

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 13th
 8:30 AM Francis Morison
 5:00 PM William Walters

Sunday May 14th
 8:30 AM Vincent Koo (Living Intention)
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Zofia Woloszynowska
 5:00 PM Mary Hickey

Monday May 15th
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena
 12:00 PM Judith Diaz

Tuesday May 16th
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena
 12:00 PM Gertrude Kekeh

Wednesday May 17th
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena
 12:00 PM Anna Sorentino

Thursday May 18th
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena
 12:00 PM Ellen & Timothy Madden

Friday May 19th
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena
 12:00 PM Jillian Lambert

Saturday May 20th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 5:00 PM Mary & Idolo Russomanno

Sunday May 21st
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Marie Henao
 5:00 PM Enrico D. Montesa



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Evelyn McMullan, Mary Ann Matecki, Vincent Lucanie, Roberta Papagni, Patrick Norton, Diane Kitson, 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

Joanne Gatch

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – May 14th

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

MONDAY – May 15th

Easter Weekday

- Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm
- Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room I at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - May 16th

Easter Weekday

- Centering Prayer-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:30pm & 6:15pm
- 1st Communion Practice (children only) 11AM Group - Church at 3:30pm

- Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

- 1st Communion Practice (parents & children) 11AM Group - Church at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – May 17th

Easter Weekday

- Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am
- Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - All Are Welcome
- CCD K thru 6-Church at 3:30pm
- 1st Communion Practice (children only) 2PM Group - Church at 3:30pm

- Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – May 18th

Easter Weekday

- CCD 7th Gr.-Rel. Ed. Office at 3:45pm
- Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
- 1st Communion Practice (parents & children) 2PM Group - Church at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – May 19th

Easter Weekday

- Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm and 6:00pm

SATURDAY – May 20th

Easter Weekday

- First Communions-Church at 11:00am and 2:00pm

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

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in loving memory of:
Our Mothers

Eleanor Gorman & Jennette Markey
 by
 Patrick & Carol Gorman



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:

Joan Sauro
 by
 Frank Sauro



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Gospel this Sunday takes a chronological step back in time. We are still in the Easter season, but the Gospel takes us back to our Lord's farewell to His apostles at the Last Supper. The Gospel reading is taken from St. John. Typical of St. John his Gospel is intent on revealing who Jesus is. The very first lines of the Prologue of this Gospel contain the assertion that: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... the word became flesh and He dwelt amongst us." That Word was Jesus. The prologue was the "Last" Gospel which before the changes of Vatican II was always read at the end of Mass. It was to remind us that the Word becoming flesh was not some sort of abstract theory but rather God's Self-Communication plunged into the swirl of human affairs. He was exempted from nothing, except sin, which is the very thing that separates us from God.

Throughout his Gospel, John prefers to use the word "sign" where the other Evangelists would use the word "miracle". Signs of what? Signs of God's compassion and love enmeshed in this world. They were signs of the intimate nature of God. It is John who tells us that the primary characteristic of God is love, so much so that he can say God is love. Today's Gospel carries the same theme. Jesus assures the disciples (and us) that there are many dwelling places in the Father's house. That may imply that all sorts of characters will get there! That's heartening news - there's room for all of us with our many peculiarities, strengths and weaknesses! Jesus assures the disciples (and us) that He is going to prepare a place for them so that where He is they also may be. Thomas has very few speaking roles in the Scriptures but those he has are important. He questions Jesus about the way to the Father's house. And, he is assured that Jesus Himself is "the way, the life and the truth...if you know me, you will know my Father". Jesus identifies Himself with the Father.

As in the Prologue, the Word or Self Communication of the Father has been made flesh. In practical terms, this means that the words and actions of Jesus are those of the Father manifested in the medium of our humanity. Like Thomas, Philip has only a few lines in Scripture but the ones he has are also important. In this case, he asks Jesus to show them the Father. "and that will be enough for us". These men have travelled with Jesus and yet they still fail to understand the implications of Who He is - "Have I been with you so long a time and still you do not know Me?" "I am in the Father and He is in me". The words I speak are those of the Father. The Father dwells in me and I am doing His works. There it is - all the signs or miracles, all those words of compassion, all those statements of divine love, all those assurances of a life with God, all of that is God speaking to us through the humanity of Jesus. It is God in our midst.

The disciples are commanded to carry on His mission of spreading the Good News (the word "Gospel" is from two English words - "God's spiel" = God's story or Gospel). We want and desire that the world know that God has plans for every human being and that we have a place in that plan. We want people to know that God loves us and calls us to share life with Him. We want people to know that our lives have purpose and meaning.

