

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 17th</b>
8:30 AM	Margaret Peggy Fennelly
5:00 PM	John Daly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 18th</b>
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Luke Sorrentino
5:00 PM	John Hickey
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 19th</b>
8:30 AM	Fathers' Day Novena
12:00 PM	Yael Cammie Van Dyke
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 20th</b>
8:30 AM	Fathers' Day Novena
12:00 PM	Raymond & Maureen Medina
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 21st</b>
8:30 AM	Fathers' Day Novena
12:00 PM	Leonard Quigley
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 22nd</b>
8:30 AM	Helen Taglioni
12:00 PM	Fathers' Day Novena
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 23rd</b>
8:30 AM	Fathers' Day Novena
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of Mara & Butler Families
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 24th</b>
8:30 AM	Fathers' Day Novena
5:00 PM	Angela & Frank Sauro Sr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 25th</b>
8:30 AM	Maurice Rooney (43rd Anniversary)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Jack Bernardone
5:00 PM	Victor Lamarque

**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, 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.

***A BLESSED FATHERS DAY  
TO ALL FATHERS***

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Teresa Chanan  
Florence Schmuck  
Antonin Kocurek

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – June 18th**

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

**MONDAY – June 19th**

*Weekday*

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

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

**TUESDAY - June 20th**

*Saint Anthony of Padua*

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – June 21st**

*Saint Aloysius Gonzaga*

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

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

-Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

**THURSDAY – June 22nd**

*Weekday*

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**FRIDAY – June 23rd**

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**SATURDAY – June 24th**

*The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist*

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

**SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE**

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

**BREAD AND WINE**

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

**loving memory of:**

**Margaret R. Byrnes**

by

Peggy & Alice Byrnes

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in memory of:

**Henry Jagiello (9th Anniversary)**

with love by

Marilyn & Family

and

**Florence Schmuck**

by

Marilyn Jagiello & Family

Dear Parishioners;

Many of you come from Mediterranean backgrounds. If your folks come from Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece or many of the Latin American countries, you need not be told of the key role food plays in the life of the family. If you watch the reruns of the "Everybody Loves Raymond" sit-com series, Ray Barone (played by Ray Romano, who was raised in this parish) belongs to an Italo-American home presided over by his mother, Marie Barone, (played by the late Doris Roberts), who has a solution for all family problems: food. Marriage is a bit rocky - eat; financial reverses in the family - eat; kids acting crazy - eat. It's the readymade solution to all problems!

The Jewish culture of Our Lord's time was also a Mediterranean culture in which food was of supreme importance. Livestock (sacrificed animals which would have been used normally as food) was offered to God in the Jerusalem temple; the Sabbath begins with the candle-lighting at the Friday evening sundown meal; the major Jewish feast of liberation: Passover - was and still is marked with food much of which carries a symbolic value. It was at one of these festive Passover-like meals that Jesus instructed His disciples how He wished to be remembered: "Do this in memory of Me." Why? because at meals we are joined with family and friends. The instinct to eat together with those about whom we are concerned is so deep and intuitive that even casual gatherings are marked by a meal of some type. Virtually every important moment in life is marked by a meal. In a family we are most fully family when we share what keeps us alive. We are sharing life by eating what sustains life.

This weekend, the Church celebrates Corpus Christi. We honor the Lord specifically in His Presence among us under the appearances of two basic food stuffs: bread and wine. Ordinary bread and wine are life-giving elements. This Bread and Wine give us life also, but life of an eternal kind. At Mass (the Eucharist) after the words of consecration, "This is my Body, which is given for you." and "This is the cup of my Blood of the new and everlasting Covenant, which will poured out for you and for many", what was simply pieces of unleavened bread and a cup of ordinary wine are Jesus. The words, "the new and everlasting covenant" means that no longer is it necessary to slaughter animals in order to encounter God, but rather it is through Jesus that we encounter the living God. The new agreement or covenant is in Jesus' blood. The combined use of the words "Body" and "Blood" as Jesus uses them meant the fullness of a person's reality. As the *Baltimore Catechism* used to say: "Jesus is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity". In other words the fullness of the Risen Christ is present in the Eucharistic elements.

As He did in His humanity, once again Jesus makes Himself available and vulnerable for us. In doing so, he makes God available to us since He is the icon, the mirror-image, The Word, of the unseen God. It is for this reason that the Catholic Church places such a high priority on the weekly Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection and the Eucharist is the family meal of the Church, in which Jesus is present in both His word and in the Eucharistic elements. Attendance at Sunday Mass is of vital importance, not simply because there is a Church law that commands our attendance but much more importantly because it is the family meal.

In our own homes, if there is family member that we consistently invite to the family meal but who never or rarely attends, in time, while the person continues to bear our surname, that person is no longer a participating members of our family. The same is true of the Church family. Some people will describe themselves as Catholics but rarely, if ever, do they participate at the Eucharist. How can we expect to know what The Lord wants of us if we never hear the proclamation of His Gospel and the reflection on it? How can we receive the strength and courage we need in order to follow that Gospel if we never receive the Food that Jesus commands us to receive?

