

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 15th</b>
10:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Food Blessing
8:00 PM	Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 16th</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Easter</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Sunday</b>
12:00 PM	No
1:30 PM	Intentions
<b>NO 5:00PM MASS</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 17th</b>
8:30 AM	Donald Taglioni
12:00 PM	Raymond Medina
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 18th</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Sileo
12:00 PM	Bernadette Boyle
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 19th</b>
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	Charles Stramera
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 20th</b>
8:30 AM	Bridget Murphy
12:00 PM	Catherine Reardon
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 21st</b>
8:30 AM	Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
12:00 PM	Anna Stanick
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 22nd</b>
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
5:00 PM	Rose Sperduto
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 23rd</b>
8:30 AM	Thomas, Margaret, Bobby & Tommy McBride
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Leo Gillespie
5:00 PM	John & Mary Hickey

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Vincent Lucanie, Roberta Papagni, Brene Brown, James Leung, Chantel Fernandes, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Ken Kirwin, Christopher Tolve, Roseann Salerno, Larry Ginsberg, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Frank & Carolyn Kalnberg, Josie Bellina, Vera Garofalo, Gladys Sanchez, Mary J. Riley, John O'Driscoll, Marilyn Jagiello, Eleanor Murray, Jean Strifler, Ava Cautin, Patrick Norton, JoAnn Gatch, Isabel Azzaro, Ann Rung, Celina Oleksie, Liane Ginsberg, Helaine Powell & Unborn Child, Claudette David, Denise Michelle, Renata Vecchione, Mary I. Albert, Rosa Rivera, Tom Horgan, Chris Austin, John Kelly, Jeanne Woods, Michael Daly, Tomo Nakaci, Robert Ryan, Edmund Parham, Joel Rivera, Peggy Racanelli, JoAnn Sienkiewicz, and for **all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.**

**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**

Capt. Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, U.S. Army (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, U.S. Army; Capt. Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, U.S. Army; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC, Pvt. Tim Richardson, U.S. Army, and **all parishioners currently in the Military**



**Pray for all of our police, fire, and corrections officers, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Jim Zalas

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – April 16th***Easter Sunday of The Resurrection Of The Lord***MONDAY – April 17th***Monday within the Octave of Easter***-Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm****TUESDAY - April 18th***Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*There will be **NO Centering Prayer**. It will resume again on 4/25/17**-Catholicism Series-School Gym at 7:30pm****WEDNESDAY – April 19th***Wednesday within the Octave of Easter***-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am****-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - All Are Welcome****-Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm****THURSDAY – April 20th***Thursday within the Octave of Easter***FRIDAY – April 21st***Friday within the Octave of Easter***SATURDAY – April 22nd***Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

**If you are not yet registered in the Parish,  
please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form  
Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.**

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund  
given **in memory of:**

**Arthur Savarese**

by

His Loving Wife, Elsie

and

**Jillian Lambert**

by

The OLM Altar Angels

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to the couple married during the month of  
March, 2017:

John Lawrence Lavelle Jr. &amp; Mary Pietra Campanella (Parisen)

And

William Debord &amp; Cecily Cecilia Lopez

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Sunday is the Sunday of Sundays! It is the day on which all other Sundays are modeled. On this day, Jesus overcame death and the powers of darkness. Two days ago it might have seemed otherwise. On Friday we remembered Christ's passion and death. Now death and darkness have been dispelled!

The Resurrection is the bedrock of the Faith. It is the central belief on which all others are built. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then our faith is in vain and we have been the greatest of fools. The Resurrection is God the Father's great assurance that our lives are meaningful and have a supreme purpose and destiny with Him. Through Baptism, we are grafted onto Jesus. We are identified with Him and He with us. He was fully human so He shared every aspect of human existence including pain and suffering. Like Him we too carry crosses that may maim and scar us but they do not have the last word. The God of Life, Who made every human being in His image and likeness, intends that we enjoy the fullness of life with Him.

