

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 12th</b>
8:30 AM	Remedios & Luis del Mundo
5:00 PM	Joan Sauro & Frances & Michael Albano
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 13th</b>
8:30 AM	Alfredo Boselli
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Maria Thomas
5:00 PM	Anthony Vecchione
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 14th</b>
8:30 AM	Vincent Rocco Sileo
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 15th</b>
8:30 AM	Gerry Murphy
10:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM	Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 16th</b>
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Boselli Family
12:00 PM	John & Eleanor Eberhardt
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 17th</b>
8:30 AM	Nellie & Maurice Rooney
12:00 PM	Francisco Abueva
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 18th</b>
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Bottacchi Family
12:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. J.K. O'Driscoll (Living Intention) 60th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 19th</b>
8:30 AM	Guta Rampone
5:00 PM	Frank, Sadie & William Elia
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 20th</b>
8:30 AM	Marina Bottacchi
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Yael Cammie Van Dyke
5:00 PM	Rosemarie Brennan (Living Intention)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Evelyn McMullan, Mary Ann Matecki, Vincent Lucanie, Patrick Norton, Diane Kitson, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, Mary Honan, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Gerry Holmes, Peter Ruelius, Pat Reilly, Dottie Phillips, 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**

Joseph Mondel  
Sr. Florence Marie de la Croix

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – August 13th**

*Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – August 14th**

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*

**TUESDAY - August 15th**

*The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

**WEDNESDAY – August 16th**

*Weekday*

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 7:00pm

**THURSDAY – August 17th**

*Weekday*

-Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – August 18th**

*Weekday*

**SATURDAY – August 19th**

*Weekday*

-Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

**SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Please note that there will be NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays during the Summer months.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week's flower donation given

**in loving memory of:**

**Catherine Visconti**

by

Mary Visconti

**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given

**in loving memory of:**

**Arthur Savarese**

by

His Loving Wife, Elsie

Dear Parishioners;

Last week's Gospel gave us St. Matthew's narrative of the Transfiguration. The chief apostles, Peter, James and John, receive a revelation of Jesus' true identity. He becomes God-like in appearance; He converses on a equal level with Elijah, who represents the ancient prophets, and with Moses, the great lawgiver. The cloud was always a sign of God's immediate Presence and the voice from heaven leaves no doubt: "This is my Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him."

Today we journey back in St. Matthew's Gospel to an incident that preceded the Transfiguration. Jesus has been teaching large crowds and after dismissing them, He goes off, as He often did, to a remote place to pray. The disciples meanwhile are sent off in a boat. Since it would have been a rather small boat, we might assume that the disciples were the twelve Apostles.

While they are rowing on the sea of Galilee, a violent storm arises. The Lake is large enough that stormy weather is a distinct possibility. Several of the apostles were fishermen and would have been accustomed to the vagaries of the Lake. If these hardened fisherman were afraid, then this had to be a very severe storm. It is at this point that they encounter Jesus, walking on the water. As this is not a normal human activity, Matthew is telling us that Jesus is more than human! The apostles are of a similar mind but at first they interpret Jesus' appearance as the that of a "ghost". Naturally enough they were afraid but Jesus reassures them with the words: "Take courage, it is I.", words very similar to God's self introduction to Moses in the incident of the "burning bush" in the Old Testament Book of Exodus. Typically Peter follows up: "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water". Jesus invited him to do so but faced with the wind and waves, Peter losses His courage and begins to sink. His cry: "Lord, save me." is met with the extension of Jesus' hand of assistance. Yet Jesus challenges Peter: "O man of little faith , why did you doubt?" Peter has some faith but in the face of adversity, it collapses. The narrative ends with Jesus stepping into the boat and the storm ceases. The awed apostles do Him homage.

From earliest times, this narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel was seen both realistically and also figuratively. The boat can be seen as the Church and when the Church and those in it lose sight of their Lord, especially in times of trouble, they begin to sink. When Jesus arrives, He invites His disciples to put their trust in Him. When they fail to do so or when they let fear overtake them, they sink. Peter's plea, "Lord save me (us)", must be the prayer of the Church when faced with adversity. The Lord alone can put us back on course. The Lord alone can still the troubled waters. Peter's plea is ours when we are faced with the storms of adversity, scandal, misunderstanding or persecution. Our only ultimate hope is the Lord. When we keep focused on Him; when He is the boat (Church), the storms are quieted since nothing can overcome Him.

In Christ,  
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

**BLOOD DRIVE**

A sincere THANK YOU to all those donors who gave their time on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Our Lady of Mercy Blood Drive. 43 pints of blood were collected. Since 1 pint serves 3 patients, through your goodness and self sacrifice 129 patients will receive this precious gift of life. A representative from the New York

Blood Center offers you their gratitude and congratulations for your response to the need for blood during this critical time. May you always be blest for this life sustaining gift that you have given your neighbor.

