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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

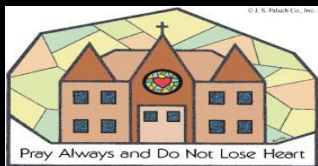
PRAYER TO ST. GERARD

Patron of Expectant Mothers

Mass and Pre-Natal Blessing ~ October 16, 2016 at 11am

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder-worker of our day, I call upon you and seek your aid. You who are on earth always fulfilled God's design, help me to do the Holy Will of God.

Beseech the Master of Life, from whom all maternity and paternity flows, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children of God in this life and heirs to the kingdom of his glory in the world to come. Amen.



THE 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at 9:30am.

St. Rita's Ladies Guild is sponsoring a



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

**after the 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm Masses
in St. Rita School Gym**

**Selling home-made cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies & more
FREE coffee for adults, FREE Halloween treat for each child**

**Raffles will be sold for a beautiful Quilt & Kenmore 32" Flat Screen TV.
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The Quilters Table will have hand-made Christmas & Various Gifts.

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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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, OCTOBER 15

4:00 Wilfred Pierre

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 Reynaldo O. Cacaos

9:30 Daniel Hansen

11:00 Veith & Bellezza Families

12:30 Bruno & Marie Codispoti

6:00 For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 Michael Hannon

9:00 Raphaela Giammarino

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 Sebastian Rubino

9:00 Jose Nadakushakkal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 Frances Yarusinsky

9:00 Dan Giammarino

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 Frances Yarusinsky

9:00 Frank Lazzara

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 Mary Coughlin

9:00 Bernice & Stephen Push

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 Elsa Adia

4:00 Anna Pham & Paul Vu

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 Johanna & Albert Jaccard

9:30 Paul Castellano

11:00 Anthony Buono

12:30 Rita Alabiso (Living)

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.

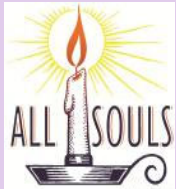
MEMORIALS FOR THE ALTAR BREADS

Beginning November 2016, the month of the Holy Souls, we will accept Memorials for the Altar Breads used for daily and Sunday Masses. We are asking \$50 per week; the week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. You can memorialize the living or the deceased. It can be a remembrance of a birthday, wedding anniversary, death anniversary, or just to remember a loved one. The Memorial will be published in the weekly bulletin. This gives us the opportunity to keep our loved ones in prayer, as well as help our Parish financially.



ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

Included in your envelope packet this month is an All Souls Envelope. If you wish to have your deceased family and friends remembered at Mass, please return this envelope with their names listed, in the Offertory Collection or to the Parish Office.



These envelopes will be placed on the Altar in memory of your loved ones for All Souls Day. Envelopes can also be obtained at the entrance of the Church.

ST. RITA'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB

St. Rita's Golden Age Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Golden Nugget in Atlantic City on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

There will be a pick-up at St. Rita's. To make a reservation or for information, please call Marie Iraci at 718-761-4077.



DEPENDING ON GOD

"Getting by with a little help from our friends" is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of "getting by with a little help from God" goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend's scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won't be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

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IMAGES OF SANCTITY:

HOLY CARDS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 1800 TO THE PRESENT

Holy Cards, pocket-sized images of religious figures, first appeared in the 1500s, and continue to be used in the Catholic Church to this day. These cards allow everyday people to establish a personal connection with the saints, and to remember the stories of religious figures in their day-to-day lives. The value of these cards comes from a person's connection to the saint and the meaning imposed on that relationship. Although the style of Holy Cards has changed through the years, their purpose—devotional reminder; commemorative memorial; story of a saint—has not.

This new exhibit from the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York features Holy Cards from the collection of the Rev. Eugene Carrella, who has one of the largest collections of historical Holy Cards in the country. The exhibit traces the changing style and function of Holy Cards from the 1800s through the present, focusing specifically on the connection of Holy Cards with the Archdiocese of New York.

The exhibit is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment to visit the exhibition please contact the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York at archives@archny.org or 914-968-6200 x. 8365. The Archives of the Archdiocese of New York is located at St. Joseph's Seminary at 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704.



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



Date: Wednesday, October 26th

Time: 8:00am – 11:00am

Place: St. Rita School Parking Lot

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- ♦ Wearable & Usable Clothing (Men's, Women's & Children's)
- ♦ Shoes, Belts, Handbags
- ♦ Home Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels....)
- ♦ Stuffed Animals
- ♦ 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.*



Vendors Wanted

**St. Rita School
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2016**

St. Rita Catholic School – Gymnasium
 Friday, November 18, 2016
 Saturday, November 19, 2016
 Sunday, November 20, 2016

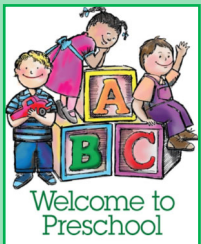
Please contact:
 Leslie Andes: leslie.andes@gmail.com
 Carolina Ferrante: carolbabez@aol.com

YOUTH LEADERSHIP MEETING
 All public and private high school students are invited to attend a meeting at St. Charles School Auditorium from 6:15pm to 7:15pm on Wednesday, October 26th. All students will gain service hours and leadership experience in planning St. Catholic Youth Fest which will be located at Moore Catholic High School from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Contact Deacon Steve at cyminsi@gmail.com for more information.

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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.



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS
OPEN HOUSES**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016
 Msgr. Farrell ~ 11:30am-2:30pm
 St. Joseph by-the-Sea ~ 1pm-4pm (Girls)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016
 St. Joseph by-the-Sea ~ 1pm-4pm (Boys)
 Notre Dame Academy ~ 1-4pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016
 St. John Villa Academy ~ 11am-3pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016
 St. Joseph Hill Academy ~ 11:30am-2:30pm
 St. Peter's Boys High School ~ 1pm-4pm

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Holy Family Church is hosting a Defensive Driving Class on **Saturday, November 5, 2016** from 9am to 3:30pm. 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 \$39.00 for those who register by November 3, \$44.00 afterward. Seats limited. Catered lunch and refreshments included free. Please make check payable to *Holy Name Society*. To register send your name, phone number and payment to: Defensive Driving, 174 Woolley Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. For details please call 718-637-3934.

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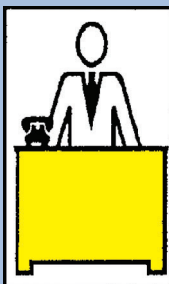


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