

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 6th
8:30 AM	Joseph Arecchia
5:00 PM	Jack Conway (Goodman)
Sunday	May 7th
8:30 AM	William J. Polis
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Haggerty (33rd Anniversary)
Monday	May 8th
8:30 AM	Jillian Lambert
12:00 PM	Kenneth Persaud
Tuesday	May 9th
8:30 AM	Jillian Lambert
12:00 PM	Barbara Forero (1st Anniversary)
Wednesday	May 10th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua (22nd Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Arthur Savarese
Thursday	May 11th
8:30 AM	Gerry Murphy
12:00 PM	Mario Bellina
Friday	May 12th
8:30 AM	William Hoogsteden
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro & Serafina Sauro
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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vincent Lucanie, Roberta Papagni, Brene Brown, James Leung, Chantel Fernandes, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Ken Kirwin, Christopher Tolve, Roseann Salerno, Larry Ginsberg, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Frank & Carolyn Kalnberg, Josie Bellina, Vera Garofalo, Gladys Sanchez, Mary J. Riley, John O'Driscoll, Marilyn Jagiello, Eleanor Murray, Jean Strifler, Ava Cautin, Patrick Norton, JoAnn Gatch, Isabel Azzaro, Ann Rung, Celina Oleksie, Liane Ginsberg, Claudette David, Denise Michelle, Renata Vecchione, Mary I. Albert, Rosa Rivera, Tom Horgan, Chris Austin, John Kelly, Jeanne Woods, Michael Daly, Tomo Nakaci, Robert Ryan, Joel Rivera, Peggy Racanelli, JoAnn Sienkiewicz, Joan Reddy, Thoywell-Herny Family, Diane Kitson, Ann Bopp, Samuel Mantilla, James Turner, 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**

Paula Bennett
Rev. Lawrence O'Leary

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – May 7th**

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

MONDAY – May 8th

Easter Weekday

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

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

TUESDAY - May 9th

Easter Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:30pm & 6:15pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – May 10th

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – May 11th

Easter Weekday

-CCD 7th Gr.-Rel. Ed. Office at 3:45pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – May 12th

Easter Weekday

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

SATURDAY – May 13th

Easter Weekday

-Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

**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:**

Yael Cammie Van Dyke

by

The CCD Catechists

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized
in the month of April, 2017:

Declan James McEnteggart

Alessia Rose Vitale

Annabelle Catherine Huber

Tessa Evelyn Martin

Ava Mikaela Cautin

Connor James McGonigle

Emily Sofia Swiechowicz

Edward Green

Daishantie Glennon

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When I was a little boy there were some remnants of farms in Forest Hills. On the south side of Metropolitan Avenue between Trotting Course Lane and Woodhaven Boulevard there was a large white farm house with the remains of a dairy farm. On Fleet Street, where the Forest Hills Athletic Fields presently are located, there was a farm, whose owner supposedly raised pigs. The sites of the large apartment houses located on Queens Boulevard were mostly open space. In fact, the site of Parker Towers was often used by a small traveling circus.

Though much of our rural aura has disappeared, residents of Forest Hills were once much closer to a country lifestyle than we are now. I write this because many of our Lord's metaphors in the Gospels have a distinctly rural cast. This should not be a surprise, since the Jerusalem of His time was a small city and a short walk would bring the traveler into the country-side. Galilee, where Jesus was raised and worked before His public ministry, was (and is) mostly rural. It is still characterized by farms, surprisingly many of which are dairy farms. Modern Galileans would have a better notion of many of the parables than we do.

Today's Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is no exception. Our Lord uses a double metaphor. In the first He compares Himself to the gate of small sheepfold. Many of these sheepfolds would have been of light construction, perhaps only a low stone wall or a simple wooden palisade. The shepherd himself might sleep near the entrance way or in fact be the barrier at the entrance way. This is the metaphor the Holy Father, Pope Francis, used when he said that the modern shepherds must "smell like the sheep"; in other words, like the ancient shepherds, modern pastors (the word "pastor" originally meant "shepherd" !) must intimately share in the lives of their "sheep".

