope packet.



In Baptism, we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. Please welcome into St. Rita's Parish Family Matthew Anthony Nieves who was Baptized in July.

CCD REGISTRATION

GRADE 1 THROUGH 8



Registration for current students, new students or for children transferring from other schools or programs will take place on **Thursday, September 7, 2017** in the Parish Office, 61 Wellbrook Avenue, *driveway entrance*, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm and from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. A copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate is required along with proof of any other sacraments that have been received.

CCD Classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 13th** from 3:30pm to 5:00pm for students in grades 1 through 5 and from 6:30pm to 8:00pm for students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Private school students, who are parishioners at St. Rita's and wish to receive Communion or Confirmation in 2018 are asked to please contact Mrs. Mary Gillespie, Monday through Thursday, at 718-982-6948 or email mgillespie@stritachurch.net. **Families are to be active and registered parishioners of our parish.**



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Week of July 31-August 6, 2017

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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.

If you are interested in serving a two year term as the **1st Vice President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer**, email Anthony Iraci at stritasports@gmail.com. **Board members must be active registered parishioners of St. Rita's Parish.**

WHAT IS A PARISHIONER?

- ♦ Regular attendee at Mass on Saturday evenings or Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation – absent only for a serious reason, such as illness.
- ♦ Registered in the parish, and financially supporting the parish to the best of one's ability.
- ♦ Volunteer, participating in parish activities with time, talent and resources.
- ♦ Not perfect — just trying to live the Catholic faith as best as they can with God's help and the support of family and friends.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New members are cordially invited to participate fully in the spirit and social life of our parish. Please register at the parish office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or call Mary Grace Liss, Parish Manager, for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE

Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation will be given only to active registered parishioners of St. Rita's Church.

REGISTERED PARISHIONER CHANGES

Please notify the parish office or place the slip below into the Offertory Collection if you plan to move, whether it be in or out of the parish or change your telephone number or e-mail address. *Kindly respond with changes only if you are a registered parishioner.*

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LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

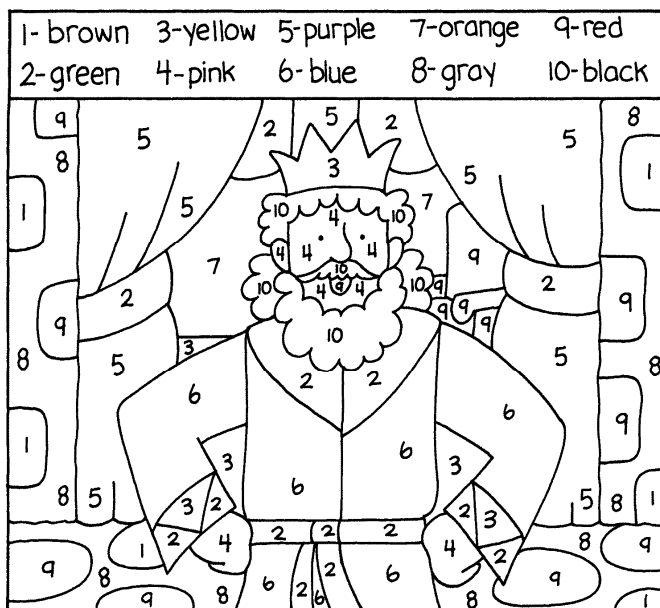
In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

King Solomon asked God to help him understand and know how to lead the people in his kingdom. God was pleased with his request and made him wiser than anyone!
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