

Church of Saint Rita

281 Bradley Avenue Staten Island, NY 10314

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

*How and Why We Pray Publicly
Outside Abortion Facilities*

WITNESS FORMATION DAY



Saturday, September 21, 2019

Church of St. Rita

281 Bradley Avenue

*Guest Speaker Father Fidelis
Franciscan Friar of the Renewal*

Mass at 9am

Registration at 9:30am

Day concludes at 2:30pm

*Coffee, snacks and lunch provided
Suggested \$10 donation at the door*

**To register: <http://bit.ly/WitnessDays>
or call Sr. Virginia Joy at 646-689-2613**

Questions: email Sr.Virginia.Joy@archny.org

*According to a former Planned Parenthood manager,
when there is a person praying outside of an abortion facility,
the no-show rate can go up 70%.*

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. 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 (Wednesday: 347-283-1610)
Mrs. Mary Gillespie, Coordinator



Mass Intentions
for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00 Rosaria Lauria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 Jose M. Gomez & James Leahy
10:30 Dominic & Isabelle Sarcone
12:30 Sylvia Chungasing
6:00 Rocco & Madeline Crupi

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 Michael Plamenco
9:00 Christopher Corrozza

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 Salvatore Giaimo, Sr.
9:00 Mario Brian Lee-Llacer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 Dr. Klaus Karten
9:00 Donna Santangelo (Living)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 Renee Rohatyn
9:00 Mary & Chummar Vazhakattu

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 Placida Edralin
9:00 Mariam & Chummar Vazhakattu

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 Rosalia & Alfonso Tornabene
4:00 Lena Bainlardi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 Antonio Assenso
10:30 Lolita Boyd
12:30 Giuseppe Tallegra
6:00 Alfred Miller (Living)

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

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mondays 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

ADULT CHOIR

Adults sing every Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.
Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00pm 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.

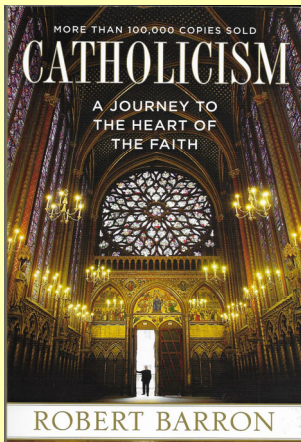
PRE-NATAL BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES

Expecting the birth of a baby is a time of joyful waiting. To rejoice with you, we invite you to receive a special Pre-Natal Blessing during our celebration of the Mass on **Saturday, October 6th at 10:30am**. A prayer and blessing will be offered for the whole family along with a special one for the mothers-to-be and their unborn children. Each mother in waiting will receive a special blessed medal.

To register, please call Mary Grace Liss at the parish office by Tuesday, October 1st.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The Adult Faith Formation class will begin on **Monday, October 7th** from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center. Peter DiMitri will conduct the classes and the book we will be using is "**Catholicism—A Journey to the Heart of the Faith**" written by Bishop Robert Barron. Peter will guide us through the book with his love for the Scriptures and his practical wit. The class will cover such topics as Jesus Christ's Incarnation, life and teachings. We will also explore the sacraments, worship and prayer to Mary, the apostles and saints, grace, salvation, heaven and hell, and much more. Come to know our faith better and learn to live more profoundly! Books have been ordered which you can purchase at the first class or at the parish office for \$15.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Any adult wishing to become a Catholic, or wishing to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11, 2020, are asked to call Mary Grace Liss at the parish office to register for the classes, RCIA classes will be held every Monday evening from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center beginning October 7th.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for new Altar Servers to serve at the weekend Masses here at St. Rita's. If you are a boy or girl in the 3rd through 8th grades, a High School student, a College student, an Adult or Senior Citizen and desire to serve at the Altar, you must attend training sessions; the first session will take place on **Saturday, November 9th** at 1pm in the Church. There will most probably be two additional sessions, depending upon the readiness of those in training. You will be placed on a team and serve at the same assigned time. Altar Serving counts for Community Service. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please call Mary Grace Liss at the parish office.



ALTAR BREAD

Week of September 16-22, 2019

In Loving Memory of Antonio Assenso, Mary & Joseph Romano
Requested by Rosemary Assenso

Religious Education

- ♦ The **CCD PARENT'S MEETING** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18th** at 7pm in the gym.
- ♦ The **CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22nd** at 8:30am. Eighth graders who will receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2020 are expected to attend this special Mass. All are welcome!