In ancient times, no one could enter the sheepfold without getting past the shepherd. The shepherd himself legitimately enters and leaves through the gateway. Sheep, although not generally credited with brilliance, do recognize the voice of the shepherd. Instinctively they understand on a primitive level that the shepherd is their protector, who has their best interests at heart. They will follow him when they hear his voice. On the other hand they panic and flee from the voice of a stranger. What the shepherd does for the sheep is what Jesus does for us. He has our best interests at heart and under His leadership we reach "fresh flowing water and verdant pastures". The reading indicates that the Pharisees are offering only sterility and could not promise that freshness of life that comes with the Gospel.

In the second instance, Jesus compares Himself very directly as the "gate for the sheep". On lonely isolated hillsides, the shepherd's life could be threatened by hungry predators or marauding thieves. Literally the shepherd might have to put his life on the line for the sheep. The shepherd is the one who stands between the sheep and the "thieves and robbers". Our life depends on hearing the Shepherd and following His lead. Like a stray that wanders away from the flock, if we hear the Shepherd's voice but do not follow it, we put our lives at stake.

Finally Jesus is very clear with regard to the meaning of His mission as shepherd. "I came so that they (the sheep of the flock - us) might have life and have it more abundantly".

In Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

The Mercy Mirror

In a break with past procedure, we will not publish the *Mercy Mirror* during July and August. Many people are vacationing and it is difficult to find copy and editors. In past summers only a truncated version was published which contained nothing more than stock material. In an environmentally conscious age, we must be careful about the proper utilization of resources. To publish the *Mirror* in a truncated mid-summer version is merely wasting paper. By not publishing in the summer, we hope that our September issue will be even stronger and more interesting.

At this time, I would like to publically thank Mrs. Kathryn Bourgoine who has edited the *Mirror* for over five years. She finds the time to organize the *Mirror* each month in addition to raising two young sons, being a homemaker and working full time. The old saying is: "that if you want something done, give it to a busy person". Kathryn is the personification of that maxim. There would be no *Mercy Mirror* without her and her dedicated band of writers and editors. Thank you Kathryn and enjoy a brief summer respite!

We will publish a *Mercy Mirror* in June and therefore all copy must be submitted to olmmerrymirror@gmail.com by May 15th!

Monsignor McGuirl

REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LIST

Since our “Pray For The Sick” list has not been updated for quite some time, we are asking for your assistance. In the next few weeks, we will replace this list with a new one. Hopefully, our prayers have brought health back to many of those that we have been praying for and their names can be replaced by others in need. Please notify us at the rectory, 718-268-6143, of any names that you would like included in the revised list. It is important for us, as a community to join in prayer for those who are ill.. Thank you for your assistance.

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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Many thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all those whose helped with the Spring Fling! Many talented and gracious people stepped forward with donations of their time, talent and raffle items. Special thanks to all who manned the tables, decorated the hall, made the raffle baskets, moved things around and shopped for extras. A special kudos to the young adults and students who stepped up to do their part in making this a success. Many hands make light work and this was the case this year! Speaking for myself, I am very humbled by all the help that was offered to me.

Chairperson - Dian Malm,

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

May 10, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00 pm
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

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1 st Prize: Laura & Vincent Lobaccaro	\$280.00
2 nd Prize: Ed & Charlotte Adomaitis	\$140.00
3 rd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. John Fojtik	\$140.00
4 th Prize: Christine Garnto	\$70.00
5 th Prize: Jerome Mineo	\$70.00

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

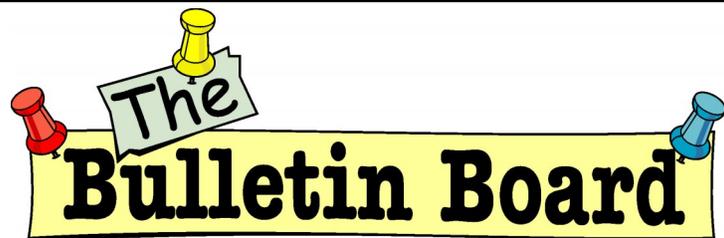
Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light, or the Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory for more info.

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.
- **World-renowned organ virtuoso JAMIE HITEL will present an Inaugural Recital** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 23-25 Newtown Avenue, Astoria NY, on Sunday, May 7th at 3 PM on our **historic , newly-restored, pipe organ** by Meloni and Farrier Organ Builders.
- **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@molloys.org. cc: mdoyle@molloys.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

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan Wilson, from our parish, who has merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the past quarter at Holy Cross High School

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.
- The **Living Rosary** will be prayed at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** parish on Sunday, May 7th after the 1:00pm Mass in the Church Plaza. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion.
- 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!

