

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 11th
 8:30 AM Ed Chocko
 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Mara/Brady Families

Sunday November 12th
 8:30 AM Remedios & Luis del Mundo
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro
 5:00 PM Josephine Lozano

Monday November 13th
 8:30 AM Jillian Lambert
 12:00 PM Michael Albert

Tuesday November 14th
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida
 12:00 PM Alice Golden

Wednesday November 15th
 8:30 AM Leonard V. Quigley
 12:00 PM Elsie Didier

Thursday November 16th
 8:30 AM Leonor Yengle
 12:00 PM Rocco Ciaravolo

Friday November 17th
 8:30 AM Vera Farrell
 12:00 PM Raymond Medina

Saturday November 18th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 5:00 PM Serafina P. Sauro

Sunday November 19th
 8:30 AM Madeline Wales (Birthday In Heaven)
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Vincenzo & Angela DiGraci &
 Deceased Family Members
 5:00 PM Gloria Occhiogrosso



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Mary Ann Matecki, Vincent Lucanie, Patrick Norton, Diane Kitson, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, Mary Honan, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Gerry Holmes, Peter Ruelius, Pat Reilly, Dottie Phillips, Marilyn Jagiello, Vera Garofalo, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Faith Fedechko, Margaret Hefferon, Josie Bellina, Ann Restaino, Maureen Kelly, Manuel Juan Perez, Dianne Nudelman, Manuel Calidonio Sr., Inez Arastia, Sofia Robello, Ethel Timmerman, Lorraine Kohlmann, Samuel Mantilla, Marianne Albert, Caroline Pugliese, Ervin Dudas, Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., 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, Sgt. 1st Class James Walsh, 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

Christian M. Ekwueme

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – November 12th
Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – November 13th
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
 -Meeting for 2018 Confirmation Class Parents-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - November 14th
Weekday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -RCIA & ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 15th
Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – November 16th
Weekday
 -ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:15pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – November 17th
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm and 6:00pm

SATURDAY – November 18th
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:

Jillian Lambert
 by
 Ed, Leonor, Mary, & Peter Garrity

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.

Dear Parishioners;

As much as things change, some things remain markedly the same. Bridesmaids were as much a part of ancient Jewish weddings as they are now. In this weekend's Gospel, (Matthew 25:1-13), they are referred to as "virgins" and this would imply that they were young women, not yet married. The original meaning of the word "maid" was a young unmarried woman.

The parable is about hopeful expectation. The bridesmaid's original function was to be literally a maid of the bride, in the sense that these young women would assist her in the preparations for the wedding ceremony and then accompany her to the groom's home, which was the final element of the ancient Jewish marriage. At the groom's home they would have participated in a wedding banquet. Apparently, there was a delay in the groom's arrival. The shrewd maids brought sufficient lamp oil just in case of a delay. The unwise maidens did not do so.

In ancient times, lighting a lamp involved some work. The lamp was a shallow container with a narrow opening at one end through which a wick was inserted. The wick had to be trimmed and the lamp sufficiently stocked with olive oil. At first glance it seems uncharitable that the wiser maids would not share their oil with the less wise when their lamps began to splutter out. It would have been most unlikely that merchants would have been available to sell oil in the middle of the night so the advice given by the wise virgins seems odd. But Jesus' parable was not meant as a comment on ancient marriage customs. On the contrary it was about being watchful and awake. Just as the arrival of the groom was at an unexpected time, the virgins awaiting his arrival are to have sufficient oil in case of delay.

In the parable, oil, which was an extremely useful product in ancient times, was probably meant to be a symbol for good works. All, who are awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom, the Son of Man, on the Judgment Day, are expected to be well prepared with the good works they have done. An individual can not share his or her good works. Individually we are responsible for the works we do. Those who do not wait with a supply of good works and faithfulness can be expected to be excluded from the great wedding banquet which itself is the symbol of the joy of the kingdom of heaven.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

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A REFLECTION:
on Matthew 25:1-13

The foolish and the wise are often contrasted in the Bible. The foolish were those who thought they knew exactly when the groom would arrive, so unlike the wise, they took just enough oil for the wait, and then discovered it was not enough. They were left out, not because they were wicked but, because they were caught unprepared by the groom's arrival. The challenge to be wise is always linked to a certain humility and flexibility. 'Keep Awake': this is the invitation we meet so often in the Gospels; not to be afraid of the Lord's coming in our life, but to be awake so that we can welcome Jesus when he arrives. I pray for the grace of a heart, that is not distracted but, fully alive to Jesus' presence in our world.

In Christ,
Deacon Dean

OLM MUSICALNOTES**CHOIR NEWS**

Our choir season has begun and we look forward to welcoming new members, as well as our returning ones. You do not need to be able to read music and there are no formal auditions. Our choir welcomes everyone, (Adult and Youth from 7th Gr. Up). We meet in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 9:30am to warm up for the 10:00am Mass and rehearse after the Mass from 11:00am to 12:00 Noon. At this point, for your convenience, there are no evening rehearsals during the week. Soon we will be preparing Christmas music. So, if you are interested in this valuable ministry, please join our choir by contacting Jane Lawson (Director of Music) at the rectory or after Mass on the weekends in Church.

