

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday May 22nd**  
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena  
 12:00 PM Julia Michalowska

**Tuesday May 23rd**  
 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Novena  
 12:00 PM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby

**Wednesday May 24th**  
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida  
 12:00 PM Mothers' Day Novena  
 7:30 PM Vigil Mass for Ascension Thursday

**Thursday May 25th**  
 8:30 AM Jillian Lambert  
 10:00 AM OLMCA Mass  
 12:00 PM Jean Satoski

**Friday May 26th**  
 8:30 AM Joan Egan  
 12:00 PM Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese

**Saturday May 27th**  
 8:30 AM John Mazzoccoli  
 5:00 PM Steven McDonald

**Sunday May 28th**  
 8:30 AM Andrzej Witkowski  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM William Elia  
 5:00 PM Mary Brodsky



**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, Peggy Racanelli, 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**

Most Reverend Thomas V. Daily  
 Mary L. Dantini McNamara

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – May 21st**  
*Sixth Sunday Of Easter*  
 -May Crowning-After 10:00am Mass

**MONDAY – May 22nd**  
*Easter Weekday*  
 -Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room I at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - May 23rd**  
*Easter Weekday*  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:30pm & 6:15pm  
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – May 24th**  
*Easter Weekday*  
 -NO Exercise Class  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**  
 -CCD K thru 6-Church at 3:30pm  
 -Divine Mercy-NO ACTIVITY

**THURSDAY – May 25th**  
*The Ascension Of The Lord / Holy Day Of Obligation*  
 Vigil Mass on May 24th at 7:30pm  
 Holy Day Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon

**FRIDAY – May 26th**  
*Saint Philip Neri*  
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

**SATURDAY – May 27th**  
*Easter Weekday*

**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:**

**Jillian Lambert**  
 by  
 OLM Consolation Ministry

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For the last few weeks on Sunday and weekdays we have been hearing excerpts taken from St. John's Gospel. In that fourth Gospel Jesus most clearly identifies Himself and His words and actions with those of the Father in heaven. He mentions that the "works" He does are those of the Father. And the Words He speaks are those of the Father. This Sunday's Gospels reaffirms that basic message but takes a slightly different point of view.

As Christians we believe that Jesus is the Self Communication of God, the Word of God, in human terms. In other words, Jesus is the icon or the mirror image of the invisible God now made visible or enfleshed through His humanity. At the Ascension God's Word returns to Him but not without leaving its effects. All language effects the listeners. God's language, revealed in Jesus, impacts us.

Other religions, within which there are many good, fine, generous and thoughtful people, do not make the claim that God entered into our reality so that we might enter into His. Many religious geniuses might say that I found a "way" or an "enlightenment" and it would be good for you to follow it. Some might say that I had a heavenly visitation and that a certain program for life was revealed to me so I think it might be good for you to follow it. Christianity alone says that the very Self-Communication of God, after a long process of preparation (The First or Old Testament), plunged into our humanity so that, we might be one with God.

Today's Gospel selection, again from St. John, is very succinct. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...on that day, you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in Me and I in you". The person who lives the way He taught (which is to say, living as God's Word taught us) is the person who loves Jesus and "whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father and I will love Him and reveal Myself to Him".

Jesus was the icon or the mirror image of the Father. At Baptism all of us were identified with Jesus, so we became His mirror Images. To be His image, means carrying His cross. St. Peter in the second reading says as much. To follow Jesus does not mean to enter into some sort of spiritual "la, la land" - it means walking with Him to bring about good, to further the establishment of His kingdom. For Jesus it meant the cross and for us it may mean the same in one form or another. Our mission is outlined in the first reading, which is from the St. Luke's sequel to His Gospel - the "Acts of the Apostles".

After our Lord's Ascension, Philip and the other apostles begin to spread the Gospel (the word "Gospel" in its origins means "God's spiel" or God's story which is the Good News!). Luke tells us that the "signs" Philip does are identical to the "signs" that Jesus did and they produced "great joy in that city (Samaria)". About fifty miles away, the Apostles in Jerusalem hear the news of these conversions and they send several of their number to impart the Holy Spirit in the ancient ritual of the "laying on of hands" and prayer. It is this Spirit that guides and subtly leads the Church as we confront new situations over these twenty centuries. Jesus could not say everything about everything. The Church has the task of applying the ancient Gospel message to each age and era. The Holy Spirit guided the early apostles and still guides our leaders and us as we seek, both as a Church and as individuals, to advance the kingdom in the United States, New York City, Forest Hills, Rego Park and Kew Gardens in this twenty-first century.

God bless you always,  
Monsignor McGuirl

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

### ASCENSION-PENTECOST NOVENA

Please join the entire church from May 25th- June 2nd in this original Marian novena (nine day period of prayer) based on Acts of the Apostles 1:14 *"All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with Mary the Mother of Jesus."* All subsequent devotions to Mary in the Church flow from this novena. Therefore, let us pray this novena for those adults throughout the Church who will be confirmed on Pentecost weekend. One form of praying this novena would be to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary each day from May 25th-June 2nd. Here at Our Lady of Mercy, adult Confirmation will take place at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 3.

### CCD CLASSES

The last day of CCD for Grades K-6 will be Wednesday, May 24th. We will be providing re-registration information at that time.

**Registration for new families** will take place during the week of June 5th, with more specific details to follow in the Church Bulletin (available in the Church or on our Web Site).

### 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**

### 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 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 24, 2017	NO ACTIVITY	7:00 pm
May 31, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00 pm
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

### MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

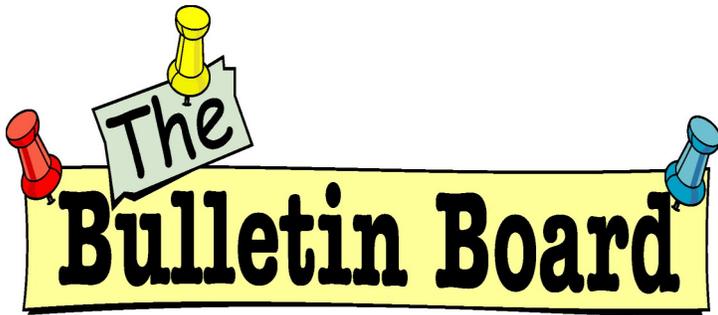
Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light**, or the **Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory for more info.

### 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.

CONCERT AT OLM

On Saturday, June 3rd at 7:30pm in the Church, we are delighted to welcome back the Forest Hills Choir to perform a program entitled Heaven and Earth, with a short reception in the Parish Hall afterwards. A chamber orchestra and professional soloists will accompany the choir in works by Bach, Haydn, Rutter and other composers. OLM parishioners may purchase tickets at the door at the reduced rate of \$15. For more info, call Graham at 347-721-7452 or visit [www.fhchoir.org](http://www.fhchoir.org).



- 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/)
- **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](http://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, a online at: [www.campveritas.com](http://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

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 OLMQ rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).
- **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!
- 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.

