

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 1st
 8:30 AM John Merone
 5:00 PM William Elia

Sunday July 2nd
 8:30 AM Susan Van Remmen
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Maria Merone
 5:00 PM Mary Saggio

Monday July 3rd
 8:30 AM Antonina Mauceri
 12:00 PM Thomas X. Winberry

Tuesday July 4th
 8:30 AM Michael McGovern
 12:00 PM Tom Nikaci

Wednesday July 5th
 8:30 AM Charles Schwarz
 12:00 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday July 6th
 8:30 AM Mary Martin
 12:00 PM John Varagnola

Friday July 7th
 8:30 AM Thomas & Anna O'Connor
 12:00 PM Veronica Mara Stehn
 (Living Intention-90th Birthday)

Saturday July 8th
 8:30 AM Sarah Davey
 5:00 PM Anne Daly

Sunday July 9th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Edward Tosi
 5:00 PM Richard Gunaratna



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 Honnan, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Gerry Holmes, 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

Elizabeth Klein
 Deacon Giacomo Panessa

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – July 2nd
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – July 3rd
St. Thomas, Apostle
 -All Offices Closed

TUESDAY - July 4th
Weekday
Independence Day
 All Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY – July 5th
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 – July 6th
Weekday

FRIDAY – July 7th
Weekday

SATURDAY – July 8th
Weekday

ALL OFFICES AT OLM WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 3RD AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH.

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:
Dorothy Sievertsen
 by
 Peggy Saver

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.

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***Put Out Into the Deep
Walking With the Sexually Abused
By Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio***

My dear brothers and sisters,

As Bishop of Brooklyn, I am announcing a significant new step in the ongoing effort of the Diocese of Brooklyn to address the wounds of those sexually abused by members of the clergy. It is called the “Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program” and it is one more way our diocese, serving Brooklyn and Queens, can acknowledge the harm done by those who were priests or deacons, and show our solidarity with survivors.

Our Program is modeled after the program recently launched by the Archdiocese of New York. Compensation decisions will be made by Kenneth R. Feinberg who administered numerous high profile compensation programs, including the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, the compensation fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, served as mediator for sexual abuse cases for Penn State University and administered many other corporate and charitable independent programs. Mr. Feinberg will have total independence in his decisions.

Throughout my time as a diocesan bishop, first in Camden, NJ and then in Brooklyn and Queens, I have met with more than 50 survivors. It is difficult to hear about the pain caused by the criminal behavior of members of the clergy. I am well aware that no amount of money will ever heal the scars of abuse, but this program is a concrete expression of our contrition and our desire to make amends. We hope it will help with the healing process and bring survivors some element of healing.

The Diocese of Brooklyn will continue all of our past efforts to support survivors. Those efforts include paying the cost of therapy provided by independent professionals who are unaffiliated with the Church, offering various support groups, providing monthly prayer groups, and holding our annual Mass of Hope and Healing.

Four years ago, survivors of clergy abuse in the Diocese of Brooklyn formed a “Survivors Advisory Committee”. This program, along with all of our outreach efforts, has been discussed with this group of survivors. I will continue to listen to and be guided by these survivors in developing new ways to respond to the needs of victims.

I wish to assure every parishioner and every donor to our diocese in Brooklyn and Queens that not a penny of their contributions or bequests will go toward compensating victims of abuse. The Diocese will take out a loan to cover for the cost, and pay it back with rental income. The Diocese will not use the money given by the faithful to support parishes, schools, charitable works, ministries, apostolates, or the Generations of Faith Fundraising Campaign. The financial burden will rightly be felt by the central diocesan administration.

In accordance with our diocesan policy, any and all claims of sexual misconduct against a minor have been reported to the District Attorney. Any new allegations that come to light through this program will also be reported to the DA and any other appropriate law enforcement authorities.

We understand the importance of protecting the identity of victims of sexual abuse. To that end, the Diocese of Brooklyn will respect the privacy of participants in the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. However, we want to make it very clear that under the protocols of the Dallas Charter, passed by the Bishops of the United States in 2002, participants themselves will NOT be bound by any type of confidentiality agreement. Participants are free to discuss any and all aspects of their case and the compensation they may receive with anyone they wish.

We will never stop working toward reform, reparation, and reconciliation. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, we re-affirm our commitment to the protection of children, as we walk in solidarity with survivors of abuse in their journey toward wholeness.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dancers of the OLMCA 2017 Graduating Class

On June 24th, the ballroom dance troop from the 2017 graduating class of OLM Catholic Academy were among the seventeen finalist middle schools in a city-wide *Color of the Rainbow* Dance Competition. Of the seventeen finalists, our young men and women ranked in the final seven schools and won a bronze trophy. Essentially, they were fourth place winners. Our Academy has ballroom dance in both fifth and eighth grades so that at this point many of the boys and girls in the Academy are quite experienced in traditional ballroom dancing. Several of the graduating girls intend to enhance their dancing by taking additional lessons during the summer! We congratulate all of them. Not only did they enjoy themselves, but they have an experience of the classical dance music enjoyed by so many in this and past generations.

Monsignor McGuirl

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parishioners for your support and best wishes, your promise of prayers, and a special Thank You to those who stopped by my "yard sale" last Sunday, and even more to those who bought something. This parish will remain in my prayers on a regular basis when I am here, and when I return to Jordan. If you are ever in Amman, please plan on dropping in for a visit.

God bless you.
Fr. John R. Sheehan, SJ

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

July 05, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
July 12, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
July 19, 2017	Healing Mass	7:30 pm
July 26, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm

***There will be no Holy Hour for the Divine Mercy for the months of July & August**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **August 6th, 2017** from 8:45am to 2:45pm. During the summer months Blood Bank reserves are reduced to critically low levels as the numbers of donors lessens. Please remember those in need and consider giving them your treasured gift of life.



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: 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.
- **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.
- **Camp Veritas Play-and-Pray Sleepaways for teens** in Grades 7-12. July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY; July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD; August 13-19 at Camp Lakota, Wurstboro NY. \$450/camper. Spiritual program is led by priests from the Archdiocese of New York and supported by Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Sisters of Life, online at: www.campveritas.com.
- **Summer Retreats are available** Make summertime God's time by attending programs this June and July at the St. Joseph Retreat Center, Staten Island, facilitated by the Daughters of Divine Charity. Book online at www.SJRetreatCenter.org or call 718-720- 1097 for per-session pricing or inquire about overnight stays.
- **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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME weekend in our area is September 15-17 in Huntington, New York, at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. For more information, call Richard and Karen Roginski at 877-697-9963 or visit online at <https://bq-wwme.org>.

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 a Diocesan Pilgrimage, August 30-September 8, to Fatima and Lourdes Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. The Spiritual Director will be Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio. For a brochure, call The Catholic Tour, 1-855- 564-1008 or email jimadair@thecatholicour.com.
- 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 OLMQ 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 OLMQ 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



**A SAFE AND HAPPY
FOURTH OF JULY
TO ALL!**