The Church celebrates Corpus Christi (The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ) with processions and other ceremonies in order to strengthen our belief in the Lord's Presence in the Eucharist. To be a full member of the Catholic Christian family means participation in the family meal - the Eucharist (Mass). Will it always be a perfect experience; the servers are up to par, the choir is magnificent, everybody is participating, the celebrant is reverent and delivers a brilliant (though brief, of course) homily? No, those things are not always in place. As with our family meals, those who eat together tend to stay together, but not every meal is a glorious occasion. Nevertheless we stay at it because without it there is no family life. What is true in the natural family is no less true with our Catholic family. The law is only there to protect us from ourselves. It should not be the only reason that we are present. Jesus said: "Do this in My memory" and assumedly He meant that.

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

**ATTENTION:**  
**OLM ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS**

It is once again time for us to ask that each organization or group that is part of our parish to submit a schedule for their “wish list” of dates, for use of the Church, Parish Hall or Meeting Rooms, for their meetings/events from September 2017 through the end of the year. Please submit via the parish email (office@mercyhills .org.), or a list delivered to the Rectory, **NO LATER THAN JUNE 23RD**. Everyone will be notified, at a later date, when a “calendar meeting” will take place.. As usual, all Church functions and events take precedence.

**YARD SALE IS COMING!**

FR. JOHN SHEEHAN presents THE EVERYTHING MUST GO Yard sale. Sunday, June 25 after all Masses in the yard behind the Rectory. As he prepares to return to Jordan, Fr. John needs to “lighten the load.” Opera and Broadway show scores, sheet music, antique porcelain figure, Chinese lamps, silver commemorative spoons, CD/tape/Turtable, books, neckties, items from Nigeria and Micronesia and much, much more. Cash preferred, checks accepted. Many unusual items, small and large, and GREAT bargains.

**BABY BOTTLE RETURNS**

Many thanks to those of you who took a baby bottle home , to take part in the Bridge to Life fundraiser. Your donations will help with the assistance that they give to thousands of mothers and their children each year. Please return the baby bottles on the weekend of June 24th/25th.

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

June 21, 2017	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	8:00 pm
June 28, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
July 05, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
July 12, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
July 19, 2017	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	8:00 pm
July 26, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm

**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.

**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**.

**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.

**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/](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.
- **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](http://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](http://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.

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE

"Thank you to my Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family for your kind support and signs of love. I will be moving to an assisted living arrangement in East Elmhurst and may find it difficult to come to mass here. I will cherish the memories. *Maureen Kelly*



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**2017**  
**OLMCA**  
**GRADUATES!**  
**JOB WELL DONE!**

### CASINO TRIP

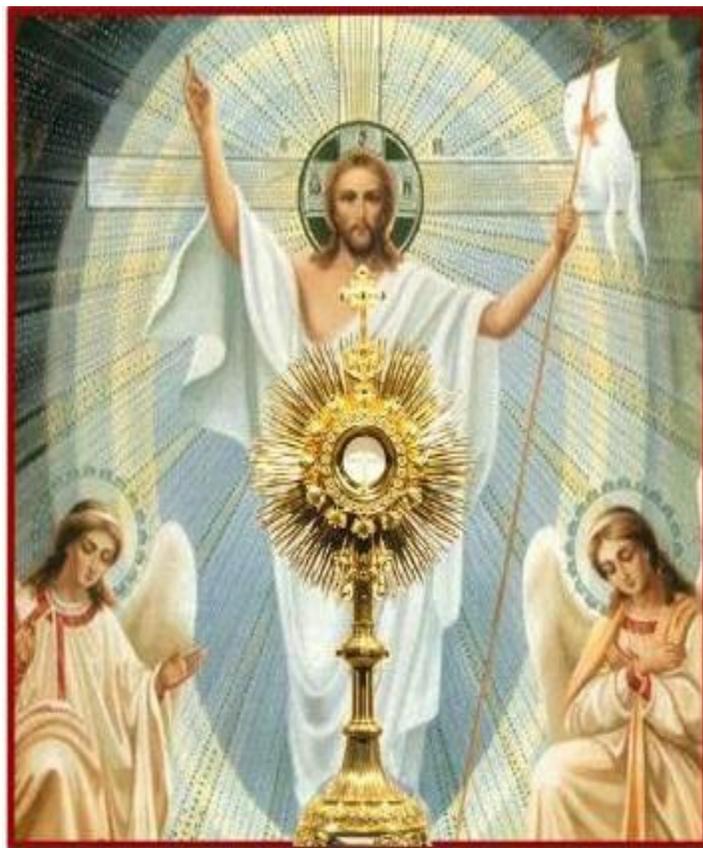
There will be an Empire Casino trip, on June 29th. The cost is \$25 which includes \$10 play and a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs at 8:45am AND from Our Lady of Mercy at 9:00am. Call Ed at 718-849-0234.

### 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@thecatholictour.com](mailto:jimadair@thecatholictour.com).
- There will be a **Holy Land Pilgrimage**, November 6-15 with Our Lady of the Angelus' Fr. John Mendonca and Fr. Roberto Minsel, SVD. Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. \$3299 from New York. Call OLA at 718-897-4444 for information



**Feast of Corpus Christi**