

# Church of Saint Rita

281 Bradley Avenue -Staten Island, NY 10314

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## NINTH ANNUAL LENT SERIES—2017

*A series of free lectures and performances presented during Lent at 7:30pm in St. Rita's Church, 281 Bradley Avenue.*

### "CELEBRATING THE SACRED TRIDUUM"

**Friday, March 10th at 7:30pm**

The liturgies of Holy Week are some of the most beautiful and theologically profound celebrations of the Church's liturgical year. Join Fr. Matthew Ernest for an evening seminar on the liturgical year that will focus on the history, theology, and current celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday), and the Easter Vigil. This seminar is ideal for anyone who wishes to have a greater understanding of the Church's liturgical year in preparation for the celebration of the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum.



*Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D. is Professor and Director of Liturgy at St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie) and the Director of the Office of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of New York. He has written articles for Ephemerides Liturgicae and worked with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) in its preparation of the English translation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal. Fr. Ernest is a censor librorum for the Archdiocese of New York, and holds a doctorate in liturgical studies from the Catholic University of America.*

*Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after each presentation, offering an opportunity to meet the presenters.*

*All presentations are open to the public and free of charge.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be prayed every Friday following the 9:00am Mass.

### CONFESSIONS

will be heard on Saturday from 3-3:45pm  
and after the Sunday morning Masses.

# 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](http://www.stritachurch.net) **School Website:** [www.stritaschoolsi.org](http://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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:00 Rose & Benny Lamantia

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 Joseph B. Lorusso  
9:30 Ralph Brech  
11:00 Joseph & Mary Barta  
12:30 John Miller  
6:00 For the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 Aurora Bisso  
9:00 Anthony Piazza (Living)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 Tomas G. Espeleta  
9:00 Francesco & Gilda Gallaro

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 Pilar Albano  
9:00 Rose Gillespie

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 Dina Liotta  
9:00 Carmen Medina

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 Rosemary Abati  
9:00 Joseph Thomas Sinnott (Living)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 Bianca DiMitri  
4:00 Ethel & Al Ahrens

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 David A. Minchala (Living)  
9:30 John & Betty Gault  
11:00 John Miller  
12:30 Lucyann Gerbino  
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](mailto: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.

# NINTH ANNUAL LENT SERIES—2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### "MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK"

Friday, March 17th at 7:30pm

*Fr. Eugene Carrella*

### "LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS"

Friday, March 24th at 7:30pm

*St. Rita's School children in the school auditorium*

### "THE PASSION NARRATIVES: ONE EVENT REVEALED THROUGH FOUR PERSPECTIVES"

Friday, March 31st at 7:30pm

*Fr. Richard Veras*

### "A LENTEN CHORAL MEDITATION"

Friday, April 7th at 7:30pm

*Choir of Communion and Liberation, directed by Christopher Vath*

*Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after each presentation,  
offering an opportunity to meet the presenters.*

*All presentations are open to the public and free of charge.*

#### FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan is giving a dispensation for the Faithful to be able to eat meat on **Friday, March 17th** for the feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of New York.



#### CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you would like to bake Irish Soda Bread or purchase St. Joseph pastries to be served after the Mass in the Church Hall on Friday evening, **March 17th**, please call Mary Grace Liss at the parish office *by March 13th*. Thank you for your support of this endeavor.

#### ST. RITA'S LADIES GUILD

St. Rita's Ladies Guild will gather for Mass on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at 9:00am, followed by a meeting in the Parish Center. Mr. Dan Pontecorvo, a former firefighter, will speak about his personal connection to September 11th. All women are cordially invited. For details please call Marie Brech, President, at 718-494-7960.



#### ALTAR BREAD

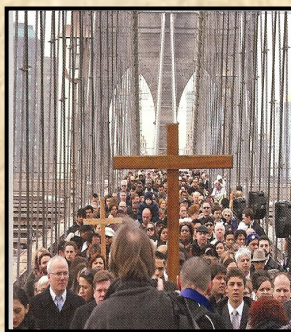
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# WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017



Once again, we invite you to participate in Communion and Liberation's Annual Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14th. The opening service begins at 10:00am in St. James Cathedral in Brooklyn. 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](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.com).

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## WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

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# of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ # of children: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

## NEW PRE-K 3 PROGRAM FOR THE 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

**We are happy to offer a tuition based full and half day 3 year old  
Pre-K Program for September 2017.**

5 full days: Monday – Friday 8:15am - 2:30pm: \$5,300

3 full day: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:15am - 2:30pm: \$4,500

2 full days: Tuesday & Thursday 8:15am - 2:30pm: \$3,200

3 1/2 days: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: AM Session 8:15 - 11am : \$3,050

PM Session 11:45am-2:30pm: \$3,050

Registration Fee: \$100 per child

Activity Fee: \$200 per child

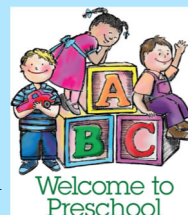
\*Child must be 3 years of age by December 31, 2017.

\*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.*



# LADIES OF CHARITY

## Our Mission:

To provide comfort, support and solace to individuals in need

## Who We Are:

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer their service for individuals in need throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

## What We Do:

The Ladies of Charity meet the critical needs of those challenging situations through individual and collective ministries. This includes:

- ◆ Volunteering in Parishes, other institutions and in self-directed charitable acts
- ◆ Creating and donating handmade items for those we serve.
- ◆ Providing a forum for support and spiritual growth for our volunteers.

For information, call Joanne Pastore at 718-494-2024.

***The ladies will gather on Saturday, March 11th for Mass at 9am followed by a meeting in the Church Hall.***



## 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 to Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or call Mary Grace Liss for information.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the parish office if you plan to move, whether it be in or out of the parish.

## PLEASE NOTE

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

## STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God--we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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## 50-50 CLUB

Congratulations to February's 50-50 Club drawing winners **Ms. Linda Benedetto**. The drawing raised **\$830** and paid **\$415**.

Why not try your luck?

The next drawing will be March 23rd. 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.

## ST. RITA'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The SRAA monthly meeting will take place on **Monday, March 6, 2017** at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria for all coaches, volunteers and parents.

Email: [stritasports@gmail.com](mailto:stritasports@gmail.com).

## ST. RITA'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB

St. Rita's Golden Age Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sands in Bethlehem, PA on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**. To make a reservation call Marie Iraci at 718-761-4077.



## YOUTH FEST 2017

All high school students on Staten Island are invited to attend Youth Fest 2017 on **Saturday, March 11th** from 10am to 5pm at Moore Catholic High School. This is a day of fun, faith, friends, food, and free cash raffles. The day ends with a 4pm Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop John O'Hara.



**St. Rita's Athletic Association  
Presents...**

**4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**Monday, May 15, 2017**



**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**

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**Contact Information Joe Infantino @ [joe.infantino@us.hsbc.com](mailto:joe.infantino@us.hsbc.com) (917)885-4294  
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**Proper Golf Attire Required: NO DENIM**

**GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM**

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Name 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Name 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

♦ Number of Golfers \_\_\_\_\_ X \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(all inclusive = Breakfast, Golf/Cart and BBQ after the round)

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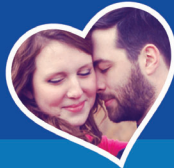
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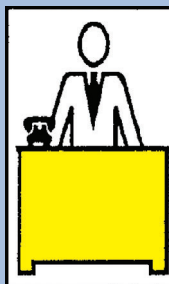


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**WHY IS IT?**