If the Resurrection did not take place, who would follow an itinerant rabbi with an apparently failed mission? Who would follow a man who received the death sentence reserved for the most base criminals in the Roman Empire? And yet the stellar figures of that Empire are long gone and forgotten. Are there any modern day adherents of Pontius Pilate, or the emperor Tiberius or even the great Augustus? Some Romans thought the emperor a divine figure yet no lasting cults or followings have developed around those men. A man like Pilate would be basically unknown except for his part in the story of Jesus' Passion and death. Yet it is the itinerant rabbi, who preached publically for about three years, who has a world - wide following of over a billion men and women! What did He have that the important people of his time not have? Aside from being the iconic witness of God's compassionate love, Jesus overcame the two great enemies of humankind: death and sin. Neither the worthies of Christ's time nor ours could not do that!

Hope has been restored and even this season of the year corresponds with our religious tradition. The English language utilizes the word "Easter" for the feast of the Resurrection. Other languages use more biblically based terms. Originally "easter" probably meant "springtime" or even the goddess of springtime. It is the time of the natural renewal and it points toward the promise of the resurrection of the Lord. Each Gospel grapples with this new reality, for which words did not exist. The apostles and their companions had experienced Jesus' death but now they knew that He lived. That powerful experience of the Risen One transformed these failed, fearful disciples into a powerhouse which changed the world. So convinced were the early Christians, that they were quite willing to face persecution and martyrdom for this belief. They firmly believed what St. Paul would later write: "the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, nor has the heart felt what God has prepared for those who love Him". Death is not the end. Life is changed but it is not ended!

With hearts brimming over with joy and hope, we can shout "Jesus Christ, the Lord, has risen to day. Alleluia"!

With hearts filled with Easter joy, Father Greg, Deacons Ed. Smolinski and Dean Dobbins, the staffs of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy, the Religious Education Program, and the parish workers join me in wishing each all of our readers, their families, friends and neighbors a glorious, and joyful Easter.

In the Risen Christ,

Monsignor John A. McGuirl



### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**Maria & John P. Calbo and Leo, Lillie & Renee Lobel**  
by  
Elizabeth & Arthur Lobel

**Nabil Kassis**  
by  
His Son, George

**Victor & Henri-Robert Lamarque**  
by  
Mickaelle Gottlieb

**Francis Morison**  
by  
Ann & Children  
With Love & Thanks

**Florance & John Romano and Veronica & Vincent Mauro**  
by  
Amelia & Frank Romano



### SPRING FLING NEWS

We are now in full swing preparing for the Spring Fling on the evening of Mary 5<sup>th</sup>, the day of May 6<sup>th</sup> and the morning of May 7<sup>th</sup>. It takes quite an effort to make this event a success. Please note the following:

#### New Gifts

As we prepare for the Spring Fling, we are looking for new gift items. These might be items that you have received that were not exactly "you" or were duplicates of something that you had received. They **must** be new, unused and if possible, in their original wrapping. These wonderful items may be dropped off at the rectory right after Palm Sunday. Please mark the package "new gifts".

#### Vendors Needed

We are still looking for vendors. Showcase your cottage industry, business or your talent with us! Remember the Spring Fling is the weekend before Mother's Day! Shoppers will be out there looking for that "special gift" for Mom, Grandma, Wife or Aunt. This is a perfect opportunity for vendors.

#### Volunteers

Having events here at Our Lady of Mercy do not happen by magic. It takes planning, time and volunteers behind the scenes to make an event successful. We are still looking for volunteers to make the Spring Fling a wonderful success. Please consider giving your time, talent and support for this enjoyable event. These events help support other parish events. Call the Rectory and let us know that we can count on your support.

#### Pete's Emporium

We will start accepting items for Pete's Emporium the Monday after Easter. Bring your items directly to the Parish Hall and leave them in the stage area. Please **no clothing, lap tops, computers, bedding, and stuffed animals.** We cannot accept any items until after Easter.

### OLM MUSICAL NOTES

We are hoping to get some additional members this year to expand our choirs. We hope that you will consider joining us.

The Adult Choir will rehearse on Mondays at 7:30PM and sing at the 10AM Mass on Sundays.

The Youth Choir will rehearse in the church on Sundays at 11AM and sing at the 12 Noon Mass **The youth choir will be accepting students from third grade and up.**

**If you are interested in joining either choir please contact our Music Director, Jane Lawson.** You can see her in the choir loft after any Mass on Sundays, or leave a message for her at the Rectory

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry Community at Our Lady of Mercy Church is a part of our Ministry that seeks to create a hunger free community by sharing our abundant blessings with God's people that are in need. The Food Pantry Ministry operates on every Saturday from 10:00am to 11:00am. The purpose of the Food Pantry is to assist those living within the community of Forest Hills and the surrounding areas of Queens who are in need of basic food and sanitary supplies during times of hardship. However, no one presenting a genuine need will be turned away. **Since** your donations help us keep the shelves stocked, we are asking for your help in dropping off food, monetary donations or gift cards. If giving a **monetary donation**, please make all checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church (in the memo section please state Food Pantry or Human Services) and forward all cash or checks to the Rectory, 70 01 Kessel Street.

