

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 29th
8:30 AM	Connie Kwan
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Paros
Sunday	April 30th
8:30 AM	Bernadette Boyle
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Taciana Pinero Uy
5:00 PM	Julio Alfredo Quiros
Monday	May 1st
8:30 AM	Raul & Elsa Gonzales (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Concordia Bruzola
Tuesday	May 2nd
8:30 AM	Catherine Riordan
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
Wednesday	May 3rd
8:30 AM	Claire Scott (8th Annivesary)
12:00 PM	Enrico Montesa
Thursday	May 4th
8:30 AM	Franca Okegbe
12:00 PM	Concordia Bruzola
Friday	May 5th
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Butler & Murray Families
12:00 PM	Robert Malm
Saturday	May 6th
8:30 AM	Joseph Arcecchia
5:00 PM	Jack Conway (Goodman)
Sunday	May 7th
8:30 AM	William J Polis
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Haggerty (33rd Anniversary)

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, 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, Joel Rivera, Peggy Racanelli, JoAnn Sienkiewicz, Joan Reddy, Thoywell-Herny Family, Diane Kitson, Ann Bopp, Samuel Mantilla, James Turner, 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

Cecilia Frances Dorgan
Fireman William Tolley
Deacon John P. Coffey

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – April 30th**

Third Sunday Of Easter

-Divine Mercy Chaplet-Church at 1:00pm

MONDAY – May 1st

Easter Weekday

-Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

-Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room I at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - May 2nd

Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

-Centering Prayer-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:30pm & 6:15pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – May 3rd

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

-CCD K thru 6-Church at 3:30pm

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – May 4th

Easter Weekday

-CCD 7th Gr.-Rel. Ed. Office at 3:45pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – May 5th

Easter Weekday

-Spring Fling-Parish Hall from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

SATURDAY – May 6th

Easter Weekday

-Spring Fling-Parish Hall from 10:00am to 6:00pm

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given
in **loving memory of:**

Cecilia Koluch
by
J.J. DiBartolo

Dear Parishioners;

Early in the Church's history, the question arose: "Where will we encounter the Lord now?". Some of the earliest followers of Jesus had directly encountered the Risen One in His many post-Resurrection appearances. But what about the generations to come afterward? So using an incident that occurred shortly after the Resurrection, St. Luke, the author of today's Gospel message, seeks to answer the question.

The four evangelists, Matthew Mark, Luke and John were not like modern day news reporters. They did not shadow Jesus throughout His public ministry. Rather they were dependent on the reliable testimony of those who had shared Jesus' life. In that they were like us; moreover, they determined to share the wealth of the Good News with future generations by recording what they had heard. St. Luke tells us their intention in the Prologue to his Gospel: "Since many have undertaken to complete a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those eye witnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." In short order Luke informs us that that the Gospel was at first preached by "those eye witnesses and ministers of the word." Apparently others had attempted narratives but in time those of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were accepted by the early Church as "our books". The words and actions of Jesus were conveyed by the writers and were examined in order to apply the Gospel message to new and often unforeseen developments. Primarily through the "magisterium" of the Pope and bishops, the modern Church carries this work forward.

Today's Gospel presents two disciples of Jesus: Cleopas and another, who is unnamed. Roads were dangerous and so people travelled in company. When a stranger joins them, they are puzzled that he does not seem aware of what has recently transpired in Jerusalem (The Passion, Death and reported Resurrection of Jesus). The disciples express to the "Stranger" the dashed hopes of Jesus' followers. They also report the women's encounter with the angels, who announced to them that Jesus had risen. They report further that others had gone to Jesus' tomb and found it empty. This conversation gives "the Stranger" the opportunity to lead them though the Old Testament and to observe the areas that pointed to the Messiah. As they approach their destination the "Stranger" gives the impression that he intends to continue the journey alone. Observing the rigid customs governing hospitality to strangers, the two disciples ask this "Stranger" to stay with them: "Stay with us, tis evening tide, the day is almost over." (Luke 24:20)

In his description of the subsequent meal, Luke deliberately utilizes Eucharistic language: "And it happened that, while he was at table with them, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him". The two cancel their journey and return to Jerusalem where the other apostles greet them with: "The Lord has been truly raised and has appeared to Simon (Peter)". The two recount what had happened to them on the way and how "He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread". In the early Church the "breaking of the bread" was the common usage for the Eucharistic meal.