RCIA INVITATION

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or desires to become a Catholic, the RCIA is a program of welcome, prayer, and reflection that can help you take the next step. This program is also for baptized Catholics who are need of the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation. It is our privilege and joy to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

**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**.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Please **do not bring clothing** to, or **leave it on the steps of**, the Rectory. We no longer have the space to store it or the ability to distribute it. Thank you for your understanding.

As you are leaving Mass, please remember to take all of your personal belongings, to return all hymnals, bulletins and newspapers to their proper place, and to dispose of all refuse in the receptacles provided at the Church doors. Please take pride in our Church, and leave the pews clean. Thank You!

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

November 15, 2016	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm & Benediction - 8:00pm	
November 22, 2016	No Activity	
November 29, 2016	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy as we are approaching Thanksgiving let us take the time to remember those who are less fortunate, and support the following.

OLM THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving
Food Drive

On **Saturday November 18, 2017 from 11:00am-12:00pm** there will be a Food Drive and all items can be **dropped off at the food pantry**. 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", coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, personal hygiene items, canned fruits, non-perishable food items.

WE NEED TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING PLEASE!

If you can help us, turkeys can be dropped off any Saturday at the Pantry (bet. 10am & 11am) or weekdays at the Rectory (bet. 9am & 3pm) **prior to 11/18**.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED!

Monetary donations will also be accepted, and greatly appreciated.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CLOTHES DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will **be in front of the Church Sunday November 12th from 8:00am-1:30pm**. Do you have extra clothes in your closet at home? Do you feel like you need to do some Fall cleaning? Please bring the clothes you no longer wear, that are "gently" used and clean, to help those in need



Thank you all in advance for your continued support!

In Christ,
Deacon Dean Dobbins

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Looking for quiet, inner peace, a deeper union with God? Centering Prayer has resumed this Fall, on Tuesdays, from 2:30-3:45pm in the Rectory Basement. Come and join us. All are welcome! Any questions, please call Carol Powell 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**



- **Molloy College** (Rockville Centre, NY) will host a **Fall Open House** for prospective students and their guests on Sunday, **November 12th** at 1:00pm. For more info call 516-323-4000.
- The **Parkside Players**, at Grace Lutheran Church (103-15 Union Tnpk., Forest Hills), will present the musical comedy ***She Loves Me*** on Nov.18th thru the 26th and Dec.1st & 2nd. For more info, tickets, and reservations call 718-353-7388 or 516-520-9474.
- **Continental Post 1424 of the American Legion** will be hosting their **Annual Turkey Shoot** on Nov.19th from 2:00 to 6:00pm. As usual, there will be many “raffle baskets” with each one including a Turkey for your holiday meal. Admission of \$10.00 includes hot dogs, snacks, beer and soda, and lots of fun.
- **St. John’s Preparatory School** announces the **Peter Vallone Scholarship** Examination to be given on December 2nd. The application is on the website: www.stjohnsprepschool.org, or call the Admissions Office: 718-721-7200, ext.699.
- The **Sacred Music Chorale of Richmond Hill** will present Weber’s Mass in E Flat and A Musical Christmas Card with orchestra and soloists on December 3rd at 3:00pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church (86-20 114th St, Richmond Hill).
- **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.
- **Rachel’s Helpers**, a post-abortion ministry for women, is sponsoring a program entitled **Forgiven and Set Free** for women who have had an abortion and are seeking spiritual healing. There will be sessions every Monday evenings thru 12/11/17 and from 2/12/18 thru 4/23/18, from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Please call 347-702-2352 for more info. There is no fee and all calls are confidential.

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. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.
- **Our Lady of Hope (Middle Village)** is beginning an outreach service called Witnesses of Mercy. It’s purpose is to provide visitation and companionship to seniors living alone and homebound of all ages and faiths. If you are interested in a visit or in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Mario @347-642-3117.
- There will be a **Retreat Day for Seniors** at Our Lady of Hope (Middle Village) on Saturday, November 18th from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Presentation by Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, MM, and light refreshments, in the OLH School cafeteria (enter through the parking lot). www.ourladyofhopeparish.org
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus in Glendale** will be holding two, 1 hour Advent prayer services, with a closing Mass on the third evening, on November 28th, 29th, & 30th. There will be guest speakers and the theme will be “Put God First”. Light refreshments will follow the **Advent Mission**.

NEW MASS BOOK FOR 2018

The new Mass book for 2018 is now open for requests. We ask that anyone requesting more than 5 Masses submit a list, including the names, dates, and Mass times you would like, to the Rectory office. We will do our best to accommodate you.