There were several volunteers who assisted throughout the day. Their efficient and concerned attention guided the donors through all phases of the donation process. A very special THANK YOU to Ms. Carol Flaherty, Ms. Kelly Casottana, Ms. Linda Dougherty, Mr. Jim Mara, Ms. Kathleen Nocera, and Ms. Pauline Szabados. Sharing your time and talent was sincerely 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.

**RCIA INVITATION**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or desires to become a Catholic, the RCIA is a program of welcome, prayer, and reflection that can help you take the next step. This program is also for baptized Catholics who are need of the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation. It is our privilege and joy to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL  
GIVES BACK**

Our Lady of Mercy will share in the profits. For each **donated car, truck or van, running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back **to our parish \$50/\$100 per vehicle**. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Our Lady of Mercy Parish received several hundred dollars last year because of the kindness of those who contributed their old car to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and mentioned our Church. Please continue to spread the word, and thank you for your support. Call the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525**.

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

August 16, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
August 23, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
August 30, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm

**There will be NO Holy Hour for the Divine Mercy in the month of August**

**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 in 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: powdered or Parmalat milk, jelly, rice, canned or packaged soups, tuna fish, canned stews, hash, or Spam, Chef Boyardee, packets of pasta & rice "Sides", canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, 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.

**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.



# The Bulletin Board

- The **Diocese of Brooklyn's own NET TV** is a cable network featuring news and information with a Catholic point of view, and is provided by most cable companies in our area. You can also watch the programming live on NET TV's website at [www.netny.tv/](http://www.netny.tv/)
- **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.
- **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.
- **Home-Delivered Meals** are available if you are **age 60+** and living in NE Queens. Kosher, non-Kosher, Korean and Chinese meals are offered. To see if you or someone you know might qualify, call Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services Northeast Queens at 718-357-4903. This home-delivered meals program is funded by the NYC Department of Aging.
- **St. Francis Preparatory School** will offer a **TACHS test preparation course** for students sitting for the TACHS exam on November 4th. The course will consist of 5 consecutive classes on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:45pm beginning September 27th. For more info, call Mrs. Nancy Williams, 718-423-8810 ext.214 or email [nwilliams@sfponline.org](mailto:nwilliams@sfponline.org).
- **Pray for me, Diocese of Brooklyn** is a new initiative where you can submit your prayer requests and pray for each others' intentions, in partnership with the Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara in Borough Park, Brooklyn. To submit your prayer requests, go to [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/prayforme](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/prayforme).
- **Are you a Woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups?** On September 9th, the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City will host a facilitator Training Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" prayer series. It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator, or simply to find out more about the prayer series. For info & registration, call Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933.

## 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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to **mark the amount of your offering on the front of the envelope**. Since the envelopes are used **to record your offering** after the donation is removed, **it is necessary that the amount be written on the envelope**. Thank you.

## THE DEANERY CORNER

- **Monsignor Scanlan High School Offers Courage Merit Scholarship to a Queens Resident**. The scholarship is not income based and is guaranteed for four years with a consistent academic average of 85% or above. Students who are interested in applying for the Queens Scholarship can contact Chris Florentino (718-430-0100 ext. 57). Proof of residency is required. Open Houses at Monsignor Scanlan High School are scheduled for **Saturday, October 21, 2017** from 1-4 pm. The school's address is 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy, Bronx, NY 10465.
- **Our Lady of the Snows** (258-15 80th Ave., Floral Park, NY, 718-347-6070) will celebrate the **Feast of Saint Rocco, Patron of the Sick and Suffering**, with a Mass and Fellowship on August 13th at 3:00pm. For more info, contact Luz E. Rebong at 718-217-9424.
- There will be a **Holy Land Pilgrimage**, November 6-15 with Our Lady of the Angelus' Fr. John Mendonca and Fr. Roberto Mirsel, SVD. Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. \$3299 from New York. Call OLA at 718-897-4444 for information
- **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. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).
- **Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima** on Saturday, September 9th. The Charismatic Prayer Group of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church is sponsoring this pilgrimage for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children of Fatima. Bus leaves for Washington, NJ, for the Marian Festival Celebrating Mary's Birthday at 8 a.m. (sharp), from OLQM Church (corner Ascan Ave. and Queens Blvd) Cost: \$40/person For ticket information, please call any of these prayer group members: Cecile Mendoza: 718-674-6551 or 347-453-4147 Vergie Punto: 917-770-0897 Cely De Borja: 718-255-1654