This is the missionary impulse and it can take many forms. An example is in the first reading from The Acts of the Apostles. Knowing that they cannot do everything, they designate seven men (all with Greek names) to reach out in charity to those in Jerusalem, who because of language limitations, were being ignored at the distribution of charity. The charge to the first "deacons" was to be an icon of God's gracious and charitable love. This is what makes us "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His (God's) own."

Later in this Gospel, Jesus will pray that we have that same unity with one another that He has with the Father: "that they may be one, as You Father are in Me and I in You, that they may be One in us." The agent of that will be the Holy Spirit or the Paraclete. The original meaning of "paraclete" in Greek was one who stands by the side. Like an advocate, the Spirit stands by our side: He supports and strengthens us so that our words and actions may be icons of Jesus as He is the icon of the Father - the Father's Self Communication Who dwelt among us.

In Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

A Spring Fling Thank You

The *Spring Fling* went very well and profited \$10,000. A word of thanks to all those who assisted in running the *Spring Fling* and also to Mrs. Dian Malm for organizing it. Thanks to all those who attended. You are the reason for our success.

We recommend to our patrons the following local vendors in our business community: ***Alberto's Restaurant, Banter Restaurant, Bosselli Family (Premium Wines), Father & Son Florist, Fox Funeral Home, Glascott Funeral Home, Metro Meats, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy, and Ridgewood Savings Bank. Please remember our patrons!!!!***

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

We wish to officially welcome the following three newly initiated members of our Catholic Church community who received sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year:

Daishantie Glennon, Edward Green (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and **Eduardo Hernandez** (Confirmation). Congratulations to them and their families and God Bless!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to announce that five of our CCD teachers are celebrating milestone anniversaries in their service to the youth of Our Lady of Mercy. They are: **Diane McGinley** – 30 years, **Joseph Kelly** – 20 years, **Michael Conigliaro** – 10 years, **Ruth Montesa** – 10 years, and **Elizabeth Weiss** – 10 years. They will be recognized at the Annual Recognition and Commissioning Celebration given by the Diocese this month. Thank you and congratulations!

IMPORTANT FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE DATES:

For those receiving First Communion at the **11:00 am Mass:**
Tuesday, May 16 at 3:30pm (Children only)
Tuesday, May 16 7:30 pm (Children and Parents)

For those receiving First Communion at the **2:00 pm Mass:**
Wednesday, May 17 at 3:30 pm (Children only)
Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm (Children and Parents)

Please note, there are **two practices for each child. All practices are at the church.**

Any questions call Religious Ed at 718-261-6285.

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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

May 17, 2017	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	8:00 pm
May 24, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
May 31, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm

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.

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.

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

- **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.
- **Archbishop Molloy High School** located in Queens seeks an **Admission Coordinator** to work with the Director of Admissions and Administration to promote and articulate the mission of the school to both prospective students and parents. Must be detail-oriented with excellent written, verbal and computer skills and have experience working with data, from entry to strategic analysis. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree and ideally, work experience in admissions or education. Requires several evening and some weekend school presentations and visits. This is a full time, year-round position. Experience as an alumnus, parent or volunteer at Molloy is a plus. Submit resume and letter of interest to Molloy President Richard Karsten at: president@molloyhs.org. cc: mdoyle@molloyhs.org.
- The **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on May 20th at 11:00am at Immaculate Conception Center (7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston). All couples **who have celebrated their marriages in the Catholic Church** are invited with their families. **Special recognition will be given to 25th, 50th & 75th Anniversaries.** To register please call the **Rectory (718-268-6143)**.
- **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, a online at: www.campveritas.com.
- **Parkside Players at Grace Lutheran Church** (103-15 Union Tnpk., Forest Hills) will be presenting their performance of Noel Coward's *Blythe Spirit* from May 20th thru June 3rd. For info and reservations, call 718-353-7388 or 516-520-9474
- **Catholic Migration Services is hosting a workshop** to help people **apply for citizenship on May 20** at our main office in Downtown Brooklyn (191 Joralemon St.. 4th floor) from 9am to 5pm. To register & for information on what to take with you call 718-236-3000.
- 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/

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 an **"Oldies"** concert at **Our Lady of Hope Auditorium** (Middle Village) on **May 19th at 7:30pm**. A live orchestra will provide a musical journey from the 40's through the 70's, and there will be room to dance if you wish. Tickets are \$20 and you are asked to contact Linda (718-898-3222) in advance.
- **The St. Vincent De Paul truck will be coming to Our Lady of Hope on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.** to pick up new and lightly worn clothing. The truck will be located in the parking lot. Clothes only! No Toys or Furniture please!

