

Church of Saint Rita

281 Bradley Avenue - Staten Island, NY 10314

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

2016 LENT SERIES AT ST. RITA'S

Friday, March 11, 2016 at 7:30pm

in St. Rita's Church, 281 Bradley Avenue

"Living Stations of the Cross"

presented by St. Rita's School children



THE PRESENTATION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

UPCOMING EVENT

Friday, March 18th at 7:30pm

"A Lenten Choral Meditation" presented by the Choir of Communion and Liberation.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

The feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 19th** at the 9am Mass with music by Deb Williams. Veneration of an "ex pallio" (from the cloak) relic of St. Joseph will follow the celebration of Mass.

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. Anthony Gonzales, 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

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 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, MARCH 5

4:00 Rocco & Flavia Natale

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 Anna Marie & Alfred Perone

9:30 Joseph B. Lorusso

11:00 Antonio & Cristina Saliceti

12:30 Pham & Dang Families (Living)

6:00 For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 7 ~ Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

7:00 Armi Donna Bautista (Living)

9:00 Imelda Sinnott

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 ~ St. John of God

7:00 Pilar Albano

9:00 Rose Gillespie

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 ~ St. Frances of Rome

7:00 Joseph Guastella

9:00 Ralph Brech

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 Joseph Guastella

9:00 Joseph Sinnott (Living)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 Fr. Michael Sepp

9:00 Andrew Tsarsis

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 Anna Pham & Paul Vu

4:00 Ethel & Al Ahrens

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 James & Mary Mullane

9:30 John & Betty Gault

11:00 Tommaso Vitale

12:30 Dang & Nguyen Families (Living)

6:00 For People of the Parish

Tree of Life—Call the Parish Office



2) Mark Caputo & Jessica Liss

BAPTISMS

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 those who were Baptized in February:

- Kara Rose Karczewski
- Paul Gabriel Navarro
- Julius Guadalupe Garcia
- Olivia Bella Oestreicher

St. Rita's Ladies Guild is sponsoring a **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

**San Alfonso's Retreat House
Long Branch, New Jersey
Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

The cost is \$55.00, which includes breakfast, lunch and transportation. There will be Mass, guest speakers and time for Reconciliation. The coach bus will be leaving St. Rita's Church at 8:00am, and returning by 4:00pm. To make a reservation, call Linda Santino at 718-698-2419 or 718-536-4290. Seating is limited.

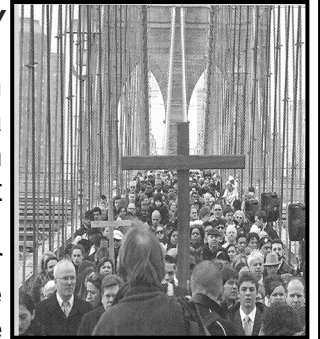
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**will be prayed every Friday
following the 9am Mass.**

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016

Once again, we invite you to participate in Communion and Liberation's Annual Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 25th. **Timothy Cardinal Dolan** will join us at the opening service at 10:00am in St. James Cathedral in Brooklyn and give a brief reflection before he walks with us to the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge. The procession will follow the cross to a second station on the Brooklyn Bridge, to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:45pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, meditations, reflections by Father Richard Veras, and music led by the choir of Communion and Liberation. The 2,000-3,000 participants proceed in silence from station to station. The entire walk is two and one-half miles long.



We reserved a coach bus for our parish that will leave promptly from St. Rita's at 8:30am at the Westwood Avenue parking lot. Please be there **by 8:15am**. The bus will meet us after the service at 1:45pm at St. Peter's Church. The bus should return to St. Rita's by 3:00pm for our Good Friday liturgy. The offering to help defray the bus cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child under 12 years of age. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please reserve your seat early as the bus was filled last year. For more information, visit www.wocbrooklynbridge.com.

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Name (s): _____

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Please complete the reservation form, make check payable to the Church of St. Rita, and mail to 61 Wellbrook Avenue, SI, NY 10314- Attn: Mary Grace Liss.

ST. RITA RAFFLE BASKETS

Raffles for beautiful baskets will be sold after all the Masses in the vestibule of the Church next weekend, March 12th and 13th.

- For baskets valued under \$100, the chances are 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10.
- For baskets valued more than \$100, the chances are 2 for \$5, or 6 for \$10.
- For baskets valued more than \$300, the chances are 1 for \$5, or 5 for \$20.

The drawing will take place at the St. Rita dinner dance on March 19th. Winner need not be present.



The Ladies of Charity will gather for Mass on **Saturday, March 12th** at 9am, followed by a meeting in the Parish Center. Please bring non-perishable canned or boxed food for Holy Family's Food Pantry. Skeins of wool would also be appreciated as some of the ladies will crochet and knit layette sets for our local hospitals, and lap blankets for area nursing homes. If you would like to become a Lady of Charity, please call Joanne Pastore at 718-494-2024.

Cardinal Dolan Young Adult Mass

The next Young Adult Mass celebrated by Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be held on **Wednesday, March 9th** at 7:30pm. Mass will be held at the main altar at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, (51st Street—between 5th and Madison Avenue). Confessions and Adoration with music by Audrey Assad and Josh Blakesley will be held from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. No tickets are necessary and all ages are welcome to the Mass. The party after the Mass will be at Vermilion, 480 Lexington Avenue (at 46th and Lexington).



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Rev. Brian McWeeney, Director

Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

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CHRISM MASS 2016

St. Joseph's Guild of Blessed Sacrament Church is sponsoring a bus to attend the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The cost is \$25. The bus leaves at 1:30pm from in front of Blessed Sacrament Church. Mass is at 4pm with reserved seating. Call Blessed Sacrament rectory at 718-442-1581 for reservations.

ST. RITA'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The SRAA monthly meeting will take place on **Monday, March 7, 2016** at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria for all coaches, volunteers and parents. Email: stritasports@gmail.com.

ST. RITA'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB

St. Rita's Golden Age Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts in Atlantic City on **Wednesday, March 23, 2016**. Call Marie Iraci at 718-761-4077 for details.



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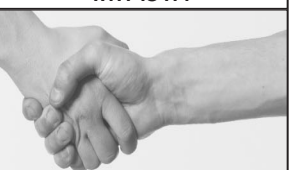
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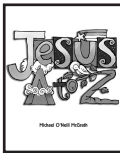
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