

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday November 20th**  
 8:30 AM Michael O'Keeffe  
 12:00 PM Theresa & Albert Doremus

**Tuesday November 21st**  
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl  
 12:00 PM Guion & Gloria Rogers

**Wednesday November 22nd**  
 8:30 AM William Kirby  
 12:00 PM Maryellen Sherlock

**Thursday November 23rd**  
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass

**Friday November 24th**  
 8:30 AM Adrianna Unciano & Luz Alfaro  
 12:00 PM Tulia Acevedo

**Saturday November 25th**  
 8:30 AM Jorge Bonilla  
 5:00 PM Nancy Palmese

**Sunday November 26th**  
 8:30 AM Yolanda Tolosa  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Victor Lamarque  
 5:00 PM Raphael LeCrann



**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., Patricia Matecki, Patricia Riddick, 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**

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – November 19th**  
*Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – November 20th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - November 21st**  
*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm  
 -RCIA & ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm  
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – November 22nd**  
*Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr*  
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - All Are Welcome

**THURSDAY – November 23rd**  
*Weekday*  
*Thanksgiving Day*  
 -All Buildings and Offices Closed

**FRIDAY – November 24th**  
*Saint Andrew Dung-Lac*  
 -All Buildings and Offices Closed

**SATURDAY – November 25th**  
*Weekday*

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:

**Jim Beam**  
 by  
 Bernadette Beam



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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

**Joseph Mondel**  
 by  
 The Malm Family

Dear Parishioners;

This Sunday's Gospel always strikes me as a little unfair but like all the parables, it was meant to gain our attention. If the apparent unfairness alerts us, then so much the better! The parable describes a wealthy man going on a journey. Before leaving he entrusts his possessions to his servants. He gives each man a portion of his money according to each servant's ability. This seems to imply that he wishes the servants to do something with that money. Oddly enough in English the word "talent" has come to mean: "ability". The original meaning was a terrifically large sum of money - the change in meaning probably resulted from this parable. We are familiar with what happens. Two of the servants invest the money in commerce and they double the amounts given to them. The third servant digs a hole and hides the money in it.

After a long period the master (the word in the original Greek is "kyrios" - the same word also translates as "lord") returns and he settles accounts with the three servants. The first two are highly praised. Because the master is impressed with their initiative they are given even greater responsibilities. By contrast the third servant is roundly condemned. It is important to remember that the third servant did not do anything wrong or dishonest. He did not squander the money nor did he lose it. But he was condemned because he did nothing! The original amount was given back intact. From the dialogue we can deduce that the servants recognize that their master is a demanding person; moreover, they were expected to know his intentions.

The first two servants, though not on the same level of ability, (one received a larger number of talents than the other) have both gained their master's praise. They are told to "come and share your master's joy". Not so the third servant, he will miss sharing his master's joy because fearfully he views the master only as a harsh man. He does not view the master as a person, who wishes to share his responsibilities and joy with him. Rather he hides what is given to him.

Once again the theme of the Gospel is preparedness. Like the wise virgins in last week's Gospel, these servants are expected to do what they must in order to await their master's return. The amounts of money entrusted to them do symbolize the gifts and talents we receive and that we are expected to use in order to build up the kingdom. The talents are our acts of compassion, sensitivity, kindness and generosity. Like any "talent"; if we do not exercise it, then we stand the chance of losing it. This accounts for the apparently unfair last words of the Gospel: "For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." The exercise of our talents prepares us for the coming of the Master (the Lord) be it at the end of our sojourn here or at His final appearance on the Last Day.

In Christ,  
Msgr. McGuirl

### THANKSGIVING DAY FAMILY MASS

Join us on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00 AM for our annual Thanksgiving Day Family Mass. As a community, let us gather to give thanks to God for all of the abundant gifts and blessings He has bestowed on us and our families. To help us better serve those who come to us for help, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food or monetary donation to assist our Food Pantry and Human Services outreach. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need some help to wrap the breads that will be blessed and given out on Thanksgiving Day after Mass. Wrapping will take place in the Rectory Meeting Room on Tuesday, November 21st at 10:30am. If you wish to join us, call the Rectory on Monday or just stop in on Tuesday morning. Remember that "many hands make light work".

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Please join us for our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 9th after the 5 P.M. Mass. Join in the Blessing and sing a few carols around the tree. Afterwards, come down to the Parish Hall for refreshments, purchasing of holiday greenery, and comradery.

We have also gotten word that Santa himself will be joining in the festivities. Bring those wish lists!

We are seeking help in decorating the wreaths that will be sold, as well as our Parish Hall, for the festivities. Decorating will be on Friday, Dec.8th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH DÉCOR



Many parishioners have remarked that it is so nice to see fresh flowers at weekend Masses as part of our memorial donation. We would like to add to our Christmas décor by



offering **the opportunity for 15 Memorials in honor of a loved one.** Each memorial will cover the expense of one fresh Christmas wreath and several poinsettias used to decorate the church. **These will remain in place for the three weeks of the Christmas season.** The cost remains \$150.00. Memorials will be published. If you would like to memorialize a loved one in this way please contact the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143 by December 15th. Once the Christmas Season ends, we will return to our weekly floral offerings.

### 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.

### GATHER TOGETHER

California Pizza Kitchen in cooperation with Our Lady of Mercy Church is participating in a "GroupRaise Meal" to benefit Our Lady of Mercy and its community.

We need at least 20 people to RSVP to come to the restaurant on December 13<sup>th</sup> between 11AM and 10PM and have dinner. Our Lady of Mercy receives 20% of every meal. Deadline for RSVP is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Look at <https://groupraise.com/events/44421-our-lady-of-mercy-church-at-california-pizza-kitchen> for details. This is a great way to come together with friends and family catch up and relax during the holiday season.

### 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.

### DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

November 22, 2017	No Activity	
November 29, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm
December 06, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
December 13, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
December 20, 2017	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm & Benediction -	8:00pm
December 27, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

### 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.

### 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!

**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**



- 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](http://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.

**CYO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Girls who attend school at Our Lady of Mercy, Saint Margaret (Middle Village), and Resurrection Ascension (Rego Park) or live within the boundaries of those parishes are invited to participate in CYO Girls Volleyball. Teams will be formed with players in the 3rd thru 8th grades. Practice & games will be held at St Margaret. More info at [stmsports.org](http://stmsports.org).

**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](mailto: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.
- **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**.
- The **Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** will present their **Annual Christmas Concert on December 10th** at 4:00pm in the Church. Tickets (\$30;\$10-children 12 & under) are available in the Rectory.(718-268-6251)

**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.

**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

