

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 3rd
 8:30 AM Lea Morra
 5:00 PM Steven McDonald

Sunday June 4th
 8:30 AM Herman, Joanne, & Katherine Holzknecht
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM William Polis
 5:00 PM Jillian Lambert

Monday June 5th
 8:30 AM Mary Ruelius
 12:00 PM Tom & Grace Grande

Tuesday June 6th
 8:30 AM Jillian Lambert
 12:00 PM Joseph Guglielmo

Wednesday June 7th
 8:30 AM Josephine Castano
 12:00 PM Jillian Lambert

Thursday June 8th
 8:30 AM George Fey
 12:00 PM George Fey

Friday June 9th
 8:30 AM Thanksgiving To The Lord
 12:00 PM John Kollar

Saturday June 10th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
 5:00 PM Fred Sorrentino

Sunday June 11th
 8:30 AM Gerry Murphy
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Soli Gharda
 5:00 PM Michele Renee Tinnirello (36 Year Anniversary)



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, 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

Mauro Apollonio
 Lawrence Tino

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – June 4th
Pentecost Sunday

MONDAY – June 5th
Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
 -Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room I at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - June 6th
Weekday

WEDNESDAY – June 7th
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 – June 8th
Weekday
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Confirmation Meeting (Parents & Children)-Church at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – June 9th
Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – June 10th
Weekday

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



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of May, 2017:
 Emma Lynn Wilhelm
 Gael Agustin Romero
 Celia Fai Valdez
 Maximilian Bonds-Gonzalez



MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couple married during the month of May, 2017:
 Dennis Joseph French
 &
 Rowena Julie Fernandez

Dear Parishioners;

Did you know that the Jewish people also celebrate a feast of Pentecost? In fact the Christian feast is built upon the foundations of the Jewish feast. Both feasts celebrate God's gift of life to His people. The Jewish feast celebrated the gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on the heights of Sinai. Forty-nine days after the Exodus from Egypt, the Hebrew band arrived at Mount Sinai (sometimes called Horeb). The following day God came to them in fire, thunder and glory. Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fifty. The originally Hebrew word was "Shavu'ot", "the feast of weeks", which Greek speaking Jews called "Pentecostes", which is the Greek word for fifty. It is under the latter name that the feast has come down to us.

It was on that Jewish feast that the apostles and their companions were gathered in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit overcame them. The language Saint Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, is reminiscent of the Presence of God on Mount Sinai. God had descended on the mountain with a great fire and mighty noise. Now the Spirit, the Gift of God, comes in tongues of flame and a loud wind. The narrative also reminds us of the first few lines of Genesis where the spirit of God hovered over the waters to bring about the process of creation. The impression is clearly given that the three events are linked; in fact, that the Pentecost experience is a continuity of the Sinai theophany and like Sinai it creates new life - a new beginning! The feast celebrates God's life-giving action in human history.

Paul tells us in the second reading that God's gift of the Spirit is given to each individual for "some benefit". When the apostles are overwhelmed by the Spirit, they become new men. Up until then, they had not been particularly courageous or brave. They often lacked understanding. Even though they had experienced the Risen Lord, they were still in hiding for fear of sharing His fate. All of that radically changed! They burst out of their confinement and began to preach. So eloquent were they, that the many pilgrims in Jerusalem, no matter what their native language, were able to understand. The Spirit's fire enflamed them and His wind drove them out to preach and practice the Gospel message. The event prefigures the history of the Church: every nation and race, every color and former creed, would hear the language in their own tongue and respond to the Gospel message. We call our Church "Catholic" and that's precisely what it means, "the universal church". James Joyce, the late Irish author, though Baptized a Catholic, he did not really practice his faith, is quoted as having said: "When I think of Catholics I think, here comes everyone." Mr. Joyce was correct!

St. John is the author of today's Gospel and he sets the stage almost as if the Resurrection and Pentecost were on the same day. Jesus comes to the apostles when they are still in hiding and offers them "Peace". He establishes His credentials by showing His hands and feet with their marks of the crucifixion. He breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to enliven them so that they can image Jesus to the world. Throughout His ministry Jesus constantly offered forgiveness to people. The apostles are empowered to do the same in Jesus' Name. Since Jesus is the icon of the Father, we know that the intention of the Father is to forgive us and draw us to Himself. The community of believers is to continue that mission. Forgiveness means peace. We are at peace with the God Who loves us and offers us a destiny with Himself. In that light it is possible to bear all else because we are at peace with the loving Force of the Universe.

As Jesus was the Father's icon, so the faith community is Jesus' icon and our mission is to continuously offer the world the peace and forgiveness that flows into us through the gift of the Spirit.

In the Risen Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES!

Religious Education (Grades K-7) registration for new families will take place on:

- Monday, **June 5** from 12 – 6pm
- Tuesday, **June 6** from 12 – 6pm
- Wednesday, **June 7** from 12 – 6pm

The registration fee is \$150 for one child, \$225 for two children, \$275 for three or more children.

