

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 8th
 8:30 AM Hugh & Mary McGovern
 5:00 PM Virginia Moriarty

Sunday April 9th
 8:30 AM Antonio Miele
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Rose Roseman
 5:00 PM Julio Alfredo Quiros

Monday April 10th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua and
 BiFalco & DiCapua Families

12:00 PM Dumitru Ardelean

Tuesday April 11th
 8:30 AM Gerry Murphy
 12:00 PM In Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy

Wednesday April 12th
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro

Thursday April 13th
 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Solemn Liturgy
 10:00 PM Night Prayer

Friday April 14th
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM Solemn
 7:30 PM Liturgy

Saturday April 15th
 10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Food Blessing
 8:00 PM Vigil

Sunday April 16th
 8:30 AM **Easter**
 10:00 AM **Sunday**
 12:00 PM No
 1:00 PM Intentions
NO 5:00PM MASS

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, Jim Zalas, 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

Rev. Charles Papa
 Rev. Matthew J. Pomilio
 Alegre Gomez
 Connie Kwan
 Roger McEnery
 Mark Sharp
 Zahida Catalan
 Jillian Lambert

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – April 9th
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

MONDAY – April 10th
Monday of Holy Week
 -Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - April 11th
Tuesday of Holy Week
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:30pm & 6:15pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Catholicism Series-School Gym at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – April 12th
Wednesday of Holy Week
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

THURSDAY – April 13th
Holy Thursday

FRIDAY – April 14th
Good Friday

SATURDAY – April 15th
Holy Saturday

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:**
Helen Arnold
 by
 Maureen & Mike Tinnirello

EASTER FLOWERS



As we did at Christmas, we are providing an opportunity for families to memorialize a loved one by making a donation of \$150.00 for Easter flowers. Names of all those memorialized will be published in our Bulletin, and flowers will remain on the altar and in Church for at least 3 weeks. Each donation will help us provide flowering plants (lilies, azaleas, and tulips) for our altar decor. Help make this Easter magnificent! Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143.

Holy Week - 2017

Palm Sunday - April 9th

**April 8th - 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday;
Palm Sunday, April 9th - 8:30 A.M.; 10:00 A.M.; 12:00 P.M.; 5:00 P.M.
Palm will be blessed and distributed at each Mass.**

Reconciliation Monday - April 10th

Regular Mass Schedule: 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

**Regular Mass Schedule of 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. on both Tuesday, April 11th and Spy
Wednesday, April 12th**

Holy Thursday - April 13th

Morning Prayer - 9:00 A.M.

Solemn Mass - 7:30 P.M.

Evening Prayer - 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday - April 14th

Morning Prayer - 9:00 A.M.

Stations of the Cross - 1:00 P.M.

Solemn Liturgy & Communion Service - 3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday

**(By ancient tradition there are no Masses on either Good Friday or Holy Saturday until
the Easter Vigil which must begin after sunset.)**

**10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer & Bilingual Blessing of Easter Food
in English and in Polish**

8:00 P.M. - Easter Vigil (Solemn First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:30 A.M.; 10:00 A.M.; 12:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M.

**(There is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday - The 1:30 P.M. is an extra Mass in order to
accommodate a larger number of people attending Mass on Easter.)**

PRAY FOR RCIA CANDIDATES

At the Easter Vigil Mass this year, **Daishantie Glennon** and **Edward Green** will be fully initiated through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please remember them in your Lenten prayers and practices. Also pray for **Eduardo Hernandez** as he prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil too.

**WAY OF THE CROSS
OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE**

On **Good Friday, 4/14**, the lay movement Communion and Liberation, with the support of the Archdiocese of New York & the Diocese of Brooklyn, will once again lead the **Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge**. All are invited to join at 10:00am at St James Cathedral in Brooklyn, cross the bridge into Manhattan (stopping for meditations at City Hall Park and near Ground Zero) and conclude at St. Peter's Church on Barclay St. at 1:30pm. For info: 212-337-3580.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us after the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 27th for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children age 4 and under should line up on the left side of the Juno St. lawn and older children can line up on the right side on 70th Ave.. Please bring two surprise filled eggs for each child participating and perhaps one or two extra for our visiting friends and family. There will be baskets in the vestibule of the Church to put the eggs in before Mass.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

April 12, 2017	No Activity	
April 19, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm
April 23, 2017	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	
	Benediction & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	1:30pm
April 26, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00pm

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.

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



SPRING FLING NEWS

We are now in full swing preparing for the Spring Fling on the evening of May 5th, the day of May 6th and the morning of May 7th. 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.



- **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.
- On Saturday, April 22, 2017, a **Bishop McDonnell MHS** (260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn) **Reunion** will be held from approximately noon to 5pm. For more information contact Rita Monaghan-Maloney at 718-857-2700 ext.2253 or rmaloney@blmhs.org.
- **Molloy College** (1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 516-323-4000) will host a **Spring Open House** on April 30th at 1:00pm.
- 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

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. 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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 2017. The **Lenten Regulations** are:

Fasting is required on both **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (April 14th)**. Fasting is a serious obligation for all Catholics 18 to 59 years of age. The requirement reminds us of Our Lord’s sacrificial love for us. It further reminds us of our ultimate dependence on Almighty God for everything. It also unites us even if very briefly with the vast majority of the earth’s population which often lacks even the basic nutritional requirements.

Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent is also a serious penitential practice for all Catholics of all ages. Abstinence is the avoidance of meat or meat products. Like fasting, it is a reminder of our dependence on the love of almighty God and at least a brief solidarity with the poor.

All Catholics, after having received First Communion, **are bound to receive the Lord in Holy Communion at least once a year.** This obligation is called the **Easter Duty**. Most practicing Catholics receive the Eucharist regularly throughout the year so this obligation is more than fulfilled. The law applies a basic minimum and refers back to a time when Holy Communion was much less frequently received. However, if the recipient of Holy Communion is in a state of serious sin then recourse to the Sacrament of Penance is necessary.

