

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 5th
 8:30 AM Josephine Thompson
 5:00 PM Mary Ann & John Camporese

Sunday August 6th
 8:30 AM Andy Usischon
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Peter & Elizabeth Ruelius
 5:00 PM Florence Schmuck

Monday August 7th
 8:30 AM Henri-Robert Lamarque
 12:00 PM Bill Gerrard

Tuesday August 8th
 8:30 AM Zaida Alvarez
 12:00 PM In Honor of the Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother

Wednesday August 9th
 8:30 AM Jillian Lambert
 12:00 PM Edward Dolan

Thursday August 10th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
 12:00 PM Ron Choinski

Friday August 11th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 12:00 PM Paul Duome

Saturday August 12th
 8:30 AM Remedios & Luis del Mundo
 5:00 PM Joan Sauro & Frances & Michael Albano

Sunday August 13th
 8:30 AM Alfredo Boselli
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Maria Thomas
 5:00 PM Anthony Vecchione



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, Joe Mondel, 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

Charlie Gard

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – August 6th
The Transfiguration Of The Lord
 Blood Drive-Parish Hall from 8:45am to 2:45pm

MONDAY – August 7th
Weekday

TUESDAY - August 8th
Saint Dominic, Priest

WEDNESDAY – August 9th
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 10th
Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

FRIDAY – August 11th
Saint Clare, Virgin

SATURDAY – August 12th
Weekday

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.

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of: Agnes R. Bedson (Birthday Remembrance)**
 With Love by
 Carolyn Cariello



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of July, 2017:
Martha Sophia Ehora Fernando



MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couple married during the month of July, 2017:
Casey Michael Essex
 &
Amy Nicole Morse



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.

Dear Parishioners,

It happens occasionally that the feast of the Transfiguration coincides with a Sunday. This week the Transfiguration replaces the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The three readings were written in order to encourage people who were facing severe difficulties in practicing their Faith.

In the first reading, taken from the Old Testament Book of Daniel, we meet the protagonist, a young Hebrew exile in Babylon. He and his companions have had to face the famous "lions' den" and the fiery furnace. The Jewish leadership and educated class had been exiled to Babylon after the defeat of the southern Jewish kingdom of Judah about five hundred years before the birth of Christ. The book of Daniel was actually written several hundred years after these events. But it was meant to offer hope to the Jewish people at a time when they had become subject to the Greek empire of Alexander the Great. The author reminds his readers that, just as in ancient times, steadfast loyalty to God will win the day. Our reading is "apocalyptic", that is, it is a vivid dramatic narrative written during a time of persecution. In our reading justice is meted out by the "Ancient of Days", God, Who entrusts the judgment to "one like a son of man (who) received dominion, glory and kingship". It did not take early Christians long before they identified this "son of man" with Jesus, Who used this title to describe Himself.

The second reading is attributed to Saint Peter. The Apostle relates back to his presence at the Transfiguration: "'This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain." For the believer, the events of the Transfiguration are like "lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." We "do well to be attentive to it."

The holy mountain is generally identified as Mount Tabor, which starkly stands alone in the Valley of Jezreel in Israel. Tabor is now crowned with a Church which commemorates the three persons indicated in Matthew's account of this visionary experience. Matthew often presents Jesus as a new Moses, Who correctly interprets the Law. The prophet Elijah was thought to be the one, whose return would usher in the messianic age.

Peter, James, and John have travelled with Jesus from the beginning of His public ministry. They may have experienced some confusion. Both Jesus' friends and enemies expected Him to restore Israel of old. Hopefully He would transform their tiny state, then dominated by Rome, into a world power. When was Jesus going to do this? was the question. Their patience may have been running thin. On Mount Tabor, they discover Who Jesus really is! Jesus appears dazzlingly white and shining like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear with Him in conversation. Never at a loss for words, Peter suggests that they build three tents (shrines) to concretize the vision. One tent each would be built to honor Jesus, Moses and Elijah. The bright cloud that overshadowed them was a traditional depiction of God's immediate Presence. A voice from the cloud tells them that: "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him!" Needless to say, they are astonished and fell into the traditional stance of prostration in God's Presence.

At the end of the vision Jesus comes to them, touches them and says: "Rise, and do not be afraid." They have been given a peek at Jesus' true identity. To hear God's word, not merely physically, but to absorb it and obey it was the sign of a genuine disciple. Like Peter, James and John, all of us are called to hear Jesus' teachings and follow it. The Transfiguration restored the faith of the apostles. They drew strength from it. So too with modern disciples - us!

In the Transfigured Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

BLOOD DRIVE

TODAY AUGUST 6th OUR LADY OF MERCY IS SPONSORING THE NEW YORK CENTER'S BLOOD DRIVE FROM 8:45AM till 2:45 PM.

The New York Center supplies the hospitals throughout the five boroughs, as well as parts of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. An average of 2000 people daily receive transfusions for a variety of medical conditions, and one in three persons will require a transfusion at some period in their lives. **The need for blood remains constant, it does not take a vacation.** The concern and plea for donors is evident in this excerpt from a letter from the Director of the Center:

“As you may be aware. New York Blood Center declared a BLOOD EMERGENCY at the end of June and has been working to increase donations. Your August Blood Drive is so important. It means the world to our patients, who need blood even though the supply dips due to closed schools and vacationing donors. By hosting your drive this month, you are providing blood in one of the most critical months of the year. Your friends at New York Blood Center can't thank you enough.”

We assume blood, when needed, will always be available. During this critical period reserves may decrease to a drastically low 3 day supply. There is no substitute for human blood, the gift of life. OUR LADY OF MERCY is one of the few parishes to sponsor a drive during this critical summer month. Last August 49 of our parishioners and members of the Forest Hills community registered, 41 donations were obtained. Since each donation serves 3 people, 123 patients received this precious gift of life through your goodness and self sacrifice. EVERY DONATION MATTERS< PLEASE HELP.

Literature is available, for your review, in the vestibule of the Church. **WALK-INS ARE MOST WELCOME. Remember to bring your donor card or donor ID number, if you have one, and a photo ID with you on August 6th.**

Volunteers are also needed throughout the day to provide refreshments and support the donors. If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time please stop in. Your assistance will be most appreciated.

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.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

- 1st Prize: Eleanor Sommero \$258.00
- 2nd Prize: Ann Morison \$129.00
- 3rd Prize: Eleanor Bologna \$129.00
- 4th Prize: Enfys Ellington \$64.00
- 5th Prize: Lorraine Dolan \$64.00

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

August 09, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
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/
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our young parishioners, who have merited **recognition for commendable academic performance** during the past quarter at **The Mary Louis Academy**: Joanna McNulty, Caitlin Murphy, Nina Kropf, Klara Meditz, & Isabella Gianni

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

- **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.
- **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

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.

**"THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;**



LISTEN TO HIM."
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