As Luke presents this post-Resurrection experience of Cleopas and his friend, he indirectly is answering the question: "Where is the Lord to be encountered now?" The answer: the Lord will be recognized in the breaking of the bread, i.e. in the Eucharist. Weekly the Scriptures are opened to us so our hearts too might burn as He speaks to us "on the way". It is then that we will be enabled to recognize Him in the "breaking of the bread". Just as our family is most truly itself at the family supper, so too our larger family, our Church, is most fully itself at the Eucharist, characterized by service to one another as Jesus demonstrated by washing the feet of His disciples at the first Eucharist on Holy Thursday evening (John 13:1).

In Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

One More Thank You

During each liturgical season, an anonymous parishioner contributes several hundred "Little White Books" (or other colors depending on the season). These "Little Books" contain short engaging reflections for each day of the season. We wish to thank this parishioner again for her gift to all of us.

REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LIST

Since our lists of the sick “Pray For The Sick” has not been updated for quite some time, we are asking for your assistance. In the next few weeks, we will replace this list with a new one. Hopefully, our prayers have brought health back to many of those that we have been praying for and their names can be replaced by others in need. Please notify us at the rectory, 718-268-6143, of any names that you would like included in the revised list. It is important for us, as a community to join in prayer for those who are ill.. Thank you for your assistance.



SPRING BEGINS WITH THE SPRING FLING

Please join us for the opening of the Spring Fling which will be held on the evening of May 5th from 7:30pm until 9pm (Preview Night—\$5.00 admission) and the on May 6th from 10:00am to 6:00pm, ending with the raffle drawings.

We are still in need of items, as well as people, to help us make this a great success:

Peggy’s Boutique - Perhaps you have received a gift that was a duplicate of something that you already owned. You might wish to donate that item to our boutique. Please drop off at the Rectory.

Pete’s Emporium - If you’ve done some spring cleaning and wish to find a new home for your unwanted treasures, you might want to donate them to the Emporium. Donations may be left on the stage in the Parish Hall. Remember...NO clothing, bedding, stuffed animals or electronics.

Diane’s Café - we could also use monetary donations for the purchase of food and beverages to be sold in our café. You may leave these at the Rectory.

Maria’s Bakery - Like to Bake? Have a specialty that you would like to share? Think about bringing in your baked goods for the bakery. Please let us know what you will be baking.

Mary’s Garden– the gardeners can use 5lb. bags of soil and gloves, as well as “green thumbs” to help out. We are also in need of helpers to be at the gardener table.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

May 03, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
May 10, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
May 17, 2017	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	8:00 pm
May 24, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
May 31, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm

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 **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
- 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.
- **Archbishop Molloy High School** located in Queens seeks an **Admission Coordinator** to work with the Director of Admissions and Administration to promote and articulate the mission of the school to both prospective students and parents. Must be detail-oriented with excellent written, verbal and computer skills and have experience working with data, from entry to strategic analysis. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree and ideally, work experience in admissions or education. Requires several evening and some weekend school presentations and visits. This is a full time, year-round position. Experience as an alumnus, parent or volunteer at Molloy is a plus. Submit resume and letter of interest to Molloy President Richard Karsten at: president@molloyhs.org. cc: mdoyle@molloyhs.org.
- The **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on May 20th at 11:00am at Immaculate Conception Center (7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston). All couples **who have celebrated their marriages in the Catholic Church** are invited with their families. **Special recognition will be given to 25th, 50th & 75th Anniversaries.** To register please call the Rectory (718-268-6143).

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **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 **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.
- The **Living Rosary** will be prayed at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** parish on Sunday, May 7th after the 1:00pm Mass in the Church Plaza. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion.

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.

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light, or the Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory for more info.

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.