Classes for K-5 will be on Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 4:15pm
Classes for 6th and 7th Grade will be on Thursdays
from 4:00pm – 5:15pm

Please bring a copy of each child’s Baptismal certificate.
Any questions please call the office at 718-261-6285.

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.

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.

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

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| June 07, 2017 | Divine Mercy Devotion | 7:00 pm |
| June 14, 2017 | Divine Mercy Cenacle | 7:00 pm |
| 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 |

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.

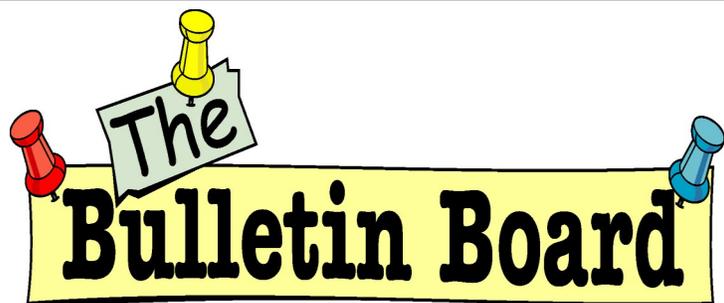
Food Pantry Hours are:10:00am–11:00am every Saturday



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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE

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.



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/
- **NYC Dept. of Sanitation** will host a **SAFE Disposal Event** for Queens on Saturday, June 10th from 10am to 4pm (rain or shine), at Citi Field (Parking Lot A). Get rid of your harmful automotive and household products safely. For more info, visit nyc.gov/safedisposal or call 311.
- **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.
- The **Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville** will host their **16th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon**, on **June 23rd**, at **Crest Hollow Country Club** in Woodbury, NY. The luncheon celebrates the beauty of the spirit of women—their strength, compassion, and wisdom. Proceeds from the event benefit the retired Sisters. Tickets are \$75 per person, by reservation only. For more info, call 631-842-6000 ext. 246.
- The **CYO TRI-M Boys Swim Team** registration for returning swimmers & tryouts for new swimmers will be held on Wed., June 7 at the Community House Pool, 15 Borage Place, in Forest Hills Gardens, 6-7pm. Ask for a Parking Pass to place on your dashboard. New swimmers (5-13 years old) trying out must swim 25-yards of Freestyle with proper form. No competitive experience necessary. Bring your swim suit, cap, goggles & towel. For any inquiries contact Head Coach, Mary Leong at 718-793-4082

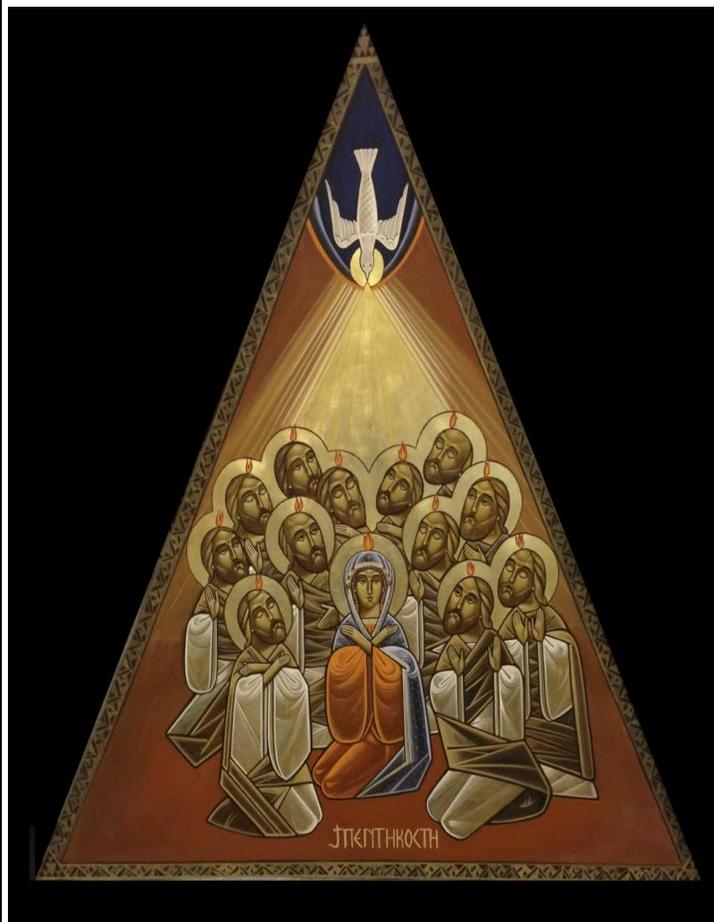
THE DEANERY CORNER

- 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 **May 15, June 5 and 19**. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.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

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

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| 1 st Prize: Kevin & Carolyn McNulty | \$280.00 |
| 2 nd Prize: Edwards Coleman | \$140.00 |
| 3 rd Prize: Charles Haunss | \$140.00 |
| 4 th Prize: Allen H. Van Houten | \$70.00 |
| 5 th Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph | \$70.00 |



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