**Food items needed:** cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, rice, pasta, canned soups, tuna fish, Chef Boyardee, canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, soaps, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

**Food Pantry Hours are: 10:00am–11:00am every Saturday**



The Human Services element of the parish pastoral care program is for those who require human services that go beyond those offered by our weekly food pantry. I will be available on Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. If you require this assistance please leave your name and number at the Rectory so that an appointment may be made.

*Peace, Hope, Love*

*Deacon Dean Dobbins*



# The Bulletin Board

- **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** at the All Women's Pavilion, 120-34 Queens Blvd., on Saturdays between 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM in a peaceful, prayerful witness to life. Lives are saved and the way to conversion is opened. Join us for any amount of time.
- The **112th Precinct Community Council** invites you to their **April Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th**, at 7:30pm, at the Precinct. The topic will be NYPD Immigration Policy.
- **Molloy College** (1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 516-323-4000) will host a **Spring Open House** on April 30th at 1:00pm.
- The **Bridge to Life, Inc.'s 25th Anniversary Gala**, honoring Bishop DiMarzio, will be held at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck on April 30th from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Tickets are \$85 each. Call 718-463-1810
- The **Vincentian Leadership Institute at St. John's University** will be offering a weeklong residential program for **high school students**, this coming Summer, entitled *Faith and Service in the City*. For info contact Joann Heaney-Hunter at [heaneyhj@stjohns.edu](mailto:heaneyhj@stjohns.edu)
- Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School is now accepting applications for their summer camps (Girls softball soccer, basketball & volleyball; Boys baseball, soccer & basketball). Contact Fran Rocco at 718-898-3800, ext. 3. The school is also accepting applications for the T.A.C.H.S. preparation program beginning in Sept., and Ms. Rocco is again the contact.
- St. John's Preparatory School is offering a 2017 TACHS Prep Course, which will take place in September. For further information, call the admissions office -718-721-7200, ext. 699.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students from our parish have merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the past quarter at St. Francis Preparatory School: Isabella Cognata, Carolyn Faith Langer, & Coleen Frances Petre.

### 50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the March Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize: Kathy & Joseph Murphy	\$280.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize: Margaret Neubauer	\$140.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize: Mr. & Mrs. M Birley	\$140.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Joe & Elaine Rutherford	\$70.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Anne Restaino	\$70.00

### DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

April 19, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm
April 23, 2017	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:	
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet	1:00pm
	Benediction	2:00pm
	Refreshment & Fellowship in the Parish Hall	2:30pm
April 26, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00pm

### POOR BOX

We continue to receive requests for assistance so we ask you to please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

### FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The class focuses on gentle movements for your muscles and joints. There is a nominal fee of \$2 per session. Please come and enjoy the fitness fun. All ages are welcome.

### THE DEANERY CORNER

- There will be **Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA on Sunday, April 23, 2017**. Bus departs at 6:30AM (sharp) from **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church**, 110-06 Queens Blvd (corner Ascan Avenue). Cost: \$50/person. Sponsored by the Charismatic Prayer Group at OLQM. For tickets, call: Virgie Punto 917-770-0897; Nellie Milite 718-704-3862. Or visit [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/dmpilgrimage2017](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/dmpilgrimage2017). Don't Miss Out! First Come, First Serve.
- **The Bereavement Support Group at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** offers understanding, compassion, and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are the **first and third Mondays** of each month, from 7-9 p.m., in the rectory, and facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Upcoming meetings during the spring are **April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 5 and 19**. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending, or for questions, email [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).
- On April 30th at 12:00 noon a **MASS OF INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE DEAF** will be held at St. Kevin's (45-21 194th St, Flushing). For more info contact Claire DiBartolo, [olmparishadvocate@gmail.com](mailto:olmparishadvocate@gmail.com).