THE PARISH OF ST. RITA WILL CELEBRATE ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2021.



We are looking for committees to organize two special Masses, two receptions, a Commemorative Journal and special events throughout 2020-2021. We will have an initial meeting on **Wednesday, October 30th at 7:30pm** in the **Church Hall** (Lower Church). Also, if you have old photo's of St. Rita's Church, School, Parish celebrations, etc...; we would love to view them. Please drop them off to the Parish Office, or give them to Fr. Eugene after Mass. These could be used in our Commemorative Journal. If you want the photo's returned to you, kindly write your name, address and phone number on the back of the photo. This will be a special time for our Parish Community.

Do you like to sing?

Why not think about joining the Adult or Children's Choir?

ST. RITA'S ADULT CHOIR will rehearse every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Church and sing on Sundays for the 10:30am Mass each week. The first rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 18th.

ST. RITA'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR will rehearse every Wednesday from 5:15pm to 6:15pm in the Church Hall Music Room and sing at the 8:30am Mass each week. Any child in 3rd grade and older is welcome to join. The first rehearsal will start on Wednesday, September 18th.

For information regarding the Adult Choir or the Children's Choir, please contact Deborah Williams, our Music Director, at the parish office, ext. 26 or speak with her after Mass.



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the **Kerala Catholic Association** for their generous donation of **\$5003.30** from the Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni. Your kindness and faithfulness toward our parish is greatly appreciated.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

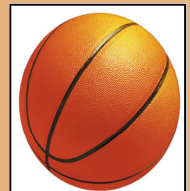
Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm

in St. Rita's Gymnasium

CYO—Grades 1 to 8

Clinic—Grades Pre-K to 4

For information, email Steve Milone, Basketball Director,
smilone180@gmail.com.



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Reservations are requested by **Sunday, October 20, 2019**

Seating is limited to the first 200 paid reservations.

No walk-ins at the door.

Please make checks payable to: St. Rita Church.

Tear-offs and payments can be sent through the school, CCD, or the parish office,
mailed or placed in the collection basket, attn: Mary Gillespie. (718-982-6948)

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RADIO BINGO RESERVATION FORM

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

of Guests _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

Send 12 reservations and payments together and a table will be reserved.



ST. RITA BOY SCOUTS

Registration for Boy Scouts (ages 10½ to 18) and first meeting will be held on **Friday, September 20th** at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Please call Kent Handlowitch at 917-453-4770 with any questions.

St. Rita's Boy Scouts is sponsoring a

CAR WASH

**Saturday, September 28th
from 9am-3pm**

Parking Lot at Bradley & Westwood Ave.

Donations will be greatly appreciated and used to purchase equipment.



INVITATION TO BE A LAY CARMELITE

St. Simon Stock Lay Carmelites Community invites you to join their Community Meeting on **Saturday, September 21st** at St. Adalbert Rectory, 337 Morningstar Road, from 9:15-11:30am, Mass following. Are you being called to a fuller life with Jesus? Please call Maria at 718-356-1886 for more information.

STATEN ISLAND THEOLOGY ON TAP

Monday, September 23, 7:30-8:30pm

FLAGSHIP BREWERY

40 Minthorne Street, Staten Island, NY 10301



Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? Well you're in luck! Join Catholic Staten Island's Theology on Tap to find out the "WHY" behind the "WHAT" of the Church's teachings. We will have the Flagship Brewery entirely to ourselves, and the Archdiocese will be paying for pizza! It is sure to be an awesome night!

Kaitlyn Colgan, Region 1 Coordinator (Manhattan and Staten Island)
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPTEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held **September 25th - November 3rd**.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Over 16,000 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com



SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30's, 40's, and 50's, will host their annual **Mass and Social**. Join them on **Wednesday September 25, 2019** with Mass celebrated at 7:00pm by Fr. Joseph McLafferty at St. Christopher's Church, located at 130 Midland Avenue. Confessions from 6:15 – 6:45pm. After Mass, join them for a wine and cheese social to be held at St. Christopher's Community Center. A donation of \$10.00 appreciated at the door. Website: <http://www.sfcssi.wixsite.com/website>, Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or email sfcssi@gmail.com.



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