

# Church of Saint Rita

281 Bradley Avenue - Staten Island, NY 10314

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

## FEAST OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA

MONDAY, MAY 22ND

Throughout the world St. Rita is known as the “Sweet Saint of the Impossible”. Her life was marked by obedience and sacrifice. St. Rita’s greatest desire was to share in the sufferings of the Crucified Christ. This was granted to her when she received a portion of the stigmata, a wound to her forehead from a thorn from Our Lord’s crown of thorns. She suffered all things with great patience and love. Before her death, she requested a rose from the bush outside her family home. It was not yet the season for blooming roses, but miraculously they were found on that bush and brought to Rita. For this reason it is customary to bless and distribute roses on her feast day, especially in churches dedicated to her. St. Rita died on May 22nd in the year 1456.



*On Monday, May 22nd, Mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Rita at 7:00am, 9:00am and 7:30pm.*

*After all the Masses, blessed roses will be distributed. A first class relic of St. Rita will be available for veneration.*

*At the 7:30pm Mass, music will be provided. Afterward, refreshments will be served in the Church Hall.*

**All are cordially invited!**

# 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, MAY 20

4:00 Mary Tartas

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 John Miller

9:30 Jennie Olonko

11:00 Pilar Valdes Albano

12:30 Society of St. Benedicta

6:00 For the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, MAY 22

7:00 Nicholas J. Pandullo

9:00 Feast of St. Rita

7:30pm Feast of St. Rita

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00 Virginia Marotte

9:00 Josephine LaForgia (Living)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 Joseph Chiarino

9:00 Amy Mezzacappa

7:30pm Stephen O'Hare

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00 Lucien Hebert

9:00 Luigi & Maria Romeo

7:30pm Noah John Gallaro

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:00 Reynaldo Cacaos

9:00 All Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:00 Irma Rueckert

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

## 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.

*The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord  
is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

The Mass on Wednesday, May 24th will be at 7:30pm.  
The Masses on Thursday, May 25th will be at  
7:00am, 9:00am & 7:30pm.



**Ladies of Charity**  
is sponsoring

**DOLLARS FOR NEEDY BABIES**

Saturday evening, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th  
after all the Masses



**Donations are greatly appreciated  
to purchase necessary items for the Layette Ministry.**

The ladies make layette sets for newborn babies in dire need, which are distributed at Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island University Hospital and throughout Staten Island. *Please help this worthy cause!*

**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.



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## 50TH & 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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. If you plan to attend this special Mass, call Mary Grace Liss at the parish office by Friday, May 26th.



Thank you to the Religious Education students who collected \$588.61 for the Missionary Childhood Association. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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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 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](mailto:stritasports@gmail.com). **Board members must be active registered parishioners of St. Rita's Parish.**





# 300 CLUB



## CHURCH OF ST. RITA

### PRIZES OF \$100 AWARDED WEEKLY!

**Only 300 Memberships will be sold at \$60 per membership.**

The drawings will be held every Monday from May 15th to October 30th.

The **"300 CLUB GALA"** with food, music, beverages and drawings for 300 Club super prizes will be held in the auditorium for the members on **Saturday, November 4, 2017.**

**Grand Prize of \$1,000 ~ 2nd Prize of \$250 ~ 3rd Prize of \$250**

#### The \$60 Membership includes:

- Eligibility in the weekly drawings. Even if you win, you remain eligible for subsequent drawings.
- Eligibility in the final drawing at the "300 Club Gala".
- This club will be limited to the first 300 paid responses.
- ONE free admission to the "300 Club Gala".
- Members may request a number from 1 to 300. If duplicate requests are received, numbers will be assigned by the "300 Club Committee".
- To become a member of the "300 Club" and eligible for the drawings and "300 Club Gala", please cut off the bottom coupon and return it with payment of \$60 to the Parish Office, c/o Mary Gillespie
- Checks should be made payable to "Church of Saint Rita".

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received By \_\_\_\_\_

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### 300 CLUB APPLICATION FORM FOR 2017

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Number Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Congratulations to this week's 300 Club Winner Colleen Passman, Membership # 19.*

## CHARITY OR SCAM?

Some of you might have noticed last Sunday (Mother's Day) 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

## 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 the parish office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or call Mary Grace Liss, Parish Manager, for additional information.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

The Holy Name Society is hosting a Discount Defensive Driving Class on **Saturday, June 3, 2017** from 9am-3:30pm at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. This DMV approved course entitles New York drivers to a 10% auto insurance discount for three years, and as much as 4 violation points reduced from your NY driving record! The cost is only \$39 for those who register on or by Wednesday, May 31st. \$44 *after* May 31. Seats are limited. Catered lunch, refreshments included free. To register, send your name, phone number, and payment to: Defensive Driving, 174 Woolley Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314. Please make check payable to Holy Name Society. Call 718- 637-3934.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The Five Star Post #1857 is having their Memorial Day Mass at 9am on **Monday, May 29th** at Our Lady Of Pity Church, 1616 Richmond Avenue. With all the things that are happening in the world today, it is perfectly fitting and an opportunity to remember those who lost their lives as well as those serving our great country. The participants may include Boy and Girl Scouts, ROTC cadets, students of our schools on Staten Island, Rolling Thunder, VFW, American Legion, Viet Nam vets, and others. After Mass there will be a short service in the rear near the post monument, followed by coffee and cake. Three Congressional Medal Honor recipients will be recognized: Joseph Merrill, Father Vincent Capodanno and Desmond Doss.

## 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.crossroad foundation.org](http://www.crossroadfoundation.org) to reserve your seats.

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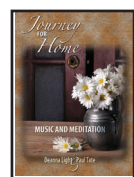
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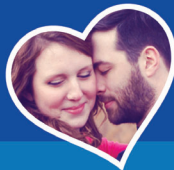
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